

Quiz 11

1. Show that the value of $\int_C xy^2 dx + (x^2y + 2x) dy$ around any square depends only on the area of the square and not on its location in the plane. (*Hint:* What does Green's Theorem say?)

Solution

By Green's Theorem we have that

$$\int_C xy^2 dx + (x^2y + 2x) dy = \iint_R (2xy + 2) - (2xy) dA$$

where R is the square bounded by C . But

$$\iint_R (2xy + 2) - (2xy) dA = 2 \iint_R dA = 2(\text{area of } R).$$

Which shows that the original line integral does not depend on the position of R .

2. Consider the surface that is the portion of the plane $y + 2z = 2$ above the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. Use a parameterization to express the surface area as a double integral and then evaluate the integral. (*Hint:* Parametrize the disc (i.e. solid circle) of radius 1 in the xy -plane, *not* just the circle.)

Solution

One possible parameterization for the surface is given by

$$\mathbf{r}(r, \theta) = r \cos \theta \mathbf{i} + r \sin \theta \mathbf{j} + [(2 - r \sin \theta)/2] \mathbf{k}$$

for $0 \leq r \leq 1$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.

This gives partial derivatives $\mathbf{r}_\theta = (-r \sin \theta) \mathbf{i} + (r \cos \theta) \mathbf{j} + [(-r \cos \theta)/2] \mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{r}_r = \cos \theta \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta \mathbf{j} + (-\sin \theta)/2 \mathbf{k}$. The cross product is $\mathbf{r}_\theta \times \mathbf{r}_r = (-r/2) \mathbf{j} - r \mathbf{k}$ and thus

$$|\mathbf{r}_\theta \times \mathbf{r}_r| = \frac{\sqrt{5}r}{4}.$$

Now the surface area is given by

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{5}r}{4} dr d\theta = \frac{\sqrt{5}\pi}{4}.$$