

# Summary

1. **Introduction** The difference between scalar functions, vector functions, scalar fields and vector fields. What they represent graphically and physically. Differentiation and integration of vector functions.

## 2. Differentiation of Scalars

- $\text{grad } \phi$  ( $\nabla \phi$ ); its interpretation in terms of slope on a contour plot; its use to define directional derivative,
- Use of  $\text{grad}$  to find maxima, minima and saddles, including use of Hessian matrix to determine which; the Lagrange multiplier method for constrained optimisation

## 3. Differentiation of Vectors

- $\text{div } \mathbf{v}$  ( $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$ ); its physical interpretation; divergence-free = incompressible fluid, solenoidal force fields; proof  $\text{div curl } \mathbf{v} \equiv 0$ .
- $\text{curl } \mathbf{v}$  ( $\nabla \times \mathbf{v}$ ); its physical interpretation; curl-free = irrotational fluid, conservative force;  $\text{curl } \mathbf{v} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{v} = \nabla \phi$  (proof in  $\Leftarrow$  direction only); construction of potential  $\phi$  if  $\text{curl } \mathbf{v} = 0$ .
- derivation of simple differentiation rules and formulae using Cartesian co-ordinates; definition of the Laplacian  $\nabla^2 \phi$  in Cartesian co-ordinates, and that  $\nabla^2 = \text{div grad}$ .

## 4. Path integration

- The intrinsic parametrisation of curves  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ ; concept and simple examples; arclength  $S := \int_a^b (d\mathbf{r}/dt) dt$ .
- **Scalar path integral**  $\int_C f ds = \int_C f |(d\mathbf{r}/dt)| dt$ . Evaluate by parametrising  $C$  with  $r(t)$ , evaluating  $f$  as a function of  $t$  and calculating limits on  $t$ .
- **Work integral**  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot (d\mathbf{r}/dt) dt$ ; evaluate as in scalar case; application to work done; independence of path

property conservative  $\Rightarrow \text{curl } \mathbf{F} \Leftrightarrow \int_{C_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{C_2} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ ;  
 proof of  $\Rightarrow$ ; closed curves  $\oint \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  ( $= 0$  for conservative  $\mathbf{F}$ ).

## 5. Double and triple integrals

- **Double integrals**  $\iint_R f dx dy$ ; changing the order  $\Rightarrow$  changing the limits for non-rectangular domains; separable in rectangular domains if  $f = f(x)g(y)$ . Application to area, mass, centres of gravity and moments of inertia. Changing co-ordinates to plane polars  $\Rightarrow dx dy = r dr d\theta$ .
- **Triple integral**  $\iiint_V f dx dy dz$ ; work out limits carefully (draw a picture!) inner limits function of outer two variables, middle limit function of outer variable, outer limits constant. Similar properties to double integrals; applications to 3D area, mass, centres of gravity and moments of inertia. Use of the Jacobian as a volume element; cylindrical polar co-ordinates  $dx dy dz = r dr d\theta dz$ ; spherical polars  $dx dy dz = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$

## 6. Surface integrals

- Parametrisation of surfaces  $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$ ; orientation of surfaces (outward and inward); normal vector  $\hat{n}$  in direction  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial v}$ .
- **Flux integral**  $\int_S \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$  and **scalar surface integral**  $\int_S \mathbf{v} |d\mathbf{A}|$ ; evaluation by calculating  $d\mathbf{A} = \hat{n} dA = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial v} du dv$  and calculating limits on  $u$  and  $v$ .

## 7. The fundamental theorems

- Gauss's **Divergence Theorem** for a *closed* surface  $S$  bounding a volume  $V$ ; statement; application to evaluation of surface integrals; application to the physical meaning of div.
- **Stokes' Theorem** for a curve  $C$  bounding an *open* surface  $S$ ; statement; Green's Theorem as a special case; application to evaluation of line integrals; application to the physical meaning of curl; proof of independence of path result.