Homework 7

(1) For which functions g(y, z) is the vector field

$$\vec{F}(x,y,z) = \begin{bmatrix} g(y,z) \\ y+xz \\ xy \end{bmatrix}$$

conservative? Find all potential functions in all cases.

(2) The blade of a fan is described in cylindrical polar coordinates by the equations

 $1 \le r \le 2 \qquad -\pi/12 < \theta < \pi/12 \qquad z = \theta$

Write this as a parametric surface and so compute its area.

- (3) Approximating the earth by a sphere, find the latitude above which lies one quarter of the earth's surface. (Verify that Los Angeles lies in this 'northern quarter' of the earth.)
- (4) Book Exercises 17.4: 4, 28, 34, 42.
- (5) Book Exercises 17.5: 22, 26, 30, 36.

Some additional practice problems appear on the next page.

• Let D denote the region where $0 \le x \le y \le 1$. Compute

$$\iint_D \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \, dA$$

by making the change of variables $x = v \sin(u), y = \sin(u)$.

• We wish to build a fence on the landscape

$$z = -1 - 8x^2 - 16y^2$$

from ground level up to height z = 0. The path of the fence is $y = x^2$ as x varies from x = -2 to x = +2. What will be the area of (the face of) the fence. Leave your answer as a one-variable integral.

• How much work is done by a fish swimming in a straight line from (0,0) to (3,7) against the force of the current

$$\vec{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 - x^3 + y \\ y^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Consider the 'vortex field'

$$\vec{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} \\ \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

as defined in Section 17.3 of the text. As the book explains, it is not conservative if considered as a vector field on $\mathcal{D} = \{(x, y) \neq (0, 0)\}$. Argue by Theorem 4 that \vec{F} is conservative if considered as a vector field on the quadrant where x > 0 and y > 0. Further verify this by giving a potential function valid in this quadrant.

• The idealized magnetic dipole in 3D is given by

$$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$$
 with $\vec{A} = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-3/2} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} x\\y\\z \end{bmatrix}$

- (a) Compute \vec{B} explicitly. Where is it defined?
- (b) Is this region simply connected?
- (c) Is \vec{A} conservative? Is \vec{B} conservative?
- (d) If either is conservative, find its potential function.

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