Multiple Integrals & Vector Calculus

Problem Set 2

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$$\nabla(\ln r) = -\frac{1}{r}\hat{r} \tag{1}$$

$$\nabla(1/r) = -\frac{1}{r^2}\hat{r} \tag{2}$$

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At (1,0,-2):

$$\nabla(F+G) = \nabla F + \nabla G = \begin{pmatrix} 2xz - ye^{y/x}/x^2 \\ e^{y/x}/x \\ x^2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -y^2 \\ 2z^2 - 2yx \\ 4zy \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 9 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(3)

and

$$\nabla(FG) = f\nabla G + g\nabla F = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ -8\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4}$$

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(a) By chain rule, the total derivatives of x can be expressed as

$$dx = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} du + \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} dv$$

$$= \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy \right) + \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) dx + \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) dy$$
(5)

Comparing the coefficients of dx and dy, we have

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 1 \tag{6}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \tag{7}$$

Generalising this result to the elements of the product AB, we have

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I \tag{8}$$

(b) For polar coordinates, the matrices are given by:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} x/\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} & y/\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ -y/(x^2 + y^2) & -x/(x^2 + y^2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta/r & \cos \theta/r \end{pmatrix}$$
(9)

so that AB = I as expected.

(c) Since AB = I, $B = A^{-1}$. But A is just the Jacobian matrix of the transformation from Cartesian to polar coordinates. Therefore:

$$\det \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} = \det(B) = \det(A^{-1}) = 1/\det \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)}$$
(10)

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(a) We have u = x + y and v = x - y and $u \in [-1, 1], v \in [-3, 1]$. The Jacobian is:

$$\left| \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} \right| = 2 \tag{11}$$

The integral evaluates to:

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \int_{-1}^{1} \left[\frac{(u+v)^{2}}{4} + \frac{(u-v)^{2}}{4} \right] 2 \, du \, dv$$

$$= \int_{-1}^{1} \int_{-1}^{1} (u^{2} + v^{2}) \, du \, dv$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} \tag{12}$$

We have u = x + y and v = x - y and $u \in [-2, 0], v \in [0, 2]$.

The integral evaluates to:

$$\int_{0}^{2} \int_{-2}^{0} \left[\frac{(u+v)^{2}}{4} + \frac{(u-v)^{2}}{4} \right] 2 \, du dv$$

$$= \int_{0}^{2} \int_{-2}^{0} (u^{2} + v^{2}) \, du dv$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} \tag{13}$$

(b)

$$\frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} = y\frac{1}{x} + x\frac{y}{x^2} = \frac{2y}{x} = 2v \tag{14}$$

The integral evaluates to:

$$\int_{1/2}^{2} \int_{0}^{1} e^{-u} 2v \, du dv = \frac{15}{4} (1 - e^{-1})$$
(15)

$$\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} = \frac{1}{2v} \tag{16}$$

The integral evaluates to:

$$\int_{1/2}^{2} \int_{0}^{1} e^{-u} \frac{1}{2v} \, \mathrm{d}u \, \mathrm{d}v = \ln 2(1 - e^{-1}) \tag{17}$$

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(a) On the straight line from (0,0,0) to (1,2,0), y=2x and z=0. We also have dy=2dx. The path integral is:

$$\int \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_0^1 4x - 16x^4 dx + \int_0^1 (-32x^4 - 12x^2) 2 dx = -22$$
 (18)

(b) Following the suggested path, the integral evaluates to:

$$\int \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 4 + \int_0^1 4x \, dx + \int_0^2 (-4y^3 - 3y^2) \, dy - 4 = -22$$
 (19)

Let $V = 4z + \phi(x, y)$ for some function $\phi(x, y)$. Thee for $\mathbf{A} = \nabla V$, we need $\partial \phi / \partial x = 4x - y^4$, implying:

$$\phi(x,y) = 2x^2 - y^4 x + \psi(y) \tag{20}$$

for some function $\psi(y)$.

Comparing with $\partial \phi/\partial y = -4xy^3 - 3y^2$ gives $\psi(y) = -y^3 + C$. Therefore, a possible choice for V is:

$$V = 4z + 2x^2 - y^4x - y^3 + C (21)$$

This proves that **A** is conservative.

Alternatively, compute the curl of **A**:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \det \begin{pmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 4x - y^4 & -4xy^3 - 3y^2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$
 (22)

This proves that **A** is conservative.

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(a) On the suggested parametric curve, the infinitesimal element of the path is:

$$d\mathbf{l} = \begin{pmatrix} dx \\ dy \\ dz \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} dt \\ 2t dt \\ 3t^2 dt \end{pmatrix} \tag{23}$$

and the field has the form:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 9t^2 \\ -14t^5 \\ 20t^7 \end{pmatrix} \tag{24}$$

The path integral is thus:

$$\int \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_0^1 9t^2 - 28t^6 + 60t^9 dt = 5$$
 (25)

(b) On the suggested path, the integral evaluates to:

$$\int \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_0^1 3x^2 dx + \int_0^1 20z^2 dz = \frac{23}{3}$$
 (26)

(c) On the straight line from (0,0,0) to (1,1,1), x=y=z. The integral evaluates to:

$$\int \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_0^1 3x^2 + 6x - 14x^2 + 20x^3 dx = \frac{13}{3}$$
 (27)

Since the integral is path dependent, the field is not conservative.

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(a) A hemisphere of radius a is defined over the region $\{(r, \theta, \phi) \mid r = a, \theta \in [0, \pi], \phi \in [0, \pi]\}$. The surface area is given by the integral:

$$A = \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi a^2 \sin\theta \, \mathrm{d}\theta \, \mathrm{d}\phi = 2\pi a^2 \tag{28}$$

(b) To compute the surface area on the x-y plane, we integrate infinitesimal area elements on the region $\{(r,\theta) \mid r = [0,a], \theta \in [0,2\pi]\}$. The infinitesimal area element can be expressed as

$$dA = a^2 d\beta d\theta = \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 - r^2}} dr d\theta$$
 (29)

where $\cos \beta = r/a$ is the polar angle.

Thus the surface area can be expressed as a double integral:

$$A = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 - r^2}} dr d\theta = 2\pi a^2$$
 (30)

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(a) Operating in cylindrical coordinates, the surface is defined by the region:

$$D = \{ (r\cos\theta, r\sin\theta, z) \mid r \in [0, 3], \theta \in [0, 2\pi], z = (13 - r\cos\theta + 2r\sin\theta)/5 \}$$
 (31)

The Jacobian associated with the transformation $(x,y) \to (r,\theta)$ is:

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = r \tag{32}$$

The surface area is given by the integral:

$$A = \int_{D} \sqrt{1 + (z_{x})^{2} + (z_{y})^{2}} \, dx dy = \int_{D} \sqrt{\frac{6}{5}} \, dx dy = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{3} \sqrt{\frac{6}{5}} r \, dr d\theta = 9\pi \sqrt{\frac{6}{5}}$$
 (33)

(b) The surface area is given by the integral:

$$A = \int_{D} \sqrt{1 + (z_{x})^{2} + (z_{y})^{2}} \, dx dy = \int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1 - x} \sqrt{3} \, dy dx = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$
 (34)

The coordinates of the centre of mass are given by:

$$x_{CM} = \frac{\int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} \sqrt{3}x \, dy dx}{\sqrt{3}/2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$y_{CM} = \frac{\int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} \sqrt{3}y \, dy dx}{\sqrt{3}/2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$z_{CM} = \frac{\int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} \sqrt{3}(1-x-y) \, dy dx}{\sqrt{3}/2} = \frac{1}{3}$$
(35)

The surface can also be viewed as an isosceles triangle with side length $\sqrt{2}$ so that the area is:

$$A = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \tag{36}$$

The coordinates of the centre of mass are the same because in the given equation x + y + z = 1, we can exchange any coordinate with others, leading to a high degree of symmetry.