

Key

MAC2313 - Quiz 8C Spring 2025

1. Find the value of the integral $\int_C (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) ds$, where C is a part of the helix parametrized by $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t, t \rangle$, $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}'(t) &= \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 1 \rangle & |\mathbf{r}'(t)| &= \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 1} = \sqrt{2} \\ \int_C x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \, ds &= \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t + t^2) \sqrt{2} \, dt = \sqrt{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (1 + t^2) \, dt \\ &= \sqrt{2} \left(t + \frac{t^3}{3} \right) \Big|_0^{2\pi} = \sqrt{2} \left(2\pi + \frac{8\pi^3}{3} \right) = 2\pi\sqrt{2} + \frac{8\pi^3\sqrt{2}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

2. Determine if the following vector fields are conservative or not:

(a) $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \left\langle \underset{P}{xy^2z}, \underset{Q}{x^2yz}, \underset{R}{z^2} \right\rangle \quad \mathbb{R}^3, \text{ open \& simply connected}$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$$

$$2xyz = 2xyz$$

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$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\partial R}{\partial x}$$

$$xy^2 \neq 0$$

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$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\partial R}{\partial y}$$

$$x^2y \neq 0$$

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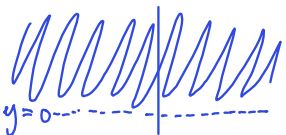
$\mathbf{F}$ is not conservative.

(b) $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \left\langle x \ln(y), \frac{x^2}{2y} \right\rangle \quad \ln(y) \Rightarrow y > 0 \quad \frac{x^2}{2y} \Rightarrow y \neq 0$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{x}{y}$$

✓



open and simply connected

Since we are on an open & simply connected region, we know $\mathbf{F}$ is conservative.