

Solutions to Quiz 20 Practice Problems

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1. Use Green's Theorem to evaluate the given line integral. Assume the orientation of the curve is positive, unless otherwise indicated.

(a) $\int_C x^2 y^2 dx + 4xy^3 dy$, where C is the triangle with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(1, 3)$, and $(0, 3)$.

The curve C bounds the triangular region D described by $3x \leq y \leq 1$, for $0 \leq x \leq 1$, so by Green's Theorem we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C x^2 y^2 dx + 4xy^3 dy &= \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial 4xy^3}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial x^2 y^2}{\partial y} \right) dA = \int_0^1 \int_{3x}^1 (4y^3 - 2x^2 y) dy dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (1 - x^2 - 72x^4) dx = 1 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{72}{5}.\end{aligned}$$

(b) $\int_C x e^{-2x} dx + (x^4 + 2x^2 y^2) dy$, where C is the boundary of the region between the circles $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 4$.

Here, our region is described best in polar coordinates as $1 \leq r \leq 2$, with $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$. We have

$$\frac{\partial x^4 + 2x^2 y^2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial x e^{-2x}}{\partial y} = 4x^3 + 4xy^2 = 4x(x^2 + y^2) = 4r^3 \cos \theta$$

in polar coordinates. Thus, by Green's Theorem we have

$$\int_C x e^{-2x} dx + (x^4 + 2x^2 y^2) dy = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^2 4r^4 \cos \theta dr d\theta = 0.$$

Note: the fact that this integral is zero tells us that the integral around the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ is equal to the integral around the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, since C consists of two circles, with positive orientation for the outer circle, and negative orientation for the inner circle.

(c) $\int_C y^3 dx - x^3 dy$, where C is the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$.

We have $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -3x^2 - 3y^2 = -3r^2$, and C bounds the region given in polar coordinates by $0 \leq r \leq 2$, with $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$. Thus, we have

$$\int_C y^3 dx - x^3 dy = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 (-3r^2)r dr d\theta = -\frac{3\pi}{2}.$$

(d) $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$, where $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle y^2 \cos x, x^2 + 2y \sin x \rangle$ and C is the triangular path from $(0, 0)$ to $(2, 6)$ to $(2, 0)$, and back to $(0, 0)$.

First, we note that the given path is the negatively-oriented boundary of the region given by $0 \leq x \leq 2$, $0 \leq y \leq 3x$, so we have

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = - \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA = - \int_0^2 \int_0^{3x} (2x) dy dx = - \int_0^2 6x^2 dx = -16.$$

2. Find a normal vector to the given parameterized surface at the given point:

(a) $x = 2u$, $y = u^2 + v$, $z = v^2$, at the point $(0, 1, 1)$.

With $\mathbf{r}(u, v) = \langle 2u, u^2 + v, v^2 \rangle$, we have $\mathbf{r}_u(u, v) = \langle 2, 2u, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_v(u, v) = \langle 0, 1, 2v \rangle$. At the point $(0, 1, 1)$ we have $2u = 0$, so $u = 0$, and comparing y -coordinates, $0^2 + v = 1$, which gives $v = 1$ (and we can check that $1^2 = 1$ works for the z -coordinate).

Since $\mathbf{r}_u(0, 1) = \langle 2, 0, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_v(0, 1) = \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle$, we have

$$\mathbf{N}(0, 1) = \mathbf{r}_u(0, 1) \times \mathbf{r}_v(0, 1) = \langle 2, 0, 0 \rangle \times \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle = \langle 0, -4, 2 \rangle.$$

(b) $x = u^2 - v^2$, $y = u + v$, $z = u^2 + 4v$, at the point $(-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 2)$.

We have $\mathbf{r}(u, v) = \langle u^2 - v^2, u + v, u^2 + 4v \rangle$, so $\mathbf{r}_u(u, v) = \langle 2u, 1, 2u \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_v(u, v) = \langle -2v, 1, 4 \rangle$. We now need to determine the values of u and v that correspond to the point $(-1/4, 1/2, 2)$. It's possible to guess the answer, but if you want to proceed systematically, note that if we take the difference of the z and x coordinates, we have

$$(u^2 + 4v) - (u^2 - v^2) = v^2 + 4v = 2 - \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{9}{4},$$

so $v^2 + 4v - \frac{9}{4} = (v - \frac{1}{2})(v + \frac{9}{2}) = 0$, giving either $v = \frac{1}{2}$ or $v = -\frac{9}{2}$. The first solution works in all three coordinates if we take $u = 0$, and you can check that $v = 9/2$ does not lead to consistent values for u in all three coordinates. Thus $u = 0$ and $v = 1/2$, giving us

$$\mathbf{r}_u(0, 1/2) = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle, \mathbf{r}_v(0, 1/2) = \langle -1, 1, 4 \rangle, \mathbf{N}(0, 1/2) = \langle 4, 0, 1 \rangle.$$