## M20550 Calculus III Tutorial Worksheet 9

1. Calculate the line integral  $\int_C (y^2 + x) dx + 4xy dy$  where C is the arc of  $x = y^2$  from (1, 1) to (4, 2).

**Solution:** First, we need to parametrize the curve C. Since C is a part of the curve  $x = y^2$ , we can let y = t; then we have  $x = t^2$ . Moreover, since the curve C is the part from (1,1) to (4,2), we get  $1 \le y \le 2$ . So, we have  $1 \le t \le 2$ . Thus, a parametrization of C is as follows:

$$x(t) = t^2$$
,  $y(t) = t$  for  $1 \le t \le 2$ .

Now,  $\int_C (y^2 + x) dx + 4xy dy$  is a line integral with respect to x and y because we see the dx and dy. Here,

$$dx = x'(t) dt = 2t dt$$
 and  $dy = y'(t) dt = 1 dt$ .

So, for  $1 \le t \le 2$ ,

$$\int_C (y^2 + x) \, dx + 4xy \, dy = \int_1^2 \left[ \left( t^2 + t^2 \right) 2t + 4(t^2)(t) \right] dt$$
$$= \int_1^2 8t^3 \, dt$$
$$= \left[ 2t^4 \right]_1^2$$
$$= 2^5 - 2 = 30.$$

2. Evaluate the line integral  $\int_C z^2 dx + x dy + y dz$  where C is the line segment from (1, 0, 0) to (4, 1, 2).

Solution: First, we parametrize C, the line segment from (1,0,0) to (4,1,2). For  $0 \le t \le 1$ , C can be written as the vector function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 1,0,0 \rangle + t \left( \langle 4,1,2 \rangle - \langle 1,0,0 \rangle \right) = \langle 1,0,0 \rangle + t \langle 3,1,2 \rangle$ . So, x(t) = 1 + 3t, y(t) = t, and z(t) = 2t for  $0 \le t \le 1$ . Then, dx = x'(t) dt = 3 dt, dy = y'(t) dt = 1 dt, dz = z'(t) dt = 2 dt.

Hence, for 
$$0 \le t \le 1$$
,  

$$\int_C z^2 dx + x \, dy + y \, dz = \int_0^1 \left[ (2t)^2 (3) + (1+3t)(1) + t(2) \right] dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left[ 12t^2 + 5t + 1 \right] dt$$

$$= \left[ 4t^3 + \frac{5}{2}t^2 + t \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{15}{2}.$$

3. Compute  $\int_C x^2 ds$  where C is the intersection of the surface  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$  and the plane  $z = \sqrt{3}$ .

**Solution:** The intersection of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$  and the plane  $z = \sqrt{3}$  is the circle

$$x^{2} + y^{2} + \left(\sqrt{3}\right)^{2} = 4, \quad z = \sqrt{3}$$

or simply  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ ,  $z = \sqrt{3}$ .

Thus, a parametrization of C could be

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle \cos t, \sin t, \sqrt{3} \right\rangle \quad \text{for } 0 \le t \le 2\pi.$$

Then,  $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 0 \rangle \implies |\mathbf{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{(-\sin t)^2 + \cos^2 t} = 1.$ So  $ds = |\mathbf{r}'(t)| dt = 1 dt$ . Finally, for  $0 \le t \le 2\pi$ ,

$$\int_C x^2 ds = \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos^2 t) dt$$
  
=  $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2t) dt$   
=  $\frac{1}{2} \left[ t + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) \right]_0^{2\pi}$   
=  $\pi$ .

- 4. Determine whether or not the following vector fields are conservative:
  - (a)  $\mathbf{F} = (3 + 2xy)\mathbf{i} + (x^2 3y^2)\mathbf{j}$ (b)  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{i} + \sin z \mathbf{j} + y \cos z \mathbf{k}$

**Solution:** (a) Since **F** is a vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , we use the criterion  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$  to see if **F** is conservative or not. We have  $\mathbf{F} = \langle 3 + 2xy, x^2 - 3y^2 \rangle$ . So, P = 3 + 2xy and  $Q = x^2 - 3y^2$  and  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 2x = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$ . Since  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$ , **F** is a conservative vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Name:

(b) Since **F** is a vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , we use the criterion curl  $\mathbf{F} \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{0}$  to see if **F** is conservative or not. We have  $\mathbf{F} = \langle 1, \sin z, y \cos z \rangle$ . And

$$\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{F} = \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 1 & \sin z & y \cos z \end{vmatrix} = \langle \cos z - \cos z, 0, 0 \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle = \mathbf{0}.$$

Since curl  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{F}$  is a conservative vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

5. Evaluate  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ , where  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = -2xy \mathbf{i} + 4y \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{r}(t) = t \mathbf{i} + t^2 \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ ,  $0 \le t \le 2$ .

**Solution:** Since x = t,  $y = t^2$ , z = 1, we have  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) = -2t^3\mathbf{i} + 4t^2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} = \langle -2t^3, 4t^2, 1 \rangle,$ and  $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \mathbf{i} + 2t\mathbf{j} = \langle 1, 2t, 0 \rangle$ 

The line integral of  $\mathbf{F}$  along C is

$$\int_{C} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{0}^{2} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt$$

$$= \int_{0}^{2} \langle -2t^{3}, 4t^{2}, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2t, 0 \rangle dt$$

$$= \int_{0}^{2} (-2t^{3} + 8t^{3}) dt$$

$$= \int_{0}^{2} 6t^{3} dt$$

$$= \frac{6t^{4}}{4} \Big|_{0}^{2}$$

$$= \frac{3 \cdot 2^{4}}{2} - 0$$

$$= 24$$

**Remark:** Note that  $\mathbf{F}$  is not a conservative vector field, so we cannot apply the Fundamental Theorem of Line Integrals in this example. To see this note that

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \hline \text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \left| \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \hline -2xy & 4y & 1 \end{array} \right| = \langle 0, 0, 2x \rangle \neq \mathbf{0}. \end{array}$$

**Solution:** Since we know **F** is a conservative vector field,  $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$  for some scalar function f(x, y). So,  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ . Then, by the fundamental theorem of line integral (FTLI), we have  $\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(1, 0) - f(-1, 0)$ . So, let's go about and find the potential function f(x, y) of **F** first.

We know  $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$ , so  $\langle y^2 \cos(xy^2) + 3x^2, 2xy \cos(xy^2) + 2y \rangle = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle$ . Thus, we have

$$f_x = y^2 \cos(xy^2) + 3x^2 \tag{1}$$

$$f_y = 2xy\cos(xy^2) + 2y \tag{2}$$

Using equation (1), we have  $f = \int (y^2 \cos(xy^2) + 3x^2) dx = \sin(xy^2) + x^3 + g(y)$ . Now, we need to find g(y) to complete f.

With  $f = \sin(xy^2) + x^3 + g(y)$ , we compute  $f_y = 2xy\cos(xy^2) + g'(y)$ . Then from equation (2) above, we must have

$$2xy\cos(xy^2) + g'(y) = 2xy\cos(xy^2) + 2y \implies g'(y) = 2y \implies g(y) = y^2 + C.$$

We only need a potential function to apply FTLI, so we can pick C = 0. So, a potential function f(x, y) of the vector field **F** is

$$f(x,y) = \sin(xy^2) + x^3 + y^2.$$

Finally,

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r} \stackrel{\text{FTLI}}{=} f(1,0) - f(-1,0)$$
$$= (\sin 0 + 1^3 + 0^2) - (\sin 0 + (-1)^3 + 0^2)$$
$$= 2.$$

7. Use Green's Theorem to evaluate

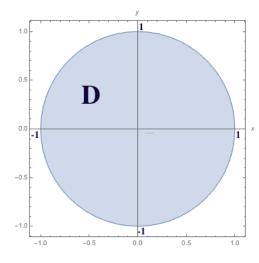
$$\int_C \left(-\frac{y^3}{3} + \sin x\right) \, dx + \left(\frac{x^3}{3} + y\right) \, dy,$$

where C is the circle of radius 1 centered at (0, 0) oriented counterclockwise when viewed from above.

**Solution:** Let D be the region enclosed by the unit circle C in this problem. By Green's Theorem, we have

$$\int_C \left( -\frac{y^3}{3} + \sin x \right) \, dx + \left( \frac{x^3}{3} + y \right) \, dy = \iint_D x^2 - (-y^2) \, dA.$$

(Here, we have  $P = -\frac{y^3}{3} + \sin x$  and  $Q = \frac{x^3}{3} + y$ , so  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -y^2$  and  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = x^2$ .) So, instead of computing the line integral  $\int_C \left(-\frac{y^3}{3} + \sin x\right) dx + \left(\frac{x^3}{3} + y\right) dy$ , we are going to compute the double integral  $\iint_D x^2 + y^2 dA$ , where D is the unit disk as shown below.



Using polar coordinates,

$$\iint_D x^2 + y^2 \, dA = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 r^3 \, dr \, d\theta = 2\pi \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Hence,

$$\int_C \left(-\frac{y^3}{3} + \sin x\right) \, dx + \left(\frac{x^3}{3} + y\right) \, dy = \frac{\pi}{2}$$