Line Integrals, Vector Fields, and Conservative Systems: A Compact Textbook with Complete Topic-Organized Exercise Appendix

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***Abstract*—This textbook provides a complete, focused, pedagogical introduction to vector fields in the plane, line integrals and work integrals, conservative fields and potentials, methods for computing and identifying gradient fields, and Green's theorem and planar circulation. Its purpose is to collect, explain, illustrate, and systematize all theoretical tools, techniques, and procedures required to solve textbook problems. Small demonstration examples are included where pedagogically useful, and TikZ diagrams visually support intuition where appropriate.**

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I. Vector Fields in the Plane

A. Definition

A **vector field** on $\mathbb{R}^2$ assigns a vector to each point:

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (P(x, y), Q(x, y)).$$

Examples:

$$(x, y), \quad (-y, x), \quad (e^x, ye^x).$$

B. Visualization

A vector field can be represented by arrows on a grid.

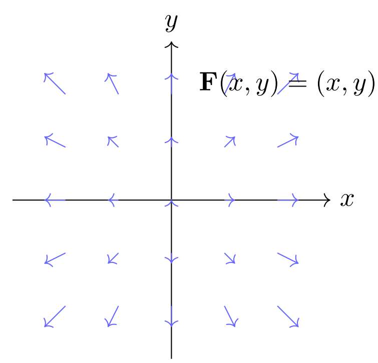

Fig. 1. *Vector field $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (x, y)$ showing an outward radial pattern that hints at conservativeness.*

The outward pattern hints that this field is conservative.

C. Divergence and Curl (2D)

Two important differential operators help us understand the local behavior of vector fields:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = P_x + Q_y, \qquad \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = Q_x - P_y.$$

Divergence intuition: The divergence $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}$ measures whether the field is *expanding* (source) or *compressing* (sink) at a point. If $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} > 0$, more flow leaves than enters (source); if $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} < 0$, more enters than leaves (sink); if $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = 0$, the net outflow is zero (incompressible).

Curl intuition: The curl $\nabla \times \mathbf{F}$ measures the *rotational tendency* of the field. Imagine placing a tiny paddle wheel at a point in the flow. If $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} \neq 0$, the paddle rotates; if $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = 0$, the paddle may translate but won't spin.

Key fact: In the plane, $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = 0$ is the key condition for conservativeness. A conservative field has no circulation around any closed loop, which means no rotation.

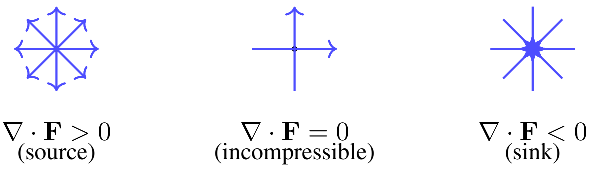

Fig. 2. *Divergence measures net outflow at a point. Positive divergence indicates a source (flow outward); negative divergence indicates a sink (flow inward); zero divergence indicates incompressible flow.*

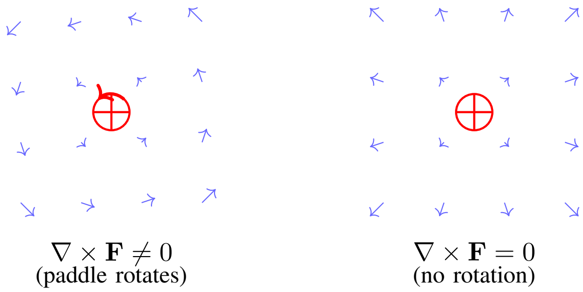

Fig. 3. *Curl measures rotational tendency. A paddle wheel placed in the flow rotates when curl is nonzero.*

II. Line Integrals

A. Definition

Let C be parametrized as $\mathbf{r}(t) = (x(t), y(t))$, $t \in [a, b]$. The line integral is:

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_a^b \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t)\, dt = \int_a^b \left[P(x(t), y(t))x'(t) + Q(x(t), y(t))y'(t)\right] dt.$$

The dot $\cdot$ denotes the **dot product** (also called scalar product): for vectors $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$,

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2.$$

This operation multiplies corresponding components and sums the results, yielding a scalar.

B. Interpretation

The line integral has a fundamental physical interpretation. When $\mathbf{F}$ represents a **force field** (such as gravity, electromagnetism, or any force that varies with position), the line integral

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

computes the total **work** done by the force field on a particle moving along path C.

What is work? In physics, when a constant force $\mathbf{F}$ moves an object through a displacement $\mathbf{d}$, the work done is:

$$W = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{d}.$$

The dot product means that only the *component of force in the direction of motion* contributes to work. Force perpendicular to motion does no work.

Why the integral? Along a curved path through a varying force field, we break the journey into infinitesimal displacements $d\mathbf{r}$. At each point, the force does work $\mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$. The line integral sums all these contributions:

$$\text{Total work} = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}.$$

This work represents the net energy transferred to the particle by the field. Positive work means the field adds energy; negative work means the field removes energy.

C. Procedure

1) Parametrize the curve: $t \mapsto (x(t), y(t))$.
2) Compute $\mathbf{r}'(t)$.
3) Substitute into the integrand.
4) Integrate from a to b.

Example: Compute $\int_C (2x, y) \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ along the line segment from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 2)$.

Solution:

1) Parametrize: $\mathbf{r}(t) = (t, 2t)$, $t \in [0, 1]$.
2) Compute derivative: $\mathbf{r}'(t) = (1, 2)$.
3) Substitute: $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) = (2t, 2t)$, so
$$\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) = (2t, 2t) \cdot (1, 2) = (2t)(1) + (2t)(2) = 2t + 4t = 6t.$$
4) Integrate: $\int_0^1 6t\, dt = \left[3t^2\right]_0^1 = 3$.

D. Illustration

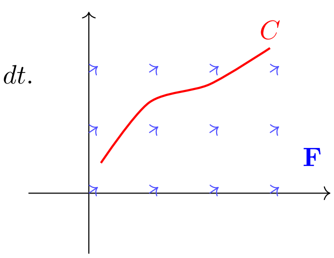

Fig. 4. *Line integral along curve C through vector field $\mathbf{F}$.*

III. Conservative Fields

A. Definition

A vector field $\mathbf{F} = (P, Q)$ is **conservative** if:

$$\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$$

for some scalar function f, called the *potential function* (or simply *potential*).

What does "finding a potential" mean?

To *find a potential* for a vector field $\mathbf{F} = (P, Q)$ means to find a scalar function $f(x, y)$ such that:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = P \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = Q.$$

In other words, the gradient of f reconstructs the original vector field: $\nabla f = (f_x, f_y) = (P, Q) = \mathbf{F}$.

The term "potential" comes from physics: in a conservative force field (like gravity or electrostatics), the potential function represents potential energy, and the force field is the negative gradient of this potential energy.

Why is this useful?

Once a potential f is found, computing line integrals becomes trivial: the integral depends only on the endpoints, not on the path taken. This is the Fundamental Theorem for Line Integrals.

B. Equivalent Conditions

On a simply connected domain:

$$\mathbf{F} \text{ conservative } \iff P_y = Q_x.$$

C. Finding a Potential

Strategy: We need to find f such that $f_x = P$ and $f_y = Q$.

Since $f_x = P$, we can recover f by integrating P with respect to x. But here's the key insight: when we integrate with respect to x, we treat y as a constant. This means any function that depends *only* on y would have vanished when we took $\partial f/\partial x$.

Therefore, we must add $g(y)$ - an arbitrary function of y alone - as our "constant of integration." This is analogous to adding $+C$ in single-variable calculus, except here the "constant" can be any function of the variable we didn't integrate with respect to.

We then use the second condition ($f_y = Q$) to determine what $g(y)$ must be.

Procedure:

1) Integrate P with respect to x:
$$f(x, y) = \int P(x, y)\, dx + g(y).$$
2) Differentiate with respect to y and match with Q:
$$f_y(x, y) = Q(x, y).$$
3) Solve for $g(y)$.

Example: Find a potential function for $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (2x + y, x + 6y)$.

Solution:

1) First verify conservativeness: $P_y = 1 = Q_x$. ✓
2) Integrate $P = 2x + y$ with respect to x:
$$f(x, y) = \int (2x + y)\, dx = x^2 + xy + g(y).$$
3) Differentiate with respect to y:
$$f_y(x, y) = x + g'(y).$$
Match with $Q = x + 6y$:
$$x + g'(y) = x + 6y \implies g'(y) = 6y.$$
4) Integrate to find g:
$$g(y) = 3y^2 + C.$$
Therefore, $f(x, y) = x^2 + xy + 3y^2$ (taking $C = 0$).

Verification: $\nabla f = (2x + y, x + 6y) = \mathbf{F}$. ✓

D. Consequences

Fundamental Theorem for Line Integrals

If $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$ is a conservative field with potential function f, then for any curve C from point A to point B parametrized by $\mathbf{r}(t)$, $t \in [a, b]$:

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_a^b \frac{df}{dt}\, dt = f(B) - f(A).$$

The middle step uses the chain rule: $\frac{df}{dt} = \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t)$.

Key insight: The line integral depends only on the endpoints, not on the path taken between them.

This is analogous to the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus: just as $\int_a^b F'(x)\, dx = F(b) - F(a)$, here the gradient field ∇f integrates to give the difference in potential values.

Practical consequence: If you recognize a field as conservative and find its potential f, computing any line integral reduces to simple evaluation at endpoints—no parametrization needed!

IV. Green's Theorem

A. Statement

For C the positively oriented boundary of region D:

$$\oint_C P\, dx + Q\, dy = \iint_D (Q_x - P_y)\, dA.$$

B. Uses

- Evaluating integrals around closed curves easily.
- Detecting non-conservative fields.
- Computing circulation.

How Green's Theorem detects non-conservative fields:

Recall that a field $\mathbf{F} = (P, Q)$ is conservative if and only if $P_y = Q_x$ everywhere in a simply connected domain. Green's theorem provides a test:

1) Choose any simple closed curve C enclosing a region D.
2) Compute the line integral $\oint_C P\, dx + Q\, dy$.
3) By Green's theorem:
$$\oint_C P\, dx + Q\, dy = \iint_D (Q_x - P_y)\, dA.$$
4) **If this integral is non-zero**, then $(Q_x - P_y) \neq 0$ somewhere in D, which means $P_y \neq Q_x$ at some point, so **the field is not conservative**.

Example: For $\mathbf{F} = (-y, x)$, we have $P = -y$ and $Q = x$, so:

$$Q_x - P_y = 1 - (-1) = 2.$$

For any region D with area A:

$$\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_D 2\, dA = 2A \neq 0.$$

Therefore $\mathbf{F}$ is not conservative. (Indeed, around the unit circle, $\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 2\pi$.)

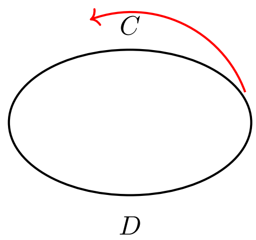

Fig. 5. *Green's theorem relates the line integral around closed curve C to the double integral over region D.*

C. Diagram

V. Lagrange Multipliers

A. The Method

To optimize $f(x, y)$ subject to a constraint $g(x, y) = c$, find points where:

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$$

for some scalar λ (the *Lagrange multiplier*).

This condition, together with the constraint $g(x, y) = c$, gives a system of equations to solve for x, y, and λ.

B. Why It Works

At a constrained extremum, ∇f must be parallel to ∇g (both perpendicular to the constraint curve). If they were not parallel, we could move along the constraint to increase or decrease f.

C. Procedure

1) Write down the gradients: $\nabla f = (f_x, f_y)$ and $\nabla g = (g_x, g_y)$.
2) Set up the system of equations:

$$\text{Solve:} \quad \begin{cases} f_x = \lambda g_x \\ f_y = \lambda g_y \\ g(x, y) = c \end{cases}$$

3) Solve for x, y, and λ.
4) Evaluate f at each solution to find the maximum/minimum.

D. Example

Maximize $f(x, y) = xy$ subject to $x^2 + y^2 = 8$.
Solution:

1) $\nabla f = (y, x)$ and $\nabla g = (2x, 2y)$ where $g(x, y) = x^2+y^2$.
2) Set up the system:

$$\text{Solve:} \quad \begin{cases} y = 2\lambda x \\ x = 2\lambda y \\ x^2 + y^2 = 8 \end{cases}$$

3) From the first two equations: $y = 2\lambda x$ and $x = 2\lambda y$.
   Substitute: $y = 2\lambda(2\lambda y) = 4\lambda^2 y$.
   If $y \neq 0$: $1 = 4\lambda^2$, so $\lambda = \pm\frac{1}{2}$.
   For $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$: $y = x$. From constraint: $2x^2 = 8$, so $x = \pm 2$.
   Critical points: $(2, 2)$ and $(-2, -2)$.
4) Evaluate: $f(2, 2) = 4$ and $f(-2, -2) = 4$.
   (For minimum, check $\lambda = -\frac{1}{2}$: points $(2, -2)$ and $(-2, 2)$ give $f = -4$.)

Maximum value: $\boxed{4}$ at $(2, 2)$ and $(-2, -2)$.

VI. The Hessian Matrix

A. Definition

For a function $f(x, y)$, the **Hessian matrix** is the matrix of second partial derivatives:

$$H(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{pmatrix}$$

The Hessian encodes the local curvature of f near a point.

B. Second Derivative Test

To classify a critical point (a, b) where $\nabla f(a, b) = \mathbf{0}$:

1) Compute the Hessian at (a, b).
2) Calculate the determinant: $D = f_{xx} f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$.
3) Apply the test:
   - If $D > 0$ and $f_{xx} > 0$: **local minimum**
   - If $D > 0$ and $f_{xx} < 0$: **local maximum**
   - If $D < 0$: **saddle point**
   - If $D = 0$: **test inconclusive**

C. Why It Works

The Hessian determinant D measures whether the function curves the same way in all directions (like a bowl or dome, giving an extremum) or different ways (like a saddle).

The sign of f_{xx} then determines whether the bowl opens upward (minimum) or downward (maximum).

D. Example

Classify the critical point $(0, 0)$ of $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$.
Solution:

1) Check it's critical: $\nabla f = (2x, -2y)$, so $\nabla f(0, 0) = \mathbf{0}$. ✓
2) Compute second derivatives:

$$f_{xx} = 2, \quad f_{yy} = -2, \quad f_{xy} = 0.$$

3) Hessian at $(0, 0)$:

$$H(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

4) Compute determinant:

$$D = (2)(-2) - 0^2 = -4 < 0.$$

5) Conclusion: $(0, 0)$ is a **saddle point**.

This makes sense: f increases along the x-axis (x^2) but decreases along the y-axis ($-y^2$).

VII. Polar Coordinates for Integrals

A. When to Use Polar Coordinates

Use polar coordinates when:

- The region is circular, semicircular, or annular (ring-shaped)
- The integrand contains $x^2 + y^2$
- Boundaries are described by circles or rays from the origin

B. The Transformation

Cartesian to polar:

$$x = r\cos\theta, \quad y = r\sin\theta, \quad x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

The area element transforms as:

$$dA = dx\,dy = r\,dr\,d\theta$$

The factor r is the **Jacobian** of the transformation—*it accounts for how area scales under the coordinate change.*

C. Setting Up Limits

For a region D:

1) Identify the range of angles: typically $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ for a full disk, or $[0, \pi]$ for a semicircle.
2) For each θ, find the range of r from the origin outward.

D. Example

Compute $\iint_D (x^2 + y^2)\,dA$ over the disk $x^2 + y^2 \leq 4$.

Solution:

1) Recognize $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ and the disk becomes $r \leq 2$.
2) Set up in polar coordinates:

$$\iint_D (x^2+y^2)\,dA = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 r^2 \cdot r\,dr\,d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 r^3\,dr\,d\theta$$

3) Integrate with respect to r:

$$\int_0^2 r^3\,dr = \left[\frac{r^4}{4}\right]_0^2 = \frac{16}{4} = 4$$

4) Integrate with respect to θ:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} 4\,d\theta = 4\theta\Big|_0^{2\pi} = 8\pi$$

Answer: $\boxed{8\pi}$.

VIII. Problem-Solving Strategy Flowchart

Figure 6 summarizes how to choose the appropriate technique for different types of problems covered in this textbook. The flowchart provides a decision tree to help identify the most efficient method based on the problem type and characteristics.

IX. Small Demonstration Examples

A. Example: A Simple Conservative Field

$$\mathbf{F} = (x, y), \qquad f = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2).$$

Integral from $(1, 0)$ to $(2, 3)$:

$$f(2, 3) - f(1, 0) = \tfrac{1}{2}(4 + 9) - \tfrac{1}{2}(1) = \tfrac{13}{2} - \tfrac{1}{2} = 6.$$

B. Example: Using Green's Theorem

Compute $\oint_C (-y, x) \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ where C is the unit circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ traversed counterclockwise.

Solution: Using Green's theorem is easier than parametrizing the circle.

Step 1: Identify $P = -y$ and $Q = x$.

Step 2: Compute the curl:

$$Q_x - P_y = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(-y) = 1 - (-1) = 2.$$

Step 3: Apply Green's theorem. Let D be the disk $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$:

$$\oint_C (-y, x) \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_D (Q_x - P_y)\,dA = \iint_D 2\,dA.$$

Step 4: Evaluate the double integral:

$$\iint_D 2\,dA = 2 \cdot \text{Area}(D) = 2 \cdot \pi(1)^2 = 2\pi.$$

Therefore, $\oint_C (-y, x) \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 2\pi$.

Appendix

The following sections contain a complete transcription of all textbook exercises organized by topic. No solutions are given. The exercises are organized into:

A. Vector Fields and Line Integrals
B. Conservative Fields and Potentials
C. Partial Derivatives and Hessians
D. Optimization and Applications
E. Double Integrals

A. Vector Fields and Line Integrals

A.1. Compute the line integral

$$\int_C (x, y) \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

along the straight line from $(0, 0)$ to $(2, 4)$.
Hint: Parametrize as $\mathbf{r}(t) = (2t, 4t)$.

A.2. Compute the line integral of

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (x + y, -x + y)$$

around the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.
Hint: Green's theorem could simplify this.

A.3. Evaluate the line integral

$$\int_C (3x - y^2,\ 2xy) \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

along the curve parametrized by $x = t^2$, $y = t^3$.

A.4. Compute

$$\int_C (x^2, 2xy) \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

where C is the parabola $y = x^2$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 2$.
Hint: Use x as the parameter.

A.5. Compute the line integral of

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (-y, x)$$

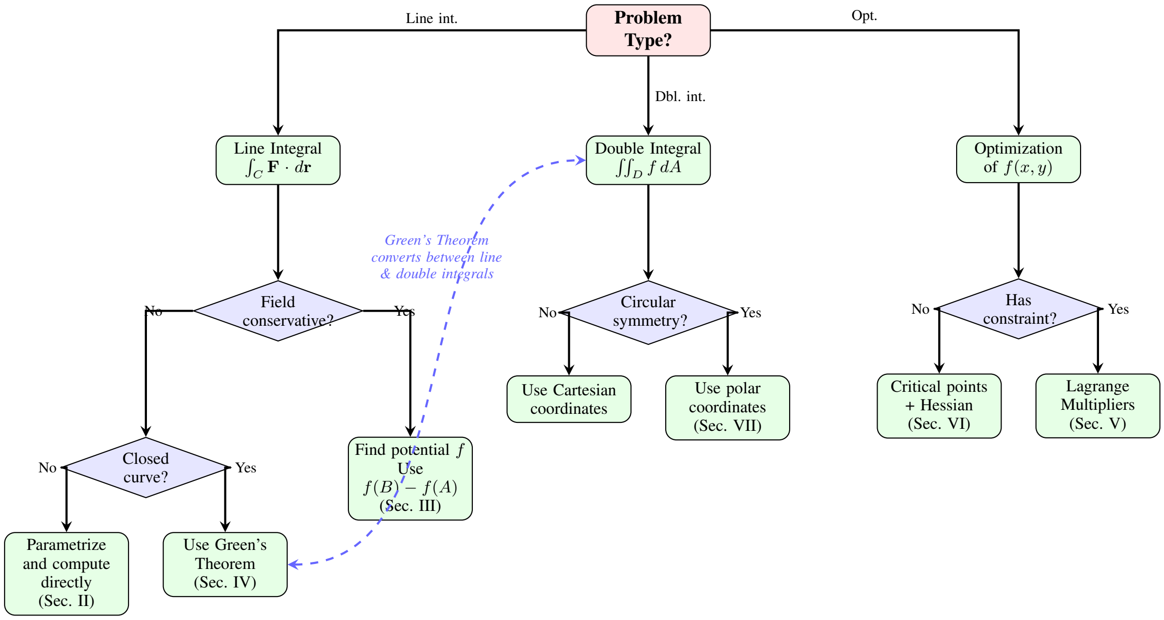

Fig. 6. *Decision flowchart for selecting the appropriate problem-solving technique. Start with your problem type, then follow the decision tree to find the most efficient method. Note: This flowchart suggests a straightforward workflow that works well in most cases, but alternative approaches may also be valid and sometimes more elegant. Don't be discouraged from exploring other techniques when appropriate.*

along the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 = 1$.
Hint: Green's theorem avoids parametrizing the ellipse.

A.6. For the vector field $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (y, -x - y)$, compute

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

for the triangular path from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 0)$ to $(1, 1)$ to $(0, 0)$.
Hint: Break into three line segments, or use Green's theorem.

A.7. Compute

$$\oint_C (y^2, x^2) \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

around the circle of radius 2.

B. Conservative Fields and Potentials

B.1. Show that $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (-y, x)$ is not a gradient field. Find a curve C such that

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} \neq 0.$$

Hint: Check P_y versus Q_x; try the unit circle.

B.2. Show that $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (y, -xy - x)$ is not a gradient field.
Hint: Compute curl.

B.3. Compute ∇f for $f(x, y) = xy + x^2 + y^2$.

B.4. Compute

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

for f above along the line from $(0, 0)$ to $(2, 4)$.
Hint: Fundamental theorem for line integrals.

B.5. Compute the integral along the parabola $y = x^2$ between the same endpoints.
Hint: Path independence for conservative fields.

B.6. Show that $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (\sin y,\, x \sin y)$ is conservative.
Hint: Check the curl condition.

B.7. Find a potential.
Hint: Integrate P with respect to x first.

B.8. Compute an integral between two points using the potential.

B.9. Show that $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (e^y, xe^y)$ is conservative.

B.10. Find a potential.

B.11. Compute the line integral along a straight path between two given points.

B.12. Show that $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (1, 1)$ is conservative.

B.13. Find a potential.
Hint: This one is very simple.

B.14. Compute the circulation of $\mathbf{F}$ around the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$.
Hint: What is circulation for a conservative field?

C. Partial Derivatives and Hessians

C.1. Compute $\partial f/\partial x$ and $\partial f/\partial y$ for:

$$f(x, y) = x^2 y + 3xy^2 - e^{xy}.$$

C.2. Find the Hessian of $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - 3xy$.
Hint: $H = \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{pmatrix}$.

C.3. Determine all critical points of

$$f(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - 4xy.$$

Hint: Solve $\nabla f = \mathbf{0}$ simultaneously.

C.4. Classify all critical points using the Hessian determinant.
Hint: Second derivative test.

C.5. Compute mixed partial derivatives f_{xy} and f_{yx} for $f(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$.

C.6. Show that the mixed derivatives are equal wherever defined.

D. Optimization and Applications

D.1. Find the maximum and minimum of

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$$

subject to $x + y = 4$.
Hint: Substitution or Lagrange multipliers.

D.2. Maximize xy subject to $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.
Hint: Lagrange multipliers; look for symmetry.

D.3. Use Lagrange multipliers to optimize

$$f(x, y) = x^2 y$$

subject to $x + 2y = 10$.
Hint: $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$.

D.4. A box with square base and surface area A is to have maximum volume. Find dimensions.
Hint: Express volume in terms of one variable.

D.5. A function of three variables $f(x, y, z) = xyz$ is to be maximized subject to $x + y + z = 12$, $x, y, z \geq 0$.
Hint: Symmetry suggests $x = y = z$.

E. Double Integrals

E.1. Compute

$$\iint_D (x + y)\, dA$$

over the triangular region with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(2, 0)$, $(0, 3)$.
Hint: Set up limits carefully; line from $(2, 0)$ *to* $(0, 3)$.

E.2. Compute

$$\iint_D x^2\, dA$$

over the disk $x^2 + y^2 \leq 9$.
Hint: Polar coordinates.

E.3. Evaluate

$$\iint_D e^{-x^2-y^2}\, dA$$

over the first quadrant.
Hint: Polar coordinates; improper integral.

E.4. Compute

$$\iint_D (3x + 4y)\, dA$$

where D is bounded by $x = 0$, $y = 0$, and $x + y = 1$.
Hint: Triangular region; straightforward setup.

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