

ENGG1410-E: Short Test 2

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Write all your answers on this sheet, and use the back if necessary.

Problem 1 (30%). Let C be the curve $\mathbf{r}(t) = [5t, t^2, 3]$ from $t = 0$ to $t = 1$. Calculate $\int_C t \, ds$.

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C t \, ds &= \int_0^1 t \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt \\&= \int_0^1 t \sqrt{5^2 + (2t)^2 + 0^2} dt \\&= \int_0^1 t \sqrt{4t^2 + 25} dt. \\&= \frac{1}{8} \int_0^1 \sqrt{4t^2 + 25} d(4t^2 + 25). \\&= \frac{1}{12} (4t^2 + 25)^{3/2} \Big|_0^1. \\&= \frac{1}{12} (29^{3/2} - 25^{3/2}).\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2 (30%). Let $f(x, y, z) = e^x y + 5z$. Compute the directional derivative of $f(x, y, z)$ in the direction of $[1, 1, 1]$ at point $(1, 2, 3)$.

Answer: The unit vector in the direction of $[1, 1, 1]$ is $\mathbf{u} = [1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3}]$. Thus, the directional derivative equals

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(x, y, z) \cdot \mathbf{u} &= \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right] \cdot \mathbf{u} \\ \nabla f(x, y, z) \cdot \mathbf{u} &= [e^x y, e^x, 5] \cdot \mathbf{u} \\&= [2e, e, 5] \cdot [1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3}] \\&= (3e + 5)/\sqrt{3}.\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3 (40%). Consider the curve C that is the intersection of the following two faces:

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + y + z^2 &= 5 \\ x + y &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

Give a tangent vector of C at point $(0, 1, 2)$.

Answer: From the two equations, we have

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - x + z^2 &= 4 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 - x + 1/4 + z^2 &= 17/4 \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{x - 1/2}{\sqrt{17}/2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{17}/2}\right)^2 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Hence we can write C in the parametric form $[x(t), y(t), z(t)]$ where

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{17}}{2} \cos t \\y(t) &= 1 - x = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{17}}{2} \cos t \\z(t) &= \frac{\sqrt{17}}{2} \sin t\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, a tangent vector is $[x'(t), y'(t), z'(t)] = [-\frac{\sqrt{17}}{2} \sin t, \frac{\sqrt{17}}{2} \sin t, \frac{\sqrt{17}}{2} \cos t]$. The point $(0, 1, 2)$ is given by t satisfying $(\sqrt{17}/2) \cos t = -1/2$ and $(\sqrt{17}/2) \sin t = 2$. Therefore, a tangent vector at this point is $[-2, 2, -1/2]$.