

Vector Calculus

Formula Sheet for Final Exam

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[This formula sheet will be given on the final exam; you may find it useful elsewhere as well. No calculators or notes will be permitted on the exam otherwise.]

- Fourier Coefficients

Fourier polynomial of degree n of $f(x)$ on $[-\pi, \pi]$: $F_n(x) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n [a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx]$ where

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx, \quad a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos kx dx, \quad b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin kx dx.$$

- Vector Identities

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) &= (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C})\mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})\mathbf{C} & (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{C} &= (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C})\mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C})\mathbf{A} \\ (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{D}) &= [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}]\mathbf{B} - [\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}]\mathbf{A} & [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}] &= \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C} \\ \nabla(\phi_1\phi_2) &= \phi_1\nabla\phi_2 + \phi_2\nabla\phi_1 & \nabla \cdot (\phi\mathbf{F}) &= \phi\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla\phi \\ \nabla \times (\phi\mathbf{F}) &= \phi\nabla \times \mathbf{F} + \nabla\phi \times \mathbf{F} & \nabla f(\phi) &= \frac{df}{d\phi}\nabla\phi \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{R} &= 3 & \nabla \times \mathbf{R} &= \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla\mathbf{R} &= \mathbf{F} & \nabla(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{R}) &= \mathbf{A} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{F} \times \mathbf{G}) &= \mathbf{G} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) - \mathbf{F} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{G}) \\ \nabla \times (\mathbf{F} \times \mathbf{G}) &= (\mathbf{G} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{F} - (\mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{G} + (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{G})\mathbf{F} - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F})\mathbf{G} \\ \nabla(\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{G}) &= (\mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{G} + (\mathbf{G} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{F} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{G}) + \mathbf{G} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \\ \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) &= \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}) - \nabla^2\mathbf{F} \end{aligned}$$

Vector potential: $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{R}) = \int_0^1 t\mathbf{F} \times \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} dt, \quad \mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{R}_0 + t(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}_0)$

- Frenet Formulas

$$\frac{d\mathbf{T}}{ds} = k\mathbf{N}, \quad \frac{d\mathbf{N}}{ds} = -k\mathbf{T} + \tau\mathbf{B}, \quad \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{ds} = -\tau\mathbf{N}$$

- General Orthogonal Curvilinear Coordinates

Displacement vector: $d\mathbf{R} = h_1 du_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + h_2 du_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + h_3 du_3 \mathbf{e}_3$

Arc length: $ds = (h_1^2 du_1^2 + h_2^2 du_2^2 + h_3^2 du_3^2)^{1/2}$

Volume element: $dV = h_1 h_2 h_3 du_1 du_2 du_3$

Gradient: $\nabla f = \frac{1}{h_1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_1} \mathbf{e}_1 + \frac{1}{h_2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_2} \mathbf{e}_2 + \frac{1}{h_3} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_3} \mathbf{e}_3$

Divergence: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} (F_1 h_2 h_3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} (F_2 h_3 h_1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} (F_3 h_1 h_2) \right]$

Curl: $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \begin{vmatrix} h_1 \mathbf{e}_1 & h_2 \mathbf{e}_2 & h_3 \mathbf{e}_3 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} & \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} \\ F_1 h_1 & F_2 h_2 & F_3 h_3 \end{vmatrix}$

Laplacian: $\nabla^2 f = \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} \left(\frac{h_2 h_3}{h_1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_1} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} \left(\frac{h_3 h_1}{h_2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} \left(\frac{h_1 h_2}{h_3} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_3} \right) \right]$

- Cylindrical Coordinates

Definitions: $x = \rho \cos \theta$, $y = \rho \sin \theta$, $z = z$

Displacement vector: $d\mathbf{R} = d\rho \mathbf{e}_\rho + \rho d\theta \mathbf{e}_\theta + dz \mathbf{e}_z$

Arc length: $ds = (d\rho^2 + \rho^2 d\theta^2 + dz^2)^{1/2}$

Volume element: $dV = \rho d\rho d\theta dz$

Gradient: $\nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho} \mathbf{e}_\rho + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \mathbf{e}_\theta + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \mathbf{e}_z$

Divergence: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial(\rho F_\rho)}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial F_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial z}$

Curl: $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{\rho} \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_\rho & \rho \mathbf{e}_\theta & \mathbf{e}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_\rho & \rho F_\theta & F_z \end{vmatrix}$

Laplacian: $\nabla^2 f = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}$

- Spherical Coordinates

Definitions: $x = r \sin \phi \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \phi \sin \theta$, $z = r \cos \phi$

Displacement vector: $d\mathbf{R} = dr \mathbf{e}_r + r d\phi \mathbf{e}_\phi + r \sin \phi d\theta \mathbf{e}_\theta$

Arc length: $ds = (dr^2 + r^2 d\phi^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \phi d\theta^2)^{1/2}$

Volume element: $dV = r^2 \sin \phi dr d\phi d\theta$

Gradient: $\nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \mathbf{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} \mathbf{e}_\phi + \frac{1}{r \sin \phi} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \mathbf{e}_\theta$

Divergence: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 F_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (F_\phi \sin \phi) + \frac{1}{r \sin \phi} \frac{\partial F_\theta}{\partial \theta}$

Curl: $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \phi} \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_r & r \mathbf{e}_\phi & (r \sin \phi) \mathbf{e}_\theta \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \\ F_r & r F_\phi & (r \sin \phi) F_\theta \end{vmatrix}$

Laplacian: $\nabla^2 f = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\sin \phi \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \phi} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \theta^2}$

- Maxwell's Equations

Maxwell's equations for the electric field \mathbf{E} and magnetic field \mathbf{B} in free space, in the absence of magnetic or polarizable media, in SI (mks) units; with charge density ρ , current density \mathbf{J} , and universal constants ϵ_0 (permittivity of free space) and μ_0 (permeability of free space) (where $\epsilon_0 \mu_0 = c^{-2}$):

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} & \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

Also: Gauss' Law: $\iint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$ (Q : total enclosed charge)