

Math 2E Suggested Written Questions 16.3

16.3 The Fundamental Theorem for Line Integrals

- Determine whether $\mathbf{F}$ is a conservative vector field. If it is, find a function f such that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$.
 - $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = e^x \sin y \mathbf{i} + e^x \cos y \mathbf{j}$ on the plane $\mathbb{R}^2$.
 - $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (3x^2 - 2y^2) \mathbf{i} + (4xy + 3) \mathbf{j}$ on the plane $\mathbb{R}^2$.
 - $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (2xy + y^{-2}) \mathbf{i} + (x^2 - 2xy^{-3}) \mathbf{j}$, on the half-plane where $y > 0$.
- First find a function f such that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$, then use it to evaluate $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ along the given curve C .
 - $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = x^2 \mathbf{i} + y^2 \mathbf{j}$. C is the arc of the parabola $y = 2x^2$ from $(-1, 2)$ to $(2, 8)$.
 - $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (y^2z + 2xz^2) \mathbf{i} + 2xyz \mathbf{j} + (xy^2 + 2x^2z) \mathbf{k}$. $C: x = \sqrt{t}, y = t + 1, z = t^2, 0 \leq t \leq 1$.
 - $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \sin y \mathbf{i} + (x \cos y + \cos z) \mathbf{j} - y \sin z \mathbf{k}$. $C: \mathbf{r}(t) = \sin t \mathbf{i} + t \mathbf{j} + 2t \mathbf{k}, 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.
- Show that the integral $\int_C \sin y \, dx + (x \cos y - \sin y) \, dy$ is independent of path and evaluate it if C is any path from $(2, 0)$ to $(1, \pi)$.
- Suppose an experiment determines that the amount of work required for a force field $\mathbf{F}$ to move a particle from the point $(1, 2)$ to the point $(5, -3)$ along a curve C_1 is 1.2 J and the work done by $\mathbf{F}$ in moving the particle along another curve C_2 between the same two points is 1.4 J. What can you say about $\mathbf{F}$? Why?
- Find the work done by the force field $\mathbf{F} = e^{-y} \mathbf{i} - xe^{-y} \mathbf{j}$ in moving a particle from $(0, 1)$ to $(2, 0)$.
- Show that the line integral $\int_C y \, dx + x \, dy + xyz \, dz$ is not independent of path.
- Determine whether the given set is: open, connected, simply-connected.
 - $\{(x, y) : 1 < |x| < 2\}$
 - $\{(x, y) : (x, y) \neq (2, 3)\}$
- Suppose that $\mathbf{F}$ is an inverse square force field, that is,
$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{c\mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}|^3} = \frac{c}{r^3}\mathbf{r}$$
for some constant c , where $\mathbf{r} = x \mathbf{i} + y \mathbf{j} + z \mathbf{k}$ and $r = |\mathbf{r}|$. Find the work done in moving an object from a point P_1 along a path to a point P_2 in terms of the distances d_1 and d_2 from these points to the origin.
 - An example of an inverse square field is the gravitational field $\mathbf{F} = -\frac{GMm}{r^3}\mathbf{r}$. Use part (a) to find the work done by the gravitational field when the earth moves from aphelion (at a maximum distance of 1.52×10^{11} m from the sun) to perihelion (at a minimum distance of 1.47×10^{11} m). Use the values $m = 5.97 \times 10^{24}$ kg, $M = 1.99 \times 10^{30}$ kg, and $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11}$ Nm²/kg².
 - Another example of an inverse square field is the electric force field $\mathbf{F} = \frac{\epsilon q Q}{r^3}\mathbf{r}$. Suppose that an electron with a charge of $Q = -1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C is located at the origin. A proton with charge $q = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C is positioned a distance 10^{-12} m from the electron and moves to a position half that distance from the electron. Use part (a) to find the work done by the electric force field. Use the value $\epsilon = 8.985 \times 10^9$ Nm²/C².