

231 Tutorial Sheet 3: due Friday November 3¹²

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Useful facts:

- The Jacobian in three-dimensions:

$$dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 = J dy_1 dy_2 dy_3 \quad (1)$$

where

$$J = \frac{\partial(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{\partial(y_1, y_2, y_3)} = \left\| \begin{array}{ccc} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_3} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_3} \\ \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial y_3} \end{array} \right\| \quad (2)$$

- Some trigonometric integrals are required. In particular you may quote the integrals:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \cos \theta &= 0, \\ \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \cos^2 \theta &= \pi, \\ \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \cos^3 \theta &= 0 \\ \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \cos^4 \theta &= \frac{3}{4}\pi \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Two are zero by symmetry, the other two can be computed through standard trigonometric identities or via complex exponentials:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}). \quad (4)$$

- For a scalar field ϕ the gradient is

$$\text{grad } \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \mathbf{k} \quad (5)$$

- If \mathbf{a} is a vector $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$ is the corresponding unit vector

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{a}|} \mathbf{a} \quad (6)$$

- The direction derivative of a scalar field f in the \mathbf{a} direction is $D_{\mathbf{a}} f = \hat{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \nabla f$.

Questions

- Rewrite the integral

$$I = \int_0^1 dy \int_{\tan^{-1} y}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} dx \phi(x, y), \quad (7)$$

as an iterated double integral with the opposite order of integration. Compute the area of the region of integration.

- Compute the element of area for elliptic cylinder coordinates which are defined as

$$x = a \cosh u \cos v \quad (8)$$

$$y = a \sinh u \sin v. \quad (9)$$

- Compute the area and centroid of the plane region enclosed by the cardioid $r(\theta) = 1 + \cos \theta$ (r and θ are polar coordinates).
- Check that the Jacobian for the transformation from cartesian to spherical polar coordinates is

$$J = r^2 \sin \theta. \quad (10)$$

Consider the hemisphere defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} &\leq 1 \\ z &\geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Using spherical polar coordinates compute its volume and centroid.

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