

Stokes theorem

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Exercise 1 (Integration theorems). Let $(E, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an oriented Euclidean space of dimension n . Let μ be its canonical volume form. Given $A \subset E$, $i_A : A \hookrightarrow E$ denotes the inclusion map.

1. Show Green-Ostrogradski theorem: given domain $\Omega \subset E$ with smooth boundary and a compactly supported vector field X ,

$$\int_{\Omega} (\operatorname{div} X)\mu = \int_{\partial\Omega} i_{\partial\Omega}^*(X \lrcorner \mu).$$

2. Show Kelvin-Stokes theorem: if $n = 3$, given a 2-dimensional compact submanifold $\Sigma \subset E$ with boundaries,

$$\int_{\Sigma} i_{\Sigma}^*(\operatorname{curl} X \lrcorner \mu) = \int_{\partial\Sigma} i_{\partial\Sigma}^* \langle X, \cdot \rangle$$

3. Let (φ_t) be an isotopy of E of associated vector field (X_t) . Given a bounded domain $\Omega \subset E$ with smooth boundaries, show that

$$\left. \frac{d}{ds} \operatorname{Vol}(\varphi_s(\Omega)) \right|_{s=t} = \int_{\varphi_t(\Omega)} (\operatorname{div} X_t)\mu.$$

Exercise 2 (Hairy ball theorem). We want to prove that in an even dimensional sphere, every vector field must vanish at some point. Assume that there exists a non-vanishing $X \in \mathcal{X}(\mathbb{S}^n)$.

1. Show that we can assume that X has constant norm equal to 1 (seeing the sphere inside \mathbb{R}^{n+1}).
2. Let $f : [0, 1] \times \mathbb{S}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^n$ be the map

$$f_t(x) := f(t, x) = \cos(\pi t)x + \sin(\pi t)X(x).$$

Show that f is a smooth map.

3. Compute $f_0^*\mu$ and $f_1^*\mu$ where μ is the usual volume form of \mathbb{S}^n . Deduce the theorem.

Exercise 3 (Haar measure). Let G be a Lie group of dimension n . For $g \in G$, we denote by $L_g : G \rightarrow G$ the left multiplication by g .

1. Show that there exists a volume form $\omega \in \Omega^n(G)$ such that

$$(L_g)^*\omega = \omega, \quad \forall g \in G,$$

which is unique up to a non-zero scalar. The measure induced by this volume form is called a Haar measure.

2. Give a Haar measure of S^1 and $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$.