

1. Let $\vec{F} = 2yzi + (-x + 3y + 2)j + (x^2 + z)k$. Evaluate $\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S}$,

where S is the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$, $0 \leq z \leq 1$ (without the top and bottom).
What if the top and bottom are included?

Solution Let R be the surface $S \cup D$, where $D = \{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 \leq a^2, z = 1\}$

Notice that $\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_R (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S} - \iint_D (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S}$.

We also let $D' = \{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 \leq a^2, z = 0\}$.

By Stokes' theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S} &= \int_{\partial R} 2yz dx + (-x + 3y + 2) dy \quad (dz = 0, \partial R = \partial D') \\ &= \int_{\partial D'} (-x + 3y + 2) dy \quad (z = 0) \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (-a \cos t + 3a \sin t + 2)(a \cos t) dt \\ &= -a^2 \pi \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by Stokes' theorem again,

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S} &= \int_0^{2\pi} (2a \sin t)(-a \sin t) + (-a \cos t + 3a \sin t + 2)(a \cos t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} -2a^2 \sin^2 t - a^2 \cos^2 t dt \\ &= -3a^2 \pi. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S} = -a^2 \pi - (-3a^2 \pi) = 2\pi a^2$.

If top and bottom are included, then the surface has no boundary, and Stokes' theorem tells us that the integral is 0.

3. Let $\vec{F} = x^2 y i + z^8 j - 2xyz k$. Evaluate the integral of \vec{F} over the surface of the unit cube.

Solution Note that $\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 2xy + 0 - 2xy = 0$.

Gauss' theorem $\Rightarrow \iint_{\partial \text{cube}} \vec{F} \cdot n dS = \iiint_{\text{cube}} \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dS = 0$.

4. Verify Green's theorem for the line integral

$$\int_C x^2 y dx + y dy,$$

when C is the boundary of the region between the curves $y = x$ and $y = x^3$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$.

Solution We first find the line integral by definition.

Parametrize the two segments of the curves by

$$\gamma_1(t) = (t, t^3), \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

$$\gamma_2(t) = (t, t), \quad t \text{ from } 1 \text{ to } 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \int_C x^2 y \, dx + y \, dy &= \int_0^1 t^2 (t^3) + t^3 (3t^2) \, dt \\ &\quad + \int_1^0 t^3 + t \, dt \\ &= \int_0^1 4t^5 - t^3 - t \, dt \\ &= \left[\frac{4t^6}{6} - \frac{t^4}{4} - \frac{t^2}{2} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we verify the Green's theorem.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C x^2 y \, dx + y \, dy &= \int_0^1 \int_{x^3}^x (0 - x^2) \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (x^5 - x^3) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{4} = -\frac{1}{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence both integrals are equal and Green's theorem is verified in this case.

5(a) Show that $\vec{F} = (x^3 - 2xy^3) \mathbf{i} - 3x^2y^2 \mathbf{j}$ is a gradient vector field.

Solution Consider $f(x, y) = \frac{x^4}{4} - x^2y^3$. Check $\nabla f = \vec{F}$.

(b) Evaluate the integral of \vec{F} along the path $x = \cos^3 \theta$, $y = \sin^3 \theta$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Solution By (a), \vec{F} is a gradient vector field, and the integral is independent of path.

$$\text{Thus } \int \vec{F} \cdot ds = f(0, 1) - f(1, 0) = 0 - \frac{1}{4} = -\frac{1}{4}.$$

7(a) Show that $\vec{F} = 6xy(\cos z) \mathbf{i} + 3x^2(\cos z) \mathbf{j} - 3x^2y(\sin z) \mathbf{k}$ is conservative.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \vec{F} &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 6xy(\cos z) & 3x^2(\cos z) & -3x^2y(\sin z) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-3x^2 \sin z + 3x^2 \sin z) \mathbf{i} - (-6xy \sin z + 6xy \sin z) \mathbf{j} \\ &\quad + (6x \cos z - 6x \cos z) \mathbf{k} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \vec{F}$ is conservative.

(b) Find f such that $\vec{F} = \nabla f$.

Solution Let $f(x, y, z) = 3x^2y \cos z$. Check $\nabla f = \vec{F}$.

(c) Evaluate the integral of \vec{F} along the curve $x = \cos^3 \theta$, $y = \sin^3 \theta$, $z = 0$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Solution $\int \vec{F} \cdot ds = f(0, 1, 0) - f(1, 0, 0) = 0 - 0 = 0$.

11. Let \vec{a} be a constant vector and $\vec{F} = \vec{a} \times \vec{r}$ ($\vec{F}(x, y, z) = (x, y, z)$). Is \vec{F} conservative? If so, find a potential for it.

Solution Write $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then} \quad \vec{a} \times \vec{r} &= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (a_2z - a_3y)i - (a_1z - a_3x)j + (a_1y - a_2x)k. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \nabla \times \vec{F} &= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ a_2z - a_3y & a_3x - a_1z & a_1y - a_2x \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2a_1i + 2a_2j + 2a_3k. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \nabla \times \vec{F} = 0$ only when $\vec{a} = 0$.

$\therefore \vec{F}$ is conservative if and only if $\vec{a} = 0$.

If $\vec{a} = 0$, then $\vec{F} = 0$, and so 0 is a potential for \vec{F} .

12. Show that the fields \vec{F} in (a) and (b) are conservative and find a function f such that $\vec{F} = \nabla f$.

(a) $\vec{F} = y^2 e^{xy^2} i + 2xy e^{xy^2} j$

(b) $\vec{F} = (\sin y) i + (x \cos y) i + (e^z) k$.

Solution (a) I believe that the problem is wrong. \vec{F} is not conservative at all.

Instead let's consider $(y^2 e^{xy^2}) i + (2xy e^{xy^2}) j$.

$$\text{In this case, } \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ y^2 e^{xy^2} & 2xy e^{xy^2} \end{vmatrix} = 2y e^{xy^2} + 4xy^2 e^{xy^2} - 2ye^{xy^2} - 4xy^2 e^{xy^2} = 0.$$

$\therefore \vec{F}$ is conservative.

A possible choice of f is $f(x,y) = e^{xy^2}$.

$$(b) \quad \nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \sin y & x \cos y & e^z \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 0 \mathbf{i} + 0 \mathbf{j} + (\cos y - \cos y) \mathbf{k} = 0.$$

$\therefore \vec{F}$ is conservative.

A possible choice of f is $x \sin y + e^z$.

13(a) Let $f(x,y,z) = 3xye^{z^2}$. Compute ∇f .

Solution $\nabla f = (3ye^{z^2}, 3xe^{z^2}, 6xyz e^{z^2})$.

(b) Let $\vec{c}(t) = (3 \cos^3 t, \sin^2 t, e^t)$, $0 \leq t \leq \pi$. Evaluate $\int_C \nabla f \cdot ds$.

Solution By independence of path,

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot ds = f(-3, 0, e^\pi) - f(3, 0, 1) = 0 - 0 = 0.$$

(c) Verify directly Stokes' theorem for gradient vector fields $\vec{F} = \nabla f$.

Solution We just need to check whether $\int \nabla \times \vec{F} \cdot dS = 0$.

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 3ye^{z^2} & 3xe^{z^2} & 6xyze^{z^2} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= (6xze^{z^2} - 6xze^{z^2}) \mathbf{i} - (6yze^{z^2} - 6yze^{z^2}) \mathbf{j} \\ + (3e^{z^2} - 3e^{z^2}) \mathbf{k}$$
$$= 0.$$

$$\therefore \iint \nabla \times \vec{F} \cdot dS = 0.$$

14. Using Green's theorem, or otherwise, evaluate $\int_C x^3 dy - y^3 dx$, where C is the unit circle ($x^2 + y^2 = 1$).

Solution Let $D = \{(x,y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$.

By Green's theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C -y^3 dx + x^3 dy &= \iint_D 3x^2 + 3y^2 dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 3r^2 \cdot r dr d\theta \quad (\text{polar coordinates}) \\ &= \frac{3}{2}\pi \end{aligned}$$

Remark: We can also compute it directly.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C x^3 dy - y^3 dx &= \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos^3 t)(\cos t) - (\sin^3 t)(-\sin t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^4 t + \cos^4 t dt \\ &= \frac{3}{2}\pi \quad (\text{Verify this!}) \end{aligned}$$

15. Evaluate the integral $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}$, where $\vec{F} = xi + yj + 3k$ and where S is the surface of unit sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$.

Solution Note that $\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Gauss' theorem} &\Rightarrow \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iiint_{x^2+y^2+z^2 \leq 1} 2 dV = \frac{8}{3}\pi. \\ (\text{Recall the volume of a ball of radius } r &\text{ is } \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3). \end{aligned}$$

17. Use Green's theorem to find the area of the loop of the curve $x = a \sin \theta \cos \theta$, $y = a \sin^2 \theta$, for $a > 0$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$.

Solution Green's theorem $\Rightarrow \text{Area} = \int x dy$

$$= \int_0^\pi a \sin \theta \cos \theta \cdot 2a \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= 2a^2 \int_0^\pi \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} \int_0^\pi \sin^2 2\theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} a^2. \quad (\text{if you forget how to integrate, recall } \sin^2 2\theta = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos(4\theta))$$

18. Evaluate $\int_C yz dx + xz dy + xy dz$, where C is the curve of intersection of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and the surface $z = y^2$.

Solution We evaluate it via Stokes' theorem. Let $\vec{F} = yzi + xzj + xyk$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \nabla \times \vec{F} &= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ yz & xz & xy \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = \iint \nabla \times \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0.$$

19. Evaluate $\int_C (x+y)dx + (2x-z)dy + (y-z)dz$, where C is the perimeter of the triangle connecting $(2, 0, 0)$, $(0, 3, 0)$, $(0, 0, 6)$, in that order.

Solution Again we will use Stokes' theorem.

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \vec{F} &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x+y & 2x-z & y-z \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that the plane $3x+2y+z=6$ contains the triangle.

$$\therefore (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \vec{n} = (2, 0, 1) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} (3, 2, 1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} (6+1) = \sqrt{\frac{7}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \int_C (x+y)dx + (2x-z)dy + (y-z)dz \\ &= \iint_{\Delta} \nabla \times \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{7}{2}} \text{Area}(\Delta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of } \Delta &= \left\| \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 \end{vmatrix} \right\| \quad (\|\cdot\| \text{ means length} \\ &\quad \text{of a vector here)} \\ &= \left\| \frac{1}{2} (18, 12, 6) \right\| \\ &= \|(9, 6, 3)\| \\ &= \sqrt{126} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\frac{7}{2}} \text{Area}(\Delta) = \sqrt{\frac{7}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{126} = \sqrt{\frac{7}{2}} \sqrt{7 \cdot 18} = 7 \cdot 3 = 21.$$

20. Which of the following are conservative fields on \mathbb{R}^3 ? For those that are, find a function f such that $\vec{F} = \nabla f$.

(a) $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = 3x^2y\mathbf{i} + x^3\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$.

(b) $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = (x+z)\mathbf{i} - (y+z)\mathbf{j} + (x-y)\mathbf{k}$.

(c) $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = 2xy^3\mathbf{i} + x^2z^3\mathbf{j} + 3x^2yz^2\mathbf{k}$.

Solution (a)

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 3x^2y & x^3 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j} + (3x^2 - 3x^2)\mathbf{k} = 0.$$

$\therefore \vec{F}$ is conservative.

$f(x, y, z) = x^3y + 5z$ is a possible choice.

$$(b) \quad \nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x+z & -y-z & x-y \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j} + 0\mathbf{k}$$

$\therefore \vec{F}$ is conservative.

Check $f(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2}{2} + xz - \frac{y^2}{2} - yz$ works.

$$(c). \quad \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 2xy^3 & x^2z^3 & 3x^2yz^2 \end{vmatrix} = (3x^2z^2 - 3x^2z^2)\mathbf{i} - (6xyz^2 - 0)\mathbf{j} \\ + (2xz^3 - 6xy^2)\mathbf{k}$$

$$= -6xyz^2\mathbf{j} + (2xz^3 - 6xy^2)\mathbf{k} \neq 0.$$

$\therefore \vec{F}$ is not conservative.

21. Consider the following two vector fields in \mathbb{R}^3 :

(i) $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = y^2\mathbf{i} - z^2\mathbf{j} + x^2\mathbf{k}$.

(ii) $\vec{G}(x, y, z) = (x^3 - 3xy^2)\mathbf{i} + (y^3 - 3x^2y)\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$.

(a) Which of these fields (if any) are conservative on \mathbb{R}^3 ? Give reasons for your answer.

Solution

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ y^2 & -z^2 & x^2 \end{vmatrix} = 2z\mathbf{i} - 2x\mathbf{j} - 2y\mathbf{k} \neq 0$$

$\therefore \vec{F}$ is not conservative.

$$\nabla \times \vec{G} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x^3 - 3xy^2 & y^3 - 3x^2y & z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j} + (-6xy + 6xy)\mathbf{k} = 0$$

$\therefore \vec{G}$ is conservative.

(b) Find potential for fields that are conservative.

Solution This time I do it step by step.

$$\int (x^3 - 3xy^2) dx = \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{3}{2}x^2y^2 + g(y, z) \text{ for some function } g.$$

This will be our potential, call it f

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = y^3 - 3x^2y \Rightarrow -3x^2y + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = y^3 - 3x^2y \Rightarrow \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = y^3$$

$\therefore g(y,z) = \frac{y^4}{4} + h(z)$ for some function h .

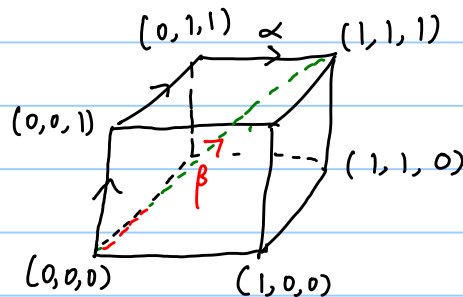
$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = z \Rightarrow h'(z) = z \Rightarrow h(z) = \frac{z^2}{2} + c$ for some constant c .

$\therefore f(x,y,z) = \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{3}{2}x^2y^2 + \frac{y^4}{4} + \frac{z^2}{2} + c$ is a potential for \vec{G} .

(c) Let α be the path that goes from $(0,0,0)$ to $(1,1,1)$ by following edges of the cube $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$, $0 \leq z \leq 1$ from $(0,0,0)$ to $(0,0,1)$ to $(0,1,1)$ to $(1,1,1)$.

Let β be the path from $(0,0,0)$ to $(1,1,1)$ directly along the diagonal of the cube.

Find $\int_{\alpha} \vec{F} \cdot ds$, $\int_{\alpha} \vec{G} \cdot ds$, $\int_{\beta} \vec{F} \cdot ds$, $\int_{\beta} \vec{G} \cdot ds$



Solution $\int_{\alpha} \vec{F} \cdot ds$: Parametrize α by a series of curves:

$$\begin{cases} \gamma_1(t) = (0, 0, t) & , t \in [0, 1] \\ \gamma_2(t) = (0, t, 1) & , t \in [0, 1] \\ \gamma_3(t) = (t, 1, 1) & , t \in [0, 1] \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \int_{\alpha} \vec{F} \cdot ds &= \int_0^1 0 + 0 + 0 dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^1 0 + (-1^2) \cdot (1) + 0 dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^1 1 \cdot 1 + 0 + 0 dt \\ &= 1 - 1 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$\int_{\beta} \vec{F} \cdot ds$: Parametrize β by $\gamma(t) = (t, t, t)$, $t \in [0, 1]$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \int_{\beta} \vec{F} \cdot ds &= \int_0^1 t^2 \cdot 1 - t^2 \cdot 1 + t^2 \cdot 1 dt \\ &= \int_0^1 t^2 dt \\ &= \frac{1}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

$\int_{\alpha} \vec{G} \cdot ds$, $\int_{\beta} \vec{G} \cdot ds$: Two integrals are the same as \vec{G} is conservative.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{They both equal } f(1,1,1) - f(0,0,0) &= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \\ &\quad + c - c \\ &= \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Good luck to your final exam! 😊