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4. Line Integrals in the Plane

4A. Plane Vector Fields

4A-1

a) All vectors in the field are identical; continuously differentiable everywhere.

- b) The vector at P has its tail at P and head at the origin; field is cont. diff. everywhere.
- c) All vectors have unit length and point radially outwards; cont. diff. except at (0,0).
- d) Vector at P has unit length, and the clockwise direction perpendicular to OP.

4A-2 a)
$$a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j}$$
 b) $\frac{x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j}}{r^2}$ c) $f'(r)\frac{x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j}}{r}$
4A-3 a) $\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$ b) $-r(x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j})$ c) $\frac{y\mathbf{i} - x\mathbf{j}}{r^3}$ d) $f(x,y)(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$
4A-4 $k \cdot \frac{-y\mathbf{i} + x\mathbf{j}}{r^2}$

4B. Line Integrals in the Plane

4B-1

a) On
$$C_1$$
: $y = 0$, $dy = 0$; therefore $\int_{C_1} (x^2 - y) dx + 2x dy = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} \Big]_{-1}^1 = \frac{2}{3}$.
On C_2 : $y = 1 - x^2$, $dy = -2x dx$; $\int_{C_2} (x^2 - y) dx + 2x dy = \int_{-1}^1 (2x^2 - 1) dx - 4x^2 dx$
 $= \int_{-1}^1 (-2x^2 - 1) dx = -\left[\frac{2}{3}x^3 + x\right]_{-1}^1 = -\frac{4}{3} - 2 = -\frac{10}{3}$.

b) C: use the parametrization
$$x = \cos t$$
, $y = \sin t$; then $dx = -\sin t \, dt$, $dy = \cos t \, dt$

$$\int_{C} xy \, dx - x^{2} \, dy = \int_{\pi/2}^{0} -\sin^{2} t \cos t \, dt - \cos^{2} t \cos t \, dt = -\int_{\pi/2}^{0} \cos t \, dt = -\sin t \Big]_{\pi/2}^{0} = 1.$$
c) $C = C_{1} + C_{2} + C_{3}$; $C_{1} : x = dx = 0$; $C_{2} : y = 1 - x$; $C_{3} : y = dy = 0$
 $\int_{C} y \, dx - x \, dy = \int_{C_{1}}^{0} 0 + \int_{0}^{1} (1 - x) \, dx - x(-dx) + \int_{C_{3}}^{0} 0 = \int_{0}^{1} dx = 1.$
d) $C : x = 2 \cos t$, $y = \sin t$; $dx = -2 \sin t \, dt$ $\int_{C} y \, dx = \int_{0}^{2\pi} -2 \sin^{2} t \, dt = -2\pi.$
e) $C : x = t^{2}$, $y = t^{3}$; $dx = 2t \, dt$, $dy = 3t^{2} \, dt$
 $\int_{C}^{2} 6y \, dx + x \, dy = \int_{1}^{2} 6t^{3}(2t \, dt) + t^{2}(3t^{2} \, dt) = \int_{1}^{2} (15t^{4}) \, dt = 3t^{5} \Big]_{1}^{2} = 3 \cdot 31.$
f) $\int_{C}^{2} (x + y) \, dx + xy \, dy = \int_{C_{1}}^{0} 0 + \int_{0}^{1} (x + 2) \, dx = \frac{x^{2}}{2} + 2x \Big]_{0}^{1} = \frac{5}{2}.$

4B-2 a) The field **F** points radially outward, the unit tangent **t** to the circle is always perpendicular to the radius; therefore $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{t} = 0$ and $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{t} \, ds = 0$

b) The field **F** is always tangent to the circle of radius *a*, in the clockwise direction, and of magnitude *a*. Therefore $\mathbf{F} = -a\mathbf{t}$, so that $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{t} \, ds = -\int_C a \, ds = -2\pi a^2$.

4B-3 a) maximum if C is in the direction of the field: $C = \frac{\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$

- b) minimum if C is in the opposite direction to the field: $C = -\frac{\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$
- c) zero if C is perpendicular to the field: $C = \pm \frac{\mathbf{i} \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$

d) max = $\sqrt{2}$, min = $-\sqrt{2}$: by (a) and (b), for the max or min **F** and *C* have respectively the same or opposite constant direction, so $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \pm |\mathbf{F}| \cdot |C| = \pm \sqrt{2}$.

4C. Gradient Fields and Exact Differentials

4C-1 a) $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f = 3x^2 y \,\mathbf{i} + (x^3 + 3y^2) \,\mathbf{j}$

b) (i) Using y as parameter, C_1 is: $x = y^2$, y = y; thus $dx = 2y \, dy$, and $\int_{C_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{-1}^1 3(y^2)^2 y \cdot 2y \, dy + [(y^2)^3 + 3y^2] \, dy = \int_{-1}^1 (7y^6 + 3y^2) \, dy = (y^7 + y^3) \Big]_{-1}^1 = 4.$

b) (ii) Using y as parameter, C_2 is: x = 1, y = y; thus dx = 0, and

$$\int_{C_2} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{-1}^1 (1+3y^2) \, dy = (y+y^3) \Big]_{-1}^1 = 4.$$

b) (iii) By the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus for line integrals,

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(B) - f(A).$$

Here A = (1, -1) and B = (1, 1), so that $\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r} = (1 + 1) - (-1 - 1) = 4$.

4C-2 a) $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f = (xye^{xy} + e^{xy})\mathbf{i} + (x^2e^{xy})\mathbf{j}$.

b) (i) Using x as parameter, C is: x = x, y = 1/x, so $dy = -dx/x^2$, and so $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_1^0 (e+e) \, dx + (x^2 e)(-dx/x^2) = (2ex - ex) \Big]_1^0 = -e.$ b) (ii) Using the F.T.C. for line integrals, $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(1,1) - f(0,\infty) = 0 - e = -e.$

4C-3 a) $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f = (\cos x \cos y) \mathbf{i} - (\sin x \sin y) \mathbf{j}$.

b) Since $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ is path-independent, for any C connecting $A: (x_0, y_0)$ to $B: (x_1, y_1)$, we have by the F.T.C. for line integrals,

$$\int_C {f F} \cdot d{f r} = \sin x_1 \cos y_1 - \sin x_0 \cos y_0$$

This difference on the right-hand side is maximized if $\sin x_1 \cos y_1$ is maximized, and $\sin x_0 \cos y_0$ is minimized. Since $|\sin x \cos y| = |\sin x| |\cos y| \le 1$, the difference on the right hand side has a maximum of 2, attained when $\sin x_1 \cos y_1 = 1$ and $\sin x_0 \cos y_0 = -1$.

(For example, a C running from $(-\pi/2, 0)$ to $(\pi/2, 0)$ gives this maximum value.)

4C-5 a) **F** is a gradient field only if $M_y = N_x$, that is, if 2y = ay, so a = 2.

By inspection, the potential function is $f(x, y) = xy^2 + x^2 + c$; you can check that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$.

b) The equation $M_y = N_x$ becomes $e^{x+y}(x+a) = xe^{x+y} + e^{x+y}$, which $= e^{x+y}(x+1)$. Therefore a = 1.

To find the potential function f(x, y), using Method 2 we have

$$f_x = e^y e^x (x+1) \Rightarrow f(x,y) = e^y x e^x + g(y).$$

Differentiating, and comparing the result with N, we find

$$f_y = e^y x e^x + g'(y) = x e^{x+y}$$
; therefore $g'(y) = 0$, so $g(y) = c$ and $f(x, y) = x e^{x+y} + c$.

4C-6 a) ydx - xdy is not exact, since $M_y = 1$ but $N_x = -1$.

b)
$$y(2x+y) dx + x(2y+x) dy$$
 is exact, since $M_y = 2x + 2y = N_x$.

Using Method 1 to find the potential function f(x, y), we calculate the line integral over the standard broken line path shown, $C = C_1 + C_2$.



$$f(x_1, y_1) = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{(0,0)}^{(x_1, y_1)} y(2x + y) \, dx + x(2y + x) \, dy.$$

On C_1 we have y = 0 and dy = 0, so $\int_{C_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 0$.

On C_2 , we have $x = x_1$ and dx = 0, so $\int_{C_2} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_0^{y_1} x_1(2y + x_1) \, dx = x_1 y_1^2 + x_1^2 y_1$.

Therefore, $f(x,y) = x^2y + xy^2$; to get all possible functions, add +c.

4D. Green's Theorem

4D-1 a) Evaluating the line integral first, we have $C: x = \cos t$, $y = \sin t$, so $\oint_C 2y \, dx + x \, dy = \int_0^{2\pi} (-2\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t) \, dt = \int_0^{2\pi} (1 - 3\sin^2 t) \, dt = t - 3\left(\frac{t}{2} - \frac{\sin 2t}{4}\right)\Big|_0^{2\pi} = -\pi.$

For the double integral over the circular region R inside the C, we have

$$\iint_R (N_x - M_y) \, dA = \iint_R (1-2) \, dA = - \text{ area of } R = -\pi$$

b) Evaluating the line integral, over the indicated path $C = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + C_4$, $\oint_C x^2 dx + x^2 dy = \int_0^2 x^2 dx + \int_0^1 4 \, dy + \int_2^0 x^2 dx + \int_1^0 0 \, dy = 4,$

$$C_3$$
 R
 C_2

since the first and third integrals cancel, and the fourth is 0.

For the double integral over the rectangle R,

$$\iint_{R} 2x \, dA = \int_{0}^{2} \int_{0}^{1} 2x \, dy dx = x^{2} \Big]_{0}^{2} = 4.$$

c) Evaluating the line integral over $C = C_1 + C_2$, we have

$$C_{1}: x = x, y = x^{2}; \int_{C_{1}} xy \, dx + y^{2} dy = \int_{0}^{1} x \cdot x^{2} \, dx + x^{4} \cdot 2x \, dx = \frac{x^{4}}{4} + \frac{x^{6}}{3} \Big]_{0}^{1} = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$C_{2}: x = x, y = x; \int_{C_{2}} xy \, dx + y^{2} dy = \int_{1}^{0} (x^{2} \, dx + x^{2} \, dx) = \frac{2}{3} x^{3} \Big]_{1}^{0} = -\frac{2}{3}.$$
Therefore, $\oint_{C} xy \, dx + y^{2} \, dy = \frac{7}{12} - \frac{2}{3} = -\frac{1}{12}.$

Evaluating the double integral over the interior R of C, we have

$$\iint_R -x \, dA = \int_0^1 \int_{x^2}^x -x \, dy \, dx;$$

evaluating: Inner: $-xy\Big]_{y=x^2}^{y=x} = -x^2 + x^3$; Outer: $-\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{4}\Big]_0^1 = -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = -\frac{1}{12}$.

4D-2 By Green's theorem,
$$\oint_C 4x^3y \, dx + x^4 \, dy = \int \int (4x^3 - 4x^3) \, dA = 0.$$

This is true for every closed curve C in the plane, since M and N have continuous derivatives for all x, y.

4D-3 We use the symmetric form for the integrand since the parametrization of the curve does not favor x or y; this leads to the easiest calculation.

$$\operatorname{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \oint_C -y \, dx + x \, dy = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} 3\sin^4 t \cos^2 t \, dt + 3\sin^2 t \cos^4 t \, dt = \frac{3}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 t \cos^2 t \, dt$$
Using $\sin^2 t \cos^2 t = \frac{1}{4} (\sin 2t)^2 = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 4t)$, the above $= \frac{3}{8} \left(\frac{t}{2} - \frac{\sin 4t}{8} \right)_0^{2\pi} = \frac{3\pi}{8}$.

4D-4 By Green's theorem, $\oint_C -y^3 dx + x^3 dy = \iint_R (3x^2 + 3y^2) dA > 0$, since the integrand is always positive outside the origin.

4D-5 Let C be a square, and R its interior. Using Green's theorem,

$$\oint_C xy^2 dx + (x^2y + 2x) \, dy = \iint_R (2xy + 2 - 2xy) \, dA = \iint_R 2 \, dA = 2 \text{(area of } R\text{)}.$$

4E. Two-dimensional Flux

4E-1 The vector \mathbf{F} is the velocity vector for a rotating disc; it is at each point tangent to the circle centered at the origin and passing through that point.

a) Since **F** is tangent to the circle, $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ at every point on the circle, so the flux is 0.

b) $\mathbf{F} = x\mathbf{j}$ at the point (x,0) on the line. So if $x_0 > 0$, the flux at x_0 has the same magnitude as the flux at $-x_0$ but the opposite sign, so the net flux over the line is 0.

c)
$$\mathbf{n} = -\mathbf{j}$$
, so $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} = x\mathbf{j} \cdot -\mathbf{j} = -x$. Thus $\int \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds = \int_0^1 -x \, dx = -\frac{1}{2}$.

4E-2 All the vectors of **F** have length $\sqrt{2}$ and point northeast. So the flux across a line segment C of length 1 will be

a) maximal, if C points northwest;

b) minimal, if C point southeast;

c) zero, if C points northeast or southwest;

d) -1, if C has the direction and magnitude of i or -j; the corresponding normal vectors are then respectively -j and -i, by convention, so that $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \cdot -\mathbf{j} = -1$. or $(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \cdot -\mathbf{i} = -1$.

e) respectively $\sqrt{2}$ and $-\sqrt{2}$, since the angle θ between **F** and *n* is respectively 0 and π , so that respectively $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} = |\mathbf{F}| \cos \theta = \pm \sqrt{2}$.

$$4\mathbf{E-3} \int_{C} M \, dy - N \, dx = \int_{C} x^{2} dy - xy \, dx = \int_{0}^{1} (t+1)^{2} 2t \, dt - (t+1)t^{2} \, dt$$
$$= \int_{0}^{1} (t^{3} + 3t^{2} + 2t) \, dt = \frac{t^{4}}{4} + t^{3} + t^{2} \Big]_{0}^{1} = \frac{9}{4}.$$
$$4\mathbf{E-4} \quad \text{Taking the curve } C = C_{1} + C_{2} + C_{3} + C_{4} \text{ as shown,}$$

 $\int_{C} x \, dy - y \, dx = \int_{C_1} 0 + \int_0^1 -dx + \int_1^0 dy + \int_{C_4} 0 = -2.$

4E-5 Since **F** and **n** both point radially outwards, $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} = |\mathbf{F}| = a^m$, at every point of the circle C of radius a centered at the origin.

a) The flux across C is $a^m \cdot 2\pi a = 2\pi a^{m+1}$.

b) The flux will be independent of a if m = -1.

4F. Green's Theorem in Normal Form

4F-1 a) both are 0 b) div $\mathbf{F} = 2x + 2y$; curl $\mathbf{F} = 0$ c) div $\mathbf{F} = x + y$; curl $\mathbf{F} = y - x$

4F-2 a) div $\mathbf{F} = (-\omega y)_x + (\omega x)_y = 0$; curl $\mathbf{F} = (\omega x)_x - (-\omega y)_y = 2\omega$.

b) Since \mathbf{F} is the velocity field of a fluid rotating with constant angular velocity (like a rigid disc), there are no sources or sinks: fluid is not being added to or subtracted from the flow at any point.

c) A paddlewheel placed at the origin will clearly spin with the same angular velocity ω as the rotating fluid, so by (15), the curl should be 2ω at the origin. It is less obvious that the curl is 2ω at all other points as well.

4F-3 The line integral for flux is $\int_C x \, dy - y \, dx$; its value is 0 on any segment of the *x*-axis since y = dy = 0; on the upper half of the unit semicircle (oriented counterclockwise), $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 1$, so the flux is the length of the semicircle: π .



Letting R be the region inside C,
$$\iint_{R} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{F} \, dA = \iint_{R} 2 \, dA = 2(\pi/2) = \pi.$$
4**F-4** For the flux integral $\oint_{C} x^{2} \, dy - xy \, dx$ over $C = C_{1} + C_{2} + C_{3} + C_{4}$, C_{4}
we get for the four sides respectively $\int_{C_{1}} 0 + \int_{0}^{1} dy + \int_{1}^{0} -x \, dx + \int_{C_{4}} 0 = \frac{3}{2}.$

For the double integral,
$$\iint_R \operatorname{div} \mathbf{F} dA = \iint_R 3x \, dA = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 3x \, dy \, dx = \frac{3}{2}x^2 \Big]_0^1 = \frac{3}{2}$$

4F-5 $r = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2} \Rightarrow r_x = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)^{-1/2} \cdot 2x = \frac{x}{r}; \text{ by symmetry, } r_y = \frac{y}{r}.$

To calculate div **F**, we have $M = r^n x$ and $N = r^n y$; therefore by the chain rule, and the above values for r_x and r_y , we have

$$M_x = r^n + nr^{n-1}x \cdot \frac{x}{r} = r^n + nr^{n-2}x^2; \text{ similarly (or by symmetry),}$$

$$N_y = r^n + nr^{n-1}y \cdot \frac{y}{r} = r^n + nr^{n-2}y^2, \text{ so that}$$

div $\mathbf{F} = M_x + N_y = 2r^n + nr^{n-2}(x^2 + y^2) = r^n(2+n), \text{ which } = 0 \text{ if } n = -2.$

To calculate curl **F**, we have by the chain rule

$$N_x = nr^{n-1} \cdot \frac{x}{r} \cdot y;$$
 $M_y = nr^{n-1} \cdot \frac{y}{r} \cdot x,$ so that curl $\mathbf{F} = N_x - M_y = 0$, for all n .

4G. Simply-connected Regions

4G-1 Hypotheses: the region R is simply connected, $\mathbf{F} = M\mathbf{i} + N\mathbf{j}$ has continuous derivatives in R, and curl $\mathbf{F} = 0$ in R.

Conclusion: F is a gradient field in R (or, M dx + N dy is an exact differential).

- a) curl $\mathbf{F} = 2y 2y = 0$, and R is the whole xy-plane. Therefore $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$ in the plane.
- b) curl $\mathbf{F} = -y \sin x x \sin y \neq 0$, so the differential is not exact.

c) curl $\mathbf{F} = 0$, but R is the exterior of the unit circle, which is not simply-connected; criterion fails.

d) curl $\mathbf{F} = 0$, and R is the interior of the unit circle, which is simply-connected, so the differential is exact.

e) curl $\mathbf{F} = 0$ and R is the first quadrant, which is simply-connected, so \mathbf{F} is a gradient field.

4G-2 a)
$$f(x,y) = xy^2 + 2x$$
 b) $f(x,y) = \frac{2}{3}x^{3/2} + \frac{2}{3}y^{3/2}$

c) Using Method 1, we take the origin as the starting point and use the straight line to (x_1, y_1) as the path C. In polar coordinates, $x_1 = r_1 \cos \theta_1$, $y_1 = r_1 \sin \theta_1$; we use r as the parameter, so the path is $C : x = r \cos \theta_1$, $y = r \sin \theta_1$, $0 \le r \le r_1$. Then

$$f(x_1, y_1) = \int_C \frac{x \, dx + y \, dy}{\sqrt{1 - r^2}} = \int_0^{r_1} \frac{r \cos^2 \theta_1 + r \sin^2 \theta_1}{\sqrt{1 - r^2}} \, dr$$
$$= \int_0^{r_1} \frac{r}{\sqrt{1 - r^2}} dr = -\sqrt{1 - r^2} \Big]_0^{r_1} = -\sqrt{1 - r_1^2} + 1.$$
Therefore $x \, dx + y \, dy$

Therefore, $\frac{x \, dx + y \, dy}{\sqrt{1 - r^2}} = d(-\sqrt{1 - r^2}).$

Another approach: $x \, dx + y \, dy = \frac{1}{2}d(r^2)$; therefore $\frac{x \, dx + y \, dy}{\sqrt{1 - r^2}} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{d(r^2)}{\sqrt{1 - r^2}} = d(-\sqrt{1 - r^2})$. (Think of r^2 as a new variable u, and integrate.)

4G-3 By Example 3 in Notes V5, we know that $\mathbf{F} = \frac{x \mathbf{i} + y \mathbf{j}}{r^3} = \nabla \left(-\frac{1}{r}\right).$

Therefore,
$$\int_{(1,1)}^{(3,4)} = -\frac{1}{r} \bigg]_{\sqrt{2}}^5 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{5}.$$

4G-4 By Green's theorem $\oint_C xy \, dx + x^2 \, dy = \iint_R x \, dA.$

For any plane region of density 1, we have $\iint_R x \, dA = \bar{x}$ (area of R), where \bar{x} is the *x*-component of its center of mass. Since our region is symmetric with respect to the *y*-axis, its center of mass is on the *y*-axis, hence $\bar{x} = 0$ and so $\iint_R x \, dA = 0$.

4G-5

a) yes

b) no (a circle surrounding the line segment lies in R, but its interior does not)

c) yes (no finite curve could surround the entire positive *x*-axis)

d) no (the region does not consist of one connected piece)

e) yes if $\theta_0 < 2\pi$; no if $\theta_0 \ge 2\pi$, since then R is the plane with (0,0) removed

f) no (a circle between the two boundary circles lies in R, but its interior does not)

g) yes

4G-6

a) continuously differentiable for x, y > 0; thus R is the first quadrant without the two axes, which is simply-connected.

b) continuous differentiable if r < 1; thus R is the interior of the unit circle, and is simply-connected.

c) continuously differentiable if r > 1; thus R is the exterior of the unit circle, and is not simply-connected.

d) continuously differentiable if $r \neq 0$; thus R is the plane with the origin removed, and is not simply-connected.

e) continuously differentiable if $r \neq 0$; same as (d).

4H. Multiply-connected Regions

4H-1 a) 0; 0 b) 2; 4π c) -1; -2π d) -2; -4π

4H-2 In each case, the winding number about each of the points is given, then the value of the line integral of F around the curve.

a)
$$(1, -1, 1);$$
 $2 - \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$
b) $(-1, 0, 1);$ $-2 + \sqrt{3}$
c) $(-1, 0, 0);$ -2
d) $(-1, -2, 1);$ $-2 - 2\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$