

Solutions to Practice Midterm 2

Problem 1 Let C be the arc of the parabola $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ from $(1, \frac{1}{2})$ to $(2, 2)$. Evaluate the following line integrals.

(a) $\int_C x ds$

(b) $\int_C y dx + x^2 dy$

Solution: $x = t$, $y = t^2/2$, $1 \leq t \leq 2$, $dx = dt$, $dy = t dt$, $ds = \sqrt{1 + t^2} dt$.

(a)

$$\int_C x ds = \int_1^2 t \sqrt{1 + t^2} dt = \frac{1}{3} (1 + t^2)^{3/2} \Big|_{t=1}^{t=2} = \frac{1}{3} (5\sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2}).$$

(b)

$$\int_C y dx + x^2 dy = \int_1^2 \left(\frac{t^2}{2} + t^3 \right) dt = \left(\frac{t^3}{6} + \frac{t^4}{4} \right) \Big|_{t=1}^{t=2} = \frac{59}{12}.$$

Problem 2 Consider the vector field

$$\mathbf{F} = (yz \cos(xz))\mathbf{i} + (\sin(xz) - z)\mathbf{j} + (xy \cos(xz) - y)\mathbf{k}.$$

(a) Find a function f such that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$.

Solution:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = yz \cos(xz), \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \sin(xz) - z, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = xy \cos(xz) - y$$

$$f(x, y, z) = \int yz \cos(xz) dx = y \sin(xz) + g(y, z)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \sin(xz) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = \sin(xz) - z$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = -z, \quad g(y, z) = \int (-z) dy = -yz + h(z)$$

$$f(x, y, z) = y \sin(xz) - yz + h(z)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = xy \cos(xz) - y + \frac{dh}{dz} = xy \cos(xz) - y$$

$$\frac{dh}{dz} = 0, \quad h(z) \text{ is a constant}$$

$$f(x, y, z) = y \sin(xz) - yz$$

(b) Evaluate the line integral $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$, where C is the curve given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle (1-t)e^t, t^2, \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}t) \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(\mathbf{r}(1)) - f(\mathbf{r}(0)) \\ &= f(0, 1, 1) - f(1, 0, 0) = -1 - 0 = -1 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3 Use Green's theorem to evaluate the line integral

$$\oint_C (x^3 - y^3) dx + (x^3 + y^3) dy$$

where C is the oriented curve shown in Figure 1.

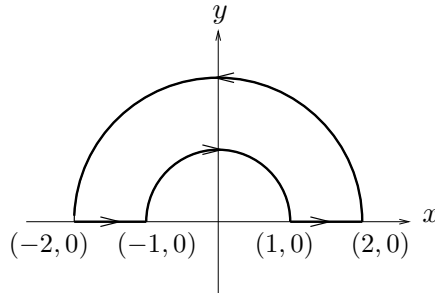


Figure 1: C is the union of two semicircles and two line segments.

Solution: $C = \partial D$, where $D = \{(x, y) \mid 1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 4, y \geq 0\}$. By Green's theorem,

$$\oint_C (x^3 - y^3) dx + (x^3 + y^3) dy = \iint_D (3x^2 + 3y^2) dx dy$$

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad dx dy = r dr d\theta$$

$$\iint_D (3x^2 + 3y^2) dx dy = \int_0^\pi \int_1^2 3r^3 dr d\theta = \int_0^\pi \frac{3r^4}{4} \Big|_{r=1}^{r=2} d\theta = \int_0^\pi \frac{45}{4} d\theta = \frac{45\pi}{4}$$

Problem 4 Consider the vector field $\mathbf{F} = xyz \mathbf{i} + yz \mathbf{j} - x^2 \mathbf{k}$.

(a) Is \mathbf{F} a conservative vector field? Explain.

Solution: No. The curl of a conservative vector field is $\mathbf{0}$, but

$$\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ xyz & yz & -x^2 \end{vmatrix} = -y\mathbf{i} + (2x + xy)\mathbf{j} - xz\mathbf{k} \neq \mathbf{0}.$$

(b) Is there a vector field \mathbf{G} such that $\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{F}$? Explain.

Solution: No. We have $\operatorname{div}(\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{G}) = 0$ for any vector field \mathbf{G} , but

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xyz) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(yz) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(-x^2) = yz + z \neq 0.$$

Problem 5 Let T be the torus with vector equation

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = (3 + \cos u) \cos v \mathbf{i} + (3 + \cos u) \sin v \mathbf{j} + \sin u \mathbf{k}, \quad 0 \leq u \leq 2\pi, \quad 0 \leq v \leq 2\pi.$$

(a) Calculate \mathbf{r}_u , \mathbf{r}_v , and $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}_u &= -\sin u \cos v \mathbf{i} - \sin u \sin v \mathbf{j} + \cos u \mathbf{k} \\ \mathbf{r}_v &= (3 + \cos u)(-\sin v) \mathbf{i} + (3 + \cos u) \cos v \mathbf{j} \\ &= (3 + \cos u)(-\sin v \mathbf{i} + \cos v \mathbf{j}) \\ \mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v &= (3 + \cos u) \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -\sin u \cos v & -\sin u \sin v & \cos u \\ -\sin v & \cos v & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (3 + \cos u)(-\cos u \cos v \mathbf{i} - \cos u \sin v \mathbf{j} - \sin u \mathbf{k}) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Find an equation for the plane tangent to T at $(\frac{5}{2}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$.

Solution:

$$\mathbf{r}(\frac{2\pi}{3}, 0) = \langle \frac{5}{2}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rangle, \quad (\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v)(\frac{2\pi}{3}, 0) = \langle \frac{5}{4}, 0, -\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{4} \rangle$$

So the tangent plane is given by

$$\frac{5}{4}(x - \frac{5}{2}) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}(z - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) = 0, \quad \text{i.e., } x - \sqrt{3}z = 1$$

(c) Find the surface area of T .

Solution: $|\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| = 3 + \cos u$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area}(T) &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (3 + \cos u) du dv = \int_0^{2\pi} (3u + \sin u) \Big|_{u=0}^{u=2\pi} dv \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} 6\pi dv = 12\pi^2 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 6 Evaluate the surface integral $\iint_S z^4 dS$, where S is the upper hemisphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$, $z \geq 0$.

Solution: $x = \sin \varphi \cos \theta$, $y = \sin \varphi \sin \theta$, $z = \cos \varphi$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$, $0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi/2$, $dS = \sin \varphi d\theta d\varphi$.

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S z^4 dS &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^4 \varphi \sin \varphi d\theta d\varphi = \int_0^{\pi/2} 2\pi \cos^4 \varphi \sin \varphi d\varphi \\ &= -\frac{2\pi}{5} \cos^5 \varphi \Big|_{\varphi=0}^{\varphi=\pi/2} = \frac{2\pi}{5}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 7 Evaluate the surface integral $\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$, where $\mathbf{F} = -y\mathbf{i} + x\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$, and S is the part of the cone $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ between the planes $z = 1$ and $z = 4$, with upward orientation.

Solution 1: A vector equation of S is given by $\mathbf{r}(x, y) = \langle x, y, g(x, y) \rangle$, where $g(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and (x, y) is in $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 16\}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(x, y)) &= \langle -y, x, \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \rangle \\ \mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y &= \langle -g_x, -g_y, 1 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{-x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \frac{-y}{x\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, 1 \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y$ is upward, so

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iint_D \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(x, y)) \cdot \mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y dx dy = \iint_D \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} dx dy$$

We use polar coordinates $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, $dx dy = r dr d\theta$.

$$\iint_D \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} dx dy = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^4 r^2 dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{r^3}{3} \Big|_{r=1}^{r=4} d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} 21 d\theta = 42\pi.$$

Solution 2: A vector equation of S is given by $\mathbf{r}(r, \theta) = \langle r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, r \rangle$, $1 \leq r \leq 4$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.

$$\mathbf{r}_r = \langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta, 1 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{r}_\theta = \langle -r \sin \theta, r \cos \theta, 0 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{r}_r \times \mathbf{r}_\theta = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 1 \\ -r \sin \theta & r \cos \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -r \cos \theta \mathbf{i} - r \sin \theta \mathbf{j} + r \mathbf{k}$$

$\mathbf{r}_r \times \mathbf{r}_\theta$ is upward, so

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^4 \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(r, \theta)) \cdot \mathbf{r}_r \times \mathbf{r}_\theta \, dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^4 \langle -r \sin \theta, r \cos \theta, r \rangle \cdot \langle -r \cos \theta, -r \sin \theta, r \rangle \, dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^4 r^2 \, dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \left. \frac{r^3}{3} \right|_{r=1}^{r=4} d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} 21 d\theta = 42\pi \end{aligned}$$