

Q-3) Let C be the curve parameterized as $r(\theta) = \left(\frac{\theta}{8}, \sin^2 \theta, 1 - \cos^4 \theta\right)$, with $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$. Calculate

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} \, ds,$$

where $\mathbf{F} = (-\tan(x + y^2 + z^3), -2y \tan(x + y^2 + z^3), -3z^2 \tan(x + y^2 + z^3))$.

Solution: In the last homework we showed that this is a conservative field with potential function $f = \ln \cos(x + y^2 + z^3) + C$. This gives

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} \, ds = f(r(2\pi)) - f(r(0)) = f(\pi/4, 0, 0) - f(0, 0, 0) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln 2.$$