

M20550 Calculus III Tutorial
Worksheet 10

1. 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 \mathbf{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 \mathbf{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 $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$, \mathbf{F} is a conservative vector field on \mathbb{R}^2 .

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

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

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

2. Evaluate $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$, where $\mathbf{F} = (y^2 \cos(xy^2) + 3x^2)\mathbf{i} + (2xy \cos(xy^2) + 2y)\mathbf{j}$ is a conservative vector field and C is any curve from the point $(-1, 0)$ to $(1, 0)$.

Solution: Since we know \mathbf{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 \mathbf{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

$$f_x = y^2 \cos(xy^2) + 3x^2 \quad (1)$$

$$f_y = 2xy \cos(xy^2) + 2y \quad (2)$$

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 \mathbf{F} is

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

Finally,

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

3. Use Green's Theorem to evaluate

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

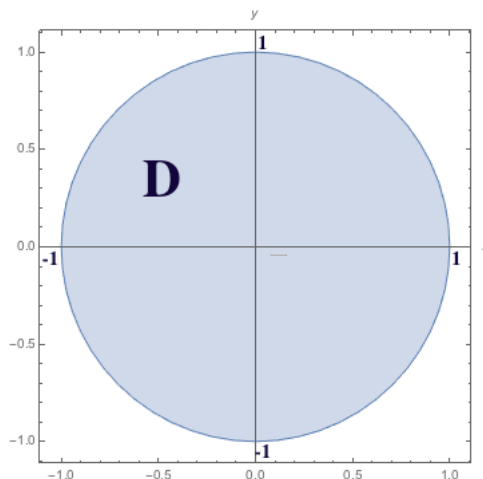
where C is the circle of radius 1 centered at $(0, 0)$ oriented counterclockwise when viewed from above.

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,

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

4. Write an equation of the tangent plane to the parametric surface

$$x = u^2 + 1, \quad y = v^3 + 1, \quad z = u + v,$$

at the point $(5, 2, 3)$.

Solution: The surface is given by the vector equation $\mathbf{r}(u, v) = \langle u^2 + 1, v^3 + 1, u + v \rangle$. So, a normal vector to the tangent plane at $(5, 2, 3)$ is given by $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$ at the point $(5, 2, 3)$.

First, $\mathbf{r}_u = \langle 2u, 0, 1 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_v = \langle 0, 3v^2, 1 \rangle$. Now, we want to find (u, v) corresponds to the point $(x, y, z) = (5, 2, 3)$. So, we want to find (u, v) that satisfies:

$$5 = u^2 + 1, \quad 2 = v^3 + 1, \quad 3 = u + v.$$

$2 = v^3 + 1$ implies $v = 1$. So, $3 = u + v \implies 3 = u + 1 \implies u = 2$. And we see that $u = 2$ satisfies the equation $5 = u^2 + 1$. Thus, $(u, v) = (2, 1)$ gives the points $(x, y, z) = (5, 2, 3)$.

Now, with $u = 2$ and $v = 1$, we have $\mathbf{r}_u = \langle 4, 0, 1 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_v = \langle 0, 3, 1 \rangle$. So, $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v = \langle 4, 0, 1 \rangle \times \langle 0, 3, 1 \rangle = \langle -3, -4, 12 \rangle$. So, $\langle -3, -4, 12 \rangle$ can be chosen as a normal vector

to the tangent plane at the point $(5, 2, 3)$. And so, an equation of this tangent plane is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\langle -3, -4, 12 \rangle \cdot \langle x, y, z \rangle &= \langle -3, -4, 12 \rangle \cdot \langle 5, 2, 3 \rangle \\ \implies -3x - 4y + 12z &= 13.\end{aligned}$$

5. Write the integral that computes the surface area of the surface S parametrized by $\mathbf{r}(u, v) = \langle u^2 \cos v, u^2 \sin v, v \rangle$, where $0 \leq u \leq 1$ and $0 \leq v \leq \pi$.

Solution: The area of the surface S is given by

$$\text{Area}(S) = \iint_D |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| \, dA.$$

where D is the region given by $0 \leq u \leq 1$ and $0 \leq v \leq \pi$. With $\mathbf{r}(u, v) = \langle u^2 \cos v, u^2 \sin v, v \rangle$, we have $\mathbf{r}_u = \langle 2u \cos v, 2u \sin v, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_v = \langle -u^2 \sin v, u^2 \cos v, 1 \rangle$. Then

$$\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v = \langle 2u \cos v, 2u \sin v, 0 \rangle \times \langle -u^2 \sin v, u^2 \cos v, 1 \rangle = \langle 2u \sin v, -2u \cos v, 2u^3 \rangle.$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}|\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| &= |\langle 2u \sin v, -2u \cos v, 2u^3 \rangle| \\ &= \sqrt{(2u \sin v)^2 + (-2u \cos v)^2 + (2u^3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4u^2 + 4u^6} \\ &= \sqrt{4u^2(1 + u^4)} = 2u\sqrt{1 + u^4}.\end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\text{Area}(S) = \iint_D |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| \, dA = \iint_D 2u\sqrt{1 + u^4} \, dA = \int_0^1 \int_0^\pi 2u\sqrt{1 + u^4} \, dv \, du.$$

6. Find the surface area of the part of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ that lies between the planes $z = 0$ and $z = 2$.

Solution: First, we want to parametrize this surface, denote S . The cross section of S with the xy -plane is the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, so we can have $x = 2 \cos u$, $y = 2 \sin u$ for $0 \leq u \leq 2\pi$. Then, we can let $z = v$, where $0 \leq v \leq 2$. Thus a parametrization

of the surface S is given by

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = \langle 2 \cos u, 2 \sin u, v \rangle, \quad 0 \leq u \leq 2\pi \text{ and } 0 \leq v \leq 2.$$

Denote D the region in the uv -plane that is bounded by $0 \leq u \leq 2\pi$ and $0 \leq v \leq 2$. The area of the surface S is given by

$$\text{Area}(S) = \iint_D |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| \, dA.$$

We have $\mathbf{r}_u = \langle -2 \sin u, 2 \cos u, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_v = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$. Then,

$$\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v = \langle -2 \sin u, 2 \cos u, 0 \rangle \times \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle = \langle 2 \cos u, 2 \sin u, 0 \rangle.$$

So,

$$|\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| = |\langle 2 \cos u, 2 \sin u, 0 \rangle| = \sqrt{(2 \cos u)^2 + (2 \sin u)^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2.$$

Finally,

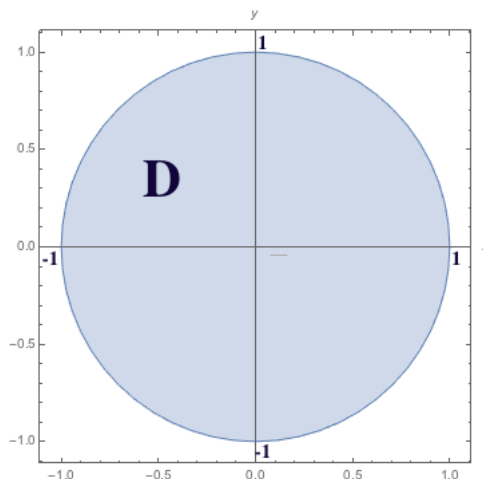
$$\text{Area}(S) = \iint_D |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| \, dA = \iint_D 2 \, dA = \int_0^2 \int_0^{2\pi} 2 \, du \, dv = 8\pi.$$

7. Find the area of the part of the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$ which lies inside the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

Solution: Denote S the surface given by the part of the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$ which lies inside the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. Since the surface S is given by the equation $z = x^2 + y^2$, we can use the following formula to compute the area of S :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area}(S) &= \iint_D \sqrt{1 + (z_x)^2 + (z_y)^2} \, dA \\ &= \iint_D \sqrt{1 + (2x)^2 + (2y)^2} \, dA \\ &= \iint_D \sqrt{1 + 4(x^2 + y^2)} \, dA. \end{aligned}$$

Here, D is the projection of S onto the xy -plane. So, D is the unit disk in the xy -plane.



We use polar coordinate to compute the double integral above.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_D \sqrt{1 + 4(x^2 + y^2)} \, dA &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + 4r^2} \, r \, dr \, d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) (1 + 4r^2)^{3/2} \Big|_{r=0}^{r=1} \, d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{12} (5^{3/2} - 1) \, d\theta \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{6} (5^{3/2} - 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

So, the area of the given surface is $\frac{\pi}{6} (5^{3/2} - 1)$.

Alternatively, if you don't want to remember two formulas for surface area. You can still do this problem by using the formula

$$\text{Area}(S) = \iint_D |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| \, dA.$$

In this case, we need a parametrization of S . Since the surface is given by the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$, we can let x and y be the parameters and have $z = x^2 + y^2$. But the surface lies inside the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$, so x and y lie inside the unit disk $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ in the xy -plane. So, a parametrization of S is given by

$$\mathbf{r}(x, y) = \langle x, y, x^2 + y^2 \rangle, \text{ for } (x, y) \in D,$$

where D is the disk centered at $(0, 0)$ with radius 1 in the xy -plane as shown in the picture above.

Then, $\mathbf{r}_x = \langle 1, 0, 2x \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_y = \langle 0, 1, 2y \rangle$. So, $\mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y = \langle -2x, -2y, 1 \rangle$. Then, $|\mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y| = \sqrt{4x^2 + 4y^2 + 1} = \sqrt{1 + 4(x^2 + y^2)}$. And so,

$$\text{Area}(S) = \iint_D |\mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y| \, dA = \iint_D \sqrt{1 + 4(x^2 + y^2)} \, dA = \frac{\pi}{6} (5^{3/2} - 1) \text{ (as above).}$$

8. (a) Compute $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}$, where $\mathbf{F} = \langle e^y, zy, xy^2 \rangle$.
(b) Is there a vector field \mathbf{G} on \mathbb{R}^3 such that $\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{G} = \langle xyz, -y^2z, yz^2 \rangle$? Why?

Solution: (a) $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(e^y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(zy) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(xy^2) = 0 + z + 0 = z$

(b) For this problem, we need to remember the fact

$$\operatorname{div} \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{F} = 0 \quad \text{for any vector field } \mathbf{F}.$$

If there is a vector field \mathbf{G} on \mathbb{R}^3 such that $\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{G} = \langle xyz, -y^2z, yz^2 \rangle$ then by the fact above, \mathbf{G} would satisfy the rule

$$\operatorname{div} \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{G} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \operatorname{div} \langle xyz, -y^2z, yz^2 \rangle = 0.$$

But,

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

Thus, there is no such \mathbf{G} .