

# MTH101A, End-Sem. Exam Marking, IIT Kanpur

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1. (a) Let  $x_1 = 1$  and  $x_{n+1} = \frac{4 + 3x_n}{3 + 2x_n}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Show that the sequence  $(x_n)$  is bounded and monotone and find its limit. [4]

**ANSWER:**

- Notice that  $x_2 > x_1$  and  $x_{n+1} - x_n = \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{(3 + 2x_n)(3 + 2x_{n-1})}$ . [1]

By Induction principle, the sequence  $(x_n)$  is an increasing sequence. [1]

- Also,

$$x_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{1 + x_n}{3 + 2x_n} \leq 2$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ . Thus the sequence is also bounded. [1]

- Let  $l$  be the limit of the sequence  $(x_n)$  then  $l = \frac{4+3l}{3+2l}$ . This gives  $l = \sqrt{2}$ . [1]

**Remark:** If anyone uses contractive condition where  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  does not depends on the  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , to show that the sequence is Cauchy and so bounded then 1-mark is given.

- (b) Determine the convergence or divergence of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(n\pi) \log n}{n}$ . [4]

**ANSWER:**

- For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\cos(n\pi) = (-1)^n$$

and let for  $n > 2$

$$a_n = \left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right). \quad [1]$$

Then  $a_n$  is a decreasing sequence. [1 for checking]

Also,  $a_n$  converging to 0. [1 for checking]

- By Leibniz test, the series  $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(n\pi) \log n}{n}$  is convergent and hence the given series converges. [1]

- (c) Let  $f : [0, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a twice differentiable function. If  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f(1) = 2$ , and  $f(2) = 4$  then show that there exists  $x_0 \in (0, 2)$  such that  $f''(x_0) = 0$ . [4]

**ANSWER:**

- By applying Mean Value Theorem on  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we get

$$f'(c_1)(1 - 0) = f(1) - f(0) = 2.$$

[1]

- Also by applying Mean Value Theorem on  $f : [1, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we get

$$f'(c_2)(2 - 1) = f(2) - f(1) = 2.$$

[1]

- Then by Rolle's theorem on  $f : [c_1, c_2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we get that  $f''(x_0) = 0$  for some  $x_0 \in (c_1, c_2)$ .

[2]

- (d) Does there exist a vector field  $F(x, y, z)$  such that  $\text{curl}(F) = (x \sin y, \cos y, z - xy)$ ? Justify your answer. [2]

**ANSWER:**

No.

We know that  $\text{div}(\text{curl}(F)) = 0$ .

[1]

But,  $\text{div}(x \sin y, \cos y, z - xy) = 1$ .

[1]

2. (a) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous at  $x = 0$  and  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then show that  $f$  is a continuous function.

Assume that  $f(1) = 1$  and find the values of  $f(5)$ ,  $f(\frac{5}{3})$  and  $f(\sqrt{5})$ .

[4+1+2+3=10]

**ANSWER:**

- Using the condition

$$f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , we get  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f(-x) = -f(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . [1]

- For any  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $f(x - c) = f(x) - f(c)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus,  

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x - c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x) - f(c)].$$
 [1]
- Since  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 0$ , we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x - c) = \lim_{(x-c) \rightarrow 0} f(x - c) = f(0) = 0.$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c).$$

[2]

- $f(5) = f(1) + f(1) + f(1) + f(1) + f(1) = 5$  [1]
- Now,  $f(5) = f(\frac{5}{3}) + f(\frac{5}{3}) + f(\frac{5}{3}) = 3f(\frac{5}{3})$ . So,

$$f(\frac{5}{3}) = \frac{1}{3}f(5) = \frac{5}{3}.$$

[2]

- Similarly, we can show that  $f(\frac{p}{q}) = \frac{p}{q}$  for any rational number  $\frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{R}$ . For any irrational number  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence of rational number converging to  $c$ . Then by continuity of  $f$  we get,

$$f(c) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = c.$$

Therefore  $f(\sqrt{5}) = \sqrt{5}$ . [3]

**Remark:** No mark is given if it is assumed that the function is differentiable and an expression of  $f(x)$  is derived by differentiating the condition

$$f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y).$$

Also, to compute  $f(\sqrt{5})$  we need to consider sequences with rational entries converging to  $\sqrt{5}$ . Otherwise, just by mentioning that  $f(\frac{p}{q}) = \frac{p}{q}$  for any rational number  $\frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{R}$ . So,  $f(\sqrt{5}) = \sqrt{5}$  one will not get marks.

(b) Let  $f, g : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous functions such that

$$\inf\{f(x) : x \in [0, 1]\} = \inf\{g(x) : x \in [0, 1]\}.$$

Show that there exists a point  $c \in [0, 1]$  such that  $f(c) = g(c)$ . [6]

**ANSWER:**

- As  $f, g$  are continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$  there exists  $x_1, x_2 \in [0, 1]$  such that

$$f(x_1) = \inf\{f(x) : x \in [0, 1]\}$$

and

$$g(x_2) = \inf\{g(x) : x \in [0, 1]\}$$

[2]

- Note that from definition of infimum we have,

$$f(x_1) \leq g(x_1) \quad \text{and} \quad f(x_2) \geq g(x_2).$$

[2]

- Let  $\phi(x) = f(x) - g(x)$ . Then  $\phi(x_1) \leq 0$  and  $\phi(x_2) \geq 0$ . Applying Intermediate Value Property to the function  $\phi$  we get a point  $c \in [0, 1]$  such that  $f(c) = g(c)$ . [2]

(c) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = x^2$  if  $x$  is a rational number and  $f(x) = 0$  if  $x$  is an irrational number. Prove that  $f'(0) = 0$ . [2]

**ANSWER:** Note that for all  $h$  we have

$$0 \leq \left| \frac{f(h)}{h} \right| \leq |h|.$$

$$\text{So, } f'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} = 0.$$

**Remark:** If anyone uses sequences  $(h_n)$  with only rational entries and only irrational entries and say that  $f'(0) = \lim_{h_n \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h_n) - f(0)}{h_n} = 0$ , then only 1 marks is given. Because, there might be sequence with both the rational and irrational entries, and we need to give a proof for that case as well.

3. (a) A rectangular box without a lid is to be made of 12 square meters of cardboard. Assuming that there exists a box of maximum volume, find its dimensions. [6]

### Marking Scheme

- Let  $x, y, z$  be the dimensions of the box (in meters). We would like to maximize the volume of the box  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$  subject to the constraint  $g(x, y, z) = xy + 2xz + 2yz = 12$ . [2]
- Lagrange equations:  $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$  gives  $yz = \lambda(y + 2z)$ ;  $xz = \lambda(x + 2z)$ ;  $xy = \lambda(2x + 2y)$ . [2]
- Observe that  $\lambda \neq 0$  otherwise  $x = y = z = 0$  which does not satisfy the constraint equation  $g(x, y, z) = xy + 2xz + 2yz = 12$ . Similarly  $x, y, z \neq 0$ . Solving  $x = y = 2$  and  $z = 1$ . [2]  
[Multiplying the equations appropriately:  $xyz = x\lambda(y + 2z) = y\lambda(x + 2z) = z\lambda(2x + 2y)$ . From the second equality conclude  $x = y$  and from third equality  $y = 2z$ . Putting in the constraint equation, we get the values.]

(If someone by mistake takes  $g(x, y, z) = 2xy + 2xz + 2yz = 12$  and does rest of the calculations correctly then he/she should get the answer as  $x = y = z = \sqrt{2}$ . In this case 4 marks are to be awarded.)

- (b) Find the unit tangent vector, unit normal vector and the curvature at any point of the curve  $R(t) = (a \cos t, a \sin t, bt)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a, b > 0$  [2+2+2]

### Marking Scheme

- $R'(t) = (-a \sin t, a \cos t, b)$  and  $|R'(t)| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ . The unit tangent vector  $T(t) = \frac{R'(t)}{|R'(t)|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}(-a \sin t, a \cos t, b)$  [2]
- $T'(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}(-a \cos t, -a \sin t, 0)$  and  $|T'(t)| = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$ .  
The unit normal vector  $N(t) = \frac{T'(t)}{|T'(t)|} = (-\cos t, -\sin t, 0)$  [2]
- Curvature  $\kappa(t) = \left| \frac{dT}{ds} \right| = \left| \frac{dT}{dt} \right| \left| \frac{ds}{dt} \right| = |T'(t)| |R'(t)| = a/(a^2 + b^2)$ . [2]

ALTERNATIVE:

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{|R'(t) \times R''(t)|}{|R'(t)|^3}.$$

Now  $R''(t) = (-a \cos t, -a \sin t, 0)$  and so

$$R'(t) \times R''(t) = (ab \sin t, -ab \cos t, a^2)$$

$$|R'(t) \times R''(t)| = a\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}. \text{ Hence } \kappa(t) = a/(a^2 + b^2). \quad [2]$$

- (c) Suppose that at a given instant a rectangular block has dimensions  $x = 3m$ ,  $y = 2m$  and  $z = 1m$  ( $m$ = meter). Now assume that  $x$  and  $y$  are increasing at 1 cm/min and 2 cm/min respectively, while  $z$  is decreasing at 2 cm/min. Determine the rates at which the block's volume and surface area are increasing or decreasing at the given instant. [6]

### Marking Scheme

- Let  $V$  and  $S$  denote the volume and surface area of the rectangular box respectively. Then  $V = xyz$  and  $S = 2(xy + yz + zx)$ , and  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 1$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 2$ ,  $\frac{dz}{dt} = -2$ . [2]

- Differentiating by chain rule,  

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = yz \frac{dx}{dt} + zx \frac{dy}{dt} + xy \frac{dz}{dt}$$
 [1]

$$= (200)(100)(1) + (300)(100)(2) + (300)(200)(-2) = -40000.$$

Thus volume is decreasing at the rate 40000  $cm^3$ /min. [1]

- Differentiating by chain rule,  

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = 2(y + z) \frac{dx}{dt} + 2(z + x) \frac{dy}{dt} + 2(x + y) \frac{dz}{dt}$$
 [1]

$$= 2(300)(1) + 2(400)(2) + 2(500)(-2) = 200.$$

Thus surface area is increasing at the rate 200  $cm^2$ /min. [1]

4. (a) Let  $(x_0, y_0)$  be the centroid of the parametric curve  $x(t) = \cos^3 t$ ,  $y(t) = \sin^3 t$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq \pi/2$ . Using Pappus theorem find  $y_0$ . [8]

**Marking Scheme**

[Pappus Theorem: Let  $C$  be a plane curve. Suppose  $C$  is revolved about a line which does not cut  $C$ , then the area of the surface generated is  $S = 2\pi\rho L$ , where  $\rho$  is the distance of the centroid from the axis of revolution and  $L$  is the arc length of the plane curve  $C$ .]

- The length of the arc  $x(t) = \cos^3 t$ ,  $y(t) = \sin^3 t$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq \pi/2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2} dt & [1] \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{(-3\cos^2 t \sin t)^2 + (3\sin^2 t \cos t)^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} 3 \sin t \cos t dt \\ &= 3/2. & [2] \end{aligned}$$

- The surface area generated by revolving the arc  $x(t) = \cos^3 t$ ,  $y(t) = \sin^3 t$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq \pi/2$  about  $x$ -axis:

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \int_0^{\pi/2} 2\pi y(t) \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2} dt & [1] \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} 2\pi \sin^3 t \cdot 3 \sin t \cos t dt \\ &= 6\pi \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^4 t \cos t dt \\ &= \frac{6\pi}{5} \quad (\text{using } \sin t = u \text{ substitution}) & [2] \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore, by Pappus theorem  $2\pi y_0 L = S$ ,  $2\pi y_0 \frac{3}{2} = 6\pi/5$  and so  $y_0 = 2/5$ . [2]

- (b) Find the point(s) on the surface  $x^2 - y^2 + 2z^2 = 1$  where the tangent plane is perpendicular to the line joining  $(3, -1, 0)$  and  $(5, 3, 6)$ . Find the equation(s) of the tangent planes there. [6+2]

### Marking Scheme

- The normal vector at any point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  of the surface is given by  $(2x_0, -2y_0, 4z_0)$ . [2]
- The direction of line joining  $(3, -1, 0)$  and  $(5, 3, 6)$  is  $(2, 4, 6)$  (or  $(-2, -4, -6)$ ). [1]
- By the given condition  $2x_0 = 2k$ ,  $-2y_0 = 4k$ ,  $4z_0 = 6k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  [1]
- Putting in the given equation of the surface we get  $k = \pm\sqrt{6}/3$ . [1]
- The required points are  $x_0 = k$ ,  $y_0 = -2k$ ,  $z_0 = 3/2k$  for  $k = \pm\sqrt{6}/3$ . [1]

### SECOND PART:

- Tangent planes are given by  $2(x - x_0) + 4(y - y_0) + 6(z - z_0) = 0$ . Now  $2x + 4y + 6z = 2x_0 + 4y_0 + 6z_0 = 3k = \pm\sqrt{6}$ . Hence tangent planes are  $2x + 4y + 6z = \pm\sqrt{6}$ . [2]



5. (a) Determine whether the limit exists. Justify your answer.

$$(i) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y^2(1 - \cos(2x))}{x^4 + y^2} \quad (ii) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y^2 + (1 - \cos(2x))^2}{x^4 + y^2}$$

[4+4]

### Marking Scheme

(i):

- Notice that  $0 \leq \frac{y^2}{x^4 + y^2} \leq 1$ .

Since  $(1 - \cos 2x)$  is a non-negative number, we can multiply all sides of the inequality by it without changing the order of inequality. Thus we get,

$$0 \leq \frac{y^2(1 - \cos 2x)}{x^4 + y^2} \leq (1 - \cos 2x).$$

[3]

- Both left and right hand approach 0 as  $x \rightarrow 0$ . Hence

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y^2(1 - \cos(2x))}{x^4 + y^2} = 0.$$

[1]

#### ALTERNATIVE:

$$\bullet \frac{y^2(1 - \cos 2x)}{x^4 + y^2} = \frac{y^2 2 \sin^2 x}{x^4 + y^2} \leq \frac{2y^2 x^2}{x^4 + y^2} \text{ (using } \sin x < x \text{)} \quad [1]$$

$$\leq |y| \frac{x^4 + y^2}{x^4 + y^2} \text{ (Using A.M } \geq \text{ G.M)} \quad [2]$$

$$= |y| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } y \rightarrow 0. \quad [1]$$

**Remark:** In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , to prove a limit exists it is not enough to check for  $y = mx$  or  $y = mx^2$ . We need to prove it from definition. But to show that a limit does not exist, it is enough to show that along two different curves, we get two different limits

(ii):

- We choose paths of the form  $y = mx^2$  to show that the limit does not exist. [1]

$$\bullet \frac{y^2 + (1 - \cos(2x))^2}{x^4 + y^2} = \frac{m^2 x^4 + (2 \sin^2 x)^2}{x^4 + m^2 x^4} = \frac{m^2 + 4 \frac{\sin^4 x}{x^4}}{1 + m^2} \rightarrow \frac{m^2 + 4}{1 + m^2} \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0. \quad [2]$$

- Since the limit along  $y = mx^2$  depends on  $m$ , the given double limit does not exist. [1]
- (b) Let  $f(x, y) = \frac{y}{|y|} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  for  $y \neq 0$  and  $f(x, y) = 0$  if  $y = 0$ . Prove the following:
- (i) Directional derivatives of  $f$  exist in all direction at the origin.
  - (ii) The function  $f$  is not differentiable at the origin. [2+4]

**Marking Scheme:**

(i)

- Let  $U = (u, v)$  with  $u^2 + v^2 = 1$ . The directional derivative in the direction  $U$  is  $D_{(0,0)}f(u, v) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(tu, tv)}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{t} = 0$  if  $v = 0$ .
- Also if  $v \neq 0$ , then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(tu, tv)}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \frac{tv}{|tv|} \sqrt{t^2 u^2 + t^2 v^2} = \frac{v}{|v|}. \quad [2]$$

(ii)

- We get  $f_x(0, 0) = 0$  and  $f_y(0, 0) = 1$ . [1]
- Then

$$\epsilon(h, k) = \frac{f(h, k) - f(0, 0) - hf_x(0, 0) - kf_y(0, 0)}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2}} = \frac{f(h, k) - k}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2}} \quad [1]$$

- Letting  $(h, k) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  along  $y$ -axis (or  $x$ -axis), we see that  $\epsilon(h, k) \rightarrow 0$ . But along  $h = k$  line,  $\epsilon(h, k) = (\sqrt{2} - 1) \frac{k}{|k|}$  whose limit does exist as  $k \rightarrow 0$ . Hence  $\lim_{(h,k) \rightarrow (0,0)} \epsilon(h, k)$  does not exist, in particular it does not tend to 0. So  $f$  is not differentiable at the origin. [2]

**ALTERNATIVE for b (ii):**

- We get  $f_x(0, 0) = 0$  and  $f_y(0, 0) = 1$ . [1]
- If  $f$  is differentiable at the origin, then  $f'(0, 0) = (f_x(0, 0), f_y(0, 0)) = (0, 1)$ . Then, for in any direction  $U = (u, v)$ , we must have  $D_{(0,0)}f(u, v) = f'(0, 0).U = v$ . This does not match with the calculations of part (i). So  $f$  is not differentiable at the origin. [3]

- (c) Is the following statement true? If yes then give a proof, if no then give a counter example.

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a differentiable function. For any  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ , there exists  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f(b) - f(a) = f'(c)(b - a)$ . [4]

### Marking Scheme

- Not true.  $f(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$  and  $a = 0, b = 2\pi$ . [2]
- Then  $f(b) - f(a) = (0, 0)$  but  $f'(c) = (-\sin c, \cos c) \neq (0, 0)$  for any  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  [2]

Remark: Another example is  $f(t) = (t^2, t^3)$ ,  $a = 0, b = 1$ .

6. (a) Evaluate the double integral:  $\iint_R \left( \frac{x-y}{x+y+2} \right)^2 dx dy$ , where  $R$  is the region bounded by the lines  $x \pm y = \pm 1$ . [6]

**Marking Scheme**

- Make a change of coordinate  $u = x + y$ ,  $v = x - y$ . So that the given region mapped onto  $R' = \{(u, v) : -1 \leq u, v \leq 1\}$  in the  $u$ - $v$  plane. [2]

- The Jacobian  $\frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} = \begin{vmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{vmatrix} = -2$ . So  $\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} = -\frac{1}{2}$ . [1]

- $$\begin{aligned} \iint_R \left( \frac{x-y}{x+y+2} \right)^2 dx dy &= \iint_{R'} \left( \frac{v}{u+2} \right)^2 \left| \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \right| du dv \\ &= \int_{v=-1}^1 \int_{u=-1}^1 \left( \frac{v}{u+2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{2} du dv = \frac{1}{2} \left[ v^3/3 \right]_{v=-1}^1 \left[ -\frac{1}{2+u} \right]_{u=-1}^1 = 2/9 \end{aligned}$$
 [3]

- (b) Let  $S$  be the surface  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ . Compute the surface integral

$$\iint_S (2x^2 - y^2 + 2z^2 + 3e^{z^2}x - e^{x^2}y + z \cos^2 y) d\sigma.$$

[6]

**Marking Scheme**

- The unit outward normal to  $S$  is given by  $n = \frac{1}{2}(x, y, z)$  [1]
- Observe that  $2x^2 - y^2 + 2z^2 + 3e^{z^2}x - e^{x^2}y + z \cos^2 y = F \cdot n$  where  $F(x, y, z) = (4x + 6e^{z^2}, -2y - 2e^{x^2}, 4z + 2 \cos^2 y)$  [2]
- $\text{div}(F) = 6$  [1]
- So by Divergence Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S (2x^2 - y^2 + 2z^2 + 3e^{z^2}x - e^{x^2}y + z \cos^2 y) d\sigma &= \iint_S F \cdot n d\sigma = \iiint_V \text{div}(F) dv \\ &= 6 \iiint_V dv = 6 \times 4\pi/3 \times 2^3 = 64\pi. \end{aligned}$$
 [2]

(If someone misses the factor 1/2 in first step, but does rest calculations correctly then the answer should be  $32\pi$ . In this case 4 marks are to be awarded.)

- (c) Does there exist a function  $\phi(x, y)$  such that  $\nabla\phi(x, y) = (\frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2+y^2})$  for all  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ ? Justify your answer. [4]

**Marking Scheme:**

- By Fundamental theorem of Line integral of  $\oint_C \nabla\phi \cdot dR = 0$  for ANY closed curve  $C$  (NEED NOT be a SIMPLE closed curve). [2]
- But the line integral  $\oint_C \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}dx + \frac{x}{x^2+y^2}dy = 2\pi$  where  $C$  is the unit circle with anticlockwise orientation.

To see that, consider  $x = \cos t, y = \sin t, 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ . Then

$$\oint_C \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}dx + \frac{x}{x^2+y^2}dy = \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t)dt = 2\pi. \quad [2]$$

- **Explanation why the choice  $\phi(x, y) = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$  does not work:**  
 First of all, for a given  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ ,  $\tan^{-1}(y/x)$  can have many values. Even if we fix a range length of  $2\pi$ , for example  $[0, 2\pi)$ , then  $\tan^{-1}(y/x)$  becomes a well defined function on  $\mathbb{R}^2 - (0, 0)$ . But still it does not satisfy the required condition. We can see it as follows:  
 Observe that any  $\phi$  which satisfies  $\nabla\phi(x, y) = (\frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2+y^2})$  for all  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$  has to be differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}^2 - (0, 0)$  (since the partial derivatives are continuous.) But our choice of  $\tan^{-1}(y/x)$  is discontinuous along positive  $x$ -axis (since it takes value small positive values just above positive  $x$ -axis and takes value near  $2\pi$  just below the positive  $x$ -axis.)