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Problem set 5, due Wed Feb 11

Please show your work. No credit is given for solutions without justification.

- (1) Evaluate the line integral $\int_C x ds$ if C is the closed curve in \mathbb{R}^2 consisting of the straight line segment from $(0,0)$ to $(2,0)$, the straight line segment from $(0,0)$ to $(0,4)$, and the segment of the parabola $y = 4 - x^2$ that connects $(0,4)$ to $(2,0)$.
- (2) Evaluate the line integral $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ for the vector field $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle x + z, y - x, x^2 \rangle$ and the straight line segment C from $(1,0,0)$ to $(0,1,1)$.
- (3) Let $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$ be the gradient vector field of the function $f(x, y) = \tan(x^2 + y^2)$. If C is the arc of the circle $\mathbf{r}(t) = (5 \cos(t), 5 \sin(t))$ with $\frac{\pi}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{3\pi}{4}$, is the line integral $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ positive, negative, or zero? Explain your answer.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad C_1: \quad x(t) = t, \quad y(t) = 0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2.$$

$$\int_{C_1} x ds = \int_0^2 t \cdot \sqrt{1^2 + 0^2} \cdot dt = \int_0^2 t dt = 2$$

$$C_2: \quad x(t) = 0, \quad y(t) = t, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 4.$$

$$\int_{C_2} x ds = \int_0^4 0 \cdot ds = 0$$

$$C_3: \quad x(t) = t, \quad y(t) = 4 - t^2, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2.$$

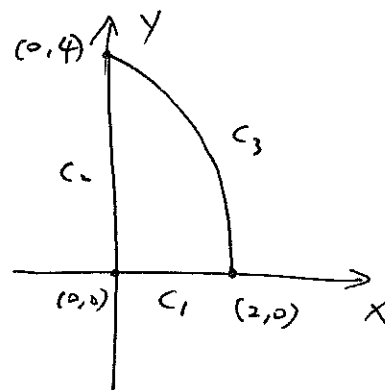
$$\int_{C_3} x ds = \int_0^2 t \sqrt{1^2 + (-2t)^2} dt = \int_0^2 t \sqrt{1 + 4t^2} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \int_0^2 \sqrt{1 + 4t^2} d(1 + 4t^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot (1 + 4t^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \Big|_{t=0}^{t=2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} (17\sqrt{17} - 1)$$

$$\text{so } \int_C x ds = 2 + \frac{1}{12} (17\sqrt{17} - 1)$$



$$\textcircled{2} \quad C: \quad x(t) = 1-t, \quad y(t) = t, \quad z(t) = t, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_C (x+z) dx + (y-x) dy + x^2 dz \\ &= \int_0^1 1 \cdot (-dt) + (2t-1) dt + (t^2-2t+1) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (t^2-1) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{3} - 1 \\ &= -\frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad f(x,y) = \tan(x^2+y^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} f &= \sec^2(x^2+y^2) \cdot 2x \vec{i} + \sec^2(x^2+y^2) \cdot 2y \vec{j} \\ &= 2\sec^2(x^2+y^2) (x\vec{i} + y\vec{j}) \end{aligned}$$

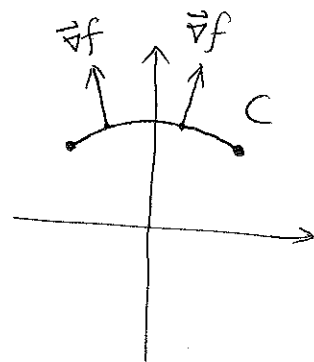
so $\vec{\nabla} f$ at any point (x,y) is either pointing towards the origin, or away from the origin.

That is, $\vec{\nabla} f(\vec{x})$ has the same (or opposite) direction as \vec{x} .

Now along the curve C , it is easy to see that

$\vec{\nabla} f$ is always perpendicular to the curve C .

so the work $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ is 0.



Alternative solution:

Use fundamental theorem of line integrals

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= f(\vec{r}(t)) \Big|_{t=3/4}^{t=3\pi/4} \\ &= \tan 25 - \tan 25 \quad (x^2+y^2=25 \text{ on the circle}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$