

1. Consider the vector field $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle 2xy, x^2 - y \rangle$.
 - a) Show $\mathbf{F}(x, y)$ is conservative.
 - b) Determine the potential function f where $\nabla f = \mathbf{F}$.
 - c) Determine $\int_C \mathbf{F}(x, y) \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ where C is the curve $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \ln t, e^{t-1} \rangle$ from $(0, 1)$ to $(\ln 3, e^2)$.

2. Consider the conservative vector field $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle 3x^2z, z^2, x^3 + 2yz \rangle$.
 - a) Determine the potential function f where $\nabla f = \mathbf{F}$.
 - b) Determine $\int_C \mathbf{F}(x, y, z) \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ where C is the curve $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t^2 \sin(t + 1), t^3, t \cos(t + 1) \rangle$ from $(1, -1, -1)$ to $(0, 0, 0)$.

Answers:

1.

- a) $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle 2xy, x^2 - y \rangle = \langle P, Q \rangle \rightarrow \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$ which gives $\frac{\partial(x^2 - y)}{\partial x} = 2x = \frac{\partial(2xy)}{\partial y}$
- b) Given $f_x = 2xy$ and $f_y = x^2 - y$, we get $\int f_x dx = \int (2xy) dx = x^2 y + G(y) + C = f(x, y)$ and $\int f_y dy = \int (x^2 - y) dy = x^2 y - \frac{1}{2} y^2 + H(x) + C = f(x, y)$. Thus $f(x, y) = x^2 y - \frac{1}{2} y^2 + C$.
- c) From $(0, 1)$ to $(\ln 3, e^2)$ is $t_1 = 1$ and $t_2 = 3$, so $\int_C \mathbf{F}(x, y) \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(\ln 3, e^2) - f(0, 1)$
 $= \left((\ln 3)^2 * e^2 - \frac{1}{2} * (e^2)^2 \right) - \left(0^2 * 1 - \frac{1}{2} * 1^2 \right) = (\ln 3)^2 * e^2 - \frac{1}{2} * (e^2)^2 + \frac{1}{2}$.

2.

- a) Given $f_x = 3x^2 z$, $f_y = z^2$, and $f_z = x^3 + 2yz$, we get
 $\int f_x dx = \int (3x^2 z) dx = x^3 z + G(y, z) + C = f(x, y, z)$,
 $\int f_y dy = \int (z^2) dy = yz^2 + H(x, z) + C = f(x, y, z)$, and
 $\int f_z dz = \int (x^3 + 2yz) dz = x^3 z + yz^2 + I(x, y) + C = f(x, y, z)$.
Therefore $f(x, y, z) = x^3 z + yz^2 + C$.
- b) $\int_C \mathbf{F}(x, y, z) \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(0, 0, 0) - f(1, -1, -1) = (0^3 * 0 + 0 * 0^2) - (1^3 * -1 - 1 * (-1)^2) = 1 + 1 = 2$