

Homework 5: Stokes' theorem and some applications

Due: No Due

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Exercise 1 (Can we apply Green's theorem?). *The function of winding number is defined as an integral of 1-form ω defined on $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$.*

$$\omega = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} dx + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} dy. \quad (1)$$

Let γ be the closed curve ∂B_1 .

1. Calculate $\int_{\partial B_1} \omega d\gamma$.
2. Can we apply the Green's theorem for the integral above? Why?

Exercise 2 (Calculus on torus). *Let $(\alpha, \beta) \in [0, 2\pi]^2$ and $(\alpha, \beta) \mapsto (x, y, z)$ be the parametrization of torus*

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (R + r \cos \alpha) \cos \beta, \\ y &= (R + r \cos \alpha) \sin \beta, \\ z &= r \sin \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Calculate the area and volume of this torus.

Exercise 3 (Induction of Gauss's law from Coulomb's law). *We recall that the Coulomb's law: for two electric particle of charge q_1, q_2 , and of distance r_{12} , the force between them is*

$$F = k_e \frac{q_1 q_2}{|r_{12}|^2}, \quad k_e = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}.$$

Now we put a particle of charge q at origin 0 , and denote by $E : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ the electric field generated by it, i.e. for any particle of charge q' at position $r \in \mathbb{R}^3$, it is acted a force $F = E(r)q'$.

1. Write down the expression $E(r)$.
2. Prove that for any $r > 0$, we have

$$\int_{\partial B_r} E \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}.$$

3. Prove that E satisfies the Gauss' law, i.e. for any domain Ω contains 0 with regular boundary

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} E \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}. \quad (2)$$






4. Let ρ be the density of particle charge, and use the superposition to prove Gauss' law in general case.

Exercise 4. Prove that in the Maxwell equations, when $J = \rho = 0$, we can deduce the following equation for the field E, B .

$$\mu_0\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} E = \Delta E,$$

$$\mu_0\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} B = \Delta B.$$

Exercise 5 (Platonic solid). In three-dimensional space, a Platonic solid is a regular, convex polyhedron i.e. every face is identical regular polygon (same number of edges, vertex, and same length, angles). Prove that there are 5 types of Platonic solid. (Indication: Euler formula.)

Tetrahedron	Cube	Octahedron	Dodecahedron	Icosahedron
Four faces	Six faces	Eight faces	Twelve faces	Twenty faces
				
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