Math 120

PSet 7

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Evaluate the scalar line integral

$$\int_C (3x + y)\, ds,$$

where C is the line segment from $(-1, 3)$ to $(4, 2)$.

Solution:

$$\int_C (3x + y)\, ds$$

$$(-1, 3) \quad (4, 2)$$

$$f(t) = (1-, 3) + t((4, 2) - (-1, 3))$$

$$f(t) = (-1, 3) + t(5, -1) = \langle -1 + 5t, 3 - t \rangle$$

$$x = -1 + 5t \quad y = 3 - t \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

$$ds = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}\, dt$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 5 \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = -1$$

$$ds = \sqrt{5^2 + (-1)^2}\, dt = \sqrt{26}\, dt$$

$$3x + y \Rightarrow 3(-1 + 5t) + (3 - t) \Rightarrow -3 + 15t + 3 - t = 14t$$

$$\int_0^1 14t\sqrt{26}\, dt \Rightarrow \sqrt{26} \int_0^1 14t\, dt$$

$$7\sqrt{26}t^2 \Big|_0^1 = 7\sqrt{26}(1)^2 - 7\sqrt{27}(0)^2 = 7\sqrt{26}$$

In this problem we will sketch part of the argument that a scalar line integral $\int_C f \, ds$ is independent of the parameterization of C that we choose to compute the integral. Suppose $\vec{r}_1(t)$, $a \leqslant t \leqslant b$, and $\vec{r}_2(t)$, $c \leqslant t \leqslant d$, are two smooth parameterizations of the same smooth curve C. Assuming that both parameterizations are in the same direction it can be shown that $\vec{r}_2(t) = \vec{r}_1(w(t))$, for some increasing function $w(t)$ satisfying $w(c) = a$ and $w(d) = b$. If this is the case, show that

$$\int_a^b f(\vec{r}_1(t)) \left| \vec{r}_1'(t) \right| dt = \int_c^d f(\vec{r}_2(t)) \left| \vec{r}_2'(t) \right| dt$$

for any continuous function f.

Solution:

$$\int_c f \, ds$$

$$\vec{r}_1(t) \quad a \leqslant t \leqslant b$$

$$\vec{r}_2(t) \quad c \leqslant t \leqslant d$$

$$\vec{r}_2(r) = \vec{r}_1(w(t)) \quad w(c) = a \quad w(d) = b$$

$$\int_a^b f(\vec{r}_1(t)) |\vec{r}_1'(t)| \, dt = \int_c^d f(\vec{r}_2(t)) |\vec{r}_2'(t)| \, dt$$

$$\vec{r}_2'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{r}_2(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{r}_1(w(t)) = \vec{r}_1'(w(t)) w'(t)$$

$$|\vec{r}_2'(t)| = |\vec{r}_1'(w(t))| \cdot |w'(t)|$$

$$\int_c^d f(\vec{r}_2(t)) |\vec{r}_2'(t)| \, dt = \int_a^b f(\vec{r}_1(t)) |\vec{r}_1'(w(t))| \cdot |w'(t)| \, dt$$

w maps $[c, d]$ to $[a, b]$, when $t = c$, $s = a$, and when $t = d$, $s = b$

$$\int_a^b f(\vec{r}_1)(w(t)) |\vec{r}_1'(w(t))| \cdot |w(t)| \, dt = \int_a^b f(\vec{r}_1(s)) |\vec{r}_1'(s)| \, ds$$

$$\int_a^b f(\vec{r}_1'(t)) |\vec{r}_1'(t)| \, dt = \int_a^b f(r_1(s)) |\vec{r}_1'(s)| \, ds = \int_c^d f(\vec{r}_2(t)) |\vec{r}_2'(t)| \, dt$$

$\therefore$ the scalar line integral is independent of the parameterization and the equality holds true for any continuous function f

Sketch the vector field $\vec{F}(x, y) = xy \, \hat{\imath} + \frac{1}{2} \, \hat{\jmath}$.

Given the contour diagram for a function f shown below, in which dark colors correspond to low values of f and light colors correspond to high values of f, sketch the gradient vector field $\vec{F} = \nabla f$.

A thin wire has the shape of the curve C parameterized by $x = \cos t$, $y = \sin t$, $z = t$, $0 \leqslant t \leqslant 4\pi$, where x, y, and z are measured in centimeters. The linear density of the wire is given by $\rho(x, y, z) = x^2 z$ grams per centimeter. Find the mass of the wire.

Solution:

$$x = \cos t \quad y = \sin t \quad z = t$$

$$0 \leqslant t \leqslant 4\pi$$

$$\rho(x, y, x) = x^2 z \frac{\text{grams}}{\text{cm}}$$

$$\text{Mass:} \ = \int_C \rho(x, y, z) ds$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\sin t \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \cos t \quad \frac{dz}{dt} = 1$$

$$ds = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} \, dt$$

$$ds = \sqrt{(-\sin(t))^2 + (\cos(t))^2 + (1)^2} \, dt$$

$$ds = \sqrt{1+1} \, dt = \sqrt{2} \, dt$$

$$\rho(x, y, z) = x^2 z \Rightarrow \cos^2 t \cdot t \Rightarrow t \cos^2 t$$

$$\text{Mass:} \int_0^{4\pi} \rho(t) ds = \int_0^{4\pi} t \cos^2 t \sqrt{2} \, dt$$

$$\sqrt{2} \int_0^4 t \cos^2 t \, dt \quad \cos^2 t = \frac{1 + \cos 2t}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{2} \int_0^{4\pi} t \left(\frac{1 + \cos 2t}{2}\right) dt \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \int_0^{4\pi} t(1 + \cos 2t) \, dt$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \int_0^{4\pi} t \, dt + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \int_0^{4\pi} t \cos 2t \, dt$$

$$\int_0^{4\pi} t \, dt = \frac{t^2}{2} \Big|_0^{4\pi} \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{16\pi^2}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{0}{2} = 4\sqrt{2}\pi^2$$

$$u = t \quad du = dt$$

$$v = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t \quad dv = \cos 2t$$

$$\int t \cos 2t \, dt = t \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t - \int \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t \, dt = \frac{1}{2} t \sin 2t + \frac{1}{4} \cos 2t + k$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{2} t \sin 2t + \frac{1}{4} \cos 2t\right]_0^{4\pi} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot 4\pi \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 1\right) - \left(0 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 1\right) = 0$$

$$4\sqrt{2}\pi^2 + 0 = 4\sqrt{2}\pi^2$$

Question 6

Let $\vec{F}$ be the vector field shown below, and let C be the unit circle, oriented clockwise. Is the vector line integral

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

positive, negative, or zero? Explain your reasoning.

Evaluate the line integral

$$\int_C \sin x \, dx + \cos y \, dy$$

where C consists of the top half of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ from $(1, 0)$ to $(-1, 0)$ and the line segment from $(-1, 0)$ to $(-2, 3)$. (Remember that when you see an integral that looks like

$$\int_C P(x, y) \, dx + \int_C Q(x, y) \, dy$$

it is a shorthand notation for

$$\int_C \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot d\vec{r}$$

where $\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle P(x, y), Q(x, y) \rangle$. The analogous thing is true in three dimensions.)

Compute the line integral of the vector field

$$\vec{F}(x, y) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \hat{i} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \hat{j}$$

along the parabola $x = 1 + y^2$ from $(2, -1)$ to $(2, 1)$.

Evaluate the line integral of the vector field

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = (x + y)\hat{i} + (y - z)\hat{j} + z^2 \hat{k}$$

along the path parameterized by

$$\vec{r}(t) = t^2 \hat{i} + t^3 \hat{j} + t^2 \hat{k}, \quad 0 \leqslant t \leqslant 1.$$

For each of the following vector fields $\vec{F}$ and curves C, find a function f such that $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ and use this function to evaluate

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

along the given directed curve C.

1. $\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle x^2, y^2 \rangle$, C is the arc of the parabola $y = 2x^2$ from $(-1, 2)$ to $(2, 8)$.

2. $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle e^y, xe^y, (z + 1)e^z \rangle$, $C : \vec{r}(t) = \langle t, t^2, t^3 \rangle$, $0 \leqslant t \leqslant 1$.

Clairaut's Theorem implies that if the vector field $\vec{F} = P\hat{i} + Q\hat{j} + R\hat{k}$ is conservative and P, Q, and R have continuous first-order partial derivatives, then

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}, \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial R}{\partial x}, \quad \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial R}{\partial y}.$$

1. Use the statement above to show that the vector line integral

$$\int_C x\,dx + 2x\,dy + xz\,dz$$

   is not independent of path.

2. Find two directed curves C_1 and C_2 that start at the same point and end at the same point, such that

$$\int_{C_1} x\,dx + 2x\,dy + xz\,dz \neq \int_{C_2} x\,dx + 2x\,dy + xz\,dz.$$

Question 12

The force exerted by an electric charge at the origin on a charged particle at a point (x, y, z) with position vector $\vec{r} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$ is

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}) = K\frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|^3},$$

where K is a constant. Find the work done on the particle as it moves along the straight line from $(0, 3, 0)$ to $(1, 3, 2)$ in two ways:

1. Parameterize the line segment, and compute

$$\int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t)\,dt$$

   directly.

2. Although $\vec{F}$ is not defined at the origin, it turns out that $\vec{F}$ is conservative on its domain. Find a potential function f, and use the Fundamental Theorem of Line Integrals to compute the work done on the particle.