

Practice Problems: line integrals of a vector-valued function

1) Find $\int_C xy \, dx + (x-y) \, dy$, where C = line segments from $(0,0)$ to $(2,0)$ and $(2,0)$ to $(3,2)$.

$$C_1: \vec{r}_1(t) = \langle 2t, 0 \rangle, 0 \leq t \leq 1, C_2: \vec{r}_2(t) = (1-t)\langle 2, 0 \rangle + t\langle 3, 2 \rangle = \langle 2+t, 2t \rangle, 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$\int_{C_1} (2t)(0) \cdot 2dt + (2t-0) \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\int_0^1 (2+t)(2t) dt + (2+t-2t) 2dt = 4t + 2t^2 + 4 + 2t - 4t = \int_0^1 2t^2 + 2t + 4 \, dt = \frac{2}{3} + 1 + 4 = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\int_{C_1} + \int_{C_2} = 0 + \frac{17}{3} = \boxed{\frac{17}{3}}$$

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2) Evaluate $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ where $\vec{F} = x^2y^3 \hat{i} - y\sqrt{x} \hat{j}$ and $\vec{r}(t) = t^2 \hat{i} - t^3 \hat{j}$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = \langle t^4 \cdot (-t^3)^3, t^3 \cdot t \rangle \cdot \langle 2t, -3t^2 \rangle = -2t^{14} - 3t^6$$

$$- \int_0^1 2t^{14} + 3t^6 \, dt = - \left(\frac{2}{15} + \frac{3}{7} \right) = - \frac{(14+45)}{105} = \boxed{-\frac{59}{105}}$$

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$$1) \frac{17}{3}, \quad 2) -\frac{59}{105}.$$