Practice Problems Math 212

1. Let  $F(x,y,z) = (x+3z,xy^2,y)$  be a vector field, and let  $C(t) = (2t,t^3,t+t^2)$  be a parametrized curve with  $t \in [0,1]$ . Calculate the flow of F along C in two ways: (i) integrating the flow form for F over C, and (ii) using the classical formula for  $\int_C F \cdot dC$ .

- 2. Let  $F(x, y, z) = (y^2, z, 3x)$  be a vector field, and let S(u, v) = (u, v, uv) be a parametrized curve with  $(u, v) \in [0, 1]^2$ . Calculate the flux of F through S in two ways: (i) integrating the flux form for F over S, and (ii) using the classical formula for  $\int_C F \cdot \vec{n}$ .
- 3. Thinking of each of the following 1-forms in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  as flow forms, find the corresponding vector fields.
  - (a)  $\omega = x dx + \ln(x^2 + z^2) dy + (y + xz) dz$ .
  - (b)  $\eta = \cos(xy) dx + \sin(yz) dz$ .
- 4. Thinking of each of the following 2-forms in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  as flux forms, find the corresponding vector fields.
  - (a)  $\eta = -dx \wedge dy + xy dx \wedge dz$ .
  - (b)  $\omega = dx \wedge (y dy (x + z^2) dz)$ .
- 5. (a) Give an concrete example of a 0-form,  $\eta$ , in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , i.e., and element  $\eta \in \Omega^0 \mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - (b) Interpret integration of  $d\eta$  in terms of classical vector calculus. What does Stokes' theorem say in this context?
- 6. Let  $\phi$  be a function on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and let F be a vector field in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Describe  $\operatorname{grad}(\phi)$ ,  $\operatorname{curl}(F)$ , and  $\operatorname{div}(F)$  using flow forms, flux forms, and the exterior derivative operator, d.
- 7. (a) State Stokes' theorem in terms of differential forms.
  - (b) Starting with  $\omega \in \Omega^i \mathbb{R}^3$  for each of i = 0, 1, 2, give a classical/physical interpretation of Stokes' theorem.
- 8. What does the fact that  $d^2 = 0$  say in terms of grad, curl, and div?
- 9. Let  $\omega$  be a k-form. When is it true that  $d\omega = 0$  implies there exists a (k-1)-form,  $\lambda$  such that  $\omega = d\lambda$ ? What is the implication for grad, for curl, and for div?