Math 291 Workshop 7

Please *write* this week's workshop with at most one other person. Be sure to acknowledge any and all help you receive with your write-up. As usual, you can *think* with other people but you should not *write* with more than one other person. Please write your answer in complete English sentences. Helpful figures are always welcome.

**Problem 7.1.** (Found on a exam review of Prof. Greenfield's.) Evaluate the line integral  $\int_C (x-2y^2) dy$  where C is the arc of the parabola  $y=x^2$  with  $-2 \le x \le 1$ . Give a picture.

**Problem 7.2.** (Likewise.) Evaluate the integral  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  where  $\mathbf{F}(x,y) = \langle x^2 y^3, -y\sqrt{x} \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (t^2, -t^3)$  for  $0 \le t \le 1$ .

**Problem 7.3.** (Likewise.) The constraint  $x^4 + x^2y^2 + 2y^4 + z^4 = 1$  defines a closed and bounded set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and thus the function f(x, y, z) = xyz attains a maximum value on that set. What is this maximum value? Be sure to analyze carefully and completely any system of equations you solve.

**Problem 7.4.** We say that a vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x,y) = \langle P(x,y), Q(x,y) \rangle$  is conservative if  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 0$  for all closed plane curves  $C : [a,b] \to \mathbb{R}^2$ . (A plane curve C is closed if C(a) = C(b).)

- Show that the tangential field  $\mathbf{F}(x,y) = \langle -y,x \rangle$  is not conservative by finding a closed curve C, explicitly computing  $\int_C \mathbf{F}$ , and noting that the integral is not zero.
- Show that the *constant* field  $\mathbf{G}(x,y) = \langle 1,0 \rangle$  is conservative. What is the integral of  $\int_C \mathbf{G}$  if C is not closed? (Say, if C begins at the origin and ends at the point (1,0).)
- Decide whether or not the radial field  $\mathbf{H}(x,y) = \langle x,y \rangle$  is conservative or not. Explain your answer.

In addition, given a sketch of each of the above fields.

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