

MATH-UA 129: Homework 9

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1 Section 6.1

Problem 3

We claim the following linear transformation maps D^* to D :

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This may be verified by the following computations:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1+0 \\ -1/3+4/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1+0 \\ -1/3-2/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2+0 \\ -2/3+2/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

This transformation also preserves the order of the vertices of the parallelogram, which completes the proof.

Problem 11

Clearly, $D = T(D^*)$ is the unit ball of \mathbb{R}^3 . T is not one-to-one if one or more of the following occurs:

- $\rho = 0$: in which case, $(0, \phi, \theta) = (0, 0, 0)$ for all $\phi \in [0, \pi]$ and $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$.
- $\phi = 0$: in which case, $(\rho, 0, \theta) = (0, 0, \rho)$ for all $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$.
- $\phi = \pi$: in which case, $(\rho, \pi, \theta) = (0, 0, -\rho)$ for all $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$.
- $\theta \in \{0, 2\pi\}$: in which case, $(\rho, \phi, \theta) = (\rho, \phi, 2\pi - \theta)$ and $\theta \neq 2\pi - \theta$.

With this in mind, T is one-to-one on the following subset of D^* :

$$\{(\rho, \phi, \theta) \mid \rho \in (0, 1], \phi \in (0, \pi), \theta \in [0, 2\pi)\}$$

Problem 14

If T is not injective, then $\text{null } T$ contains a nonzero vector \mathbf{v} . As $\mathbf{0}$ lies on the span of \mathbf{v} , this vector would be an eigenvector with eigenvalue 0. Hence, the determinant of A — the product of its eigenvalues — would be 0.

Conversely, if A has determinant zero, one of its eigenvalues must be 0; then a nonzero eigenvector \mathbf{v} is mapped to zero, and $\text{null } T \neq \{\mathbf{0}\}$. Thus, T is not injective.

Taking the contrapositive yields the desired result: that $\det A \neq 0$ if and only if T is injective.

2 Section 6.2

Problem 4

Observe that

$$0 \leq u - v \leq u + v \tag{1}$$

$$0 \leq u + v \leq 1. \tag{2}$$

From $u - v \leq u + v$, we find that $0 \leq 2v$ and $0 \leq v$. We also find from (1) that $v - u \leq 0$ — which when combined with $u + v \leq 1$ from (2) yields $2v \leq 1$, so $v \leq \frac{1}{2}$.

We deduce from (1) that $v \leq u$ and from (2) that $u \leq 1 - v$. We therefore have that all solutions to (1) and (2) satisfy the following set of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq v &\leq \frac{1}{2} \\ v \leq u &\leq 1 - v. \end{aligned}$$

A quick verification yields that all such u and v satisfy (1) and (2). These equations thus form our bounds of integration.

Now clearly $x + y = 2u$; then

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2.$$

We may now use the Change of Variables Theorem to integrate the function in terms of u and v :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_D (x+y) \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_v^{1-v} 2u(2) \, du \, dv \\
 &= 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[u^2 \right]_v^{1-v} \, dv \\
 &= 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-v)^2 - v^2 \, dv \\
 &= 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} 1 - 2v \, dv \\
 &= 2 \left[v - v^2 \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= 2 \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This yields the same answer as standard integration:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_D (x+y) \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^1 \int_0^x (x+y) \, dy \, dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \left[\frac{(x+y)^2}{2} \right]_0^x \, dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{(2x)^2}{2} - \frac{x^2}{2} \, dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{3x^2}{2} \, dx \\
 &= \left[\frac{x^3}{2} \right]_0^1 \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 11

We evaluate the integral by polar substitution. Observe that if $(x, y) = (r, \theta)$, then $x^2 + y^2 \leq 4$ is equivalent to $r^2 \leq 4$, so $r \in [0, 2]$. Because the Jacobian determinant from polar to

Cartesian coordinates is r , we may now use the Change of Variables Theorem to deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_D (x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} dx dy &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 (r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} (r) dr d\theta \\
 &= 2\pi \int_0^2 r^4 dr \\
 &= 2\pi \left[\frac{r^5}{5} \right]_0^2 \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{64\pi}{5}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 16

We evaluate the integral by polar substitution. Observe that as D is the unit disc — and that the Jacobian determinant from polar to Cartesian coordinates is r — we can use the change of variables formula to find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_D (1 + x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} dx dy &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (1 + r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} r dr d\theta \\
 &= \pi \int_0^1 2r (1 + r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} dr \\
 &= \pi \left[\frac{2}{5} (1 + r^2)^{\frac{5}{2}} \right]_0^1 \\
 &= \frac{2\pi(\sqrt{2^5} - 1)}{5} \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{8\pi\sqrt{2} - 2\pi}{5}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 20

Part (a): Observe that this equation converts spherical coordinates to Cartesian. Using a geometric argument, we can see that any point on the unit sphere has a polar angle v and an azimuth angle w (letting $u = 1$) such that T maps (u, v, w) to the point. Therefore, T is onto.

Part (b): Observe that $T(1, v, w) = T(1, v + 2n_1\pi, w + 2n_2\pi)$ for all integers n_1 and n_2 by the period of sine and cosine. Therefore, T is *nowhere* one-to-one on the unit sphere.

Problem 25

We evaluate the integral by spherical substitution. Observe that the Jacobian determinant from spherical to Cartesian coordinates is $\rho^2 \sin(\phi)$, so we can use the change of variables formula to find that

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_W \frac{dx \, dy \, dz}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} &= \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \int_b^a \frac{\rho^2 \sin(\phi)}{\rho^3} \, d\rho \, d\theta \, d\phi \\ &= \left(\int_0^\pi \sin(\phi) \, d\phi \right) (2\pi) \left(\int_b^a \frac{1}{\rho} \, d\rho \right) \\ &= 4\pi \left[\ln |\rho| \right]_b^a \\ &= 4\pi (\ln(a) - \ln(b)) \\ &= \boxed{4\pi \ln \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 29

We evaluate the integral by spherical substitution. Observe that the Jacobian determinant from spherical to Cartesian coordinates is $\rho^2 \sin(\phi)$, so we can use the change of variables formula to find that (because ρ is positive)

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_W \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} e^{-(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)} \, dx \, dy \, dz &= \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \int_b^a \sqrt{\rho^2} e^{-\rho^2} (\rho^2 \sin(\phi)) \, d\rho \, d\theta \, d\phi \\ &= \left(\int_0^\pi \sin(\phi) \, d\phi \right) (2\pi) \left(\int_b^a \rho^3 e^{-\rho^2} \, d\rho \right) \\ &= 4\pi \left[-\frac{1}{2} \rho^2 e^{-\rho^2} + \int_b^a \rho e^{\rho^2} \, d\rho \right]_b^a \\ &= 4\pi \left[-\frac{1}{2} \rho^2 e^{-\rho^2} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-\rho^2} \right]_b^a \\ &= -4\pi \left[\frac{e^{-\rho^2} (\rho^2 + 1)}{2} \right]_b^a \\ &= \boxed{2\pi \left(e^{-b^2} (b^2 + 1) - e^{-a^2} (a^2 + 1) \right)}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 32

Realize that the linear map

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

transforms the unit square to the desired square, has determinant five, and preserves orientation. If the desired square is B (and if we change the *names* of the variables in the given integral), we may use the Change of Variables Theorem to deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_B (u + v) \, du \, dv &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (x + y)(5) \, dx \, dy \\
 &= 5 \int_0^1 \left[\frac{x^2}{2} + xy \right]_0^1 \\
 &= 5 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} + y \, dy \\
 &= 5 \left[\frac{y}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^1 \\
 &= 5(1) \\
 &= \boxed{5}.
 \end{aligned}$$

3 Section 6.3

Problem 5

By the formula, the x -coordinate of the center of mass is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\int_0^1 \int_{x^2}^x x(x + y) \, dy \, dx}{\int_0^1 \int_{x^2}^x (x + y) \, dy \, dx} &= \frac{\int_0^1 \left(\int_{x^2}^x x^2 \, dy + \int_{x^2}^x xy \, dy \right) \, dx}{\int_0^1 \left(\int_{x^2}^x x \, dy + \int_{x^2}^x y \, dy \right) \, dx} \\
 &= \frac{\int_0^1 x^2(x - x^2) + \frac{1}{2}x(x^2 - x^4) \, dx}{\int_0^1 x(x - x^2) + \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - x^4) \, dx} \\
 &= \frac{\int_0^1 -\frac{1}{2}x^5 - x^4 + \frac{3}{2}x^3 \, dx}{\int_0^1 -\frac{1}{2}x^4 - x^3 + \frac{3}{2}x^2 \, dx} \\
 &= \frac{\left[-\frac{1}{12}x^6 - \frac{1}{5}x^5 + \frac{3}{8}x^4 \right]_0^1}{\left[-\frac{1}{10}x^5 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{1}{2}x^3 \right]_0^1} \\
 &= \frac{11}{18}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By the formula, the y -coordinate of the center of mass is

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\int_0^1 \int_{x^2}^x y(x+y) \, dy \, dx}{\int_0^1 \int_{x^2}^x (x+y) \, dy \, dx} &= \frac{\int_0^1 \left(\int_{x^2}^x xy \, dy + \int_{x^2}^x y^2 \, dy \right) \, dx}{\int_0^1 \left(\int_{x^2}^x x \, dy + \int_{x^2}^x y \, dy \right) \, dx} \\
&= \frac{\int_0^1 \frac{1}{2}x(x^2 - x^4) + \frac{1}{3}(x^3 - x^6) \, dx}{\int_0^1 x(x - x^2) + \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - x^4) \, dx} \\
&= \frac{\int_0^1 -\frac{1}{3}x^6 - \frac{1}{2}x^5 + \frac{5}{6}x^3 \, dx}{\int_0^1 -\frac{1}{2}x^4 - x^3 + \frac{3}{2}x^2 \, dx} \\
&= \frac{\left[-\frac{1}{21}x^7 - \frac{1}{12}x^6 + \frac{5}{24}x^4 \right]_0^1}{\left[-\frac{1}{10}x^5 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{1}{2}x^3 \right]_0^1} \\
&= \frac{65}{126}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the coordinate of the center of mass is $\boxed{\left(\frac{11}{18}, \frac{65}{126} \right)}$.

Problem 6

By the formula, the x -coordinate of the center of mass is

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{x^2} x \, dy \, dx}{\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{x^2} \, dy \, dx} &= \frac{\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x(x^2) \, dx}{\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^2 \, dx} \\
&= \frac{\left[\frac{1}{4}x^4 \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\left[\frac{1}{3}x^3 \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\
&= \frac{3}{8}.
\end{aligned}$$

By the formula, the x -coordinate of the center of mass is

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{x^2} y \, dy \, dx}{\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{x^2} dy \, dx} &= \frac{\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{2}(x^4) \, dx}{\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^2 \, dx} \\ &= \frac{\left[\frac{1}{10}x^5\right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\left[\frac{1}{3}x^3\right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{3}{30}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the coordinate of the center of mass is $\boxed{\left(\frac{3}{8}, \frac{3}{30}\right)}$.

Problem 11

We evaluate the integral by spherical substitution. Observe that the Jacobian determinant from spherical to Cartesian coordinates is $\rho^2 \sin(\phi)$, so we can use the change of variables formula to find that (because ρ is positive)

$$\begin{aligned}\iiint_B \delta(x, y, z) \, dx \, dy \, dz &= \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^5 (2\rho^2 + 1)(\rho^2 \sin(\phi)) \, d\rho \, d\theta \, d\phi \\ &= \left(\int_0^\pi \sin(\phi) \, d\phi\right) (2\pi) \left(\int_0^5 2\rho^4 + \rho^2\right) \\ &= 4\pi \left[\frac{2}{5}\rho^5 + \frac{1}{3}\rho^3\right]_0^5 \\ &= \boxed{\frac{15500}{3}\pi}.\end{aligned}$$

4 Section 7.1

Problem 5

We claim the parametrization we seek is $\boxed{(3 \cos(\theta), 4 \sin(\theta), 3) \text{ for } \theta \in [0, 2\pi]}$. It is trivial to verify that all such points in the parametrization lie on the curve, by substitution — and a backwards construction may demonstrate that all points that lie on the cylinder-plane intersection exist on the parametrization.

Problem 11

Part (a): Observe that $\mathbf{c}'(t) = (0, 0, 2t)$, so $\|\mathbf{c}'(t)\| = \sqrt{0^2 + 0^2 + (2t)^2} = 2|t|$. Thus, we seek to evaluate the following integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 f(\mathbf{c}(t)) \|\mathbf{c}'(t)\| dt &= \int_0^1 e^{|t|} (2|t|) dt \\ &= 2 \int_0^1 t e^t dt \\ &= 2 \left[t e^t - e^t \right]_0^1 \\ &= \boxed{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Part (b): Observe that $\mathbf{c}'(t) = (1, 3, 2)$, so $\|\mathbf{c}'(t)\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 3^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{14}$. Thus, we seek to evaluate the following integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^3 f(\mathbf{c}(t)) \|\mathbf{c}'(t)\| dt &= \int_0^1 (3t)(2t)(\sqrt{14}) dt \\ &= 2\sqrt{14} \left[t^3 \right]_1^3 \\ &= \boxed{52\sqrt{14}}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 12

Part (a): Note that $\mathbf{c}(t) = (t, t^2, 0)$, so $\mathbf{c}'(t) = (1, 2t, 0)$; thus $\|\mathbf{c}'(t)\| = \sqrt{1^2 + (2t)^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4t^2}$. Therefore, we seek to evaluate the following integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 f(\mathbf{c}(t)) \|\mathbf{c}'(t)\| dt &= \int_0^1 t \cos(0) \sqrt{1 + 4t^2} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \int_0^1 8t \sqrt{1 + 4t^2} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left[\frac{2}{3} (1 + 4t^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \left(5^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1 \right) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{5\sqrt{5} - 1}{12}}. \end{aligned}$$

Part (b): Note that $\mathbf{c}(t) = (t, \frac{2}{3}t^{3/2}, t)$, so $\mathbf{c}'(t) = (1, t^{1/2}, 1)$; we deduce that $\|\mathbf{c}'(t)\| = \sqrt{1^2 + (t^{1/2})^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{t + 2}$. Therefore, we seek to evaluate the following integral:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_1^2 f(\mathbf{c}(t)) \|\mathbf{c}'(t)\| dt &= \int_1^2 \frac{t + \frac{2}{3}t^{3/2}}{\frac{2}{3}t^{3/2} + t} (\sqrt{2+t}) dt \\
&= \int_1^2 \sqrt{2+t} dt \\
&= \left[\frac{2}{3}(2+t)^{3/2} \right]_1^2 \\
&= \boxed{\frac{16}{3} - 2\sqrt{3}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 19

Observing that $\mathbf{c}'(t) = (2t, 1, 0)$, we seek to evaluate the following integral:

$$\int_0^1 \|\mathbf{c}'(t)\| dt = \int_0^1 \sqrt{(2t)^2 + 1^2 + 0} dt = \int_0^1 \sqrt{4t^2 + 1} dt$$

Performing the substitution $t = \frac{1}{2} \tan(u)$, we find (after a lengthy calculation) the answer

$$\boxed{\frac{2\sqrt{5} + \ln(2 + \sqrt{5})}{4}}.$$

5 Section 7.2

Problem 4

Part (a): As $\mathbf{c}(t) = (\cos(t), \sin(t))$ and $\mathbf{c}'(t) = (-\sin(t), \cos(t))$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\mathbf{c}} x dy - y dx &= \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(t)(\cos(t)) - \sin(t)(-\sin(t)) dt \\
&= \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t) dt \\
&= \int_0^{2\pi} dt \\
&= \boxed{2\pi}.
\end{aligned}$$

Part (b): As $\mathbf{c}(t) = (\cos(\pi t), \sin(\pi t))$ and $\mathbf{c}'(t) = (-\pi \sin(\pi t), \pi \cos(\pi t))$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\mathbf{c}} x \, dx + y \, dy &= \int_0^2 \cos(\pi t)(-\pi \sin(\pi t)) + \sin(\pi t)(\pi \cos(\pi t)) \, dt \\ &= \pi \int_0^2 -\cos(\pi t) \sin(\pi t) + \sin(\pi t) \cos(\pi t) \, dt \\ &= \pi \int_0^2 0 \, dt \\ &= \boxed{0}.\end{aligned}$$

Part (c): We may represent \mathbf{c} by two different paths: $(1-t, t, 0)$ for $t \in [0, 1]$ and $(0, 2-t, t-1)$ for $t \in [1, 2]$. It is trivial to verify that these two paths constitute the desired curve \mathbf{c} ; therefore, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\mathbf{c}} yz \, dx + zx \, dy + xy \, dz &= \int_0^1 (t)(0)(-1) + (0)(1-t)(1) + (1-t)(t)(0) \\ &\quad + \int_1^2 (2-t)(t-1)(0) + (t-1)(0)(-1) + (0)(2-t)(1) \, dt \\ &= \int_0^1 0 \, dt + \int_1^2 0 \, dt \\ &= \boxed{0}.\end{aligned}$$

Part (d) It is trivial to verify that the path $\mathbf{c} = (t, 0, t^2)$ from $t \in [-1, 1]$ traces the given curve; we thus have from $\mathbf{c}'(t) = (1, 0, 2t)$ that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\mathbf{c}} x^2 \, dx - xy \, dy + dz &= \int_{-1}^1 t^2(1) - t(0)(0) + 2t \, dt \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 t^2 + 2t \, dt \\ &= \left[\frac{t^3}{3} + t^2 \right]_{-1}^1 \\ &= \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}.\end{aligned}$$

Problem 8

As $\mathbf{c}(t) = (t, t^2, t^3)$ and $\mathbf{c}'(t) = (1, 2t, 3t^2)$, we have that $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{c}(t)) = (t^2, 2t, t^2)$; hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\mathbf{c}} \mathbf{F} \, ds &= \int_0^1 \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{c}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{c}'(t) \, dt \\
 &= \int_0^1 (t^2, 2t, t^2) \cdot (1, 2t, 3t^2) \, dt \\
 &= \int_0^1 t^2 + 4t^2 + 3t^4 \, dt \\
 &= \int_0^1 3t^4 + 5t^2 \, dt \\
 &= \left[\frac{3t^5}{5} + \frac{5t^3}{3} \right]_0^1 \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{34}{15}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 17

Such a curve is $\mathbf{c}(t) = (1, t+1, 3t+1)$ for $t \in [0, 1]$. As $\mathbf{c}'(t) = (0, 1, 3)$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_C 2xyz \, dx + x^2z \, dy + x^2y \, dz &= \int_0^1 2(t+1)(3t+1)(0) + (3t+1) + (t+1)(3) \, dt \\
 &= \int_0^1 6t + 4 \, dt \\
 &= \left[3t^2 + 4t \right]_0^1 \\
 &= \boxed{7}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 19

Observe that $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z)$ is the gradient of the function $f(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^{1/2}}$. Therefore, the work done is represented by the following integral, where $\mathbf{c}(t)$ for $t \in [0, 1]$ is a path

between (x_1, x_2, x_3) and (y_1, y_2, y_3) :

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\mathbf{c}} \mathbf{F} \, d\mathbf{s} &= \int_{\mathbf{c}} \nabla f \, d\mathbf{s} \\ &= f(\mathbf{c}(1)) - f(\mathbf{c}(0)) \\ &= f(y_1, y_2, y_3) - f(x_1, x_2, x_3) \\ &= \frac{1}{(y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2)^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2)^{1/2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{R_2} - \frac{1}{R_1}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the work done depends only on the two radii R_1 and R_2 .