

Instructions. Show all work, with clear logical steps. No work or hard-to-follow work will lose points.

Problem 1. Use Greens Theorem to find the work done by the force

$$\mathbf{F} = \langle x^3 - y, x + \ln(y) \rangle$$

on a particle which moves once around the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ in the positive direction.

Solution. Let $D = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$. Then by Green's Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x + \ln(y)) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x^3 - y) \right) dA \\ &= \iint_D 2 dA \\ &= 2A(D) = 2\pi. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Problem 2. Verify that Green's Theorem is true for the line integral

$$\int_C xy^2 dx - x^2y dy$$

where C consists of the parabola $y = x^2$ from $(-1, 1)$ to $(1, 1)$ and the line segment from $(1, 1)$ to $(-1, 1)$.

Solution. Let D be the region enclosed by the parabola and the line segment. First using Green's Theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C xy^2 dx - x^2y dy &= \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(-x^2y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(xy^2) \right) dA \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{x^2}^1 -2xy dy dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \left[-xy^2 \right]_{y=x^2}^{y=1} dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 (-1 + x^5) dx \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where in the last line we use the fact that $y = x^5 - 1$ is an odd function.

Calculating the integral directly, let C_1 be the part of the parabola $y = x^2$ from $(-1, 1)$ to $(1, 1)$ and let C_2 be the segment from $(1, 1)$ to $(-1, 1)$. For C_1

we have $y = x^2$, so $dy = 2x \, dx$, and

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{C_1} xy^2 \, dx - x^2y \, dy &= \int_{-1}^1 x(x^2)^2 \, dx - x^2(x^2)(2x) \, dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 (x^5 - 2x^5) \, dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 -x^5 \, dx \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

since $y = -x^5$ is an odd function. For the curve C_2 , we have $y = 1$, so $dy = 0$. Thus

$$\int_{C_2} xy^2 \, dx - x^2y \, dy = \int_{-1}^1 x(1)^2 \, dx = 0$$

So the integrals agree as we expect from Green's Theorem. $\square$