

Math 53 - Multivariable Calculus

Quiz # 9

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Solns

Exercise 1. Evaluate the line integral $\int_C (x^2 y^3 - \sqrt{x}) dy$, where C is the arc of the curve $y = \sqrt{x}$ from $(1, 1)$ to $(4, 2)$.

Let x be parameter, then C given by $x=x, y=\sqrt{x}, 1 \leq x \leq 4$

$$\Rightarrow \int_C (x^2 y^3 - \sqrt{x}) dy = \int_1^4 (x^2 \cdot (\sqrt{x})^3 - \sqrt{x}) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^4 (x^3 - 1) dx = \frac{243}{8}$$

Exercise 2. Evaluate the line integral $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$, where $\vec{F} = \sin(x)\vec{i} + \cos(y)\vec{j} + xz\vec{k}$ and C is the curve given by the vector function $\vec{r}(t) = t^3\vec{i} - t^2\vec{j} + t\vec{k}, 0 \leq t \leq 1$.

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_0^1 \langle \sin(t^3), \cos(t^2), t^4 \rangle \cdot \langle 3t^2, -2t, 1 \rangle dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 (3t^2 \sin(t^3) - 2t \cos(t^2) + t^4) dt = \frac{6}{5} - \cos(1) - \sin(1)$$

Exercise 3. Recall, the work done by a force field \vec{F} on a particle along some trajectory C is given by the line integral $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$. Use this to show that a constant force field does zero work on a particle that moves once uniformly around the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos(t), \sin(t) \rangle, \quad \vec{F} = \langle a, b \rangle \quad a, b \text{ constants}$$

$$0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

$$W = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_0^{2\pi} \langle a, b \rangle \cdot \langle -\sin(t), \cos(t) \rangle dt = \int_0^{2\pi} -a \sin(t) + b \cos(t) dt$$

$$= a \cos(t) + b \sin(t) \Big|_0^{2\pi} = (a \cos(2\pi) + b \sin(2\pi)) - (a \cos(0) + b \sin(0))$$

$$= a (\underbrace{\cos(2\pi) - \cos(0)}_{=0}) = 0$$