

# Quiz Sheet 7

**Instructions:** Turn in responses to TWO questions of your choice. This quiz will be timed for 15 minutes.

**Question 1.** Let  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^5$ . Let

$$F(x, y, z) = 2x_2y_2z_1 + x_1y_5z_4$$

$$G(x, y) = x_1y_3 + x_3y_1$$

$$h(w) = w_1 - 2w_3$$

- (a) Write  $AF$  and  $AG$  in terms of elementary alternating tensors, where  $A : \mathcal{L}^k(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^k(V)$  is defined by

$$Af := \sum_{\sigma \in \text{sym}(k)} (\text{sgn } \sigma) T_{\sigma} f \text{ for any } f \in \mathcal{L}^k(V)$$

*Hint: Write  $F$  and  $G$  in terms of elementary alternating tensors and use the identity that for any collection  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  of 1-tensors,  $A(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_k) = f_1 \wedge \dots \wedge f_k$  (e.g., Munkres, p. 241, Step 9).*

- (b) Express  $(AF) \wedge h$  in terms of elementary alternating tensors.  
 (c) Express  $(AF)(x, y, z)$  as a function.

**Question 2.** Do all of the following:

- (a) Given  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , define what it means for a pair  $(x, v)$  to be a *tangent vector* to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  at  $x$  and the set  $\mathcal{T}_x(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to be the *tangent space* to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  at  $x$ .  
 (b) Given an open set  $A$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , define what it means for a function  $\omega$  to be a *k-tensor field* in  $A$ . Define what it means for a function  $\omega$  to be a *differential form of order k* (or simply a *k-form*) on  $A$ .  
 (c) Let  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  be the canonical basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $(x, e_1), \dots, (x, e_n)$  be the canonical basis for  $\mathcal{T}_x(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Define what it means for the 1-forms  $\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_n$  to be the *elementary 1-forms* on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Question 3.** Do all of the following:

- (a) Given an ascending  $k$ -tuple  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_k)$  from the set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ , define what it means for a  $k$ -form  $\Phi_I$  to be an *elementary k-form* on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

(b) Show that  $\omega$  given by

$$\omega(x) = x_2 x_3 \Phi_{1,2} - x_3 \Phi_{1,3} + x_2 \cos x_1 \Phi_{2,3}$$

for every  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  is a differential form of order 2.

(c) Evaluate  $\omega(x)((x, v_1), (x, v_2))$  for  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$ .

*Hint: the determinants of  $2 \times 2$  matrices.*