

Worksheet for 2021-11-29

Warm-up

Question 1. Let C be a clockwise closed curve in the plane which encloses some region D . Which of the following integrals computes the area of D ? (What are the values of the other integrals?)

$$\int_C x \, dx, \quad \int_C (x \, dy - y \, dx), \quad \int_C y \, dx$$

Question 2. Show that the angle formed between the xy -plane and any tangent plane of the parametric surface $\mathbf{r}(z, \theta) = \langle z \cos \theta, z \sin \theta, z \rangle$ is always the same, and find this angle. Also identify what surface this is.

Question 3. Suppose that \mathbf{F} is a vector field in \mathbb{R}^3 that is always parallel to the xy -plane, i.e. it has zero z -component. Does it follow that $\nabla \times \mathbf{F}$ is vertical at all points?

Computations

These problems are taken from last year's final, with slight adjustments.

Problem 1. Let $P(t), Q(t), R(t)$ be single-variable functions. Define $f(x, y, z)$ as

$$f(x, y, z) = \int_0^x P(t) \, dt + \int_0^y Q(t) \, dt + \int_0^z R(t) \, dt.$$

Let $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$.

(a) Compute \mathbf{F} in terms of P, Q, R .

(b) Let S be the hemisphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1, z \geq 0$, oriented upwards. Let ∂S be the oriented boundary of S . Compute

$$\int_{\partial S} (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{r}.$$

Problem 2. Let \mathbf{F} be the vector field $\langle x - \frac{2}{3}x^3, -\frac{4}{3}y^3, -\frac{8}{3}z^3 \rangle$. Find the closed surface S in \mathbb{R}^3 which maximizes the value of the (outwards) flux integral

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}.$$

Problem 3. Suppose that S is a closed surface parametrized by s, t over the region $0 \leq t \leq 1, 0 \leq s \leq 2$. Show that the volume enclosed by S is

$$\left| \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 \int_0^2 \left(x \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} \right) + y \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} \right) + z \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial s} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \right) \right) ds \, dt \right|$$

(where the integrand is understood to be written in terms of s, t).

Problem 4. Let Γ be the parametrized polar curve $r = t, \theta = 8\pi t, 0 \leq t \leq 1$.

(a) Rewrite Γ as an ordinary parametric curve $x = f(t), y = g(t)$.

(b) Compute $\int_{\Gamma} \langle x, y \rangle \cdot d\mathbf{r}$.