

## Homework 11 – Solutions

1. Let  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \nabla(e^{xy} + x^5 \sin(y^4 \cdot \pi))$ . Let  $\mathbf{c}(t) = (t^3, 1 - t^2), t \in [0, 1]$ . Find  $\int_{\mathbf{c}(t)} \mathbf{F} \, ds$ .

Solution: Computing  $\mathbf{F}(x, y)$  would be a big mistake. Instead we know that if we integrate the gradient vector field of a function over a path we can just take the difference of the function between the end point and the starting point. Write  $f(x, y) = e^{xy} + x^5 \sin(y^4 \cdot \pi)$ . We get

$$\int_{\mathbf{c}(t)} \mathbf{F} \, ds = \int_{\mathbf{c}(t)} \nabla f(x, y) \, ds = f(\mathbf{c}(1)) - f(\mathbf{c}(0)) = \mathbf{f}(1, 0) - \mathbf{f}(0, 1).$$

2. Let  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (xy, x + y)$ . Let  $\mathbf{c}(t) = (t, 0), t \in [0, 2]$  and  $\mathbf{d}(t) = (t, 1 - (t - 1)^2), t \in [0, 2]$ . Compute the line integrals  $\int_{\mathbf{c}} \mathbf{F} \cdot ds$  and  $\int_{\mathbf{d}} \mathbf{F} \cdot ds$ . Compare the results and explain why  $\mathbf{F}$  is not  $\nabla f$  for some function  $f$ .

Solution: The two path integrals give different answers (that's a straightforward computation), but  $\mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{d}$  have the same starting point  $(0, 0)$  and the same end point  $(2, 0)$ . If  $\mathbf{F}$  was a gradient vector field of a function, then starting at  $(0, 0)$ , going along  $\mathbf{c}$  to  $(2, 0)$  and then going back to  $(0, 0)$  using  $\mathbf{d}$  (with the opposite direction) would give zero for the line integral. But this line integral is just the difference of the integrals along  $\mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{d}$  (difference because we now go BACK along  $\mathbf{d}$ ), but the difference is non-zero.

3. Let  $C$  be the triangle given by  $A = (0, 0), B = (0, 1), C = (1, 1)$ . View  $C$  as a directed simple curve with counterclockwise orientation. Compute  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot ds$  with  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \nabla f(x, y)$  where  $f(x, y) = e^{\sqrt{yx}} \sin(x \cos(y))$ .

Solution: Since  $\mathbf{F}(x, y)$  is a gradient vector field and  $C$  is a closed curve we immediately get that the line integral is zero (because the line integral for a gradient vector field is the difference of the original function at the end point and the function at the starting point, but for a closed curve the end point and the starting point are the same).

6. Let  $C$  be the 'infinite' cylinder of radius 2 around the  $z$ -axis. Now let  $S$  be the surface given by cutting  $C$  along the planes  $z = 3$  and  $z = x$ . Find a parametrization of  $S$ .

Solution: Since  $S$  is part of a cylinder we should use  $\theta$  and  $z$  as our variables (we don't need  $r$  since it's the same along the cylinder). We get

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2 \cos(\theta) \\ y &= 2 \sin(\theta) \\ z &= z. \end{aligned}$$

The limits for  $\theta$  are  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ , the limits for  $z$  are  $z \in [x, 3]$ , which we can rewrite as  $z \in [2 \cos(\theta), 3]$ .

7. Let  $S$  be the triangle given by the points  $P = (0, 0, 1)$ ,  $Q = (2, 3, 1)$  and the origin. Find a parametrization for  $S$ .

Solution: Note that  $S$  is part of the plane described by  $P$ ,  $Q$  and the origin. An equation for the plane would be

$$l(0, 0, 1) + \mu(2, 3, 1)$$

where  $l, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ . The possible values for  $l$  are  $l \in [0, 1]$  and for  $\mu$  they are  $\mu \in [0, l]$ . Perhaps that's easiest to see if you sketch the domain for  $l, \mu$  in a diagram with  $l$  and  $\mu$ -axis and think about what  $l, \mu$ -values correspond to the line segment connecting  $P$  and  $Q$ .