

Math 120

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Question 1

Evaluate the scalar line integral

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

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

Solution:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question 2

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 $\vec{r}_1(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$, and $\vec{r}_2(t)$, $c \leq t \leq d$, 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

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

for any continuous function f .

Solution:

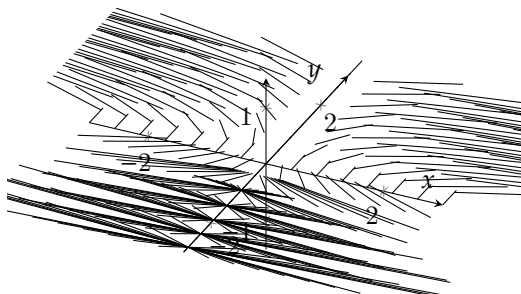
$$\begin{aligned} & \int_c^d f ds \\ & \begin{matrix} \vec{r}_1(t) & a \leq t \leq b \\ \vec{r}_2(t) & c \leq t \leq d \end{matrix} \\ & \vec{r}_2(r) = \vec{r}_1(w(t)) \quad w(c) = a \quad w(d) = b \\ & \int_a^b f(\vec{r}_1(t)) |\vec{r}_1'(t)| dt = \int_c^d f(\vec{r}_2(t)) |\vec{r}_2'(t)| dt \\ & \vec{r}_2'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{r}_2(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{r}_1(w(t)) = \vec{r}_1'(w(t)) w'(t) \\ & |\vec{r}_2'(t)| = |\vec{r}_1'(w(t))| \cdot |w'(t)| \\ & \int_c^d f(\vec{r}_2(t)) |\vec{r}_2'(t)| dt = \int_a^b f(\vec{r}_1(t)) |\vec{r}_1'(w(t))| \cdot |w'(t)| dt \\ & w \text{ maps } [c, d] \text{ to } [a, b], \text{ when } t = c, s = a, \text{ and when } t = d, s = b \\ & \int_a^b f(\vec{r}_1(w(t)) |\vec{r}_1'(w(t))| \cdot |w'(t)| dt = \int_a^b f(\vec{r}_1(s)) |\vec{r}_1'(s)| ds \\ & \int_a^b f(\vec{r}_1'(t)) |\vec{r}_1'(t)| dt = \int_a^b f(r_1(s)) |\vec{r}_1'(s)| ds = \int_c^d f(\vec{r}_2(t)) |\vec{r}_2'(t)| dt \end{aligned}$$

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

Question 3

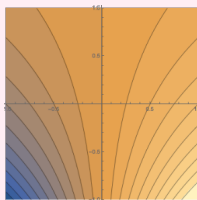
Sketch the vector field $\vec{F}(x, y) = xy \hat{i} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{j}$.

Solution:



Question 4

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 $\vec{F} = \nabla f$.



Question 5

A thin wire has the shape of the curve C parameterized by $x = \cos t$, $y = \sin t$, $z = t$, $0 \leq t \leq 4\pi$, 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:

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

$$0 \leq t \leq 4\pi$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

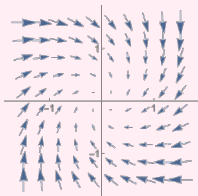
$$4\sqrt{2}\pi^2 + 0 = 4\sqrt{2}\pi^2$$

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.



Solution:

In the first quadrant (top right), the vectors point in the counterclockwise direction. In the second quadrant (top left), the vectors still circulate in a way consistent with a counterclockwise motion. In the third and fourth quadrants, the vectors similarly maintain this pattern, suggesting the field is rotating counterclockwise overall. Since the problem states the circle C is clockwise oriented, the direction of the field is opposite to the direction of the curve's traversal.

The line integral $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ measures the component of the vector field \vec{F} that aligns with the direction of traversal around the curve C . Here, the vector field rotates counterclockwise, but the traversal of C is clockwise. Since the field vectors mostly oppose the direction of movement along the curve, the dot product $\vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ will tend to be negative along the path.

Question 7

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.)

Solution:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 \quad x = \cos t \quad y = \sin t \quad t \in [0, \pi]$$

$$x(t) = (1 - t)(-1) + t(-2) \quad y(t) = (1 - t)(0) + t(3) \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

$$\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle \sin x, \cos y \rangle$$

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

$$x(t) = \cos t, \quad y(t) = \sin t, \quad t \in [0, \pi]$$

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

$$\int_{C_1} \sin x \, dx + \cos y \, dy = \int_0^\pi [\sin(\cos t)(-\sin t) + \cos(\sin t) \cos t] \, dt$$

$$\int_0^\pi \sin(\cos t)(-\sin t) \, dt + \int_0^\pi \cos(\sin t) \cos t \, dt$$

$$f(x, y) = -\cos x + \sin y$$

At $(1, 0)$:

$$f(1, 0) = -\cos(1) + \sin(0) = -\cos(1)$$

At $(-1, 0)$:

$$f(-1, 0) = -\cos(1)$$

$$\int_{C_1} \sin x \, dx + \cos y \, dy = f(-1, 0) - f(1, 0) = 0$$

$$x(t) = -1 - t, \quad y(t) = 3t, \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

$$dx = -1 \, dt, \quad dy = 3 \, dt$$

$$\int_{C_2} \sin x \, dx + \cos y \, dy = \int_0^1 [\sin(-1 - t)(-1) + \cos(3t)(3)] \, dt$$

Using $\sin(-1 - t) = -\sin(1 + t)$, the integral becomes:

$$\int_0^1 \sin(1 + t) \, dt + 3 \int_0^1 \cos(3t) \, dt$$

$$\int_0^1 \sin(1 + t) \, dt = -\cos(1 + t) \Big|_0^1 = -\cos(2) + \cos(1)$$

$$3 \int_0^1 \cos(3t) \, dt = 3 \left(\frac{1}{3} \sin(3t) \Big|_0^1 \right) = \sin(3)$$

$$\int_{C_2} \sin x \, dx + \cos y \, dy = \cos(1) - \cos(2) + \sin(3)$$

$$\int_C \sin x \, dx + \cos y \, dy = \int_{C_1} \sin x \, dx + \cos y \, dy + \int_{C_2} \sin x \, dx + \cos y \, dy$$

Since $\int_{C_1} \sin x \, dx + \cos y \, dy = 0$, the total integral is:

$$\int_C \sin x \, dx + \cos y \, dy = \cos(1) - \cos(2) + \sin(3)$$

Question 8

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 $(2, 1)$.

Solution:

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_a^b \left[F_1(x(t), y(t)) \frac{dx}{dt} + F_2(x(t), y(t)) \frac{dy}{dt} \right] dt$$

$$y = t \quad t \in [-1, 1] \quad x(t) = 1 + t^2$$

$$r(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle = \langle 1 + t^2, t \rangle \quad t \in [-1, 1]$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2t \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 2$$

$$\vec{F}(x, y) \Rightarrow \vec{F}(1 + t^2, t) = \frac{1 + t^2}{\sqrt{(1 + t^2)^2 + t^2}}\hat{i} + \frac{t}{\sqrt{(1 + t^2)^2 + t^2}}\hat{j}$$

$$\left[\frac{1 + t^2}{\sqrt{(1 + t^2)^2 + t^2}} \times 2t \right] + \left[\frac{t}{\sqrt{(1 + t^2)^2 + t^2}} \times 1 \right]$$

$$\int_a^b \left[\frac{3t + 2t^3}{\sqrt{(1 + t^2)^2 + t^2}} \right] dt$$

$$\int_a^b \frac{3t + 2t^3}{\sqrt{1 + 3t^2 + t^4}} dt$$

$$d\vec{r} = (2t\hat{i}, 2\hat{j})$$

$$\vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \frac{3t + 2t^3}{\sqrt{1 + 3t^2 + t^4}}$$

$$d \frac{d}{dt} \sqrt{1 + 3t^2 + t^4} = \frac{3t + t^2}{\sqrt{t^4 + 3t^2 + 1}}$$

$$\vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = d \left(\sqrt{t^4 + 3t^2 + 1} \right)$$

$$\int_a^b \vec{F} d\vec{r} = \left[t^4 + 3t^2 + 1 \right]_{-1}^1 = \sqrt{1^4 + 3(1)^2 + 1} - \sqrt{1 + 3(-1)^2 + (-1)^4} = 0$$

Question 9

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

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

Solution:

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} &= 2t\hat{i} + 3t^2\hat{j} + 2t\hat{k} \\ \vec{F}(t) &= [t^2 + t^3]\hat{i} + [t^3 - t^2]\hat{j} + [t^4]\hat{k} \\ \vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} &= [(t^2 + t^3)(2t)] + [(t^3 - t^2)(3t^2)] + [(t^4)(2t)] \\ \vec{F} \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} &= 2t^3 - t^4 + 5t^5 \\ \int_0^1 [2t^3 - t^4 + 5t^5] dt &= \left[\frac{1}{2}t - \frac{1}{5}t^5 + \frac{5t^6}{6} \right]_0^1 \\ \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{5}{6} \right) - 0 &= \frac{17}{15}\end{aligned}$$

Question 10

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

Solution:

$$F = \nabla f$$

$$\int_C F \cdot d\vec{r} = f(\text{end point}) - f(\text{start point})$$

Problem 1

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = x^2 \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = y^2$$

$$f(x, y) = \int x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + g(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = g'(y) = y^2$$

$$g(y) = \int_y^2 dy = \frac{1}{3}y^3$$

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{3}y^3$$

$$\int F d\vec{r} = f(2, 8) - f(-1, 2) = 171$$

Problem 2

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

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = e^x \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = xe^y \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = (z+1)e^z$$

$$f(x, y, z) = \int e^y dx = xe^y + \rho(y, z)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= xe^y + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y} \quad xe^y + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y} \quad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y} = 0 \\
\rho(x, y, z) &= \phi(z) \\
\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} &= (z+1)e^z \\
\rho(z) &= \int (z+1)e^z dz \\
u &= z+1 \quad du = 1 dz \\
v &= e^z \quad dv = e^z dz \\
\int (z+1)e^z dz &= (z+1)e^z - \int e^z dz \\
(z+1)e^z - e^z &\Rightarrow ze^z + e^z - e^z = ze^z \\
f(x, y, z) &= xe^y + ze^z \\
f(1, 1, 1) &= (1)e^1 + (1)e^1 = 2e \\
f(0, 0, 0) &= (0)e^0 + (0)e^0 = 0 \\
\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= f(1, 1, 1) - f(0, 0, 0) = 2e
\end{aligned}$$

Question 11

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.

Solution:

a)

$$\vec{r}(t) = (t, 3, 2t), \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{r}(t)| = \sqrt{5t^2 + 9}$$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) = K \frac{\langle t, 3, 2t \rangle}{(5t^2 + 9)^{3/2}}$$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = K \frac{5t}{(5t^2 + 9)^{3/2}}$$

$$W = \int_0^1 K \frac{5t}{(5t^2 + 9)^{3/2}} dt$$

Substitution: $u = 5t^2 + 9$, $du = 10t dt$

$$W = K \int_9^{14} \frac{du}{2u^{3/2}}$$

$$W = \frac{K}{2} \int_9^{14} u^{-3/2} du$$

$$W = -K \left[u^{-1/2} \right]_9^{14} = K \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \right)$$

b)

$$f(\vec{r}) = -\frac{K}{|\vec{r}|}$$

$$W = f(\vec{r}_B) - f(\vec{r}_A)$$

$$|\vec{r}_A| = 3, \quad |\vec{r}_B| = \sqrt{14}$$

$$W = K \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \right)$$