

# Math 303: Midterm Exam

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- You have 2.5 hours.
- You must show the details of all your work. Illegible and ambiguous explanations and calculations will lead to deductions from your grade.
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**Problem 1** (10 points) Let  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbf{A} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be functions with first partial derivatives. Use the properties of the Levi Civita symbol  $\epsilon_{ijk}$  to show that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla \times (\phi \mathbf{A}) &= \phi \nabla \times \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} \times (\nabla \phi). \\
 (\vec{\nabla} \times (\phi \vec{A}))_i &= \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j (\phi A_k) \\
 &= \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} [(\partial_j \phi) A_k + \phi \partial_j A_k] \\
 &= \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \phi \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j A_k + \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} (\partial_j \phi) A_k \\
 &\quad \underbrace{\qquad\qquad}_{\phi (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})_i}, \quad \underbrace{- \sum_{k,j=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_k \phi A_j}_{- (\mathbf{A} \times \vec{\nabla} \phi)_i} \\
 &\quad \underbrace{- \sum_{k,j=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_k A_j \phi}_{- \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} A_j \partial_k \phi} \\
 &= [\phi (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) - (\mathbf{A} \times \vec{\nabla} \phi)]_i \\
 \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times (\phi \vec{A}) &= \phi (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) - \mathbf{A} \times \vec{\nabla} \phi.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 2** Let  $\mathbf{A} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be given by  $\mathbf{A}(x, y, z) := [x^2y + z \cos(xy)]\mathbf{i} + x\mathbf{j} + [z + x \cos(xz)]\mathbf{k}$  and

$$S := \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid z + x^2 + y^2 = 4 \text{ and } z \geq 0\}.$$

2.a (5 points) Compute the curl of  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e.,  $\nabla \times \mathbf{A}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \mathbf{A} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ xy + z \cos(xy) & x & z + x \cos(xz) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{i}} (0 - 0) + (-\hat{\mathbf{j}}) [C_1(xz) - x \sin(xy)] - \hat{\mathbf{k}} [1 - x^2] \\ &= (1 - x^2) \hat{\mathbf{k}}\end{aligned}$$

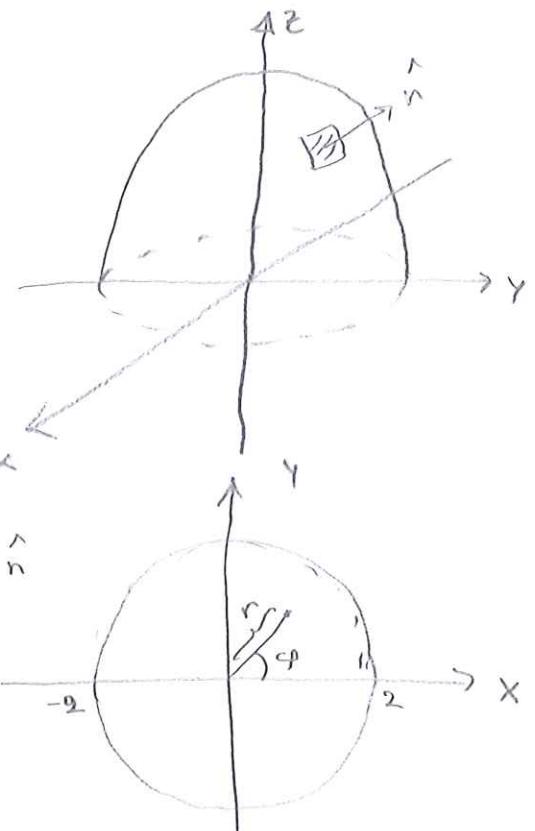
2.b (10 points) Evaluate the surface integral  $I := \iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \cdot \mathbf{n} d\sigma$  without using the Stokes theorem. Here  $\mathbf{n}$  is the unit normal outward vector to  $S$  and  $d\sigma$  is the surface element of  $S$ .

$$z = -(x^2 + y^2) + 4$$

$$\phi = z + x^2 + y^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} \phi \perp S &\Rightarrow \hat{n} = \pm \frac{\vec{\nabla} \phi}{|\vec{\nabla} \phi|} \\ \vec{\nabla} \phi &= 2(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}) + \hat{k} \Rightarrow \text{choose } + \\ |\vec{\nabla} \phi| &= \sqrt{4(x^2 + y^2) + 1} = \sqrt{4r^2 + 1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x = r \cos \varphi, \quad y = r \sin \varphi \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \cdot \hat{n} &= (1-x^2)\hat{k} \cdot \left[ \frac{2(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}) + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{4r^2 + 1}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1-x^2}{\sqrt{4r^2 + 1}} = \frac{1-r^2 \cos^2 \varphi}{\sqrt{4r^2 + 1}}\end{aligned}$$



$$d\sigma = \left| \frac{dz}{dx} \right| \cdot dl$$

$$dz = d(-r^2 + 4) = -2r dr$$

$$d\sigma = \hat{n} \cdot \frac{x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}}{r} = \frac{2r^2}{r\sqrt{4r^2 + 1}} = \frac{2r}{\sqrt{4r^2 + 1}}$$

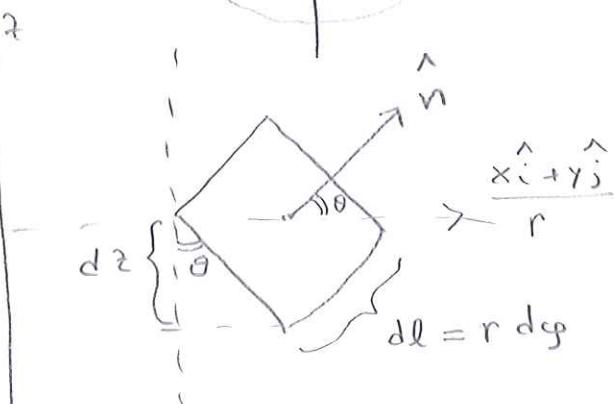
$$\Rightarrow d\sigma = \left| \frac{-2r dr}{\sqrt{4r^2 + 1}} \right| \cdot r d\varphi = r\sqrt{4r^2 + 1} d\varphi$$

$$I = \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1-r^2 \cos^2 \varphi}{\sqrt{4r^2 + 1}} \cdot r\sqrt{4r^2 + 1} d\varphi dr$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} r(1-r^2 \cos^2 \varphi) d\varphi dr$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1+r^2 \cos^2 \varphi}{2} dr = \pi \left( r^2 - \frac{r^4}{4} \right) \Big|_0^{\pi} \\ &= \pi \left( 4 - \frac{16}{4} - 0 + 0 \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$= 0$$

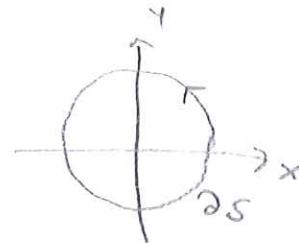


2.c (10 points) Evaluate  $I := \iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \cdot \mathbf{n} d\sigma$  using the Stokes theorem.

$$I = \oint_{\partial S} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\partial S = \{(x, y, 0) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 4\}$$

$$= \oint_{\partial S} (x^2 dy + xy dx)$$



$$= \int_0^{2\pi} [8 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta (-2 \sin \theta d\theta) + 2 \cos \theta (2 \cos \theta d\theta)]$$

$$x = 2 \cos \theta$$

$$y = 2 \sin \theta$$

$$dx = -2 \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$dy = 2 \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} [-16 \underbrace{\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta}_{-4 \sin 2\theta} + 4 \underbrace{\cos^2 \theta}_{\frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}}] d\theta$$

$$\left( \frac{1 - \cos 4\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$= -2 \int_0^{2\pi} (1 - \cos 4\theta) d\theta + 2 \int_0^{2\pi} (1 + \cos 2\theta) d\theta$$

$$= -2 (2\pi - 2\pi) = 0.$$

**Problem 3** Let  $u(x, y) := x^4 + \alpha x^2 y^2 + \beta y^4$  where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are real parameters.

3.a (5 points) Find  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $u$  solves Laplace's equation:  $\nabla^2 u = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} u_x &= 4x^3 + 2\alpha x y^2, & u_{xx} &= 12x^2 + 2\alpha y^2 \\ u_y &= 2\alpha x^2 y + 4\beta y^3, & u_{yy} &= 2\alpha x^2 + 12\beta y^2 \\ \Rightarrow \nabla^2 u &= (12 + 2\alpha)x^2 + (12\beta + 2\alpha)y^2 \\ \nabla^2 u = 0 &\Rightarrow \boxed{\alpha = -6 \quad \beta = 1} \end{aligned}$$

3.b (10 points) Find the most general  $v(x, y)$  such that  $u(x, y)$  and  $v(x, y)$  are respectively the real and imaginary parts of  $f(x + iy)$  for some entire functions  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + y^4 \\ u_x &= 4x^3 - 12x y^2, & u_y &= -12x^2y + 4y^3 \\ v_y = u_x &\Rightarrow v = \int u_x dy \\ \Rightarrow v(x, y) &= 4x^3y - 4x y^3 + g(x) \\ \Rightarrow v_x &= 12x^2y - 4y^3 + g'(x) \\ v_x = -u_y &\Rightarrow 12x^2y - 4y^3 + g'(x) = -(-12x^2y + 4y^3) \\ \Rightarrow g'(x) &= 0 \Rightarrow g(x) = c = \text{constant} \\ \Rightarrow v(x, y) &= 4x^3y - 4x y^3 + c \end{aligned}$$

3.c (10 points) Give an explicit expression for the most general entire functions  $f(z)$  such that  $u(x, y)$  is the real part of  $f(x + iy)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + iy) &= u(x, y) + i v(x, y) \\ &= x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + y^4 + i(4x^3y - 4xy^3 + c) \end{aligned}$$

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We can also check

$$\begin{aligned} z^4 - (x+iy)^4 &= x^4 + 3x^2(iy)^2 + 3x(iy)^3 + (iy)^4 \\ &= x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + y^4 + i(3x^3y - 3xy^3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(z) = z^4 + i c \quad \checkmark$$

**Problem 4** (15 points) Suppose that  $D_r(a)$  is a disc of radius  $r$  centered at  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ , i.e.,  $D_r(a) := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z - a| \leq r\}$ ,  $f, g : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are functions such that  $f$  is holomorphic in  $D_r(a)$  and

$$g(z) = f(z) + \frac{b}{(z - a)^n},$$

for some nonzero complex number  $b$  and some positive integer  $n$ . Without using the residue theorem or the formulas for the coefficients of the Laurent's series, show that for any contour  $C$  in  $D_r(a)$ ,

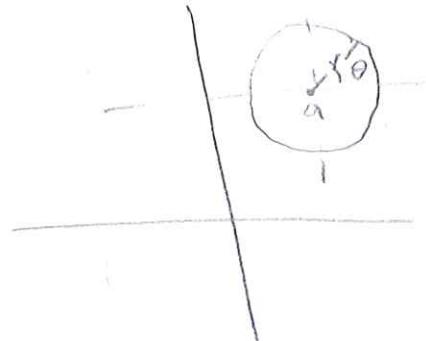
$$\oint_C g(z) dz = \begin{cases} b & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

$\oint_C f(z) dz = 0$  because  $f$  is holomorphic in  $D_r(a)$ .

$$\therefore \oint_C g(z) dz = \oint_C \frac{b dz}{(z - a)^n} = b \oint_C \frac{dz}{(z - a)^n}$$

$$\text{On } C: z = a + re^{i\theta}$$

$$dz = ire^{i\theta} d\theta$$



$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \oint_C g(z) dz &= b \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{ire^{i\theta} d\theta}{(re^{i\theta})^n} \\ &= \frac{ib}{r^{n-1}} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i(n-1)\theta} d\theta \\ &= \frac{ib}{r^{n-1}} \int_0^{2\pi} (c_n(\theta) + i s_n(\theta)) d\theta \end{aligned}$$

For  $n = 1$  :  $\oint_C g(z) dz = ib \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta = 2\pi i b$

For  $n \geq 2$  :  $\oint_C g(z) dz = \left( \frac{\sin((n-1)\theta)}{1-n} - \frac{i c_n((n-1)\theta)}{1-n} \right) \Big|_0^{2\pi} = 0$

Problem 5 Let  $f(z) := \frac{\sqrt{e} - e^{-z^2}}{z(2z^2 + 1)^2}$  and

$$S := \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re}(z)^4 + \operatorname{Im}(z)^4 \leq 1 \text{ and } \operatorname{Im}(z) \leq \frac{1}{2} \right\}.$$

5.a (10 points) Find the singularities of  $f(z)$  in  $S$  and determine if they are essential singularities or poles. If any one of them is a pole, determine its order.

$f(z)$  is the ratio of two entire functions so its singularities are poles that coincide with zeros of  $z(2z^2 + 1)^2$ .

$$2z^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{z = \pm \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}} \\ \boxed{z = 0}$$

$$f(z) = \frac{\sqrt{e} - e^{-z^2}}{4z(z + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})(z - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})^2}$$

$$\operatorname{Im}\left(\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} > \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow z = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \notin S'$$

So singularity belongs to  $S$  at  $z_0 = 0$ ,  $\bar{z}_0 = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{e} - e^{-z^2}}{(2z^2 + 1)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{e} - 1}{1} \Rightarrow z_0 = 0 \text{ is a simple pole (order = 1).}$$

$$\& \boxed{R(0) = \sqrt{e} - 1}$$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}} (z + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}) f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}} \frac{\sqrt{e} - e^{-z^2}}{4z(z + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})(z - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})^2}$$

$$\left( e^{-(-\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})^2} = e^{-(-\frac{1}{2})} = \sqrt{e} \text{ so } \sqrt{e} - e^{-(-\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})^2} = 0 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow I_- = \lim_{z \rightarrow -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}} \frac{z e^{-z^2}}{4 \left[ (z + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})(z - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})^2 + z(z - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})^2 + z(z + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})(z - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}) \right]}$$

$$= \frac{2(-\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})\sqrt{e}}{4(-\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})(-\frac{2i}{\sqrt{2}})^2} = \frac{-\sqrt{e}}{4} \Rightarrow \boxed{z_0 = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ is also a simple pole \& } R(-\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}) = -\frac{\sqrt{e}}{4}.}$$

5.b (15 points) Evaluate  $I := \oint_C f(z)dz$  where  $C$  be the counterclockwise oriented boundary of  $S$ .

We showed that  $S$  includes a pair of singularities namely  $z_0 = 0$  &  $z_0 = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{e}}$

which are simple poles with residue

$$R(0) = \sqrt{e} - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad R\left(-\frac{i}{\sqrt{e}}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{e}}{4}$$

Therefore  $\boxed{I = 2\pi i : [R(0) + R\left(-\frac{i}{\sqrt{e}}\right)]}$

$$= 2\pi i : \left(\sqrt{e} - 1 - \frac{\sqrt{e}}{4}\right)$$

$$= \boxed{2\pi i : \left(\frac{3}{4}\sqrt{e} - 1\right)}$$