

Multivariable Calculus - Problem Sheet 4

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Question 4

Calculate the integral $\int_C \mathbf{F} \circ d\mathbf{r}$ when $\mathbf{F} = (-x^2y, xy^2, 0)$ and C is a square in the (x, y) plane with vertices at $(0, 0), (l, 0), (l, l), (0, l)$ which is oriented anticlockwise.

My Solution 4

C can be describe by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{p}_1(t) &= (t, 0, 0), \\ \mathbf{p}_2(t) &= (l, t, 0), \\ \mathbf{p}_3(t) &= (l - t, l, 0) \text{ \& } \\ \mathbf{p}_4(t) &= (0, l - t, 0) \text{ for } t \in [0, 1]\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{p}'_1(t) &= (1, 0, 0), \\ \mathbf{p}'_2(t) &= (0, 1, 0), \\ \mathbf{p}'_3(t) &= (-1, 0, 0) \text{ \& } \\ \mathbf{p}'_4(t) &= (0, -1, 0).\end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}_1(t)) &= \mathbf{F}(t, 0, 0) = \mathbf{0}, \\ \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}_2(t)) &= \mathbf{F}(l, t, 0) = (-l^2t, lt^2, 0), \\ \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}_3(t)) &= \mathbf{F}(l - t, l, 0) = (-l(l - t)^2, (l - t)l^2, 0) \text{ \& } \\ \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}_4(t)) &= \mathbf{F}(0, l - t, 0) = \mathbf{0}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}) \circ d\mathbf{r} &= \sum_{i=1}^4 \int_0^1 \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}_i(t)) \circ \mathbf{p}'_i(t) dt \\ &= 0 + \int_0^1 (-l^2t, lt^2, 0) \circ (0, 1, 0) dt + \int_0^1 (-l(l - t)^2, (l - t)l^2, 0) \circ (-1, 0, 0) dt + 0 \\ &= \int_0^1 lt^2 + l(l - t)^2 dt \\ &= \int_0^1 2lt^2 + l^3 - 2l^2t dt \\ &= \left. \frac{2lt^3}{3} + l^3t - l^2t^2 \right|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{2l}{3}\end{aligned}$$

Question 6

Let $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}) = (-y^2, x, z^2)$ and define a curve C in \mathbb{R}^3 to be the intersection of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and the plane $y + z = 2$.

Question 6.1

Compute

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

My Solution 6.1

The equation $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ can be parametrised as $x(\theta) = \cos(\theta)$, $y(\theta) = \sin(\theta)$ for $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$.

Since $y + z = 2$ then $z = 2 - y \equiv z(\theta) = 2 - \sin(\theta)$.

Thus, C can be describe by $\mathbf{p}(\theta) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta, 2 - \sin \theta)$ for $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{p}'(\theta) &= (-\sin \theta, \cos \theta, 2 - \cos \theta) \\
 \& \quad \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}(\theta)) &= (-\sin^2 \theta, \cos \theta, (2 - \sin \theta)^2) \\
 \implies \int_C \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}) \circ d\mathbf{r} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}(\theta)) \circ \mathbf{p}'(\theta) d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} -\sin^3 \theta + \cos^2 \theta + (2 - \cos \theta)(2 - \sin \theta)^2 d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} -\sin \theta(1 - \cos^2 \theta) + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2\theta) + 2(2 - \sin \theta)^2 - \cos \theta(2 - \sin \theta)^2 d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} -\sin \theta + \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta + 8 - 8 \sin \theta + 2 \sin^2 \theta - \cos \theta(2 - \sin \theta)^2 d\theta \\
 &= \cos \theta - \frac{1}{3}(\cos^3 \theta) + \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4}(\sin 2\theta) + 8\theta - 8 \cos \theta + \theta - \frac{1}{2}(\sin 2\theta) + \frac{1}{3}(2 - \sin \theta)^3 \Big|_0^{2\pi} \\
 &= [1 - \frac{1}{3} + \pi + 0 + 16\pi - 8 + 2\pi - 0 + \frac{8}{3}] - [1 - \frac{1}{3} + 0 + 0 + 0 - 8 + 0 + 0 + \frac{8}{3}] \\
 &= 19\pi
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 6.2

Compute

$$\int_S \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \circ d\mathbf{S}$$

where S is a surface of your choice which boundary ∂S coinciding with the curve C . Hence show that Stokes' theorem is satisfied.

My Solution 6.2