Electromagnetic Theory: Homework 5

Due: 6 September 2019

This assignment will be graded immediately after the due date. If you get all problems correct, then you will receive 100%. If you have made any errors, then I will deduct 10%, point the errors out and you must submit a corrected assignment by 13 September 2019. If there are still errors, then I will deduct another 10% and you must submit the corrected assignment by 20 September 2019. This will continue until you have solved every problem correctly. If at any stage, you can correct the remaining errors in less than ten minutes, the reduction in grade will only be 5%.

1 Fundamental theorem for gradients

Let

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2y + xy^2z.$$

- a) Determine the gradient of f.
- b) Determine the line integral of ∇f over the line consisting of the straight line segments that run as follows: $(0,0,0) \rightarrow (1,0,0) \rightarrow (1,1,0) \rightarrow (1,1,1)$.
- c) Check that the fundamental theorem for gradients for this line integral.

2 Divergence theorem

Let

$$\mathbf{v} = -3x^2y^3\mathbf{\hat{x}} - 3y^2x^3\mathbf{\hat{y}}.$$

Consider the region enclosed by the rectangular box for which $0 \le x \le 2$, $0 \le y \le 2$, and $0 \le z \le 1$.

- a) Determine $\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$ for the entire surface.
- b) Determine $\int \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \, d\tau$ for the region and verify that the divergence theorem is satisfied.

3 Surface integrals and divergence theorem

Let

$$\mathbf{v} = -2xz\mathbf{\hat{x}} + 3xz\mathbf{\hat{z}}.$$

and consider the surface consisting of the "wedge" region cross section in the xy plane is as illustrated and whose top is at z = 1 and bottom at z = 0.



- a) Determine the surface integral for each of the five surfaces.
- b) Determine $\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$ for the entire surface.
- c) Determine $\int \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \, d\tau$ for the region and verify that the divergence theorem is satisfied.

4 Uniform vector fields

- a) Let $\mathbf{v} = v\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ and consider the sphere centered at the origin. Is $\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$ positive, negative or zero for the spherical surface? Explain your answer.
- b) Consider an arbitrary uniform vector field and *any* closed surface. Is $\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$ positive, negative or zero for the spherical surface? Explain your answer.