

Mathematical physics (1)

HW #7 - Solution

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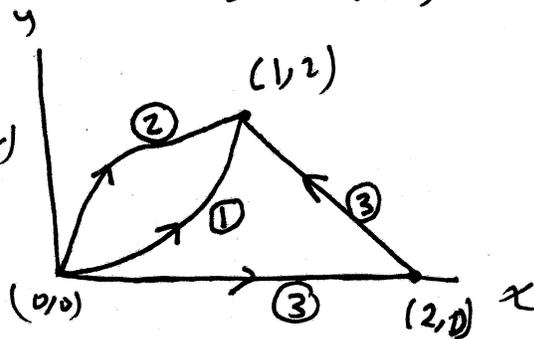
① problem 6.8.1 : evaluate the line integral $\int (x^2 - y^2) dx - 2xy dy$ along the following paths from $(0,0)$ to $(1,2)$

a) along path (1) $y = 2x^2$, $dy = 4x dx$

$$\int (x^2 - y^2) dx - 2xy dy = \int_0^1 (x^2 - 4x^4) dx - 2x(2x^2)(4x dx)$$

$$= \int_0^1 x^2 - 4x^4 - 16x^4 = \int_0^1 (x^2 - 20x^4) dx$$

$$= -\frac{11}{3}$$



b) along path (2); $x = t^2$, $y = 2t$ \Rightarrow $(0,0) \rightarrow t=0$
 $dx = 2t dt$, $dy = dt$ \Rightarrow $(1,2) \rightarrow t=1$

$$\int (x^2 - y^2) dx - 2xy dy = \int_0^1 (t^4 - 4t^2) 2t dt - 2t^2(2t)(2 dt)$$

$$= \int_0^1 2t^5 - 8t^3 - 8t^3 = \int_0^1 2t^5 - 16t^3 = -\frac{11}{3}$$

c) along $y=0$ from $(0,0) \rightarrow (2,0)$ and then along line from $(2,0) \rightarrow (1,2)$.

$(2,0) \rightarrow (1,2)$ •

line connecting $(2,0) \rightarrow (1,2) \Rightarrow y = ax + b$; $a = \text{slope} = \frac{2-0}{1-2} = -2$

$\Rightarrow y = -2x + b$. to find b substitute the point $(2,0)$

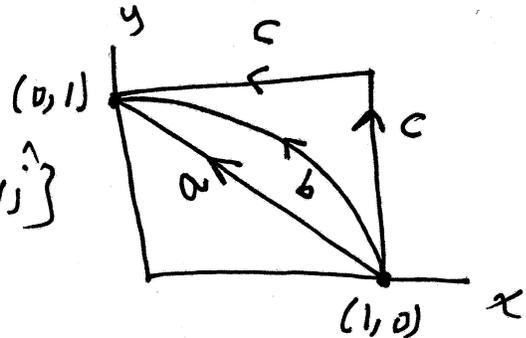
$\Rightarrow 0 = -2(2) + b \Rightarrow b = 4 \Rightarrow \boxed{y = -2x + 4} \Rightarrow dy = -2 dx$

$$\int_{(0,0)}^{(2,0)} (x^2 - y^2) dx - 2xy dy + \int_{(2,0)}^{(1,2)} (x^2 - (-2x+4)^2) dx - 2x(-2x+4)(-2 dx)$$

$$\int_0^2 x^2 dx + \int_2^1 (-11x^2 + 32x - 16) dx = \frac{8}{3} - \frac{19}{3} = -\frac{11}{3}$$

② problem 6.8.6: Find the work done by the force $\vec{F} = (2xy-3)\hat{i} + x^2\hat{j}$ in moving an object from $(1,0)$ to $(0,1)$ along the following paths.

a) along the straight line (a)



$$W_a = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int [(2xy-3)\hat{i} + x^2\hat{j}] \cdot [dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j}]$$

$$= \int_a (2xy-3) dx + \int_a x^2 dy$$

the eqn of line is $y = ax + b$; $a = \text{slope} = \frac{1-0}{0-1} = -1 \Rightarrow y = -x + b$

to find b , substitute the point $(1,0) \Rightarrow 0 = -1 + b \Rightarrow b = 1$

$$\Rightarrow y = -x + 1 \Rightarrow dy = -dx$$

$$\Rightarrow W_a = \int_1^0 (2x(-x+1)-3) dx + \int_1^0 x^2 (-dx) = \int_1^0 (-3x^2 + 2x - 3) dx = +3$$

b) along the circular path $x^2 + y^2 = 1 \Rightarrow y^2 = 1 - x^2$

$$\Rightarrow 2y dy = -2x dx \Rightarrow dy = -\frac{x}{y} dx = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$$

$$W_b = \int_0^1 \left[2x(1-x^2)^{1/2} - 3 \frac{-x^3}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right] dx = +3$$

it can also be done in polar coordinates $x = r \cos \theta = \cos \theta$; where $r = 1$
 $y = r \sin \theta = \sin \theta$

$$\Rightarrow dx = -\sin \theta d\theta, dy = \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$W_b = \int_{\pi/2}^0 (2 \cos \theta \sin \theta - 3) (-\sin \theta d\theta) + \int_{\pi/2}^0 \cos^2 \theta \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} (-2 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta + 3 \sin \theta + \cos^3 \theta) d\theta = +3$$

c) from $(1,0) \rightarrow (1,1) \rightarrow (0,1)$

$$W_c = \int_{(1,0)}^{(1,1)} [(2xy-3) dx + x^2 dy] + \int_{(1,1)}^{(0,1)} [(2xy-3) dx + x^2 dy]$$

$$= \int_{x=1}^1 x^2 dy + \int_{y=1}^0 (2xy-3) dx = \int_0^1 dy + \int_1^0 (2x-3) dx = 1 + 2 = 3$$

(3) verify that the following force is conservative. if yes, find the potential ϕ . $\vec{F} = \hat{i} - z\hat{j} - y\hat{k} = (1, -z, -y)$

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ 1 & -z & -y \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{F} \text{ is conservative}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F} = -\nabla \phi$$

$$\phi = -\int_A^B \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = -\int_A^B (1, -z, -y) \cdot (dx, dy, dz) = -\int_A^B dx - z dy - y dz$$

taking the reference point A at the origin $A(0,0,0)$ and point B as (x,y,z) , we get

$$\phi = -\int_{(0,0,0)}^{(x,y,z)} dx - z dy - y dz ; \text{ the path integral can be}$$

taken as $(0,0,0) \rightarrow (x,0,0) \rightarrow (x,y,0) \rightarrow (x,y,z)$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{y=z=0, dy=dz=0}$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{z=0, x=\text{const}, dx=dz=0}$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{x=\text{const}, y=\text{const}, dx=dy=0}$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = -\int_{(0,0,0)}^{(x,0,0)} dx - z dy - y dz - \int_{(x,0,0)}^{(x,y,0)} dx - z dy - y dz - \int_{(x,y,0)}^{(x,y,z)} dx - z dy - y dz$$

$(0,0,0)$ $(x,0,0)$ $(x,y,0)$ (x,y,z)
 $y=z=0$ $z=0$ $dx=dy=0$
 $dy=dz=0$ $dx=dz=0$ $y=\text{const}$

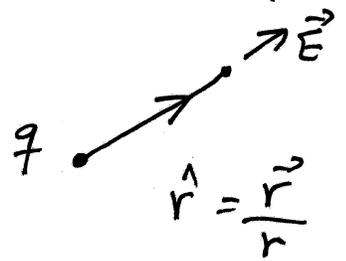
$$= -\int_0^x dx + y \int_0^z dz = -x + yz = yz - x$$

$$\therefore \phi(x,y,z) = yz - x$$

see that $\phi(0,0,0) = 0$ consistent with our choice of having the zero point potential is at the origin

(4) problem 6.8.19! show that the electric field of a point charge is conservative and find the corresponding potential

$$\vec{E} = k_e \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r} \quad ; \quad \text{where } \hat{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{r}$$



$$= k_e \frac{q}{r^3} \vec{r} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla \times \vec{E} = \nabla \times \left(k_e \frac{q}{r^2} \vec{r} \right)$$

$$= k_e q \nabla \times \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2}$$

using $\nabla \times (\phi \vec{v}) = \phi \nabla \times \vec{v} + (\nabla \phi) \times \vec{v}$
 with $\phi = \frac{1}{r^2}$, $\vec{v} = \vec{r}$

$$= k_e q \left[\underbrace{\frac{1}{r^2} \nabla \times \vec{r}}_{\text{zero}} + \underbrace{\nabla \left(\frac{1}{r^2} \right) \times \vec{r}}_{\frac{-2}{r^4} \vec{r} \times \vec{r}} \right]$$

$$= k_e q \left[0 - \frac{2}{r^4} \underbrace{\vec{r} \times \vec{r}}_{\text{zero}} \right] = \text{zero}$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{E}$ is conservative

$$\phi = - \int_{\infty}^r \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_r^{\infty} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} \quad ; \quad d\vec{r} = dr \hat{r}$$

$$= \int_r^{\infty} k_e \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r} \cdot dr \hat{r} = k_e q \int_r^{\infty} \frac{dr}{r^2} = k_e q \int_r^{\infty} r^{-2} dr$$

$$= k_e q \frac{r^{-1}}{-1} \Big|_r^{\infty} = -k_e q \left[\frac{1}{r} \right]_r^{\infty} = -k_e q \left[\frac{1}{\infty} - \frac{1}{r} \right]$$

$$= k_e \frac{q}{r} \quad \text{as expected}$$

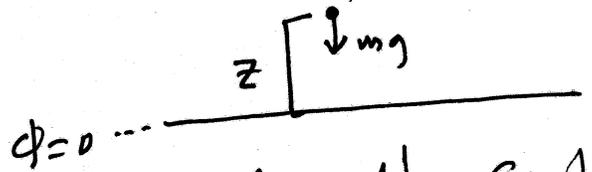
⑤ problem 6.8. 20!

a) show that the gravitational force near the surface of the earth ($\vec{F} = -mg \hat{k}$) is conservative and find the corresponding potential

Note that here \vec{F} is constant near the surface of earth

$$\vec{F} = -mg \hat{k} \Rightarrow \nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ 0 & 0 & -mg \end{vmatrix} = \text{Zero} \Rightarrow \vec{F} \text{ is conservative}$$

$$\phi = -\int_0^z \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = -\int_0^z -mg dz = mgz \checkmark$$



b) if \vec{F} is varying with distance from the center as $\vec{F} = -\frac{c}{r^3} \vec{r}$; where c is constant

show that \vec{F} is also conservative

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \vec{F} &= \nabla \times \left(-\frac{c}{r^3} \vec{r} \right) = -c \nabla \times \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \\ &= -c \left[\underbrace{\frac{1}{r^3} \nabla \times \vec{r}}_0 + \underbrace{\nabla \left(\frac{1}{r^3} \right) \times \vec{r}}_{-\frac{3}{r^5} \vec{r}} \right] = +c \frac{3}{r^5} \vec{r} \times \vec{r} = \text{zero} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= -\int_{\infty}^r \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = -\int_{\infty}^r -\frac{c}{r^3} \vec{r} \cdot d\vec{r} = c \int_{\infty}^r \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \cdot d\vec{r} ; \vec{r} = r \hat{r} \\ &= c \int_{\infty}^r \frac{r dr}{r^3} = c \int_{\infty}^r \frac{dr}{r^2} = c \left[-\frac{1}{r} \right]_{\infty}^r = -c \left[\frac{1}{r} \right]_{\infty}^r \\ &= -c \left[\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{\infty} \right] = -\frac{c}{r} ; \phi = 0 \text{ at } \infty \text{ (reference)} \end{aligned}$$

⑥ problem 6.9.2: evaluate $\oint 2x dy - 3y dx$ around the square with vertices $(0,2), (2,0), (-2,0), (0,-2)$.

- using Green's theorem in plane

$$\oint_C P dx + Q dy = \iint_A \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dx dy$$

with $P = -3y$ and $Q = 2x$

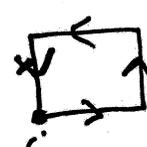
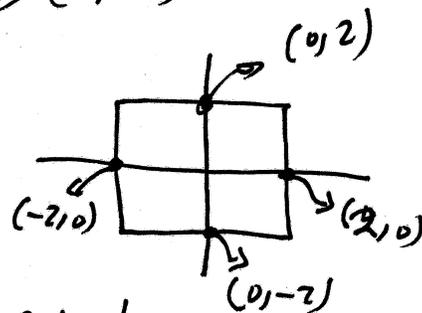
$$\oint_C 2x dy - 3y dx = \iint_A (2 - (-3)) dx dy = 5 \iint dx dy$$

$$= 5 \int_{-2}^2 dx \int_{-2}^2 dy = 5(2+2)(2+2) = 80$$

we can do the same integral around the closed path

$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$; with $\vec{F} = -3y\hat{i} + 2x\hat{j}$ and $d\vec{r} = dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j}$

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \oint_C (-3y\hat{i} + 2x\hat{j}) \cdot (dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j}) = \oint_C -3y dx + 2x dy \\ &= \int_{y=-2}^2 6 dx + \int_{x=2}^{-2} 4 dy + \int_{y=2}^{-2} -6 dx + \int_{x=-2}^2 -4 dx = 80 \end{aligned}$$



⑦ problem 6.9.5: evaluate $\int_C (ye^x - 1) dx + e^x dy$, where C

is the semicircle through $(0,-10), (10,0)$ and $(0,10)$

using Green's theorem, we have

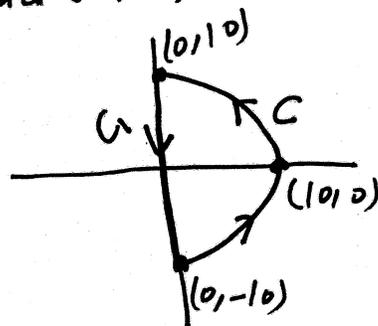
$$\oint_{C+C_1} (ye^x - 1) dx + e^x dy = \iint_A \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dx dy$$

with $P = ye^x - 1$ and $Q = e^x$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = e^x, \quad \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow \oint_{C+C_1} (ye^x - 1) dx + e^x dy = \iint_A (e^x - e^x) dx dy = \text{Zero}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_C (ye^x - 1) dx + e^x dy + \int_{C_1} (ye^x - 1) dx + e^x dy = 0$$



$$\Rightarrow \int_c (ye^x - 1) dx + e^x dy = - \int_{c_1} (ye^x - 1) dx + e^x dy \quad ; \quad \text{on } c_1$$

$$= - \int_{10}^{-10} dy = - [-10 - 10] = +20$$

$x=0, dx=0$
 $y: 10 \rightarrow -10$

⑧ problem 6.9.6 and 6.9.7: for a simple curve C in the plane, show by Green's theorem that the area enclosed is $A = \frac{1}{2} \oint_C x dy - y dx$.

need to prove that $\oint_C x dy - y dx = 2A$; A : area

let $P = -y, Q = x \Rightarrow \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -1, \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \oint_C x dy - y dx = \iint_A \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dx dy = \iint_A (1+1) dx dy = 2 \iint_A dx dy = 2A \checkmark$$

now we can use this eqn to find the area of ellipse $x = a \cos \theta, y = b \sin \theta$; $dx = -a \sin \theta d\theta$
 $dy = b \cos \theta d\theta$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \oint_{\text{ellipse}} x dy - y dx = \frac{1}{2} \oint a \cos \theta (b \cos \theta d\theta) - b \sin \theta (-a \sin \theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} ab \cos^2 \theta d\theta + ab \sin^2 \theta d\theta = 2\pi$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} ab (\underbrace{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}_1) d\theta = \frac{1}{2} ab \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} ab (2\pi) = \pi ab \checkmark$$

⑨ problem 6.10.4: $\vec{v} = x \cos^2 y \hat{i} + xz \hat{j} + z \sin^2 y \hat{k}$.

evaluate $\oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a}$ over the surface of a sphere with center at origin and radius 3. i.e. $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$

using divergence theorem

$$\oint_S \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \, dV \quad ; \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \cos^2 y + \sin^2 y = 1$$

$$= \int_V (1) \, dV = \int_V dV = V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi (3)^3 = 36\pi$$

Note that it can be calculated using spherical coordinates

$$\int_V dV = \int_0^3 r^2 dr \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = \left. \frac{r^3}{3} \right|_0^3 \times 2 \times 2\pi = \frac{3^3}{3} \times 4\pi = 36\pi$$

⑩ problem 6.10.6: $\vec{v} = (x^3 - x^2)y \hat{i} + (y^3 - 2y^2 + y)x \hat{j} + (z^2 - 1) \hat{k}$

evaluate $\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \, dV$ unit cube in the first octant

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = y(3x^2 - 2x) + (3y^2 - 4y + 1) + 2z$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \, dV &= \int_V [y(3x^2 - 2x) + (3y^2 - 4y + 1) + 2z] \, dx \, dy \, dz \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 y(3x^2 - 2x) \, dx \, dy \, dz + \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (3y^2 - 4y + 1) \, dx \, dy \, dz + \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 2z \, dx \, dy \, dz \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (3x^2 - 2x) \, dx \int_0^1 dy \int_0^1 dz + \int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 (3y^2 - 4y + 1) \, dy \int_0^1 dz + 2 \int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 dy \int_0^1 z \, dz \\ &= \int_0^1 (3x^2 - 2x) \, dx + \int_0^1 (3y^2 - 4y + 1) \, dy + 2 \int_0^1 z \, dz \\ &= 0 + [1 - 2 + 1] + 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

⑪ problem 6.10.10 : $\vec{v} = y\hat{i} + xz\hat{j} + (z^2-1)\hat{k}$
 evaluate $\oint_S \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a}$ over the curved surface of the hemisphere

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9 \text{ and } z \geq 0$$

- using divergence theorem

$$\oint_S \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \, dV ;$$

$$= 2 \int dV = 2V$$

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 ; r=3$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \pi 3^3 = 36\pi$$

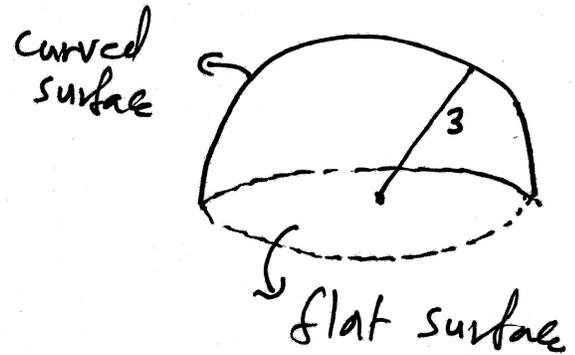
but $\oint_S \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_{\text{curved}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} + \int_{\text{flat}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = 36\pi$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\text{curved}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = 36\pi - \int_{\text{flat}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

but over the flat surface $d\vec{a} = -da\hat{k}$ and $z=0$

$$\int_{\text{flat}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_{z=0} (z^2-1) da = \int da = \pi r^2 = 9\pi$$

$$= 36\pi - 9\pi = 27\pi$$



$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0 + 0 + 2 = 2$$

⑫ problem 6.10.11 if $\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$, show that
 $\oint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$ over any closed surface

$$\Rightarrow \oint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{B} \, dV = \int_V \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{A}) \, dV = \text{zero}$$

for any vector field \vec{A} in electromagnetic theory, \vec{A} and \vec{B} are

\vec{A} : magnetic vector potential
 \vec{B} : magnetic field

(14) problem 6.11.8: evaluate $\int \nabla \times (x^2 y \hat{i} - x z \hat{k}) \cdot d\vec{a}$
 over the closed surface of the ellipsoid $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} + \frac{z^2}{16} = 1$

let $\vec{V} = x^2 y \hat{i} - x z \hat{k} \Rightarrow$

$$\oint_S \nabla \times \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_V \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{V}) d\tau \quad ; \text{ here we use divergence theorem as the surface is closed}$$

$$= \text{Zero}$$

because $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{V})$ is zero for any continuous twice-differentiable vector field \vec{V} . we can easily prove this

as $\nabla \times \vec{V} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x^2 y & 0 & -xz \end{vmatrix} = z \hat{j} - x^2 \hat{k}$

now $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{V}) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{k} \right) \cdot (z \hat{j} - x^2 \hat{k}) = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial x^2}{\partial z} = 0 - 0 = 0$

(15) problem 6.11.9: evaluate $\oint_S \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{a}$; with

$\vec{V} = (x + x^2 - y^2) \hat{i} + (2xyz - 2xy) \hat{j} - xz^2 \hat{k}$ over the entire surface of the volume in the first octant bounded by $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 16$ and the coordinate planes

- since the surface is closed we use divergence theorem

$$\oint_S \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{V} d\tau \quad ; \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{V} = (1+2x) + (2xz - 2x) - 2xz$$

$$= 1$$

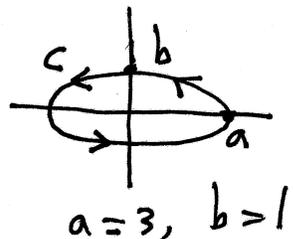
or $\int_V d\tau = V$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 = \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \pi (4)^3 = \frac{32}{3} \pi$$

(16) problem 6.11.10: let $\vec{v} = 2xy\hat{i} + (x^2 - 2x)\hat{j} - x^2z^2\hat{k}$, find $\int \nabla \times \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a}$ over the part of surface $z = 9 - x^2 - 9y^2$

- This is an open surface (upside down paraboloid). the projection of this surface on $x-y$ plane gives ellipse (with $z=0$)

$$x^2 + 9y^2 = 9 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{3^2} + \frac{y^2}{1^2} = 1$$



here we use divergence theorem as the surface is open, so

$$\int \nabla \times \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = \oint_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r} = \oint_C 2xy dx + (x^2 - 2x) dy, \text{ with}$$

$$x = 3 \cos \theta, dx = -3 \sin \theta d\theta \quad \text{and} \quad y = \sin \theta, dy = \cos \theta d\theta$$

$0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$

$$\Rightarrow \int \nabla \times \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = \oint_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r} = \oint_C 2xy dx + (x^2 - 2x) dy$$

$$= \oint_C (6 \cos \theta \sin \theta)(-3 \sin \theta d\theta) + (9 \cos^2 \theta - 6 \cos \theta) \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} -18 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta d\theta + 9 \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^3 \theta d\theta - 6 \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= -18 \frac{\sin^3 \theta}{3} \Big|_0^{2\pi} + 0 - 6\pi = -6\pi$$

(17) problem 6.11.11: evaluate $\oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a}$; $\vec{v} = (x^2 - y^2)\hat{i} + 3yz\hat{j} - 2xz\hat{k}$ over the surface of a cube in the first octant with side length 2.

- the surface is closed \Rightarrow use Stokes' theorem

$$\oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int \nabla \cdot \vec{v} dV; \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 2x + 3 - 2x = 3$$

$$= 3 \int dV = 3V$$

$$= 3 \cdot 2^3 = 24$$

