

Problem 1. (20 pts) Let L denote the line given by the parametric equation

$$r(t) = (2 + 2t)i + (3 + t)j + (1 + 2t)k.$$

a) Find the distance from L to the origin.

Note that L contains the point $P(2, 3, 1)$ and has a direction of

$$\vec{v} = 2i + j + 2k.$$

Hence

$$\text{dist}(O, L) = \frac{\|\vec{OP} \times \vec{v}\|}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{1}{3} \left\| \det \begin{bmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \frac{\|5i - 2j - 4k\|}{3} = \sqrt{5}.$$

b) Find an equation of the plane which contains both the origin and the line L .

A normal to the plane would be perpendicular to both \vec{OP} and \vec{v} , therefore it has a direction of

$$\vec{OP} \times \vec{v} = 5i - 2j - 4k$$

and an equation of the form

$$5x - 2y - 4z = d.$$

Since the plane contains the origin, $d = 0$ and the equation is

$$5x - 2y - 4z = 0.$$

Problem 2. (20 pts) Let Γ denote the curve given by the parametric equation

$$r(t) = 3ti + 4\cos(t)j + 4\sin(t)k, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

a) Find the length of Γ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{length}(\Gamma) &= \int_{\Gamma} ds = \int_0^1 \|r'(t)\| dt = \int_0^1 \|3i - 4\sin(t)j + 4\cos(t)k\| dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \sqrt{9 + 16(\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t)} dt = \int_0^1 5 dt = 5. \end{aligned}$$

b) Find the curvature of Γ .

Begin with the unit tangent vector:

$$T(t) = \frac{dr}{ds} = \frac{r'(t)}{\|r'(t)\|} = \frac{3i - 4\sin(t)j + 4\cos(t)k}{5}.$$

Now the curvature is

$$\kappa = \left\| \frac{dT}{ds} \right\| = \frac{\|T'(t)\|}{\|r'(t)\|} = \frac{\|-4\cos(t)j - 4\sin(t)k\|}{25} = \frac{4}{25}.$$

Problem 3. (20 pts) Let D denote the closed triangular domain

$$D = \{(x, y) \mid x \geq 0, y \geq 0, 2x + y \leq 2\}.$$

Find the maximal and minimal values of the function

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + 2xy - y^2$$

in the domain D .

First, find the critical points of $f(x, y)$:

$$\begin{cases} \partial f / \partial x = 0, \\ \partial f / \partial y = 0, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} 2x + 2y = 0, \\ 2x - 2y = 0, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x = 0, \\ y = 0. \end{cases}$$

Thus $f(x, y)$ has no critical points *interior* to D and the maximal and minimal values are attained on the boundary, which consists of three line segments:

$$\begin{aligned} I &: 0 \leq x \leq 1, y = 0; \\ II &: x = 0, 0 \leq y \leq 2; \\ III &: 2x + y = 2, x \geq 0, y \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

On segment I the function is $f(x, 0) = x^2$; its maximal and minimal values are

$$f(1, 0) = 1, \quad f(0, 0) = 0.$$

On segment II the function is $f(0, y) = -y^2$; its maximal and minimal values are

$$f(0, 0) = 0, \quad f(0, 2) = -4.$$

On segment III the function $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2xy - y^2$ is subject to constraint

$$2x + y = 2.$$

It will attain the maximal and minimal values either at the endpoints (which have already been considered above) or at a critical point where

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla(2x + y - 2).$$

This leads to a system of equations

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 2y = 2\lambda, \\ 2x - 2y = \lambda, \\ 2x + y = 2, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \lambda = x + y, \\ x = 3y, \\ 7y = 2, \end{cases}$$

so the critical point is at $(x, y) = (6/7, 2/7)$. Since this critical point is in the first quadrant, it belongs to D ; the corresponding value of the function is $f(6/7, 2/7) = 8/7$. By comparison, the maximal and minimal values of $f(x, y)$ in D are $8/7$ and -4 , respectively.

Problem 4. (20 pts)

a) Compute the integral

$$\iint_D (x^2 + y^2)^3 dx dy,$$

where D is the unit disk centered at the origin.

Using polar coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D (x^2 + y^2)^3 dx dy &= \iint_D (r^2)^3 r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 r^7 dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{8} = \frac{\pi}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

b) Use Green's theorem to compute the line integral

$$\oint_{\Gamma} (\cos(x^2) + e^y) dx + (e^x + \sin(y^2)) dy,$$

where Γ is the square with the vertices $(0, 0)$, $(0, 10)$, $(10, 10)$, $(10, 0)$.

$$\begin{aligned} &\oint_{\Gamma} (\cos(x^2) + e^y) dx + (e^x + \sin(y^2)) dy \\ &= \int_0^{10} \int_0^{10} \left(\frac{\partial(e^x + \sin(y^2))}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(\cos(x^2) + e^y)}{\partial y} \right) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{10} \int_0^{10} (e^x - e^y) dx dy = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 5. (20 pts) Is the vector field

$$F(x, y, z) = (2x + yz)i + (2y + xz)j + (2z + xy)k$$

conservative? If yes, find a function $f(x, y, z)$ such that $\nabla f = F$.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times F &= \det \begin{bmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 2x + yz & 2y + xz & 2z + xy \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (x - x)i - (y - y)j + (z - z)k = 0 \end{aligned}$$

in a simply connected domain (the whole space \mathbb{R}^3). Hence F is conservative.

To find a potential function f , solve the system

$$\begin{cases} \partial f / \partial x = 2x + yz, \\ \partial f / \partial y = 2y + xz, \\ \partial f / \partial z = 2z + xy. \end{cases}$$

Integrating each of the three equations leads to

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 + xyz + \varphi_1(y, z) = y^2 + xyz + \varphi_2(x, z) = z^2 + xyz + \varphi_3(x, y).$$

Comparing the three expressions, one concludes that

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xyz \text{ (+ an arbitrary constant).}$$