

MATH 255

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Homework #2

Section 4.4 Exercises 24, 25, 30, 33, 34, 38

Section 7.1 Exercises 9, 10, 12, 16, 18, 19.

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Section 4.4 24. Suppose $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a C^2 scalar function. Which of the following expressions are meaningful, and what are nonsense? For those which are meaningful, decide whether the expression defines a scalar function or a vector field.

(a) $\text{curl}(\text{grad } f) \rightarrow$ meaningful, the curl of a vector field results in a vector field.

(b) $\text{grad}(\text{curl } f) \rightarrow$ nonsense

(c) $\text{div}(\text{grad } f) \rightarrow$ meaningful, the divergence of a vector field is a scalar function.

(d) $\text{grad}(\text{div } f) \rightarrow$ meaningful, the gradients of a scalar function is a vector field.

(e) $\text{curl}(\text{div } f) \rightarrow$ nonsense.

(f) $\text{div}(\text{curl } f) \rightarrow$ meaningful, the divergence of a vector field is a scalar function.

25. Suppose $F: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is a C^2 vector field. Which of the following expressions are meaningful, and which are nonsense? For those which are meaningful, decide whether the expression defines a scalar function or a vector field.

(a) $\text{curl}(\text{grad } F) \rightarrow$ Nonsense

(b) $\text{grad}(\text{curl } F) \rightarrow$ Nonsense

(c) $\text{div}(\text{grad } F) \rightarrow$ Nonsense

(d) $\text{grad}(\text{div } F) \rightarrow$ meaningful, vector field.

(e) $\text{curl}(\text{div } F) \rightarrow$ Nonsense

(f) $\text{div}(\text{curl } F) \rightarrow$ meaningful, scalar function

Verify that $\nabla \times (\nabla f) = 0$ for the functions

30. $f(x, y, z) = xy + yz + xz$

$$\nabla \times \nabla f = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix} = \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z \partial y} \right) \mathbf{i} - \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z \partial x} \right) \mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} \right) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\nabla f = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right) = (y+z, x+z, y+x)$$

$$\nabla \times \nabla f = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ y+z & x+z & y+x \end{vmatrix} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y+x) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(x+z) \right) \mathbf{i} - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(y+x) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(y+z) \right) \mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x+z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y+z) \right) \mathbf{k}$$

$$= (1-1)\mathbf{i} - (1-1)\mathbf{j} + (1-1)\mathbf{k} = 0$$

Thus, $\nabla \times (\nabla f) = 0$.

33. Show that $F = y(\cos x)\mathbf{i} + x(\sin y)\mathbf{j}$ is not a gradient vector field.

If F were a gradient field, then it would satisfy $\text{curl } F = 0$.

$$\text{curl } F = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ y(\cos x) & x(\sin y) & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(0) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(x(\sin y)) \right) \mathbf{i} - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(0) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(y(\cos x)) \right) \mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x(\sin y)) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y(\cos x)) \right) \mathbf{k}$$

$$= (0-0)\mathbf{i} - (0-0)\mathbf{j} + (\sin y - \cos x)\mathbf{k}$$

$$= (\sin y - \cos x)\mathbf{k}$$

$\text{curl } F \neq 0$. So F cannot be a gradient vector field.

34. Show that $F = (x^2 + y^2)\mathbf{i} - 2xy\mathbf{j}$ is not a gradient field.

If F were a gradient field, then it would satisfy $\text{curl } F = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{curl } F &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x^2 + y^2 & -2xy & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(0) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(-2xy) \right) \mathbf{i} - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(0) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(x^2 + y^2) \right) \mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(-2xy) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x^2 + y^2) \right) \mathbf{k} \\ &= (0 - 0) \mathbf{i} - (0 - 0) \mathbf{j} + ((-2y) - (2y)) \mathbf{k} \\ &= (-2y - 2y) \mathbf{k} = -4y \mathbf{k} \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

So F cannot be a gradient vector field.

38. Let $r(x, y, z) = (x, y, z)$ and $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = \|r\|$. Prove the following identities.

(a) $\nabla(1/r) = -r/r^3$; and, in general, $\nabla(r^n) = nr^{n-2}r$ and

$$\nabla(\log r) = 1/r^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla(1/r) &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathbf{k} \right) \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) \\ &= \left(-\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{dr}{\partial x} \right) \mathbf{i} + \left(-\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{dr}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{j} + \left(-\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{dr}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{k} \\ &= -\frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{r}{r} \right) = -\frac{r}{r^3} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\nabla^2(1/r) = 0$, $r \neq 0$; and, in general, $\nabla^2 r^n = n(n+1)r^{n-2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) &= -\frac{r}{r^3} \\ \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{r}{r^3} \right) &= \frac{1}{r^3} \nabla \cdot r + r \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{1}{r^3} \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{r^3} + r \cdot \left(-\frac{3r}{r^5} \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{r^3} - \frac{3}{r^3} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(c) $\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{r}}{r^3}\right) = 0$; and in general, $\nabla \cdot (r^n \mathbf{r}) = (n+3)r^n$.

$$\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{r}}{r^3}\right) = \frac{1}{r^3} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r} \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{1}{r^3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{r^3} + \mathbf{r} \cdot \left(\frac{-3\mathbf{r}}{r^5}\right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{r^3} - \frac{3}{r^3} = 0$$

please indicate if it is a vector.

(d) $\nabla \times \mathbf{r} = 0$; and in general, $\nabla \times (r^n \mathbf{r}) = 0$.

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{r} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(y)\right)\mathbf{i} - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(x)\right)\mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x)\right)\mathbf{k}$$

$$= (0-0)\mathbf{i} - (0-0)\mathbf{j} + (0-0)\mathbf{k} = 0$$

Section 7.1

9. Let $f(x, y, z) = y$ and $c(t) = (0, 0, t)$, $0 \leq t \leq 1$. Prove that $\int_c f ds = 0$.

$$\int_c f ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \|c'(t)\| dt$$

$$c'(t) = (0, 0, 1)$$

$$\|c'(t)\| = \sqrt{(0)^2 + (0)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$\int_c f ds = \int_{t=0}^{t=1} 0(1) dt = 0$$

10. Evaluate the following path integrals $\int_c f(x, y, z) ds$, where

(a) $f(x, y, z) = x + y + z$ and $c: t \mapsto (\sin t, \cos t, t)$, $t \in [0, 2\pi]$

$$\int_c f ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \|c'(t)\| dt$$

$$c'(t) = (\cos t, -\sin t, 1)$$

$$\|c'(t)\| = \sqrt{\cos^2 t + (-\sin^2 t) + 1} = \sqrt{1+1} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\int_c f ds = \int_0^{2\pi} (\sin t + \cos t + t)(\sqrt{2}) dt$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin t + \cos t + t dt$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \left[-\cos t + \sin t + \frac{t^2}{2} \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \left[(-\cos(2\pi) + \sin(2\pi) + \frac{(2\pi)^2}{2}) - (-\cos(0) + \sin(0) + 0) \right]$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \left[(-1 + 0 + 2\pi^2) - (-1 + 0 + 0) \right] = \sqrt{2}(-1 + 2\pi^2 + 1) = \boxed{2\sqrt{2}\pi^2}$$

and so the quotient

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N f(x(t_i^*), y(t_i^*)) (s_i - s_{i-1})}{\sum_{i=1}^N (s_i - s_{i-1})} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N f(x(t_i^*), y(t_i^*)) (s_i - s_{i-1})}{L(c)}$$

is the approximate average obtained by considering $f(x(t_i^*), y(t_i^*))$ to be constant along each of the arc As_i . The limit as $N \rightarrow \infty$ of the sequence $\{s_N\}_{N=1}^{\infty}$ is the average value of f along c . So we have the formula $\int_c f(x, y, z) ds / L(c)$.

(b) Show that the average value of f along c in Example 1 is $(1 + \frac{4}{3}\pi^2)$.

$$\frac{\int_c f(x, y, z) ds}{L(c)} \quad \text{where } L(c) = \int_c \|c'(t)\| dt$$

$$\int_c f(x, y, z) ds = \frac{2\sqrt{2}\pi}{3} (3 + 4\pi^2)$$

$$L(c) = \int_0^{2\pi} \|c'(t)\| dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{2} dt = \sqrt{2} [t]_0^{2\pi} = \sqrt{2} (2\pi - 0) = 2\sqrt{2}\pi$$

$$\frac{\int_c f(x, y, z) ds}{L(c)} = \frac{\frac{2\sqrt{2}\pi}{3} (3 + 4\pi^2)}{2\sqrt{2}\pi} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}\pi (3 + 4\pi^2)}{3(2\sqrt{2}\pi)}$$

$$= \frac{3 + 4\pi^2}{3} = 1 + \frac{4}{3}\pi^2$$

(c) In Exercise 10(a) and (b) above, find the average value of f over the given curves.

Ex 10(a) $\frac{\int_c f(x, y, z) ds}{L(c)} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}\pi^2}{\int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{2} dt} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}\pi^2}{2\sqrt{2}\pi} = \boxed{\pi}$

Ex 10(b) $\frac{\int_c f(x, y, z) ds}{L(c)} = \frac{0}{\int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{2} dt} = \frac{0}{2\sqrt{2}\pi} = \boxed{0}$

18. Suppose the semicircle in Exercise 17 is made of a wire with a uniform density of 2 grams per unit length.

(a) What is the total mass of the wire?

$$\text{Total mass} = \int_C f \, ds$$

uniform density $\Rightarrow f(x, y, z) = 1$

$$c'(t) = (0, a \cos \theta, -a \sin \theta)$$

$$\|c'(t)\| = \sqrt{0^2 + (a \cos \theta)^2 + (-a \sin \theta)^2} = \sqrt{0 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta + a^2 \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$= \sqrt{a^2 (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)} = \sqrt{a^2} = a$$

$$\text{Total mass} = \int_0^{\pi} a \, dt$$

$$= a[t]_0^{\pi} = \boxed{a\pi}$$

(b) Where is the center of mass of this configuration of wire?

$$\theta \mapsto (0, a \sin \theta, a \cos \theta)$$

$$x=0 \quad y=a \sin \theta, \quad z=a \cos \theta$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} 0(a) \, dt = 0$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} (a \sin \theta) a \, dt = -\frac{a^2}{2} [\cos \theta]_0^{\pi}$$

$$= -\frac{a^2}{2} (-1 - 1) = -\frac{a^2}{2} (-2) = a^2$$

$$\bar{z} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} (a \cos \theta) a \, dt = \frac{a^2}{2} [\sin \theta]_0^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} (0 - 0) = 0$$

The center of mass of this configuration of wire is in $[0, a^2, 0]$

19. Let c be the path given by $c(t) = (t^2, t, 3)$ for $t \in [0, 1]$.

(a) Find $L(c)$, the length of the path

$$L(c) = \int_C \|c'(t)\| \, dt$$

$$c'(t) = (2t, 1, 0)$$

$$\|c'(t)\| = \sqrt{(2t)^2 + (1)^2 + (0)^2} = \sqrt{4t^2 + 1}$$

$$L(c) = \int_0^1 \sqrt{4t^2 + 1} \, dt = \int_0^1 \sqrt{(2t)^2 + 1} \, dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[t \sqrt{4t^2 + 1} + \log(t + \sqrt{4t^2 + 1}) \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sqrt{5} + \log(1 + \sqrt{5}) - (\log 1) \right]$$

(b) Find the average y coordinate along the path C .

$$\frac{\int_0^1 t \sqrt{4t^2+1} dt}{L(C)}$$

$$L(C) = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \log(1+\sqrt{5})$$

$$\int_0^1 t \sqrt{4t^2+1} dt$$

$$u = 4t^2+1 \quad du = 8t dt$$

$$t=1 \Rightarrow u=5 \quad t=0 \Rightarrow u=1$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \int_{u=1}^{u=5} \sqrt{u} du = \frac{1}{8} \int_{u=1}^{u=5} u^{\frac{1}{2}} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) \left[u^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_{u=1}^{u=5}$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} \left[5^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1 \right]$$

$$\text{The average } y \text{ coordinate} = \frac{\frac{1}{12} [5^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1]}{\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \log(1+\sqrt{5})}$$