

Multivariable Calculus - Problem Class 6

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Question 2

Calculate

$$\int_C \mathbf{r} \circ d\mathbf{r}$$

where C is any curve connecting the point \mathbf{r}_1 to \mathbf{r}_2 .

My Solution 2

Method 1

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C \mathbf{r} \circ d\mathbf{r} &= \int_C d\left(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{r}\right) \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{r}\right]_{\mathbf{r}_1}^{\mathbf{r}_2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{r}_2|^2 - \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{r}_1|^2\end{aligned}$$

Method 2

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let } f &= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{r} \\ \implies \nabla f &= \mathbf{r} \\ \text{Since } \nabla\left(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{r}\right) &= \frac{1}{2}\nabla(r^2) \\ &= \frac{2r}{2}\nabla r \\ &= r\left(\frac{\mathbf{r}}{r}\right) \\ &= \mathbf{r}\end{aligned}$$

Question 4

Let ϕ be a scalar field. use the divergence theorem to show that

$$\int_V \nabla \phi dV = \int_{\partial V} \phi \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS$$

My Solution 4

The Divergence Theorem states

$$\int_V \nabla \circ \mathbf{f} dV = \int_{\partial V} \mathbf{f} \circ d\mathbf{S}$$

Let $\mathbf{f} = \phi(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{a}$ where $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is constant.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \circ \mathbf{f} &= \nabla \circ (\phi(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{a}) \\ &= (\nabla \phi) \circ \mathbf{a} + \phi(\nabla \circ \mathbf{a}) \\ &= (\nabla \phi) \circ \mathbf{a}\end{aligned}$$

By applying the divergence theorem

$$\mathbf{a} \circ \int_V \nabla \phi dV = \mathbf{a} \circ \int_{\partial V} \phi d\mathbf{S}$$

This holds $\forall \mathbf{a}$ so

$$\int_V \nabla \phi dV = \int_{\partial V} \phi d\mathbf{S} = \int_{\partial V} \phi \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS$$

Question 5.1

A vector field \mathbf{F} is given by $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (xy, yz, xz)$. Calculate $\nabla \circ \mathbf{F}$.

My Solution 5.1

$$\nabla \circ \mathbf{F}(x) = x + y + z$$

Question 5.2

The volume, V of a tetrahedron is bounded by four triangular surfaces formed by the intersection of the planes $x = 0$, $y = 0$, $z = 0$ and $x + y + z = 1$.

Calculate the volume integral

$$\int_V \nabla \circ \mathbf{F} dV$$

My Solution 5.2

$$\begin{aligned} \int_V \nabla \circ \mathbf{F} dV &= \int_{x=0}^{x=1} \int_{y=0}^{y=1-x} \int_{z=0}^{z=1-x-y} (x + y + z) dz dy dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^{x=1} \int_{y=0}^{y=1-x} \left((x + y)(1 - x - y) + \frac{1}{2}(1 - x - y)^2 \right) dy dx \\ &= \dots \end{aligned}$$

Question 5.3

State the divergence theorem and use it to calculate the value of the integral in 5.2 by an independent method.

My Solution 5.3

$$\int_V \nabla \circ \mathbf{F} dV = \int_{\partial V} \mathbf{F} \circ d\mathbf{S}$$

where $\partial V = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_3 \cup S_4$.

Let S_1 be the volume surface in $x = 0$ plane

$$\implies \mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (0, yz, 0) \text{ and } \partial \mathbf{S} = \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS = -\hat{\mathbf{x}} dS$$

$$\implies \mathbf{F} \circ d\mathbf{S} = 0 \text{ on } S_1.$$

Similarly $\mathbf{F} \circ d\mathbf{S} = 0$ on S_2 & S_3 .

$$\implies \int_{\partial V} \mathbf{F} \circ d\mathbf{S} = \int_{S_4} \mathbf{F} \circ d\mathbf{S}.$$

Let $D = \{(x, y) | 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 - x\}$ and $\mathbf{s}(x, y) = (x, y, 1 - x - y)$ for $(x, y) \in D$.

Now mechanical

Question 6

If $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r}) = (0, x, 0)$ and $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{r}) = (-y, 0, 0)$ show that, for any closed curve $C \in \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\int_C \mathbf{f} \circ d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \mathbf{g} \circ d\mathbf{r}$$

My Solution 6Method 1

Consider $\int_C (\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{g}) \circ d\mathbf{r}$

We want to show $\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{g} = \nabla f$ so that we can use the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

This requires $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = g \implies f = yx$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x \implies f = xy$.

These both produce the same result, so hold.

Set $\nabla(x, y) = \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{g}$.

$$\implies \int_C (\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{g}) d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \nabla f \circ d\mathbf{r} = 0$$

Since it is a closed loop.

Method 2

Set $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{g} = (y, x, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \int_C \mathbf{A} \circ d\mathbf{r} &= \int_C \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \circ d\mathbf{S} && \text{Stokes' Theorem} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{A} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}} & \hat{\mathbf{y}} & \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ y & x & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (0, 0, 1 - 1) \\ &= \mathbf{0} \\ \implies \int_C \mathbf{A} \circ d\mathbf{r} &= \int_S \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \circ d\mathbf{S} \\ &= \int_S 0 d\mathbf{S} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$