

Exercise. Let C be the curve in \mathbf{R}^2 given by $\psi(t) = (t \cos t, t \sin t)$, where $0 \leq t \leq 2$. Let $\nu = -ydx + xdy$. Compute $\int_C \nu$ (with the induced orientation).

Solve.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C \nu &= \int_{[1,2]} \nu\left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}\right) dt \\ &= \int_{[1,2]} \nu(\cos t - t \sin t, \sin t + t \cos t) dt \\ &= \int_{[1,2]} -(\sin t + t \cos t)(\cos t - t \sin t) + (\cos t - t \sin t)(\sin t + t \cos t) dt \\ &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

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