## **Vector Calculus**

**1.** Let S be a positively oriented surface and let  $c = \partial S$  (the boundary of S) be a positively oriented, piecewise smooth curve. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}$  be a  $C^2$  function on S (twice continuously differentiable). Show that,

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} f \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 0 \tag{1}$$

Use this to evaluate the work done by,

$$\mathbf{F}(x,y,z) = 2(x^3 + xy^2 + xz^2, x^2y + y^3 + yz^2, x^2z + y^2z + z^3)$$

on any piecewise smooth, positively oriented closed curve c. Hint: Use Stoke's theorem to show that (1) holds.

We apply Stoke's theorem to the vector field  $f\nabla f$ . As such, we take the curl of  $f\nabla f$ . Realizing that  $f\nabla f=(ff_x,ff_y,ff_z)$ , we have,

$$\nabla \times f \nabla f = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ f f_x & f f_y & f f_z \end{vmatrix}$$

Notice that  $f \in \mathbb{C}^2$ , so mixed partials of f commute. As such, the x component of the curl is given by,

$$f_y f_z + f f_{zy} - f_z f_y - f f_{yz} = 0$$

A similar argument may be made for the y and z component of the curl. As such,  $\nabla \times f \nabla f = \mathbf{0}$ . This proves that (1) holds. Moreover, we may write,

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)(2x, 2y, 2z)$$

Setting  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  shows that  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = f \nabla f$ , so  $\int_c \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 0$  for any piecewise smooth, positively oriented closed curve c.

**2.** Evaluate  $\int_c \mathbf{F} \cdot dr$ , where  $\mathbf{F}(x,y,z) = (y,2z,3x)$  and c is the intersection of the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  and the plane z = y oriented counterclockwise as seen from above.

We apply Stoke's theorem to the disk induced by intersecting the plane z = y with the given cylinder. I encourage you to draw/graph this if this is not clear. Now, computing the curl,

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = (-2, -3, -1)$$

There are many ways to parameterize the induced surface. A trivial parameterization will do since the surface is determined by a function. Letting P = -2, Q = -3, and R = -1, we set up,

$$\int \int_{S} (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int \int_{D} \left( -P \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - Q \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + R \right) dA = 2 \int \int_{D} dA$$

When the plane intersects the cylinder, the constraints on x and y remain tied to the cylinder. Namely,  $x^2 + y^2 \le 1$  for every point on S. As such, D is a circle of radius 1, so,

$$2\int\int_{D}dA=2\pi$$

**3.** Evaluate the surface integral  $\int \int_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$  where  $\mathbf{F}(x,y,z) = (x+y^2+1,y+xz,0)$  and S consists of the part of the cone  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$  bounded by the disk  $0 \le x^2 + y^2 \le 1$ , z = 1, and the disk  $0 \le x^2 + y^2 \le 4$ , z = 2.

The divergence theorem applies as S is the closed boundary of a solid. Computing the divergence gives  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = 2$ . We now must take a triple integral over the region bounded by S:

$$\iint_{S} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iint_{E} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV = 2 \iint_{E} dV$$

We appeal to cylindrical coordinates to compute the integral above. Computing the volume element as  $dV = rdzdrd\theta$ , we divide the integral into pieces: the first piece is over the cylindrical region bounded by  $x^2 + y^2 \le 1$  and  $1 \le z \le 2$ . The second region is the rest of the solid, which resembles a torus. In the second region, the lower bound for z is given by the cone's formula:  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ , so the lower bound for z in polar terms is r. The upper bound is the upper plane z = 2. The limits in the  $(r, \theta)$  plane are given by an annulus in the second region. Again, I encourage you to draw a picture and think about the bounds we get here:

$$2 \int \int \int_{E} dV = 2 \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{1} \int_{1}^{2} r dz dr d\theta + 2 \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{1}^{2} \int_{r}^{2} r dz dr d\theta = \frac{14\pi}{3}$$

**4.** Use the following guide to calculate  $\int_c \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  where c is a path from (0,0,0) to  $(\pi,\pi/2,\pi/3)$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  is defined as,

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (\cos x \tan z, 1, \sin x \sec^2 z)$$

- (a) Show that  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative in a suitable domain.  $\mathbf{F}$  may be defined in a simply connected domain containing a path from our points listed above (for instance, the domain may look like a spheroid, or something similar). Moreover, the curl of  $\mathbf{F}$  is  $\mathbf{0}$ , which you can easily check. It follows that  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative.
- (b) Find a real-valued function f such that  $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$ .

A function f that is defined in a domain where  $\mathbf{F}$  is defined may be found as follows: we know that  $\cos x \tan z$  should be  $f_x$ , so integrating with respect to x gives,

$$f(x, y, z) = \int \cos x \tan z dx = \sin x \tan z + g(y, z)$$

Moreover,  $f_y = 1$ , so we have,

$$f_y = 1 = g'(y, z)$$
  $\Longrightarrow$   $g(y, z) = y + h(x)$   $\Longrightarrow$   $f(x, y, z) = \sin x \tan z + y + h(x)$ 

Finally, we solve for h(x), knowing that  $f_z = \sin x \sec^2 z$ . But if h(x) is constant, our candidate function f(x, y, z) already satisfies  $\nabla f = \mathbf{F}$ . Thus,  $f(x, y, z) = \sin x \tan z + y + C$  for a constant C. In the next part of this problem, we may take C to be zero without loss of generality, as is easily observed by evaluating  $f(\mathbf{b}) - f(\mathbf{a})$ .

- (c) Since a potential function can be found, evaluate  $\int_c \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  by taking  $f(\mathbf{b}) f(\mathbf{a})$ , where **b** is the end point of c and **a** is the starting point of c.
  - Since **F** is independent of path in its domain of definition (discussed in part a)), we may evaluate the given line integral by simply taking  $f(\pi, \pi/2, \pi/3) f(0, 0, 0) = \pi/2$ .