

This set of homeworks should be handed in by Thursday, 18 March 2010 in the lecture.

1. For  $a, b, c > 0$  consider the ellipsoid

$$E := \{(x, y, z) \mid \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1\}.$$

Let  $\omega$  be the following differential form on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ;

$$\omega = xdy \wedge dz - ydx \wedge dz + zdx \wedge dy.$$

- (a) Calculate  $d\omega$ .  
 (b) Find an almost global parametrisation of  $E$  such that the outward unit normal vector field is positively oriented. Calculate

$$\int_E \omega.$$

**Hint:** Think of polar coordinates on the sphere.

2. Consider the 2-form  $\omega$ , defined on  $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$  by

$$\omega = \frac{x_1 dx_2 \wedge dx_3 + x_2 dx_3 \wedge dx_1 + x_3 dx_1 \wedge dx_2}{(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2)^{3/2}}.$$

- (a) Show that  $\omega$  is closed.  
 (b) Show that

$$\omega_x(v, w) = \frac{\langle v \times w, x \rangle}{\|x\|^3}.$$

- (c) For  $r > 0$ , let  $S_r(0) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \|x\| = r\}$  be the oriented sphere of radius  $r$  around the origin, such that the outward unit normal vector  $n(x) = \frac{x}{r}$  is positively oriented. Show that

$$\int_{S_r(0)} \omega = 4\pi.$$