

Math 32 – Workshop #29

1. Evaluate the line integral $\int_C y^2 dx$, where C is the line connecting the points $(-3, -1)$ and $(5, 9)$.
2. Evaluate the line integral $\int_C z dx + \sin x dy + 3x^2 dz$, where $C : x = t, y = t^2, z = e^t, 0 \leq t \leq 1$.
3. Recall that arc length in the plane is given by

$$s(t_0) = \int_a^{t_0} \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt,$$

and from this we have that

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2},$$

using t as the parameter. Using differentials, we can write this as

$$ds = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt,$$

and we can integrate a function $f(x, y)$ above a curve C in the plane using

$$\int_a^b f(x, y) ds = \int_a^b f(x, y) \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt.$$

This can be extended to higher dimensions.

Use this to compute $\int_C ye^z ds$, where C is the circular helix $x = \cos t, y = \sin t, z = t, 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$.

