Last Week Quiz Solutions.

1. (5 points) Show that $\vec{F}(x,y) = \langle 2xe^{-y}, 2y - x^2e^{-y} \rangle$ is conservative and then find a potential function f (so that $\vec{F} = \nabla f$.) Use this f to calculate $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ where C is any path from (1,0) to (2,1).

Solution.

To check that $\vec{F}(x,y)$ is conservative it is enough to check that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}[2xe^{-y}] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}[2y - x^2e^{-y}].$$

These are both equal to $-2xe^{-y}$, so the vector field is indeed conservative.

Thus there exists some function f such that $F = \nabla f$, namely,

$$f(x,y) = \int 2xe^{-y} dx = \int 2y - x^2 e^{-y} dy$$

= $x^2 e^{-y} + f_1(y) = y^2 + x^2 e^{-y} + f_2(x)$
= $y^2 + x^2 e^{-y} + c$.

Then by the fundamental theorem of calculus for conservative vector fields

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f(2,1) - f(1,0) = 1 + \frac{4}{e} + c - (1+c) = \frac{4}{e}.$$

2. (5 points) Set up but do not evaluate the flux integral $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}$ where $\vec{F} = \langle xy, yz, zx \rangle$ and S is the portion of the paraboloid $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$ which lies above the square $0 \le x \le 1, \ 0 \le y \le 1$, and has upward orientation.

Solution.

This can be parameterized by

$$\vec{r}(x,y) = \langle x, y, 4 - x^2 - y^2 \rangle.$$

so that

$$\vec{r}_x(x,y) = \langle 1, 0, -2x \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_y(x,y) = \langle 0, 1, -2y \rangle,$$

with cross product

$$\vec{r}_x(x,y) \times \vec{r}_y(x,y) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 0 & -2x \\ 0 & 1 & -2y \end{vmatrix} = \langle 2x, 2y, 1 \rangle$$

Then integrated over the square region by the upward orientation and the right hand rule, $0 \le x \le 1$ and $0 \le y \le 1$.

$$\iint_{S} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1} \vec{F}(\vec{r}(x,y)) \cdot \underbrace{(r_{x}(x,y) \times r_{y}(x,y))}_{\vec{n} \mid r_{x}(x,y) \times r_{y}(x,y)|} dA$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1} \langle xy, y(4-x^{2}-y^{2}), x(4-x^{2}-y^{2}) \rangle \cdot \langle 2x, 2y, 1 \rangle dx dy$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1} 2x^{2}y + 2y^{2}(4-x^{2}-y^{2}) + x(4-x^{2}-y^{2}) dx dy.$$