MAST20009 Vector Calculus

Practice Class 8 Questions

Integrals of scalar functions over surfaces

Let f(x, y, z) be a continuous function defined on a smooth parametrised surface S. We define

$$\iint\limits_{S} f dS = \iint\limits_{D} f \left[\Phi(u, v) \right] | \boldsymbol{T}_{u} \times \boldsymbol{T}_{v}| \, du \, dv$$

where $\Phi: D \to S$ and $\Phi(u, v) = (x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v)).$

- 1. Let S be the surface of the hemisphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2$, $z \ge 0$.
 - (a) Using spherical coordinates, determine a parametrisation for S.
 - (b) Using part (a), evaluate

$$\iint_{S} z \, dS.$$

A special case

If the surface S can be written as z = f(x, y), then

$$\iint_{S} g \, dS = \iint_{D} \frac{g[x, y, f(x, y)]}{\left| \hat{\boldsymbol{n}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{k}} \right|} \, dx \, dy$$

where $\hat{\boldsymbol{n}}$ is the unit normal to S.

2. Using the special case formula for z = f(x, y), evaluate

$$\iint_{S} x + y + 2z \, dS$$

where S is the triangle with vertices (2,0,0), (0,1,0), and (0,0,2).

Integrals of vector fields over surfaces

Let $\mathbf{F}(x,y,z)$ be a continuous vector field defined on a smooth, orientable parametrised surface S. We define

$$\iint\limits_{S} \boldsymbol{F} \cdot d\boldsymbol{S} = \iint\limits_{S} \boldsymbol{F} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{n}} \, dS = \iint\limits_{D} \boldsymbol{F} \cdot (\boldsymbol{T}_{u} \times \boldsymbol{T}_{v}) \, du \, dv$$

where $\Phi: D \to S$ and $\Phi(u, v) = (x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v))$

and $\hat{\boldsymbol{n}}$ is the unit outward normal to S.

- 3. Let S be the surface of the open cone $z=\sqrt{x^2+y^2},\,z\leq 1,$ oriented with outward unit normal.
 - (a) Using cylindrical coordinates, determine a parametrisation for S.
 - (b) Using part (a), evaluate

$$\iint\limits_{S} \boldsymbol{F} \cdot d\boldsymbol{S}$$

where
$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = 3x\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + y^2\mathbf{k}$$
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When you have finished the above questions, continue working on the questions in the Vector Calculus Problem Sheet Booklet.