

3 Sets of Sample Jan/May Exam Questions with Solutions

A. Jan Test Format:

COMPULSORY Section A-type short questions (worth 40 marks)

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TWO COMPULSORY Section B-type questions will be included (Topics: Vector Calculus *and* Matrices)

B. May Exam Contributions:

Some **Section A-type short** questions (worth around 13 of the 40 marks of Section A)

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ONE OPTIONAL Section B-type question (you do 3 from the 6 presented) will be included (Topic: Matrices *or* Differential Equations)

SAMPLE EXAM 1 : Section A = 40 marks + pick two Section B questions (worth 30 marks each)

SECTION A

1. Answer ALL parts of the question:

(a) Consider a body that rotates with constant angular velocity $\omega = 4i + 3j - k$.

Calculate the tangential velocity $v = \omega \times r$ at the point given by the position

vector $r = 2i - 6j - 3k$

(4 Marks)

(b) The position of a moving particle is given by a time-dependent position vector

$r(t)$. Derive an expression for the velocity of the particle, $v(t) = \frac{dr(t)}{dt}$,

when:

$$r(t) = (2t + 3)i + (t^2 + 3t)j + (t^3 + 2t^2)k.$$

(4 Marks)

(c) A physical quantity is defined over a region of space by the scalar field

$\phi(x, y, z)$. Describe what physical property of this field is given by

$\text{grad}\phi$ ($\equiv \nabla\phi$).

(6 marks)

(d) For a vector field $A(x, y, z)$, the divergence theorem can be stated as:

$$\int_V \text{div} A \, dV = \oint_S A \cdot dS.$$

Explain the meaning of each of the symbols used in this equation and the

interpretation of the quantity $\text{div} A$ that is implied by this theorem.

(8 marks)

(e) Find the matrix products AB and BA , and hence show that $AB \neq BA$, when

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(4 Marks)

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(f) By considering matrix determinants, calculate the rank of the matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(4 Marks)

(g) Two homogeneous linear equations, with constant coefficients a, b, c and d , take the form:

$$ax + by = 0$$

$$cx + dy = 0$$

Describe the solution(s), x and y , in the cases where the determinant of the coefficient matrix, $\det A$, satisfies:

$$(i) \det A \neq 0,$$

$$\text{and } (ii) \det A = 0.$$

(6 Marks)

(h) Use the chain rule to show that $v = f(u)$ is a solution of the partial differential equation:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - 5 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0,$$

when $u = y + 5x$ and f is an arbitrary differentiable function.

(4 Marks)

SECTION B

2. A particular scalar field is defined by the equation:

$$\phi(x, y, z) = xe^y + yz^2 + xyz .$$

Show that $\nabla\phi$ for this field is given by:

$$\nabla\phi = (e^y + yz)\mathbf{i} + (xe^y + z^2 + xz)\mathbf{j} + y(2z + x)\mathbf{k} .$$

(7 Marks)

Hence, calculate the *magnitude* of the rate of change of $\phi(x, y, z)$ at the point $(x, y, z) = (2, 0, 3)$ in the direction of the vector $3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$.

(13 Marks)

Use the given form of $\nabla\phi$ (in terms of \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j} , and \mathbf{k}) to prove that the vector field $\mathbf{V}(x, y, z) = \nabla\phi$ is a *conservative field*.

(10 Marks)

3. Answer **BOTH** parts of the question:

- (a) Discuss the concept of *vector area* (making reference to the magnitude and to the direction of the cross product of two vectors in your answer).

(6 Marks)

- (b) For the vector field $\mathbf{A}(x, y, z) = (3x - 2y)\mathbf{i} + (x^2z)\mathbf{j} + (1 - 2z)\mathbf{k}$, show that:

(i) $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 1$; and

(ii) $\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = -x^2\mathbf{i} + 2(xz + 1)\mathbf{k}$.

(14 Marks)

Consider the same vector field \mathbf{A} over the circular region S that is bounded by the curve $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ in the $z = 0$ plane. Adopting the convention that the normal to the surface S is in the direction of the *positive* z -axis, show that:

$$\int_S \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \pi a^2 .$$

Note: you should use the fact that $\mathbf{A} = (3x - 2y)\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$ in the $z = 0$ plane.

(10 Marks)

4. Answer **BOTH** parts of the question:

(a) If

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

show that the matrix of cofactors of A is:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -14 & -7 \\ 6 & -2 & -11 \\ 2 & 11 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Show also that the determinant of A is $\det(A) = 35$.

Hence, find the matrix A^{-1} (that is the *inverse* of the matrix A).

(14 Marks)

(b) Prove that the *eigenvalues* of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ are given by $\lambda_1 = -1$ and $\lambda_2 = 5$. Hence, find *either one* of the two linearly independent *eigenvectors* of the matrix A .

(16 Marks)

5. Answer **ALL** parts of the question:

(a) Use the *integrating factor method* to show that the solution of the differential equation:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{x}{T} = A e^{i\omega t}$$

is

$$x(t) = x(0) e^{-t/T} + B \left(e^{i\omega t} - e^{-t/T} \right),$$

where $B = \frac{A}{(i\omega + 1/T)}$, and A, T and ω are real constants.

(14 marks)

Identify the transient and the long-term steady-state components of the solution $x(t)$.

Comment on the relative phase of the steady-state component and the driving term, $A e^{i\omega t}$, in the limit of large damping ($T \rightarrow \infty$).

(6 marks)

(b) Use the method of *separation of variables* to prove that a solution of the partial differential equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + u$$

is given by:

$$u(x, y) = K e^{c \left(x + \frac{y}{2} \right)} e^{-\frac{y}{2}},$$

where K and c are constants.

(10 Marks)

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SOLUTION	
MARKS	TEXT
4	<p>a) $\vec{w} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$</p> $\vec{w} \times \vec{r} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -6 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -6 & -3 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & -6 \end{vmatrix}$ $= \hat{i} [3(-3) - (-1)(6)] - \hat{j} [4(-3) - (-1)2] + \hat{k} [4(-6) - 32]$ $= \hat{i} (-9 - 6) - \hat{j} (-12 + 2) + \hat{k} (-24 - 6)$ $= -15\hat{i} + 10\hat{j} - 30\hat{k}$
4	<p>b) $\vec{r}(t) = (2t+3)\hat{i} + (t^2+3t)\hat{j} + (t^3+2t^2)\hat{k}$</p> $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(2t+3)\hat{i} + \frac{d}{dt}(t^2+3t)\hat{j} + \frac{d}{dt}(t^3+2t^2)\hat{k}$ $= 2\hat{i} + (2t+3)\hat{j} + (3t^2+4t)\hat{k}$
6	<p>c) $\text{grad } \phi$ is a <u>vector field</u> that gives <u>direction</u> and <u>magnitude</u> of the <u>maximum</u> <u>rate of change</u> of ϕ with <u>respect to space</u> (can also be called "the vector gradient")</p>

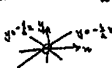
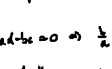
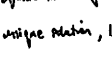
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8	<p>d) $\int_V \text{div } \vec{A} dV = \oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S}$</p> <p>$\text{div } \vec{A} \equiv$ volume density. R.H.S. \Rightarrow net flux of \vec{A} through S</p> <p>$\text{div } \vec{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \therefore \text{div } \vec{A} \Rightarrow$ net volume density of sources of flux inside S</p> <p>Sufficient selection to get full marks</p>
4	<p>e) $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 & 4 \times 1 + 2 \times 1 \\ 2 \times 1 + 1 \times 2 & 2 \times 1 + 1 \times 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 6 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$</p> <p>$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 & 1 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 \\ 2 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 & 2 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$</p> <p>$\therefore AB \neq BA$</p>

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SOLUTION	
MARKS	TEXT
4	<p>(6) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. $\det A = A = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 8 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 6 \cdot 4 - 3 \cdot 8 = 24 - 24 = 0$ $\therefore \text{rank}(A) < 2$. Now, try to find any 1×1 submatrix with non-zero determinant. Testing any of the above elements gives a non-zero determinant for the corresponding 1×1 matrix. For example, $8 \rightarrow [8]$ which has $8 = 8 \neq 0$. $\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = 1$.</p>
6	<p>(7) any vector system algebraically, geometrically or use the rank directly. (a) $\det A = 0 \rightarrow$ infinite number of solutions, including the trivial solution $(x, y) = (0, 0)$. (b) $\det A \neq 0 \rightarrow$ unique solution, i.e. only the trivial one. (8) $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow ad - bc = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{c} = \frac{b}{d} \rightarrow$ equations/lines on the same line. $\det A \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  $\frac{a}{c} \neq \frac{b}{d} \rightarrow$  $\frac{a}{c} = \frac{b}{d}$ and $\frac{a}{d} \neq \frac{b}{c} \rightarrow$  $\frac{a}{c} = \frac{b}{d}$ and $\frac{a}{d} = \frac{b}{c}$ (same line)</p>

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SOLUTION	
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4	<p>(8) $v = f(y+5x)$ to be shown to be a solution of: $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - 5 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$ Need to work out $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$. chain rule can be used, (with $u = y+5x$). i.e. $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 5 \frac{\partial v}{\partial u}$ $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 1 \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial u}$ Verify solution by substitution $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - 5 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \left(5 \frac{\partial v}{\partial u}\right) - 5 \left(1 \frac{\partial v}{\partial u}\right) = 0$, as required</p>

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7	<p>$\phi = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 2x$ $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 2y$ $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 2z$ $\therefore \nabla \phi = 2x\mathbf{i} + 2y\mathbf{j} + 2z\mathbf{k}$ At point $(2, 0, 0)$, $\nabla \phi = (2 \cdot 2)\mathbf{i} + (2 \cdot 0)\mathbf{j} + (2 \cdot 0)\mathbf{k} = 4\mathbf{i}$ $\hat{n} = \frac{\nabla \phi}{ \nabla \phi } = \frac{4\mathbf{i}}{4} = \mathbf{i}$ This is the magnitude and direction of the maximum (spatial) rate of change of ϕ at this point. For the direction given by $\hat{n} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$, we need to calculate the direction derivative $\frac{d\phi}{ds} = \nabla \phi \cdot \hat{n}$, where \hat{n} is a unit vector in the direction of \hat{n} (we project the $\nabla \phi$ onto this unit vector). Here, $\hat{n} = \sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{1+4+1} = \sqrt{6}$ $\therefore \hat{n} = \frac{\hat{n}}{ \hat{n} } = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ $\rightarrow \frac{d\phi}{ds} = \nabla \phi \cdot \hat{n} = (4\mathbf{i}) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{6}}(1 - 0 + 0) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{6}}$</p>

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SOLUTION	
MARKS	TEXT
10	<p>$V = \nabla \phi = (2x\mathbf{i} + 2y\mathbf{j} + 2z\mathbf{k}) + y(2z\mathbf{k})$ $V = 2x\mathbf{i} + (2y + 2yz)\mathbf{j} + 2z\mathbf{k}$ $\nabla \cdot V = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2y + 2yz) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(2z) = 2 + 2 + 2y + 2 = 4 + 2y$ $\nabla \cdot V = 0 \Rightarrow 4 + 2y = 0 \Rightarrow y = -2$ This is a plane parallel to the xz-plane. At point $(2, -2, 0)$, $\nabla \phi = (2 \cdot 2)\mathbf{i} + (2 \cdot (-2) + 2 \cdot (-2) \cdot 0)\mathbf{j} + (2 \cdot 0)\mathbf{k} = 4\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}$ $\hat{n} = \frac{\nabla \phi}{ \nabla \phi } = \frac{4\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}}{4\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})$ This is the magnitude and direction of the maximum (spatial) rate of change of ϕ at this point. For the direction given by $\hat{n} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$, we need to calculate the direction derivative $\frac{d\phi}{ds} = \nabla \phi \cdot \hat{n}$, where \hat{n} is a unit vector in the direction of \hat{n} (we project the $\nabla \phi$ onto this unit vector). Here, $\hat{n} = \sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{6}$ $\therefore \hat{n} = \frac{\hat{n}}{ \hat{n} } = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ $\rightarrow \frac{d\phi}{ds} = \nabla \phi \cdot \hat{n} = (4\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{6}}(1 - (-8) + 0) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{6}}(9) = \frac{36}{\sqrt{6}} = 6\sqrt{6}$</p>

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SOLUTION	
MARKS	TEXT
6	<p>(a) vector area</p> <p>direction of \vec{n} gives direction to the normal to this surface i.e. direction of $d\vec{S}$</p> <p>could also mention components of: • outward normal for a closed surface • double sense of boundary curve C for elements normal on open surface.</p> <p>(A SUFFICIENT SELECTION OF ABOVE, UNDER EACH HEADING, FOR FULL MARKS)</p> <p>(b) $\vec{A} = (3x-2y)\hat{i} + x^2\hat{j} + (1-2z)\hat{k} = A_x\hat{i} + A_y\hat{j} + A_z\hat{k}$</p> <p>(i) $\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(3x-2y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(1-2z)$ $= 3 + 0 - 2 = 1$</p> <p>(ii) $\nabla \times \vec{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 3x-2y & x^2 & 1-2z \end{vmatrix}$ $= \hat{i} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(1-2z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(x^2) \right] - \hat{j} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(1-2z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(3x-2y) \right] + \hat{k} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(3x-2y) \right]$ $= \hat{i} [0 - 0] - \hat{j} [0 - 0] + \hat{k} [2xz - (-2)]$</p>

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SOLUTION	
MARKS	TEXT
14	<p>$-x^2\hat{i} + 2(xz+1)\hat{k}$</p> <p>For this circular region, $z=0$</p> <p>$\therefore \vec{A} \rightarrow (3x-2y)\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + (1-2z)\hat{k}$</p> <p>i.e. $\vec{A} = (3x-2y)\hat{i} + \hat{k}$</p> <p>$\hat{n}$ in the z-direction \Rightarrow unit vector, $\hat{n} = \hat{k}$</p> <p>i.e. $d\vec{S} = \hat{n} dS = \hat{k} dS$ (vector area element)</p> <p>$\vec{A} = (3x-2y)\hat{i} + \hat{k}$; $d\vec{S} = \hat{k} dS$</p> <p>For $\int \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = \pi a^2$,</p> <p>from $\vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = [(3x-2y)\hat{i} + \hat{k}] \cdot \hat{k} dS$ $= (3x-2y)\hat{i} \cdot \hat{k} dS + \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} dS$ $= dS$ (since $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{k} = 0$ and $\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = 1$)</p> <p>Then, $\int \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int dS = \pi a^2$ (area of the circular disk)</p>
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SOLUTION	
MARKS	TEXT
14	<p>(a)</p> <p>$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ signature = $\begin{pmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{pmatrix}$</p> <p>Sigal minors (up to 2x2): $A_{11} = + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 7$, $A_{12} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 7$, $A_{13} = + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -6$ $A_{21} = - \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4$, $A_{22} = + \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -2$, $A_{23} = - \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -11$ $A_{31} = + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$, $A_{32} = - \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -4$, $A_{33} = + \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 8$</p> <p>$\rightarrow$ Matrix of cofactors (sigal minors) = $\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 7 & -6 \\ 4 & -2 & -11 \\ 0 & -4 & 8 \end{pmatrix} = C$</p> <p>Determinant: $\det A = 3A_{11} - 2A_{12} + 2A_{13} = 3(7) - 2(7) + 2(-6) = 21 - 14 - 12 = -5$</p> <p>Inverse: $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} C = \frac{1}{-5} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 7 & -6 \\ 4 & -2 & -11 \\ 0 & -4 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$ (CT is the inverse of C)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$: Eigenvalues are given by $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ where $\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 4 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$ $= (1-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 8$ $= 3 - 3\lambda - \lambda + \lambda^2 - 8$ $= \lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 5$</p> <p>$A - \lambda I = 0$ thus gives $\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 5 = 0$</p> <p>Solution by inspection: $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 4$, $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = -5$ \Rightarrow $\lambda_1 = -1$, $\lambda_2 = 5$</p>

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16	<p>Let eigenvalues be $\lambda_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\lambda_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$</p> <p>Then satisfy $\begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 4 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$</p> <p>$\lambda_1 = -1$ $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ i.e. $2x_1 + 2y_1 = 0$ i.e. $x_1 + y_1 = 0$ i.e. $x_1 = -y_1$ $\therefore x_1 = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, α undetermined scalar.</p> <p>EITHER OK</p> <p>$\lambda_2 = 5$ $\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ i.e. $-4x_2 + 2y_2 = 0$ i.e. $2x_2 = y_2$ $4x_2 - 2y_2 = 0$ i.e. $2x_2 = y_2$ $\therefore x_2 = \beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, β undetermined scalar.</p>

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14	<p>a)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> $\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{x}{\tau} = Ae^{i\omega t}$ </div> <p>($\tau = R, R = \omega$) driving term</p> <p><u>DRIVEN DAMPED DYNAMICS</u> where τ, A, ω are constants.</p> <p>Soln We have $\frac{dx}{dt} + P(t)x = Q(t)$ Where $P(t) = \frac{1}{\tau}$ and $Q(t) = Ae^{i\omega t}$ Integrating factor is $e^{\int P(t) dt} = e^{\frac{t}{\tau}} = e^{t/\tau}$ Multiply to get $e^{t/\tau} \frac{dx}{dt} + e^{t/\tau} \frac{x}{\tau} = e^{t/\tau} Ae^{i\omega t}$ i.e. $\frac{d}{dt} [e^{t/\tau} x] = e^{t/\tau} Ae^{i\omega t} = Ae^{(i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau})t}$ Integrate: $\int_0^t \frac{d}{dt} [e^{t/\tau} x] dt = \int_0^t Ae^{(i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau})t} dt$ i.e. $e^{t/\tau} x(t) - x(0) = A \left[\frac{1}{i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau}} e^{(i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau})t} \right]_0^t$ $= \frac{A}{i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau}} [e^{(i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau})t} - 1]$ Divide by integrating factor: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> $x(t) = x(0)e^{-t/\tau} + B(e^{i\omega t} - e^{-t/\tau}), B = \frac{A}{i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau}}$ </div> </p>

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6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms involving $e^{-t/\tau}$ decay to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$: transient leaves long-term steady-state component $x(t) \rightarrow Be^{i\omega t}$ $B = \frac{A}{i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau}} \rightarrow \frac{A}{i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau}} = \frac{iA}{i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau}} = -i \frac{A}{\omega} = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{A}{\omega}$ (phase shift $-\frac{\pi}{2}$) <p>$\therefore x(t) \rightarrow \frac{A}{\omega} e^{i(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2})}$: 90° out of phase with driving term</p>
10	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + u$ </div> <p>set $u = X(x)Y(y)$ and substitute: $Y \frac{\partial X}{\partial x} = 2X \frac{\partial Y}{\partial y} + XY$ i.e. $\frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial X}{\partial x} = \frac{2}{Y} \frac{\partial Y}{\partial y} + 1$ (dividing by XY) i.e. $\frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial X}{\partial x} = c$ and $\frac{2}{Y} \frac{\partial Y}{\partial y} + 1 = c$ (constant) $\int \frac{dX}{X} = c \int dx$ i.e. $\ln X = cx + A, X = e^{cx+A}$ $\frac{2}{Y} \frac{\partial Y}{\partial y} + 1 = c \Rightarrow \frac{2}{Y} \frac{\partial Y}{\partial y} = c - 1$ $\int \frac{dY}{Y} = \frac{c-1}{2} \int dy$ i.e. $2 \ln Y = (c-1)y + B$ i.e. $\ln Y = \frac{(c-1)y}{2} + \frac{B}{2}$ i.e. $Y = e^{\frac{(c-1)y}{2} + \frac{B}{2}}$ A solution is $u = XY = e^{cx+A} e^{\frac{(c-1)y}{2} + \frac{B}{2}} = e^{cx + \frac{(c-1)y}{2}} e^{A+B/2}$ i.e. $u = ke^{cx + \frac{(c-1)y}{2}}$, where $b = e^{A+B/2}$</p>

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1. Answer ALL parts of the question:

(a) Determine the constant a such that the vectors $A = 2i + aj + k$ and $B = 4i - 2j - 2k$ are perpendicular. (4 Marks)

(b) Consider a body that rotates with constant angular velocity $\omega = 4i + 3j - k$. Calculate the tangential velocity $v = \omega \times r$ at the point given by the position vector $r = 2i - 6j - 3k$. (4 Marks)

(c) Define $\text{div} V = \nabla \cdot V$, where $V = V(x, y, z)$ is a vector field. Describe, in words, what properties of the field V are expressed by its divergence. (5 Marks)

(d) Define $\text{curl} V = \nabla \times V$, where $V = V(x, y, z)$ is a vector field. Describe, in words, what properties of the field V are expressed by its curl. (5 Marks)

(e) Find the matrix products AB and BA , and hence show that $AB \neq BA$, when $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$. (4 Marks)

(f) By considering matrix determinants, determine the rank of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. (4 Marks)

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SECTION B

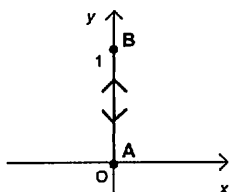
2. An electrostatic charge distribution gives rise to a scalar potential given by: $\phi(x, y, z) = y^2 \sin x + xz^2 + 2z + 4y$, where x, y , and z are space coordinates (physical units have been omitted for simplicity). Show that the associated vector field $E = -\nabla\phi = -\text{grad}\phi$ is given by: $E(x, y, z) = -(y^2 \cos x + z^2)i - (2y \sin x + 4)j - (3xz^2 + 2)k$. (10 Marks)

Hence, prove that the original charge distribution density, given by $\rho = \epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot E = \epsilon_0 \text{div} E$, is: $\rho(x, y, z) = \epsilon_0 (y^2 - 2) \sin x - 6\epsilon_0 xz$. (10 Marks)

For the above vector field $E(x, y, z)$, verify that $\oint_C E \cdot dr = 0$ by considering line elements, dr , along the closed path C (up and down the y -axis, in the $z = 0$ plane) defined as:

(i) from point A at the origin, where $(x, y) = (0, 0)$, to point B, where $(x, y) = (0, 1)$, and then

(ii) from point B back to point A (see diagram below).



(10 Marks)

(g) The matrix $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ has eigenvalues given by $\lambda_1 = -2$ and $\lambda_2 = 5$.

Hence, verify that:

(i) the product of the eigenvalues of B is equal to the value of the determinant of B ; and

(ii) the sum of the eigenvalues of B is equal to the sum of the diagonal elements of B . (4 Marks)

(4 Marks)

(h) Use the integrating factor method to show that the general solution of $\frac{dy}{dx} + py = q$, where p and q are constants, can be written as

$$y(x) = \frac{q}{p} + Ce^{-px},$$

where C is an arbitrary constant. (5 Marks)

(5 Marks)

(i) Use the chain rule to show that $v = f(u)$ is a solution of the partial differential equation:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = 0,$$

when $u = x - ct$, c is a constant, and f is an arbitrary differentiable function. (5 Marks)

(5 Marks)

3. For a vector field $A(x, y, z)$, Stokes' theorem can be stated as:

$$\int_S (\text{curl } A) \cdot dS = \oint_C A \cdot dr.$$

Explain the meaning of each of the symbols used in this equation and the interpretation of the quantity $\text{curl } A$ that is implied by this theorem. (8 marks)

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For the particular vector field:

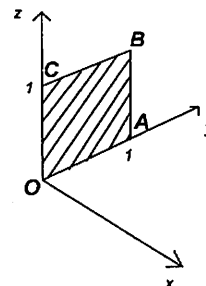
$$A(x, y, z) = xyi + (2y - xz)j + xzk,$$

show that:

$$\text{curl } A = xi - zj - (x+z)k.$$

(10 marks)

Hence, show that $\int_S (\text{curl } A) \cdot dS = 0$ when S is the square area in the $x = 0$ plane whose corners are $O(0,0,0)$, $A(0,1,0)$, $B(0,1,1)$ and $C(0,0,1)$. This area is illustrated (shaded) in the figure below. In your calculation, assume that dS points in the positive x -direction. (12 marks)



(12 marks)

4. Answer BOTH parts of the question:

(a) Show that the eigenvalues of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ are given by

$$\lambda_1 = 4 \text{ and } \lambda_2 = 6.$$

(8 Marks)

Hence, find either one of the two linearly independent eigenvectors of the matrix A.

(8 Marks)

(b) Use a method of your choice, to find the inverse of the matrix B, where

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(14 Marks)

5. Answer BOTH parts of the question:

(a) An electrical circuit consists of a resistance R and a capacitance C connected in series to a battery of constant voltage V . By considering the voltage dropped across R and C , one arrives at an ordinary differential equation for the charge stored $Q(t)$:

$$R \frac{dQ}{dt} + \frac{Q}{C} = V,$$

where t is time. Show that the general solution of this differential equation is given by:

$$Q(t) = Q(0)e^{-t/RC} + VC(1 - e^{-t/RC}).$$

Also find the particular solution when $Q(0) = 0$ and identify the long-term steady-state and transient components of this particular solution. Give a physical interpretation of your results.

(20 Marks)

(b) Use the (partial differential equation) method of separation of variables to prove that a solution of $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 4 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ is given by $u(x, y) = K e^{c(x+y)}$, where K and c are constants.

(10 Marks)

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4	(a) $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{B} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (2\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$ $= 8 - 2a - 2 = 6 - 2a$ Perpendicular when $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ i.e. when $6 - 2a = 0$ i.e. when $a = 3$.
4	(b) $\vec{v} = \nabla \times \vec{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -6 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$ $= \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -6 & -3 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & -6 \end{vmatrix}$ $= \hat{i}(-9 - 6) - \hat{j}(-12 + 2) + \hat{k}(-24 - 6)$ $= -15\hat{i} + 10\hat{j} - 30\hat{k}$
5	(c) $\text{div } \vec{V} = \nabla \cdot \vec{V} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{k} \right) \cdot (v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j} + v_z \hat{k})$ $= \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$, when $\vec{V} = (v_x, v_y, v_z)$. div \vec{V} is the net outflow of flux of \vec{V} per unit volume (at a point). Equivalently, it is the volume density of 'sources' and 'sinks' of flux of \vec{V} .

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5	(d) $\text{curl } \vec{V} = \nabla \times \vec{V} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v_y \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v_x \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v_y \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v_x \end{vmatrix}$ curl \vec{V} gives the 'circulation' of the field \vec{V} about each point. In other words, it gives the degree (and orientation) of twist/curl/rotation/vorticity of the field.
4	(e) $AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5+14 & 6+16 \\ 15+28 & 18+32 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 19 & 22 \\ 43 & 50 \end{pmatrix}$ $BA = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5+18 & 10+24 \\ 7+24 & 14+22 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 23 & 34 \\ 31 & 46 \end{pmatrix} = AB$ (here, or in general)
4	(f) $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (0 \times 0) - (1 \times 0) = 0 - 0 = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore \text{rank} < 2$ while submatrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ can be found with non-zero determinant ($1 \times 1 = 1$). $\therefore \text{rank} = 1$.

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	(g) $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\lambda_1 = -2, \lambda_2 = 5$ (given eigenvalues)
	(i) $\det B = B = (2 \times 1 - 3 \times 4) = 2 - 12 = -10$ while $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = (-2) \times (5) = -10$; (an example of a general result)
4	(ii) $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = -2 + 5 = 3$, while "trace of B" is sum of diagonal elements. Here, $\text{trace}(B) = 2 + 1 = 3$, also; (another general result)
	(h) $\frac{dy}{dx} + py = q$ (p, q constants): of standard form: $\frac{dy}{dx} + r(x)y = a(x)$ where $r(x) = p$, $a(x) = q$. Integrating factor = $e^{\int p dx} = e^{\int p dx} = e^{px}$ Multiply equation: $e^{px} \frac{dy}{dx} + e^{px} py = e^{px} q$ to get: $\frac{d}{dx}(e^{px} y) = e^{px} q$ Integrate: $e^{px} y = \int e^{px} q dx + C \Rightarrow e^{px} y = q \int e^{px} dx + C$ $\Rightarrow e^{px} y = \frac{q}{p} e^{px} + C \Rightarrow y = \frac{q}{p} + C e^{-px}$

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	(i) $\frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{dv}{dt} = 0$. Verify $v = f(x)$ is solution where $u = x - ct$.
	$\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{dv}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$ (chain rule) $= \frac{dv}{du} \cdot 1$ [since $\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(x - ct) = 1$].
	$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dv}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dt}$ (chain rule) $= \frac{dv}{du} \cdot (-c)$
	\Rightarrow Substitute into equation (left-hand-side): $\frac{dv}{du} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{c} \cdot \frac{dv}{du} \cdot (-c) = \frac{dv}{du} - \frac{dv}{du} = 0$ $= \text{RHS of equation}$
5	We have proved this is a solution, without needing to specify the function "f".

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	$\phi = y^2 \sin x + \pi z^2 + 2z + 4y$
	$\nabla = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$; $\nabla \phi = \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$ where $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = y^2 \cos x + 2z$, $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 2y \sin x + 4$, $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 2\pi z + 2$
10	$\Rightarrow \underline{E} = -\nabla \phi = -\left\{ \hat{i} (y^2 \cos x + 2z) + \hat{j} (2y \sin x + 4) + \hat{k} (2\pi z + 2) \right\}$ $= -(y^2 \cos x + 2z) \hat{i} - (2y \sin x + 4) \hat{j} - (2\pi z + 2) \hat{k}$
	$p = \epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \underline{E} = \epsilon_0 \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (E_x \hat{i} + E_y \hat{j} + E_z \hat{k})$ $= \epsilon_0 \left(\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} \right)$
	where $\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ -(y^2 \cos x + 2z) \right\} = -(-y^2 \sin x) = +y^2 \sin x$ $\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left\{ -(2y \sin x + 4) \right\} = -(2 \sin x + 0) = -2 \sin x$ $\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left\{ -(2\pi z + 2) \right\} = -(2\pi + 0) = -2\pi$

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	$\therefore p = \epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \underline{E} = \epsilon_0 \left\{ y^2 \sin x - 2 \sin x - 6\pi z \right\}$ $= \epsilon_0 (y^2 - 2) \sin x - 6\epsilon_0 \pi z$
10	$\underline{E} = -(y^2 \cos x + 2z) \hat{i} - (2y \sin x + 4) \hat{j} + (2\pi z + 2) \hat{k}$ $\underline{E}(\pi, 0) = -y^2 \cos x \hat{i} - (2y \sin x + 4) \hat{j} + 2 \hat{k}$ Here, $d\underline{r} = dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j} + dz \hat{k}$ ($dx = dz = 0$) $\underline{E} \cdot d\underline{r} = (E_x \hat{i} + E_y \hat{j} + E_z \hat{k}) \cdot (dy \hat{j})$ $= E_y dy$ ($\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} = 0, \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} = 1, \hat{k} \cdot \hat{j} = 0$) $= -(2y \sin x + 4) dy$
	Also, $x=0 \Rightarrow \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{r} = -4 dy$ $\therefore \int_C \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{r} = \int_{x=0}^{\pi} \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{r} + \int_{\pi}^0 \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{r} = \int_0^{\pi} (-4) dy + \int_{\pi}^0 (-4) dy$ $= -4(y) \Big _0^{\pi} + (-4)(y) \Big _{\pi}^0 = -4 - 4(-1)$ $= -4 - 4 = -8$
10	$= -4 - 4 = -8$

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8	<p>$\oint_S (\text{curl } \underline{A}) \cdot d\underline{s} = \oint_C \underline{A} \cdot d\underline{r}$</p> <p>Surface integral over open surface S of dot product of $\text{curl } \underline{A} (= \begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \end{bmatrix})$ and $d\underline{s}$ and closed line/curve integral along bounding curve C (clockwise sense with respect to \hat{n}) of dot product of \underline{A} and $d\underline{r}$ element (along C).</p> <p>Projection of $\nabla \times \underline{A}$ gives surface density that integrates over S to give total circulation of \underline{A} around C. $\text{curl } \underline{A}$ measures circulation/torsion/curvature around a point. <i>[Sufficient relation for full marks]</i></p> <p>$\underline{A} = xy\hat{i} + (2y-xz)\hat{j} + xz\hat{k} = A_x\hat{i} + A_y\hat{j} + A_z\hat{k}$</p> <p>$\underline{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$</p> <p>$\nabla \times \underline{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_z \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ A_x & A_y \end{vmatrix}$</p> <p>$= \hat{i} \left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) - \hat{j} \left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{k} \left(\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right)$</p>

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10	<p>where $\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(xy) = x$, $\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(2y-xz) = -x$, $\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xz) = z$, $\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(xy) = 0$, $\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2y-xz) = -z$, $\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(xz) = x$</p> <p>$\therefore \nabla \times \underline{A} = \hat{i} [0 - (-x)] - \hat{j} [z - 0] + \hat{k} [(-z) - x] = x\hat{i} - z\hat{j} - (x+z)\hat{k}$</p> <p>$d\underline{s} = ds \hat{i} + dy dz \hat{j} + dx dz \hat{k}$ (ie. $d\underline{s} = dy dz \hat{i}$)</p> <p>And on S, we have $x=0$, therefore</p> <p>$\nabla \times \underline{A} = 0\hat{i} - z\hat{j} - (0+z)\hat{k} = -z\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$</p> <p>$\therefore \int_S (\nabla \times \underline{A}) \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_S (-z\hat{j} - z\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} dy dz)$</p> <p>$= \int_S (-z\hat{j} \cdot \hat{i} - z\hat{k} \cdot \hat{i}) dy dz$</p> <p>$= \int_S 0 \cdot dy dz = 0$</p>
12	<p>circulation could be calculated instead but this takes longer</p>

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8	<p>$A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Eigenvalues are given by the characteristic equation: $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$</p> <p>Here, $\begin{vmatrix} 8-\lambda & -2 \\ 4 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$</p> <p>i.e. $(8-\lambda)(2-\lambda) + 8 = 0$</p> <p>i.e. $16 - 2\lambda - 2\lambda\lambda + \lambda^2 + 8 = 0$</p> <p>i.e. $\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 24 = 0$</p> <p>i.e. $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 4$ $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = 24$ } $\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 4$ $\lambda_2 = 6$</p> <p>Eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\lambda_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$</p> <p>satisfy $\begin{pmatrix} 8-\lambda & -2 \\ 4 & 2-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$</p> <p>FIND EITHER EIGENVECTOR...</p> <p>$\lambda_1 = 4$</p> <p>$\begin{pmatrix} 8-4 & -2 \\ 4 & 2-4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ i.e. $(8-4)x_1 - 2y_1 = 0$ $4x_1 - 2y_1 = 0$ $4x_1 - 2y_1 = 0$ (same $\lambda_1=4$)</p> <p>i.e. $2x_1 = y_1$</p> <p>$\therefore \underline{x}_1 = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, α undetermined scalar.</p>

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8	<p>OR</p> <p>$\lambda_2 = 6$</p> <p>$\begin{pmatrix} 8-6 & -2 \\ 4 & 2-6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ i.e. $(8-6)x_2 - 2y_2 = 0$ $4x_2 - 2y_2 = 0$</p> <p>i.e. $2x_2 - 2y_2 = 0$ $4x_2 - 4y_2 = 0$ (same $\lambda_2=6$)</p> <p>i.e. $x_2 = y_2$</p> <p>$\therefore \underline{x}_2 = \beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$</p> <p>where β is an undetermined scalar.</p> <p>METHOD I (b)</p> <p>$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Consider $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & & 100 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and work on column 1 first.</p> <p>$r_1 \rightarrow r_1 - 2r_2$ $r_3 \rightarrow r_3 + r_1$ gives $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & & 100 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & & 100 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & & 100 \end{bmatrix}$ Now do column 2, $r_3 \rightarrow r_3 + r_2$ gives $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & & 100 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & & 100 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & & 200 \end{bmatrix}$</p> <p>Finally, do column 3: $r_1 \rightarrow r_1 + r_3$ and $r_3 \rightarrow r_3 - 2r_2$ gives $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & & 300 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & & 100 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ i.e. $B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$</p>

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MARKS	METHOD II (alternative)
	Inverse of $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ by the formal method: $B^{-1} = \frac{1}{ B } C^T$
	here $ B = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 - (2-1) = 1$
	Matrix of cofactors $A_{11} = + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2$, $A_{12} = - \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4$, $A_{13} = + \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$
	$A_{21} = - \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1$, $A_{22} = + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 3$, $A_{23} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$
	$A_{31} = + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 1$, $A_{32} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 2$, $A_{33} = + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$
14	$\therefore B^{-1} = C^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

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	$\frac{dq}{dt} + \left(\frac{1}{RC}\right)q = \frac{V}{R}$
	IF = $e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$ Now multiply equation
	$e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}}{RC} q = e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \frac{V}{R}$
	$\frac{d}{dt} [e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} q] = e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \frac{V}{R}$
	$e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} q = \frac{V}{R} \left(\frac{1}{-1/RC}\right) e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} + A$
	i.e. $Q(t) = \frac{V}{R} (RC) + A e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$ (multiplying through by $e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$)
	i.e. $Q(t) = VC + A e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$
	Identify physical character of A
	at $t=0$, $Q(0) = VC + A$
	$\therefore A = Q(0) - VC$
	\therefore General solution is $Q(t) = VC + [Q(0) - VC] e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$
	i.e. $Q(t) = VC + Q(0)e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} - VCe^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$
	$\therefore Q(t) = Q(0)e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} + VC(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}})$
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	Particular solution Uncharged at $t=0$ i.e. $Q(0)=0$ since switch closed
	$\therefore Q(t) = VC(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}})$
	$-Q(t) = VC - VCe^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$
	As $t \rightarrow \infty$, all voltage across C since voltage across R is IR
	i.e. $\frac{dQ}{dt} = 0$ and requires time-varying charge.
(+5)	
20	$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 4 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y^2}$
	Separation of variables: $u = X(x)Y(y)$
	gives $Y \chi_{xx} = 4XY_{yy}$ (obtain by dividing partial derivative)
	i.e. $\frac{\chi_{xx}}{4X} = \frac{Y_{yy}}{Y} = c$ (separation constant)
	Each equation can now be treated as an o.d.e. i.e. $\frac{d^2 \chi}{dx^2} = 4cX$
	and $\frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} = cY$
	Solutions are $X = Ae^{kx}$, $Y = Be^{cy}$
10	A solution is thus $u = XY = Ke^{c(4x+y)}$, $K = AB$

SAMPLE EXAM 3

SECTION A

1. Answer ALL parts of the question:

- (a) Determine the constant a such that the vectors $F = 2i + 2j - k$ and $r = ai - 7j - 18k$ are perpendicular.

(4 Marks)

- (b) The position of a moving particle is given by a time-dependent position vector $r(t)$. Derive an expression for the velocity of the particle, $v(t) = \frac{dr(t)}{dt}$,

when:

$$r(t) = e^{-t} i + 2\cos(3t) j + 2\sin(3t) k.$$

(4 Marks)

- (c) Describe what is meant by: (a) a *scalar field*; and (b) a *vector field*. With reference to a typical weather forecast map, give one example of each type of field.

(6 Marks)

- (d) Describe the property of the vector field A that $\text{div} A$ (i.e. $\nabla \cdot A$) represents (make reference to the divergence theorem and give one, or more, physical examples in your answer).

(5 Marks)

- (e) Describe the property of the vector field A that $\text{curl} A$ (i.e. $\nabla \times A$) represents (make reference to Stokes' theorem and give one, or more, physical examples in your answer).

(5 Marks)

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SECTION B

2. A particular scalar field is defined by the equation:

$$\phi(x, y, z) = x^2z + 2xy^2 + yz^2.$$

Show that $\nabla\phi$ for this field is given by:

$$\nabla\phi = (2xz + 2y^2)i + (4xy + z^2)j + (x^2 + 2yz)k.$$

(7 marks)

Hence, calculate the *magnitude* of the rate of change of $\phi(x, y, z)$ at the point $(x, y, z) = (1, 2, -1)$ in the direction of the vector $2i + 3j - 4k$.

(13 marks)

Use the given form of $\nabla\phi$ (in terms of $i, j,$ and k) to prove that $\nabla\phi$ is a *conservative field*.

(10 marks)

- (f) By considering matrix determinants, show that the *rank* of the matrix A is equal to 1 when:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(4 Marks)

- (g) Relate your answer for part (c) to a description of the solution of the following two simultaneous equations:

$$2x + 6y = 1$$

$$3x + 9y = 2.$$

Illustrate your answer with a sketch that includes lines in the x - y plane.

(4 Marks)

- (h) Two simultaneous linear equations, with constant coefficients a, b, c and d , take the form:

$$ax + by = e$$

$$cx + dy = f$$

where e and f are also constants. Verify that the homogeneous system ($e = f = 0$) always has the trivial solution ($x = y = 0$).

(4 Marks)

- (i) Use the *chain rule* to show that $v = f(u)$ is a solution of the partial differential equation:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + 3 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0,$$

where $u = y - 3x$ and f is an arbitrary differentiable function.

(4 Marks)

3. Answer BOTH parts of the question:

- (a) For a vector field $A(x, y, z)$, Stokes' theorem can be stated as:

$$\int_C (\text{curl } A) \cdot dS = \oint_C A \cdot dr.$$

Explain the meaning of each of the symbols used in this equation and the interpretation of the quantity $\text{curl } A$ that is implied by this theorem.

(8 Marks)

- (b) The fluid velocity of a particular uniform flow is given by $V_2 = 2i + 3j + k$. An example of a non-uniform flow is given by $V_3 = 2y i$. Evaluate $\text{curl } V$ for each of the flows V_2 and V_3 and interpret the results. What does Stokes' theorem imply regarding the character of the vector fields representing the uniform and the non-uniform flows?

(14 Marks)

The *circulation* of a vector field $V(x, y, z) = V_x i + V_y j + V_z k$ around a closed path C , can be written as: $\oint_C V \cdot dr = \oint_C V_x dx + V_y dy + V_z dz$. Hence, verify Stokes' theorem for the uniform flow V_2 by considering the closed path C in the x - y plane (around the four sides of a square) given by:

$$(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0) \rightarrow (0, 1, 0) \rightarrow (1, 1, 0) \rightarrow (1, 0, 0) \rightarrow (0, 0, 0).$$

(8 Marks)

4. Answer BOTH parts of the question:

(a) If

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

show that the matrix of cofactors of A is:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 7 & -6 \\ 1 & -4 & 2 \\ 5 & -5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Show also that the determinant of A is $\det(A) = -5$. Hence, find the matrix A^{-1} (that is the inverse of the matrix A).

(15 Marks)

(b) Prove that the eigenvalues of the matrix $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ are given by $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = 4$. Hence, find either one of the two linearly independent eigenvectors of the matrix B.

(15 Marks)

5. Answer BOTH parts of the question:

(a) An electrical circuit consists of a resistance R and an inductance L connected in series to a battery of constant voltage V . The voltage dropped across R and L , and the current $I(t)$, are related through the ordinary differential equation:

$$L \frac{dI}{dt} + RI = V,$$

where t is time.

Show that the general solution of this differential equation is given by:

$$I(t) = I(0) \exp\left[-\left(\frac{R}{L}\right)t\right] + \frac{V}{R} \left\{1 - \exp\left[-\left(\frac{R}{L}\right)t\right]\right\}.$$

Find the particular solution when $I(0) = 0$ and identify the long-term (steady-state) and transient components of this particular solution.

(18 Marks)

(b) Use the method of separation of variables to prove that a solution of the partial differential equation $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$ is given by $u(x, y) = K e^{c(x-3y)}$, where K and c are constants.

(12 Marks)

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4	1. (a) $\vec{F} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$, $\vec{r} = a\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 18\hat{k}$ $\therefore \vec{F} \cdot \vec{r} = (2a) + (14) + (-18) = 2a - 4$ $= 2a - 14 + 18 = 2a + 4$ ie $\vec{F} \cdot \vec{r} = 0$ when $2a + 4 = 0$ is, when $a = -2$.
4	1(b) $\vec{r}(t) = e^{-t}\hat{i} + 2\cos 3t\hat{j} + 2\sin 3t\hat{k} = (r_x, r_y, r_z)$ $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{dr_x}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dr_y}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dr_z}{dt}\hat{k}$ $\therefore \vec{v} = -e^{-t}\hat{i} + (-6\sin 3t)\hat{j} + 6\cos 3t\hat{k}$
6	1(c) Scalar field \equiv Region of space with unique scalar value associated with each point. Vector field \equiv as above, with vector value. E.g. scalar: temperature, pressure, vector: wind velocity

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5	1(a) $\text{div } \vec{A} \equiv$ net volume density of sources minus off flow (net outflow) $\int_V \text{div } \vec{A} dV = \oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S}$ sufficient selection for full marks
5	1(b) $\text{curl } \vec{A} \equiv$ twist/spin/rotation (circulation) around a point $\oint_C \text{curl } \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s} = \oint_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s}$ sufficient selection for full marks
4	1(c) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \cdot 9 - 6 \cdot 3 = 18 - 18 = 0$ $\therefore \text{rank}(A) < 2$ Existence of one 1×1 submatrix with non-zero determinant is sufficient to give A a rank of 1. For 1×1 matrices, determinant = element value. Any of $\{2\}, \{6\}, \{3\}, \{9\}$ give non-zero determinant. $\therefore \text{rank}(A) = 1$

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4	<p>1(g) System is $Ax=b$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A =0$ Augmented coeff-matrix: $A_b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 9 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and, eg., $\begin{vmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$ $\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A_b) = 2$ $\therefore \text{rank}(A) < \text{rank}(A_b) \Rightarrow$ no solution Sketch: $y = -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{3}$ } parallel lines $y = -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{3}$ } do not cross \rightarrow no solution (sufficient amount of advice for full marks)</p>
4	<p>1(h) $ax+by=c=0$ The trivial solution is $x=y=0$ $cx+dy=f=0$ Verify this general result by direct substitution: $x=0, y=0$ gives $a \cdot 0 + b \cdot 0 = 0$ $a \cdot 0 + d \cdot 0 = 0$</p>

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4	<p>1(i) $v = f(u)$, $u = y - 3x$, $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + 3 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$ (*) To show this (b), $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} \cdot (-3)$ $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} \cdot (1)$ $\therefore \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + 3 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} \cdot (-3) + 3 \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} \cdot (1)$ $= -3 \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} + 3 \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} = 0$ $\therefore v = f(u)$ is a solution (irrespective of the particular form of (arbitrarily differentiable) function f.)</p>

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7	<p>$\phi(x,y,z) = x^2z + 2xy^2 + yz^2$ $\nabla = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ $\Rightarrow \nabla \phi = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2z + 2xy^2 + yz^2) + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2z + 2xy^2 + yz^2) + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x^2z + 2xy^2 + yz^2)$ $= \hat{i} (2xz + 2y^2 + 0) + \hat{j} (0 + 4xy + z^2) + \hat{k} (x^2 + 2y + yz)$ $\therefore \nabla \phi = (2xz + 2y^2)\hat{i} + (4xy + z^2)\hat{j} + (x^2 + 2y + yz)\hat{k}$ At point (1,2,-1) $\nabla \phi = (-2+8)\hat{i} + (8+1)\hat{j} + (1-4)\hat{k}$ $= 6\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ Direction derivative: $\frac{d\phi}{ds} = \nabla \phi \cdot \hat{u}$, where \hat{u} is a unit vector in the specified direction In the direction of $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$, $\hat{u} = \frac{2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}}{ 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k} }$ where $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k} = (2^2 + 3^2 + 16)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $= (4+9+16)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{29}$</p>

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SOLUTION	
MARKS	TEXT
13	<p>$\therefore \hat{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{29}} (2, 3, -4)$ and $\frac{d\phi}{ds} = \nabla \phi \cdot \hat{a} = (6\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{29}} (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$ $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{29}} (12 + 27 + 12)$ $= \frac{51}{\sqrt{29}}$ $\nabla \phi$ conservative $\Leftrightarrow \nabla \times \nabla \phi = 0$ where $\nabla \times \nabla \phi = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix}$ $= \hat{i} \left[\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} \right] - \hat{j} \left[\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} \right] + \hat{k} \left[\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right]$</p>

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SOLUTION	
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10	$\nabla \times \underline{v} = \underline{i} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (2y+4yz) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (4yz+2z^2) \right] - \underline{j} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2xz+4yz) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (2xz) \right] + \underline{k} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (4yz+2z^2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (2xz) \right]$ $= \underline{i} [2z - 2z] - \underline{j} [2z - 2z] + \underline{k} [4y - 4y]$ $= 0\underline{i} + 0\underline{j} + 0\underline{k} = \underline{0} \quad (\text{for all } x, y, z)$ <p>$\therefore \nabla \phi = \underline{v}$ is a conservative vector field.</p>

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SOLUTION	
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8	<p>(a) $\oint_C (\text{curl } \underline{A}) \cdot d\underline{s} = \oint_C \underline{A} \cdot d\underline{s}$</p> <p>Surface integral over open surface S of dot product of $\text{curl } \underline{A}$ and $d\underline{s}$ and closed line (curve) integral along bounding curve C (clockwise sense with respect to \hat{n}) of dot product of \underline{A} and $d\underline{s}$ element (along C).</p> <p>Projection of $\nabla \times \underline{A}$ gives surface density that integrates over S to give total circulation of \underline{A} around C. $\text{curl } \underline{A}$ measures circulation per unit area.</p>

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SOLUTION	
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14	<p>(b) $\underline{v}_1 = 2\underline{i} + 3\underline{j} + 4\underline{k}$ (a uniform flow)</p> $\nabla \times \underline{v}_1 = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \underline{i}(0-0) - \underline{j}(0-0) + \underline{k}(0-0) = \underline{0}$ <p>\rightarrow Irrotational field (no circulation / forces required)</p> <p>$\underline{v}_2 = 2z\underline{j}$</p> $\nabla \times \underline{v}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 0 & 2z & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \underline{i}(0-0) - \underline{j}(0-2) + \underline{k}(0-0) = 2\underline{j}$ <p>\rightarrow Rotational field (vorticity circulation / depends on path)</p> <p>Stokes' theorem $\oint_C \underline{v} \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_S (\nabla \times \underline{v}) \cdot d\underline{s}$</p> <p>$\oint_C \underline{v}_1 \cdot d\underline{s} = \oint_C \underline{v}_2 \cdot d\underline{s}$ (no circulation around any closed path) <small>(- parallel/different paths)</small></p> <p>also implies path independence of $\int \underline{v}_1 \cdot d\underline{s}$ and other 'conservative' properties.</p>
8	<p>$\int_C \underline{v}_2 \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_C 2z \underline{j} \cdot d\underline{s}$</p> <p>$\int_C \underline{v}_2 \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_C 2z dy + \int_C 2z dx + \int_C 2z dz$ (using \underline{v}_2)</p> <p>$\therefore \int_C \underline{v}_2 \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_C 2z dy + \int_C 2z dx + \int_C 2z dz$ (all terms) (all terms) (all terms)</p> <p>$= \int_C 2z dy + \int_C 2z dx - \int_C 2z dy - \int_C 2z dx = 0$</p> <p>(from above, $\oint_C \underline{v}_2 \cdot d\underline{s} = 0 \Rightarrow \int_C (\nabla \times \underline{v}_2) \cdot d\underline{s} = 0$ and we have verified consistency with Stokes' theorem.)</p>

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15	<p>(a) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$</p> <p> cofactors $A_{11} = + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = -8$, $A_{12} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = 7$, $A_{13} = + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -6$</p> <p>$A_{21} = - \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -2 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = 1$, $A_{22} = + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = -4$, $A_{23} = - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 2$</p> <p>$A_{31} = + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 5$, $A_{32} = - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -5$, $A_{33} = + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 5$</p> <p>$\therefore$ Matrix of cofactors, $C = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 7 & -6 \\ 1 & -4 & 2 \\ 5 & -5 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$</p> <p>e.g. $A = 2A_{11} - 1A_{12} - 3A_{13}$ (along b/p row)</p> <p>$= -16 - 7 + 18 = -5$</p> <p>Then, $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ A } C^T = -\frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 1 & 5 \\ 7 & -4 & -5 \\ -6 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -1 & -5 \\ -7 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & -2 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$</p>

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	<p>(b) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, Eigenvalues</p> $ A - \lambda I = \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 2 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$ $= (3-\lambda)(2-\lambda) - 2 = 0$ <p>i.e. $6 - 2\lambda - 2\lambda + \lambda^2 - 2 = 0$ i.e. $\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4 = 0$</p> <p>By inspection, $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 5 = 0 \rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1$ $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = 4 \rightarrow \lambda_2 = 4$</p> <hr/> <p><u>Eigenvectors</u> Since $Ax = \lambda x$, these satisfy $Ax - \lambda Ix = 0$ i.e. $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$ i.e. $\begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda & 2 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$</p> <p>Denote $x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$ as the eigenvector associated with λ_1.</p> <p>Then, $\begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda_1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ i.e. $(3-1)x_1 + 2y_1 = 0$ $x_1 + (2-\lambda_1)y_1 = 0$ i.e. $(3-1)x_1 + 2y_1 = 0$ $x_1 + (2-1)y_1 = 0$ (since $\lambda_1=1$)</p>

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	<p>i.e. $2x_1 + 2y_1 = 0$ $x_1 + y_1 = 0 \rightarrow x_1 = -y_1$</p> <p>Eigenvectors are only defined in terms of the ratio of the components (to within an undetermined scalar)</p> <p>$\therefore x_1 = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, an undetermined scalar.</p> <hr/> <p>(OR)</p> $\begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda & 2 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ <p>Denote $x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$ as the eigenvector associated with $\lambda_2 = 4$.</p> <p>Then, $\begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda_2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ i.e. $(3-4)x_2 + 2y_2 = 0$ $x_2 + (2-\lambda_2)y_2 = 0$ i.e. $(3-4)x_2 + 2y_2 = 0$ $x_2 + (2-4)y_2 = 0$ (since $\lambda_2=4$) i.e. $-x_2 + 2y_2 = 0$ $x_2 - 2y_2 = 0$</p> <p>Both equations imply $x_2 = 2y_2$ $\therefore x_2 = \beta \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, where β is an undetermined scalar.</p>

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	<p>(a)</p> <p>Standard form: $L \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} + RI \dot{I} = V \rightarrow \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{R}{L}\right) I \dot{I} = \left(\frac{V}{L}\right)$</p> $I \dot{I} = e^{kt} \cdot e^{-kt} \cdot e^{kt} = e^{kt} \rightarrow e^{kt} \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} + e^{kt} \left(\frac{R}{L}\right) I \dot{I} = e^{kt} \left(\frac{V}{L}\right)$ $\rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} [e^{kt} I \dot{I}] = e^{kt} \left(\frac{V}{L}\right)$ $\rightarrow e^{kt} I \dot{I} = \frac{V}{L} \int e^{kt} dt + C$ $= \frac{V}{L} \left(\frac{1}{k}\right) e^{kt} + C = \frac{V}{k} e^{kt} + C$ <p>$\rightarrow I(t) = \frac{V}{k} + C e^{-kt}$ after dividing by e^{kt}.</p> <p>C can be identified by noting that at $t=0$, $I(0) = \frac{V}{k} + C = \frac{V}{k} + C$ $\rightarrow C = I(0) - \frac{V}{k} \rightarrow I(t) = \frac{V}{k} + \left(I(0) - \frac{V}{k}\right) e^{-kt} = \frac{V}{k} + \left(I(0) - \frac{V}{k}\right) e^{-kt}$ i.e. $I(t) = I(0) e^{-kt} + \frac{V}{k} (1 - e^{-kt})$</p> <hr/> <p>$I(t) = I(0) e^{-kt} + \frac{V}{k} (1 - e^{-kt})$</p> <p>Particular solution when $I(0) = 0$, i.e. switch closed at $t=0 \rightarrow I(0) = 0$ $I(t) = 0 + \frac{V}{k} (1 - e^{-kt})$, $I(t) = \frac{V}{k} - \frac{V}{k} e^{-kt}$ (constant/steady-state) (transient, tends to zero, inductor)</p>

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	<p>(b)</p> $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{2} x^2 + 2xy \right) = 0$ <p>Let $u(x,y) = X(x)Y(y)$ and substitute ... $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{2} x^2 + 2xy \right) = xY + 2Y = 0$, rearrange as function of x only, only $\rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{2} x^2 + 2xy \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2}$, introduce separation constant $(-c)$, $\rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} = c$ and $-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} = c \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} = -cX$ i.e. $\frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} = -cX$ and $-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} = c$ $\frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = -cX$ $\frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} = -2cY$ $\int \frac{dX}{X} = \int \frac{dY}{Y}$ (etc) (etc) $\ln X = \frac{1}{2} \ln Y + A$ $\ln Y = -2 \ln X + B$ $X = e^{2A} Y^{1/2}$ $Y = e^{-2B} X^2$ A relation is then $u = XY = e^{(2A+B)} e^{-(2B+1/2)X}$ $= e^{(2A+B)} e^{-X}$ $= e^{(2A+B)} e^{-X}$ $= e^{(2A+B)} e^{-X}$, $c' = \frac{1}{2}$ $\therefore u(x,y) = Ke^{-(2+2c')x}$, $Ke^{-(2+2c')x}$</p>

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