

Do 1-5 or 3-6. Prof Jo is happy to give hints on #6; please ask via a discussion in Canvas.

1. Compute  $\int_C (y^2 dx - 2x dy)$  where  $C$  is the triangle with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 0)$ , and  $(1, 1)$ , oriented counterclockwise (Folland:  $-4/3$ ). Do so by (a) Directly parametrizing  $C$ ; (b) Green's theorem.
2. Compute  $\int_C F \cdot dx$ , where  $F = (x^2 y, x^3 y^2)$  and  $C$  is the closed curve formed by portions of the line  $y = 4$  and the parabola  $y = x^2$ , oriented counterclockwise. Do not use Green's theorem. (Folland:  $2(\frac{32}{5} + \frac{1024}{9} - \frac{32}{3})$ )
3. Jones Problem 11-1  
Suppose  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is a curve described in polar coordinates by an equation  $r = g(\theta)$ , where  $a \leq \theta \leq b$ . Show that the length of  $C$  is

$$\int_a^b \sqrt{g'(\theta)^2 + g(\theta)^2} d\theta$$

Suggestion: Using polar coordinates, we obtain a parametrization of  $C$ :  $x(\theta) = g(\theta) \cos \theta$ ,  $y(\theta) = g(\theta) \sin \theta$ .  
Remark: This formula is usually written as

$$\int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2 + r^2} d\theta$$

4. Curves and Surfaces computation (made easier by Jones 11-1 if you convert to polar and use formula)  
Consider the logarithmic spiral  $\mathbf{r} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (ae^{bt} \cos t, ae^{bt} \sin t)$$

with  $a > 0$ ,  $b < 0$ . Compute the arc length function  $S : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where

$$S(t) = \int_{t_0}^t |\mathbf{r}'(\tau)| d\tau$$

for  $t_0$  corresponding to an arbitrary choice of  $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Describe/sketch the curve.

5. Jones 12.E, 12-7

Define a 1-form  $\alpha$  on the punctured plane  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  by  $\alpha = \left(\frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}\right) dx + \left(\frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}\right) dy$ .

- (a) Calculate  $\int_C \alpha$  for any circle  $C$  of radius  $R$  around the origin.
  - (b) Prove that in the half plane  $\{x > 0\}$ ,  $\alpha$  is the differential of a function.
6. Curves and Surfaces short proof  
Let  $\mathbf{r} : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a  $C^1$  curve and  $[a, b] \subset I$ . Prove that

$$|\mathbf{r}(a) - \mathbf{r}(b)| \leq \int_a^b |\mathbf{r}'(t)| dt,$$

e.g. straight lines are the shortest curves joining two given points. Hooray!

Suggestion: First, prove that for any constant vector  $u \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , that

$$\left\langle \int_a^b \mathbf{r}'(t) dt, u \right\rangle \leq |u| \int_a^b |\mathbf{r}'(t)| dt.$$

Then use the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus after plugging in  $u = \int_a^b \mathbf{r}'(t) dt$  to the preceding inequality that you proved. Be careful with your inequalities and absolute values!

\* Assignment Reflections

How difficult was this assignment? How many hours did you spend on it? Which problems did you find to provide a worthwhile learning experience? Should I be assigning a similar number of problems, fewer problems, or more problems in the future? Is there a good mix of theory and computations?