

MA231 Vector Analysis

Example Sheet 1

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Students should hand in solutions to questions B1, B2, B3 and B4 by 3pm Monday of week 4 to the maths pigeonloft. Maths students hand in solutions to their supervisors and maths/physics students hand solutions into the slots marked *Vector Analysis Maths+Physics*.

Corrected version of questions B4 (c):

B4 Line integrals

- (a) Evaluate the line integral

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} (x + y^2),$$

where \mathcal{C} is the parabola $y = x^2$ in the plane $z = 0$ connecting the points $(0, 0, 0)$ and $(2, 4, 0)$.

- (b) Calculate the tangent line integral of the vector field

$$v(x, y, z) = ((x - 1)(z - 3), xyz, x + z)$$

along the straight line from $(1, 1, 1)$ to $(1, 3, 9)$.

- (c) Consider the half circle $\mathcal{C} = \{y^2 + z^2 = 1, z \geq 0, x = 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ and the vector field $f(x, y, z) = (0, y, 0)$. Use the fundamental theorem of calculus for gradient vector fields to calculate the tangent line integral of f along \mathcal{C} from $(0, -1, 0)$ to $(0, 1, 0)$.