

MA2331 Tutorial Sheet 5.¹

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Useful facts:

- To evaluate the line integral for a parameterized curve $C : t \rightarrow \mathbf{r}(t)$:

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \mathbf{F} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} dt \quad (1)$$

where t_1 and t_2 are the parameter values corresponding to the beginning and end of the curve.

- To evaluate the surface integral for a parameterized surface $S : (u, v) \rightarrow \mathbf{r}(u, v)$:

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial v} \right) du dv \quad (2)$$

- Stokes' theorem: for an orientable piecewise smooth surface S with an orientable piecewise smooth boundary C oriented so that $\mathbf{n} \times d\mathbf{l}$ points into S with \mathbf{n} the normal and $d\mathbf{l}$ a tangent to C and \mathbf{F} a vector field defined in a region containing S , then

$$\int_S \text{curl } \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (3)$$

- Green's theorem on the plane: let D be a region in the xy -plane bounded by a piecewise continuous curve C , if $f(x, y)$ and $g(x, y)$ have continuous first derivatives

$$\int_D \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) dx dy = \int_C (f dx + g dy) \quad (4)$$

- A vector field \mathbf{F} is **conservative** if $\mathbf{F} = \text{grad } \phi$ for some scalar field ϕ . ϕ is often called a **potential** for \mathbf{F} .
- A vector field is path-independent if its line integral between any two points is independent of the path.
- An irrotational field on a simply connected domain is conservative.
- To find a potential by integration: let $\partial_x \phi = F_1$ and integrate to find ϕ determined up to an arbitrary function of y and z , substitute back into $\partial_y \phi = F_2$ to determine it up to an arbitrary function of z and then determine this, up to an arbitrary constant, by substituting into $\partial_z \phi = F_3$

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Questions

1. Compute the line integrals:

(a) $\int_C (dx \, xy + \frac{1}{2} dy \, x^2 + dz)$ where C is the line segment joining the origin and the point $(1, 1, 2)$.

(b) $\int_C (dx \, yz + dy \, xz + dz \, yx^2)$ where C is the same line as in the previous part

(2 marks)

2. For each of the following vector fields compute the line integral $\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$ where C is the unit circle in the xy -plane taken anti-clockwise.

(a) $\mathbf{F} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j}$

(b) $\mathbf{F} = y\mathbf{i} - x^2y\mathbf{j}$.

(2 marks)

3. Evaluate the line integrals $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$ for

(a) $\mathbf{F} = (x^2y, 4, 0)$ with C given by $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\exp(t), \exp(-t), 0)$ with t going from zero to one;

(b) $\mathbf{F} = (z, x, y)$ with C given by $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\sin t, 3 \sin t, \sin^2 t)$ with t going from zero to $\pi/2$.

(2 marks)

4. For each of these fields determine if \mathbf{F} is conservative, if it is, by integration or otherwise, find a potential: ϕ such that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla\phi$.

(a) $\mathbf{F} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j}$

(b) $\mathbf{F} = 3y^2\mathbf{i} + 6xy\mathbf{j}$

(c) $\mathbf{F} = e^x \cos y\mathbf{i} - e^x \sin y\mathbf{j}$

(d) $\mathbf{F} = (\cos y + y \cos x)\mathbf{i} + (\sin x - x \sin y)\mathbf{j}$

(2 marks)

5. Consider the ‘point vortex’ vector field

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}\mathbf{i} - \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}\mathbf{j}.$$

Show that $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = 0$ away from the z -axis. Establish that \mathbf{F} is *not* conservative in the (non simply-connected) domain $x^2 + y^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}$. Is \mathbf{F} conservative in the domain defined by $x^2 + y^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}$, $y \geq 0$? If so obtain a scalar potential for \mathbf{F} .

(2 marks)

6. Find the flux of $\mathbf{F} = e^{-y}\mathbf{i} - y\mathbf{j} + x \sin z\mathbf{k}$ across the portion of the paraboloid

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = 2 \cos v \mathbf{i} + \sin v \mathbf{j} + u \mathbf{k} \quad (5)$$

with $0 \leq u \leq 5$ and $0 \leq v \leq 2\pi$, oriented to give a positive answer.

(2 marks)

7. Use Green's Theorem to evaluate

$$\oint_C (y^2 dx + x^2 dy) \quad (6)$$

where C is the square with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(1, 0)$, $(1, 1)$ and $(0, 1)$ and oriented anti-clockwise.

(2 marks)

8. Calculate directly and using Stokes' Theorem

$$\int_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (7)$$

where $\mathbf{F} = (z - y)\mathbf{i} + (z + x)\mathbf{j} - (x + y)\mathbf{k}$ and S is the paraboloid $z = 9 - x^2 - y^2$ oriented upwards with $z > 0$.

(2 marks)