

Q-4) Evaluate the integral

$$\int \int_S \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, d\sigma$$

where S is the level surface given by $x^2 + z^2 - 4(x + z) - y + 8 = 0$, $0 \leq y \leq 4$, and

$$\mathbf{F} = \left(x^2 z + \ln(y^2 + 1), \cosh(x^2 + y^2) - \ln(z^2 + 1), \frac{y^3}{y^2 + 1} - xz^2 \right).$$

Solution: Let $D = \{(x, z) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid (x - 2)^2 + (z - 2)^2 \leq 4\}$ and let the boundary of D be C . Then applying Stokes' theorem twice we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \int_S \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, d\sigma &= \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} \, ds \\ &= \int \int_D \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 \, d\sigma \end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{n}_1 is the unit normal of D pointing towards y -direction to be compatible with the orientation on C which in turn is induced by \mathbf{n} . Thus $\mathbf{n}_1 = \mathbf{j}$ and $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 = x^2 + z^2$. This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int \int_D \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 \, d\sigma &= \int \int_D (x^2 + z^2) \, dx dz \\ &= \int_0^4 \int_{2-\sqrt{4z-z^2}}^{2+\sqrt{4z-z^2}} (x^2 + z^2) \, dx dz \\ &= 40\pi, \end{aligned}$$

where the last line should be obtained through a computer algebra system.

An easy way to evaluate this integral by hand is to make the change of variables $X = x - 2$ and $Z = z - 2$, and change to polar coordinates in the new XZ system. This gives the easy integral

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 (r^2 + 4r(\cos \theta + \sin \theta) + 8) r dr d\theta = 40\pi.$$

Another way to solve this problem is to use Stokes' theorem only once. Then we parameterize the boundary of S as

$$\mathbf{r}(\theta) = (2 + 2 \sin \theta, 2, 2 + 2 \cos \theta), \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi].$$

Notice how the correct orientation of the boundary is provided by the parametrization. Now we have

$$d\mathbf{r} = (2 \cos \theta, 0, -2 \sin \theta) d\theta,$$

and $\mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ then becomes

$$(2 \cos \theta) \left((2 + 2 \sin \theta)^2 (2 + 2 \cos \theta) + \ln 17 \right) + (-2 \sin \theta) \left(\frac{64}{17} + (2 + 2 \sin \theta)(2 + 2 \cos \theta)^2 \right).$$

Integrating this we get

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 40\pi.$$

Finally, you may try to evaluate the integral as is. Then you will get

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \left[3 \frac{y^2}{y^2 + 1} - 2 \frac{y^4}{(y^2 + 1)^2} + 2 \frac{z}{z^2 + 1}, x^2 + z^2, 2 \sinh(x^2 + y^2) x - 2 \frac{y}{y^2 + 1} \right].$$

If $f = x^2 + z^2 - 4(x + z) - y + 8$, then the unit outward normal of S is in the direction of $-\nabla f$ where

$$\nabla f = [2x - 4, -1, 2z - 4].$$

You will have

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} d\sigma = \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla f dx dz$$

and the integral will be evaluated over the disk $(x - 2)^2 + (z - 2)^2 \leq 4$. You will also need to substitute y with $x^2 + z^2 - 4(x + z) + 8$ since the integrand lives on the surface S .

Putting these together, you will end up with the double integral

$$\int_0^4 \int_{2-\sqrt{4x-z^2}}^{2+\sqrt{4x-z^2}} \left\{ \left[3 \frac{(x^2 + z^2 - 4x - 4z + 8)^2}{(x^2 + z^2 - 4x - 4z + 8)^2 + 1} - 2 \frac{(x^2 + z^2 - 4x - 4z + 8)^4}{((x^2 + z^2 - 4x - 4z + 8)^2 + 1)^2} + 2 \frac{z}{z^2 + 1} \right] (-2x + 4) + x^2 + z^2 + \left[2 \sinh \left(x^2 + (x^2 + z^2 - 4x - 4z + 8)^2 \right) x - 2 \frac{x^2 + z^2 - 4x - 4z + 8}{(x^2 + z^2 - 4x - 4z + 8)^2 + 1} \right] (-2z + 4) \right\} dx dz.$$

An attempt to numerically evaluate this on Maple will give, after a long pause, 125 which is almost $40\pi \approx 125.6$.