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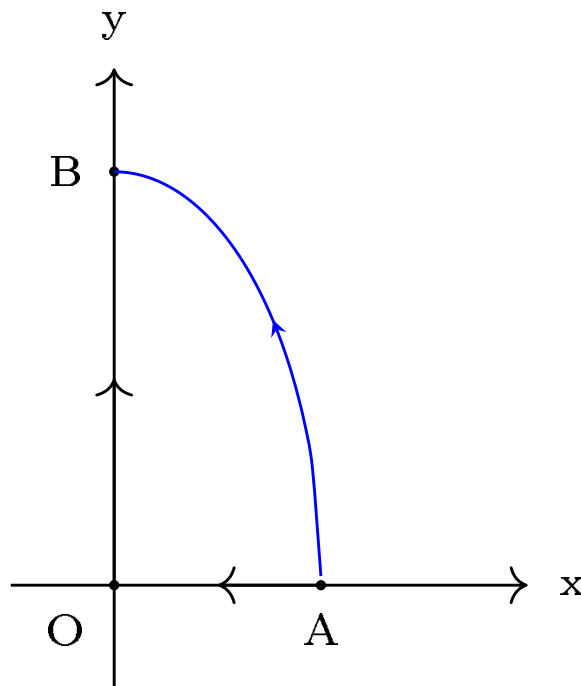
Evaluate $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ where

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (1 + xy)e^{xy}\mathbf{i} + x^2e^{xy}\mathbf{j}$$

and C is the curve parametrized as follows:

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \cos(t)\mathbf{i} + 2\sin(t)\mathbf{j}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Solution:



Let $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (1 + xy)e^{xy}\mathbf{i} + x^2e^{xy}\mathbf{j} = (P(x, y), Q(x, y))$.

Since $P_y = Q_x$ everywhere, the vector field $\mathbf{F}(x, y)$ is conservative on the plane. This means that the path integral of $\mathbf{F}(x, y)$ depends only on the end points. Since the given (blue) path starts at A and ends at B , we can choose any other path with these end points and the integral will have the same value.

We choose the path from A to O along the x -axis and continue along y -axis to B .

Let C_1 be parametrized by $\mathbf{r}_1(t) = (1 - t, 0)$, $t \in [0, 1]$, $d\mathbf{r}_1 = (-dt, 0)$. (from A to O)

Let C_2 be parametrized by $\mathbf{r}_2(t) = (0, t)$, $t \in [0, 2]$, $d\mathbf{r}_2 = (0, dt)$. (from O to B)

Note that \mathbf{F} evaluated along $\mathbf{r}_1(t)$ is $(1, (1 - t)^2)$ and \mathbf{F} evaluated along $\mathbf{r}_2(t)$ is $(1, 0)$.

Next we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \int_{C_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}_1 + \int_{C_2} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}_2 \\ &= \int_0^1 (1, (1 - t)^2) \cdot (-dt, 0) + \int_0^2 (1, 0) \cdot (0, dt) \\ &= \int_0^1 (-dt) + \int_0^2 0 \, dt \\ &= -1.\end{aligned}$$