

## Closed and Exact Differential Forms-HW Problems

1. Let  $F$  be a vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Thus
 
$$F(x, y, z) = (F_1(x, y, z), F_2(x, y, z), F_3(x, y, z)).$$
 Define the following differential forms based on  $F$ :
 
$$\omega_1(F) = F_1 dx + F_2 dy + F_3 dz \quad \text{and}$$

$$\omega_2(F) = F_1 dy \wedge dz + F_2 dz \wedge dx + F_3 dx \wedge dy.$$
  - a. Suppose that  $F = \text{grad}(f)$ . Show that  $\omega_1(\text{grad}f) = df$ .
  - b. Show for any smooth vector field  $F$ ,  $d(\omega_1(F)) = \omega_2(\text{curl}(F))$ .
  - c. Show for any smooth vector field  $F$ ,
 
$$d(\omega_2(F)) = \text{Div}(F) dx \wedge dy \wedge dz.$$
  - d. Use the earlier parts to show that  $\text{curl}(\text{grad}(f)) = 0$  and  $\text{div}(\text{curl}(F)) = 0$ .
  - e. If  $F$  is a smooth vector field on a convex set  $A$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\text{curl}(F) = 0$ , show that  $F = \text{grad}(f)$  for some smooth function on  $A$ . Similarly, show if  $\text{div}(F) = 0$ , then  $F = \text{curl}(G)$  for some smooth vector field  $G$ .
  
2. Let  $\omega$  and  $\eta$  be  $k$  and  $l$  forms on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - a. Show if  $\omega$  and  $\eta$  are closed then so is  $\omega \wedge \eta$ .
  - b. Show if  $\omega$  and  $\eta$  are exact then so is  $\omega \wedge \eta$ .
  
3. Prove that any  $n + 1$  form on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is 0.

4. Let  $\omega = (1 + ye^{xy})dx + (2y + xe^{xy})dy$  be a 1-form on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

a. Show  $d\omega = 0$ .

b. Find all functions  $f(x, y)$  such that  $\omega = df$ . Notice that  $f(x, y)$  is a solution to the differential equation:

$$(1 + ye^{xy}) + (2y + xe^{xy}) \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 0.$$