

7 marks

1. (a) Calculate the work done by the force field  $\mathbf{F} = (-ay, bx, -cz)$  on a particle that moves on a path  $C$ , where  $C$  is composed of

i. a straight line from  $(0, -1, 0)$  to  $(0, 1, 0)$ ,

ii. straight lines from  $(0, -1, 0)$  to  $(1, -1, 0)$  to  $(0, 1, 0)$ .

$$\psi_1 (1, -2, 0)$$

$$\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y+1}{-2}$$

3 marks

(b) What is the condition on  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  for  $\mathbf{F}$  to be conservative? Hint: you may use part (a).

3 marks

(c) For  $a = 2$ ,  $b = -2$  and  $c = 1$ , evaluate the line integral of  $\mathbf{F}$  along the curve  $C$  given by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\ln(1+t^5), e^{t^7}, t)$  with  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ .

$$(a) \quad (i) \quad \mathbf{r}(t) = (0, 2t-1, 0) \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = (0, 2, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) = (-a(2t-1), 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_0^1 \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt = 0$$

$$(ii) \quad \tilde{C} = C_1 + C_2$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1: \mathbf{r}_1(t) = (t, -1, 0) \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}_1(t)) = (a, bt, 0), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$C_2: \mathbf{r}_2(t) = (1-t, 2t-1, 0) \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}_2(t)) = (-a(2t-1), b(1-t), 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int_{\tilde{C}} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \int_{C_1 + C_2} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ &= \int_0^1 (a, bt, 0) \cdot (1, 0, 0) dt + \int_0^1 (-2at+a, -bt+b, 0) \cdot (-1, +2, 0) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 a dt + \int_0^1 (2at - a - 2bt + 2b) dt \\ &= a + (at^2 - at - bt^2 + 2bt) \Big|_0^1 \\ &= a + a - a - b + 2b \\ &= a + b \end{aligned}$$

b) In order to have a conservative vector field,  $F$  must be independent of path i.e. for any two paths including  $C$  and  $\tilde{C}$  (part a) with same end points, we have

$$0 = \int_C F \cdot dr = \int_{\tilde{C}} F \cdot dr = a+b$$

$\Rightarrow a+b=0$  is a necessary condition for  $F$  to be conservative.  
(NOT sufficient)

Now assuming  $a+b=0$  we can find a function  $f$  such that

$$F = \nabla f.$$

$$f_x = -ay \Rightarrow f(x, y, z) = -axy + g(y, z)$$

$$f_y = \begin{matrix} bx \\ -ax \end{matrix} \Rightarrow f_y = -ax + g_y = bx$$

$$\Rightarrow g_y = \underbrace{(a+b)}_0 x = 0 \Rightarrow g = g(z)$$

$$f_z = -cz \Rightarrow g'(z) = -cz \Rightarrow g(z) = -c/2 z^2 + K_{\text{constant}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x, y, z) = -axy - c/2 z^2 + K$$

and  $\nabla f = F \Rightarrow a+b=0$  implies that  $F$  is conservative and  
No condition is required on  $C$ .

Or alternatively by  $a+b=0$ , if  $F = \langle P, Q, R \rangle$  we have

$$P_y = -a = b = Q_x$$

$$P_z = 0 = R_x \Rightarrow a+b=0 \text{ is necessary and}$$

$$Q_z = 0 = R_y$$

sufficient for  $F$  to be conservative.

Because the field is defined on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which is simply connected.

$$(c) \quad a = 2 = -b \stackrel{\text{part (b)}}{\Rightarrow} F \text{ conservative i.e. } F = \nabla f$$

Thus for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  ;

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C F \cdot dr &= f(r(1)) - f(r(0)) \\ &= f(\ln 2, e, 1) - f(0, 1, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Finding the potential :


$$f_x = -2y \Rightarrow f(x, y, z) = -2xy + g(z)$$

$$f_y = -2x$$

$$f_z = -z \Rightarrow f_z = g'(z) = -z \Rightarrow g(z) = -\frac{z^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x, y, z) = -2xy - \frac{1}{2}z^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_C F \cdot dr = -2e \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2}$$

 =  $f(r(1)) - f(r(0))$  by the fundamental theorem for vector fields.

7 marks 2. Compute the line integral of the vector field

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (ye^{xy}, xe^{xy} + x)$$

along the curve  $x(t) = \cos(t)$ ,  $y(t) = 4\sin(t)$  where  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ . Hint: decompose  $\mathbf{F}$  as a sum of two vectors fields, and justify that one of them is conservative.

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \underbrace{(ye^{xy}, xe^{xy})}_{F_1} + \underbrace{(0, x)}_{F_2}$$

$F_1$  is conservative since  $\begin{cases} P_y = e^{xy} + xy e^{xy} = Q_x \\ \text{and domain } F = \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ simply connected} \end{cases}$

On the other hand,

$$C: \mathbf{r}(t) = (\cos t, 4\sin t) \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi \quad \Rightarrow \mathbf{r}(0) = \mathbf{r}(2\pi) \Rightarrow \text{closed curve}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_C F_1 \, d\mathbf{r} = 0$$

$$\int_C F_2 \, d\mathbf{r} = \int_0^{2\pi} (0, \cos t) \cdot (-\sin t, 4\cos t) \, dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} 4 \cos^2 t \, dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} 2(1 + \cos 2t) \, dt$$

$$= 4\pi + \left. \sin 2t \right|_0^{2\pi}$$

$$\boxed{= 4\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_C \mathbf{F} \, d\mathbf{r} = 4\pi$$

7 marks 3. Calculate the arc length of the curve parameterized by

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{2}\cos t \sin t, \quad y(t) = \frac{1}{2}\sin^2 t; \quad 0 \leq t \leq \pi.$$

Suggestion: you may use the formulas  $\sin(2t) = 2\sin(t)\cos(t)$  and then  $1 + \cos(2t) = 2\cos^2(t)$  to simplify the calculations.

$$r(t) = \left( \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{4}\sin 2t, \quad \frac{1}{2}\sin^2 t \right)$$

$$r'(t) = \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\cos 2t, \quad \frac{1}{2}\sin 2t \right)$$

$$L = \int_0^{\pi} |r'(t)| dt = \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\cos^2 2t + \frac{1}{2}\cos 2t + \frac{1}{4}\sin^2 2t} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\cos 2t} dt$$

using the identity  $= \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(2\cos^2 t)} dt$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} |\cos t| dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos t dt + \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} -\cos t dt$$

$$= \sin t \Big|_0^{\pi/2} - \sin t \Big|_{\pi/2}^{\pi}$$

$$= 1 + 1 = 2$$

this typo had been edited before the midterm date.

4. Consider the curve  $C$  given by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = e^{-t} \cos(t)\mathbf{i} + e^{-t} \sin(t)\mathbf{j} + \sqrt{2}e^{-t}\mathbf{k}$ .

3 marks

(a) Let  $L(t)$  denote the arc length of the curve from the point  $(1, 0, \sqrt{2})$  to the point with parameter  $t$ . Compute  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} L(t)$ .

1 mark

(b) Compute the unit tangent vector  $\mathbf{T}(t)$ .

1 mark

(c) Compute the unit normal vector  $\mathbf{N}(t)$  and check that  $\mathbf{N}(0) = (-\sqrt{2}/2, -\sqrt{2}/2, 0)$ .

3 marks

(d) Give the coordinates of the center of the osculating circle at parameter  $t = 0$ . We recall that the curvature at parameter  $t$  is given by  $\kappa(t) = \frac{|\mathbf{T}'(t)|}{|\mathbf{r}'(t)|}$  and that the osculating circle at parameter  $t$  has radius  $1/\kappa(t)$ .

4 marks

(e) Give the equation of the osculation plane at parameter  $t = 0$ .

1 mark

(f) Is  $C$  a plane curve?

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = (-e^{-t} \cos t - e^{-t} \sin t, -e^{-t} \sin t + e^{-t} \cos t, -\sqrt{2}e^{-t})$$

point  $(1, 0, \sqrt{2})$  corresponds to  $t = 0$

$$|\mathbf{r}'(t)| = \left[ e^{-2t} \cos^2 t + e^{-2t} \sin^2 t + 2e^{-2t} \sin t \cos t + e^{-2t} \sin^2 t + e^{-2t} \cos^2 t - 2e^{-2t} \sin t \cos t + 2e^{-2t} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= (4e^{-2t})^{1/2} = 2e^{-t}$$

(a)

$$L(t) = \int_0^t |\mathbf{r}'(s)| ds = \int_0^t 2e^{-s} ds = -2e^{-s} \Big|_0^t = -2e^{-t} + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} L(t) = 2$$

$$(b) \quad \vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} = \frac{1}{2e^{-t}} (-e^{-t}(\cos t + \sin t), e^{-t}(\cos t - \sin t), -\sqrt{2}e^{-t})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (-\cos t - \sin t, \cos t - \sin t, -\sqrt{2})$$

$$(c) \quad \vec{N}(t) = \frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{|\vec{T}'(t)|}$$

$$\vec{T}'(t) = \frac{1}{2} (+\sin t - \cos t, -\sin t - \cos t, 0)$$

$$|\vec{T}'(t)| = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t - 2 \frac{\sin t \cos t}{2} + \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 2 \sin t \cos t \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{N}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\sin t - \cos t, -\sin t - \cos t, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{N}(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-1, -1, 0) = (-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0)$$

(d) center:  $P + RN$

$$k(t) = \frac{|\vec{T}'(t)|}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} = \frac{\sqrt{2}/2}{2e^{-t}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} e^t$$

$$\xrightarrow{t=0} k(0) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} \Rightarrow R = \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\vec{r}(0) = (1, 0, \sqrt{2}) = P \Rightarrow \text{center} = (1, 0, \sqrt{2}) + \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} (-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0)$$

$$= (-1, -2, \sqrt{2})$$

$$(e) \quad B(t) = T(t) \times N(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow B(0) &= \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \\ &\times \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0\right) \\ &= \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(1, 0, \sqrt{2}) \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}(x-1) + \frac{1}{2}y + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(z-\sqrt{2}) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow -x + y + \sqrt{2}z &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

(f) For  $C$  to NOT be a plane curve, we need to show that there exists a "t" such that

$$-e^{-t} \cos t + e^{-t} \sin t + 2e^{-t} \neq 1$$

~~But when  $t=0$ , the above equality holds;~~

$$\del{-1 + 2 = 1}$$

If  $C$  was a plane curve that is to say a curve contained in a plane  $P$ , then at every parameter  $t$  the osculating plane to the curve would be equal to the plane  $P$ .

In the previous question, we computed the osculating plane to the curve at parameter  $t=0$ . If the curve was a plane curve, it would be contained in the plane with equation  $-x + y + \sqrt{2}z = 1$ . To prove that the curve is not a plane curve, it is enough to find a parameter  $t$  such that the corresponding point of the curve is not on this plane: we look for  $t$  such that

$$-e^{-t} \cos(t) + e^{-t} \sin(t) + 2e^{-t} \neq 1$$

We "check" (admittedly you may need a calculator or the knowledge of the value of  $e$  to really check it, but you got full credit for thinking of something like this) for example: at  $t = \pi$ :  $3e^{-\pi} \neq 1$ .