

18.3 and 18.4: Path-independent Integrals and Green's Theorem

Calculus III

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1. Consider the vector field $\vec{F} = 2x\hat{i} + 2y\hat{j}$.

(a) Evaluate the integral:

$$\int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}, \quad (1)$$

where C_1 begins at $(0, 0)$ and ends at $(2, 3)$.

(b) Now find a scalar function f such that $\vec{\nabla}f = \vec{F}$. Use f to evaluate the integral in Eq. (1).

(c) Evaluate

$$\oint_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}, \quad (2)$$

where C_2 is a clockwise circle of radius 14 centered at $1, 2$.

2. Consider the vector field $\vec{F} = 2xy\hat{i} + xy\hat{j}$. Find a scalar f such that $\vec{\nabla}f = \vec{F}$. Use f to evaluate

$$\int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}, \quad (3)$$

where C_1 begins at $(0, 0)$ and ends at $(2, 2)$.

3. Which of the following are gradient vector fields.

$$\vec{F} = 7\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} \quad (4)$$

$$\vec{F} = 7\hat{i} - 4x\hat{j} \quad (5)$$

$$\vec{F} = 7\hat{i} - 4y\hat{j} \quad (6)$$

$$\vec{F} = x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} \quad (7)$$

$$\vec{F} = x^3\hat{i} + \frac{1}{y}\hat{j} \quad (8)$$

$$\vec{F} = x \cos(y)\hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}x^2 \sin(y)\hat{j} \quad (9)$$