

1. Explain what is a conservative vector field. Make sure to mention at least two of its properties. Then determine which of the following vector fields is conservative:

(a)  $F_1 = (xe^y)i + (ye^z)j + (ze^x)k$ .

(b)  $F_2 = (z\cos(xz))i + (e^y)j + (x\cos(xz))k$ .

Conservative means  $F = \nabla G$ . This implies work on a closed loop is zero and work from A to B is the same regardless of the trajectory  $= (G(B) - G(A))$

(a)  $\frac{\partial x e^y}{\partial z} = 0$  but  $\frac{\partial z e^x}{\partial x} = z e^x$  thus not conservative

(b)  $\frac{\partial z \cos(xz)}{\partial z} = \cos(xz) - zx \sin(xz) = \frac{\partial x \cos(xz)}{\partial x}$

$\frac{\partial z \cos(xz)}{\partial y} = 0 = \frac{\partial e^y}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial e^y}{\partial z} = 0 = \frac{\partial x \cos(xz)}{\partial y}$

$\Rightarrow$  conservative.

2. Let  $A = (0,0)$ ,  $B = (1,0)$ ,  $C = (1,1)$  and  $D = (0,1)$ , Let  $\sigma$  be the curve made up by the three line segments  $AB, BC, CD$ .

(a) Find the work done by a particle traversing  $\sigma$  counterclockwise under the force field  $F = x^2i + y^2j$ .

(b) If a fence is constructed with  $\sigma$  as its base and a height function given by the function  $x^2 + 2y$ , find the total area of the fence (on one of its sides).

(a) There are several solutions (e.g. direct application of formula) and parametrization for 3 curves

The super-fastest solution

Field is conservative!

$$G = \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{y^3}{3} \quad \text{has} \quad \nabla G = x^2i + y^2j$$

thus work does not matter on the path taken  
only the start-end points

$$\text{Work} = G(0,1) - G(0,0) = \frac{1}{3}$$

(b) Formula says area =  $\int F(c(t)) \|c'(t)\| dt$   
 For these calculations we parametrize 3 segments

$$AB \rightarrow c_{AB} = ti \quad c'_{AB} = \dot{t} \Rightarrow |c'_{AB}| = 1$$

$$BC \rightarrow c_{BC} = i + tj \quad c'_{BC} = j \quad |c'_{BC}| = 1$$

$$CD \rightarrow c_{CD} = (1-t)i + j \quad c'_{CD} = -i \quad |c'_{CD}| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\int_0^1 t^2 dt}_{c_{AB}} + \underbrace{\int_0^1 (1+2t) dt}_{c_{BC}} + \underbrace{\int_0^1 [(1-t)^2 + 2] dt}_{c_{CD}}$$

$$\parallel \frac{1}{3} \parallel + 2 + \frac{7}{3} = \frac{14}{3} \text{ area}$$

3. Let  $C$  be the curve  $C(t) = (3\cos^3(t) + 6)i + (3\sin^3(t) + 6)j + \pi k$  from  $t = 0$  to  $t = \pi/2$ .

(a) Find the arc length of  $C$  from  $t = 0$  to  $t = \pi/2$ .

(b) For all conservative fields in question 1 find the the work done by a particle that moves from  $(9, 6, \pi)$  to  $(6, 9, \pi)$  following the curve  $C$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) For arc length} &= \int_0^{\pi/2} |v(t)| dt = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{(-9\cos^2 t \sin t)^2 + (9\sin^2 t \cos t)^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} 9 \cos(t) \sin(t) dt = 9/2 \end{aligned}$$

(b) To recover potential function  $G = \int z \cos(xz) dx = \sin(xz) + h(y, z)$

Also  $G = \int x \cos(xz) dz = \sin(xz) + r(x, y)$  thus

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial z} = x \cos(xz) = x \cos(xz) + \frac{\partial h(y, z)}{\partial z} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial h(y, z)}{\partial z} = 0 \Rightarrow h(y, z) \text{ has only } y \text{ variable}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} = e^y \Rightarrow h(y) = e^y \Rightarrow G = \sin(xz) + e^y$$

Thus for work  $\int F_2 \cdot dr =$

$$= G(6, 9, \pi) - G(9, 6, \pi)$$

$$= e^9 - e^6$$

4. Let  $C$  be the closed curve  $C(t) = (3\cos^3(t) + 6)i + (3\sin^3(t) + 6)j$  for  $t = 0$  to  $2\pi$ .

(a) Find the value of the line integral

$$\int_C \ln(x)\sin(y)dy - \frac{\cos(y)}{x}dx$$

(b) Do you expect the same answer for the line integral if you use  $D(t)(3\cos^3(t))i + (3\sin^3(t))j$ ? for  $t = 0$  to  $2\pi$ ? Explain.

(a) We can use the Flux version of Green's theorem

$$M = \ln(x)\sin(y) \quad N = \frac{\cos(y)}{x}$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial x} = \frac{\sin(y)}{x}$$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial y} = -\frac{\sin(y)}{x}$$

All functions are continuous inside the curve  $C$ .

$$\Rightarrow \int_C \ln(x)\sin(y)dy - \frac{\cos(y)}{x}dx = \iint_C \left( \frac{\sin(y)}{x} + \left( -\frac{\sin(y)}{x} \right) \right) dx dy = 0$$

b) No because  $D(t)$  contains  $(0,0)$  where function is not continuous.