

1. Show that $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 0$, where

$$C: \quad \mathbf{r}(t) = \langle e^{t \sin(\pi t)}, t - t^5 \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle 2e^{2x} \sin y - e^{x^2}, e^{2x} \cos y + \ln(y^2 + 1) \rangle.$$

(Hint: You'll need to check that \mathbf{F} has a certain property *and* that C has a certain property.)

We check that \mathbf{F} is conservative (note that \mathbf{F} is defined everywhere, so we don't have to worry about things being simply-connected):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2e^{2x} \sin y - e^{x^2}) = 2e^{2x} \cos y = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(e^{2x} \cos y + \ln(y^2 + 1)),$$

which verifies that \mathbf{F} is conservative.

Also, we have

$$\mathbf{r}(1) = \langle e^0, 0 - 0 \rangle = \langle 1, 0 \rangle = \langle e^0, 0 - 0 \rangle = \mathbf{r}(0),$$

so that C is a closed loop. Since conservative vector fields integrate to zero on closed loops, this integral must be zero.

2. Use the Fundamental Theorem for Line Integrals to compute $\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r}$, where

$$f(x, y) = e^y \sin(2x) + x^2 y$$

$$C: \quad \mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t \cos^2 t, e^{t^2 \sin t} \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq \pi.$$

(No integrating or differentiating, please.)

The FTLI says

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(\mathbf{r}(b)) - f(\mathbf{r}(a)).$$

Note that $\mathbf{r}(\pi) = \langle \pi, 1 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$, so

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(\pi, 1) - f(0, 1) = \pi^2 - 0 = \pi^2.$$

Bonus:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F} \text{ is conservative on } D &\Leftrightarrow \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} \text{ is path-independent on } D \\ \Leftrightarrow \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 0 \text{ on all closed loops in } D &\Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \text{ in } D \subseteq \mathbf{R}^2. \end{aligned}$$