

## 1. VECTOR POTENTIALS

Consider the 2-form  $\beta = 2yz \, dy \wedge dz + 2xz \, dz \wedge dx + 2xy \, dx \wedge dy$ .

- (a) Is  $\beta$  *closed*, that is, does  $d\beta = 0$ ?
- (b) Is  $\beta$  *exact*, that is, does there exist a 1-form  $\alpha$  such that  $d\alpha = \beta$ ?  
*If  $\beta$  is not exact, explain why. If  $\beta$  is exact, find the most general solution  $\alpha$ .*
- (c) What problem in vector calculus have you solved?