Worked Problems - Section 8.2

For these questions, recall what Stokes' Theorem states:

$$\iint_{S} (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{\partial S} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$
$$\iint_{S} (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iint_{D} (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) (\mathbf{T}(u, v)) \cdot (\mathbf{T}_{u} \times \mathbf{T}_{v}) \ du \ dv = \int_{\partial S} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

which allows us to compute either a surface integral of the curl of the vector field \mathbf{F} , or the line integral over the boundary of the surface, ∂S . The second formula allows us to compute the surface integral using a parameterization $\mathbf{T}(u, v)$. Finally, we may use the following helpful formula

$$\iint_{S} \mathbf{G} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iint_{D} \left(G_1 \left(-\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) + G_2 \left(-\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) + G_3 \right) dx dy$$

for some graph z = f(x, y).

1. Let S be the portion of the plane 2x+3y+z = 6 lying between the points (-1, 1, 5), (2, 1, -1), (2, 3, -7), and (-1, 3, -1). Find parameterizations for both the surface S and its boundary ∂S . Be sure that their respective orientations are compatible with Stokes' theorem.

Solution: Just construct linear pieces for each component using a table. For the line from (-1, 1, 5) to (2, 1, -1), and for $t \in [0, 1]$, use the table

t	$\mathbf{x}(t)$	y(t)	z(t)
0	-1	1	5
1	2	1	-1

which gives us the first component as $S_1(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t)) = (3t - 1, 1, -6t + 5)$. We do the same for (2, 1, -1) to (2, 3, -7), and for $t \in [1, 2]$

\mathbf{t}	$\mathbf{x}(t)$	y(t)	z(t)
1	2	1	-1
2	2	3	-7

which gives us the second component as $S_2(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t)) = (2, 2t - 1, -6t + 5)$. We do the same for (2, 3, -7) to (-1, 3, -1), and for $t \in [2, 3]$

\mathbf{t}	$\mathbf{x}(t)$	y(t)	z(t)
2	2	3	-7
3	-1	3	-1

which gives us the third component as $S_3(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t)) = (-3t+8, 3, 6t-19)$. We do the same for (-1, 3, -1) to (-1, 1, 5), and for $t \in [3, 4]$

\mathbf{t}	$\mathbf{x}(t)$	y(t)	z(t)
3	-1	3	-1
4	-1	1	5

which gives us the fourth component as $\mathbf{S}_4(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t)) = (-1, -2t+9, 6t-19)$. Therefore, the boundary ∂S can be given as the piecewise curve defined as

$$\mathbf{f}(t) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{S}_1(t) = (3t - 1, 1, -6t + 5) & \text{for } t \in [0, 1] \\ \mathbf{S}_2(t) = (2, 2t - 1, -6t + 5) & \text{for } t \in [1, 2] \\ \mathbf{S}_3(t) = (-3t + 8, 3, 6t - 19) & \text{for } t \in [2, 3] \\ \mathbf{S}_4(t) = (-3t + 8, 3, 6t - 19) & \text{for } t \in [3, 4] \end{cases}$$

Now the S is the portion of the plane 2x + 3y + z = 6 lying between the points given. Note that we can write the surface as z = 6 - 2x - 3y. The most natural parametrization to choose would be to let x = u and y = v, where $x = u \in [-1, 2]$ and $y = v \in [1, 3]$. The bounds come from looking at the range of the x and y coordinates of the points, which corresponds to the projection of the region in the xy-plane. Plugging this into the equation for z, we get the parameterization of the surface as

$$\mathbf{T}(u,v) = (u,v,6-2u-3v)$$

2. Verify Stokes' theorem for the given surface S and boundary ∂S , and vector field **F**.

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \mid z = 1 - x^{2} - y^{2}, z \ge 0\},\$$

$$\partial S = \{(x, y) \mid x^{2} + y^{2} = 1\}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = (z, x, 5zx + 4xy)$$

Solution: Note that the surface S is a paraboloid that opens down, with ∂S being the base of the surface on the z = 0 plane, which is a circle of radius 1. First we compute the left hand side of Stokes' theorem. We compute the cross product first

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ z & x & 5zx + 4xy \end{vmatrix} = (4x, -(5z - 4y - 1), 1)$$

Then we use the formula from page 1, where we let $\mathbf{G} = (4x, -(5z - 4y - 1), 1)$, and D is the unit disk. Thus

$$\begin{split} \iint_{S} \left(\nabla \times \mathbf{F} \right) \cdot \, d\mathbf{S} &= \iint_{S} \mathbf{G} \cdot \, d\mathbf{S} \\ &= \iint_{D} \left(G_{1} \left(-\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) + G_{2} \left(-\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) + G_{3} \right) \, dx \, dy \\ &= \iint_{D} \left((4x)(2x) - (5z - 4y - 1)(2y) + 1 \right) \, dx \, dy \\ &= \iint_{D} \left(8x^{2} - 10yz - 8y^{2} + 2y + 1 \right) \, dx \, dy \\ &= \iint_{D} \left(8x^{2} - 8y^{2} + 2y + 1 \right) \, dx \, dy \qquad z = 0 \text{ on the disk } D \\ &= \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{1} \left(8\cos^{2}(\theta) - 8\sin^{2}(\theta) + 2\sin(\theta) + 1 \right) r \, dr \, d\theta \\ &\text{use the identity} \quad \cos^{2}(t) - \sin^{2}(t) = \cos(2t) \\ &= \left(\int_{0}^{1} r \, dr \right) \left(\int_{0}^{2\pi} \left(8\cos(2\theta) + 2\sin(\theta) + 1 \right) \, d\theta \right) \\ &= \left(\left(\frac{r^{2}}{2} \right)_{0}^{1} \right) \left(t + \left(8\sin(\theta) - 2 \right) \cos(\theta) \right)_{0}^{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2} (2\pi) = \pi \end{split}$$

For the line integral, we need the parameterization for the unit circle on the plane z = 0, thus

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = (\cos(\theta), \sin(\theta), 0) \quad \text{for } t \in [0, 2\pi]$$
$$\mathbf{x}'(t) = (-\sin(\theta), \cos(\theta), 0) \quad \text{for } t \in [0, 2\pi]$$

Then we have that

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}(t)) = (0, \cos(t), 4\sin(t)\cos(t))$$

Using the line integral formula

$$\int_{\partial S} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{x}'(t) dt$$
$$= \int_{0}^{2\pi} (0, \cos(t), 4\sin(t)\cos(t)) \cdot (-\sin(\theta), \cos(\theta), 0) dt$$
$$= \int_{0}^{2\pi} \cos^{2}(t) dt$$
$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}(t + \sin(t)\cos(t))\right)\Big|_{0}^{2\pi}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}(2\pi)$$
$$= \pi$$

Both answers are the same, so Stokes' theorem is satisfied.

3. Let $\mathbf{F} = (x^2, 5xy + x, z)$. Let C be the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 81$, and S be the disk $x^2 + y^2 \le 81$ within the plane z = 0.

(a) Determine
$$\iint_{S} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

(b) Determine $\iint_{C} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$
(c) Determine $\iint_{S} (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$

Note that (b) and (c) are the two sides of Stokes' theorem.

Solution: (a) Recall that the formula for integrals for vector fields over surfaces is given by

$$\iint_{S} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iint_{D} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{T}(u, v)) \cdot (\mathbf{T}_{u} \times \mathbf{T}_{v}) \ du \ dv$$

Now we must compute all of the pieces. We parameterize the disk on the plane z = 0 by

$$\mathbf{T}(u, v) = (u \cos(v), u \sin(v), 0)$$
$$\mathbf{T}_u = (\cos(v), \sin(v), 0)$$
$$\mathbf{T}_v = (-u \sin(v), u \cos(v), 0)$$
$$\mathbf{T}_u \times \mathbf{T}_v = (0, 0, u)$$

 $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{T}(u,v)) \cdot (\mathbf{T}_u \times \mathbf{T}_v) = (u^2 \cos^2(v), 5u^2 \cos(v) \sin(v) + u \cos(v), 0) \cdot (0, 0, u) = 0$

for $u \in [0, 9]$ and $v \in [0, 2\pi]$. So then the problem becomes

$$\iint_{S} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iint_{D} 0 \ du \ dv = 0$$

(b) Recall that the formula for integrals for vector fields over paths is given by

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_a^b \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}(t)) \cdot (\mathbf{x}'(t)) \ dt$$

Now we must compute all of the pieces. We parameterize the circle on the plane z = 0 by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}(t) &= (9\cos(t), 9\sin(t), 0) \\ \mathbf{x}'(t) &= (-9\sin(t), 9\cos(t), 0) \\ \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}(t)) \cdot (\mathbf{x}'(t)) &= (\cos^2(t), 405\cos(t)\sin(t) + 9\cos(t), 0) \cdot (-9\sin(t), 9\cos(t), 0) \\ &= 3636\cos^2(t)\sin(t) + 81\cos^2(t) \end{aligned}$$

for $t \in [0, 2\pi]$. So then the problem becomes

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_a^b \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}(t)) \cdot (\mathbf{x}'(t)) dt$$
$$= \int_0^{2\pi} (3636 \cos^2(t) \sin(t) + 81 \cos^2(t)) dt$$
$$= \left(-1212 \cos^3(t) + \frac{81}{2}(t + \sin(t) \cos(t))\right) \Big|_0^{2\pi}$$
$$= 81\pi$$

(c) Compute the cross product first

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x^2 & 5xy + x & z \end{vmatrix} = (0, 0, 5y + 1)$$

Then we use the formula from page 1, the parameterization from (a) (plug parameterization into the curl), and the region D as the disk, we have

$$\begin{split} \iint_{S} \left(\nabla \times \mathbf{F} \right) \cdot \ d\mathbf{S} &= \iint_{D} \left(\nabla \times \mathbf{F} \right) \left(\mathbf{T}(u, v) \right) \cdot \left(\mathbf{T}_{u} \times \mathbf{T}_{v} \right) \ du \ dv \\ &= \iint_{D} (0, 0, 5u \sin(v) + 1) \cdot (0, 0, u) \ du \ dv \\ &= \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{9} (5u^{2} \sin(v) + u) \ du \ dv \\ &= \int_{0}^{2\pi} \left(5\frac{9^{3}}{3} \sin(v) + \frac{81}{2} \right) \ dv \\ &= \left(-5\frac{9^{3}}{3} \cos(v) + \frac{81}{2}v \right) \Big|_{0}^{2\pi} \\ &= \frac{81}{2} (2\pi) = 81\pi \end{split}$$

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4. Let C be the closed, piecewise smooth curve formed by traveling in straight lines between the points (0,0,0), (2,0,18), (3,2,27), (1,2,9), and back to the origin, in that order. (Thus the surface S lying interior to C is contained in the plane z = 9x.) Use Stokes' theorem to evaluate the following integral.

$$\int_C (z\cos(x)) \, dx + (x^2yz) \, dy + (yz) \, dz$$

Solution: Note that we can reconstruct the vector field **F** by taking the pieces inside the integral, thus $\mathbf{F} = (z \cos(x), x^2 yz, yz)$. Compute the cross product first

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ z \cos(x) & x^2 y z & y z \end{vmatrix} = (z - x^2 y, \cos(x), 2xyz)$$

Now we need the parameterization of the region described in the problem. Note that the region lies in the plane z = 9x, thus if we take x = u, y = v, and z = 9u, we have

$$\mathbf{T}(u, v) = (u, v, 9u)$$

$$\mathbf{T}_{u} = (1, 0, 9)$$

$$\mathbf{T}_{v} = (0, 1, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{T}_{u} \times \mathbf{T}_{v} = (-9, 0, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{T}(u, v)) \cdot (\mathbf{T}_{u} \times \mathbf{T}_{v}) = (9u - u^{2}v, \cos(u), 18u^{2}v) \cdot (-9, 0, 1)$$

$$= (27u^{2}v - 81u)$$

for $u \in \left[\frac{v}{2}, \frac{v+4}{2}\right]$ and $v \in [0, 2]$. To determine those bounds, take the projection of the surface into the *xy*-plane, and you will see it is a parallelogram which is bounded by the lines y = 0, y = 2, y = 2x, and y = 2x - 4. This then gives the bounds when we use u and v.

Now we use the formula from page 1, the parameterization above, and the region D as the parallelogram, we have

$$\iint_{S} (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iint_{D} (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) (\mathbf{T}(u, v)) \cdot (\mathbf{T}_{u} \times \mathbf{T}_{v}) du dv$$
$$= \iint_{D} (27u^{2}v - 81u) du dv$$
$$= \int_{0}^{2} \int_{\frac{v}{2}}^{\frac{v+4}{2}} (27u^{2}v - 81u) du dv$$
$$= \int_{0}^{2} (9u^{3}v - 81uv) \big|_{u=\frac{v}{2}}^{u=\frac{v+4}{2}} dv$$
$$= -144$$

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