

CALCULUS

End-term Exam

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Exercise 1 Given the curve of parametric equations

$$x = 3t^2; \quad y = t^3 - 3t; \quad -2 \leq t \leq 2$$

find

1. The length of the loop that starts and ends at the point (9,0).
2. The point(s) where the curve has a horizontal tangent.

Solution:

1. First we need to find the values of t such that $x = 9$ and $y = 0$. These are the common solutions of the equations $3t^2 = 9$ and $t^3 - 3t = 0$, i.e. $t = \pm\sqrt{3}$. The length of the loop is given by the integral of the speed

$$L = \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{+\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{[x'(t)]^2 + [y'(t)]^2} dt.$$

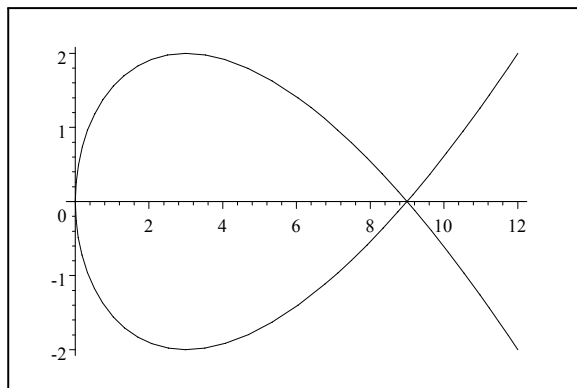
The derivatives are $x'(t) = 6t$ and $y'(t) = 3t^2 - 3$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{speed} &= \sqrt{[x'(t)]^2 + [y'(t)]^2} \\ &= \sqrt{36t^2 + 9(t^2 - 1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9(t^2 + 1)^2} \\ &= 3(t^2 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} L &= 3 \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{+\sqrt{3}} (t^2 + 1) dt \\ &= 6 \int_0^{+\sqrt{3}} (t^2 + 1) dt \\ &= 6 \left(\frac{t^3}{3} + t \right) \Big|_0^{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= 12\sqrt{3}. \end{aligned}$$

2. The points where the tangent is horizontal are determined by the condition $y'(t) = 3t^2 - 3 = 0$. This implies $t = \pm 1$ so $x = 3$ and $y = \pm 2$. Plot of the curve



Exercise 2 Consider the function

$$f(x, y) = 2x^2 + 3y^2.$$

1. Find the directional derivative of f at the point $(1/2, -1/2)$ in the direction of the vector $\mathbf{u} = 4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$.
2. Evaluate the double integral of f on the region D enclosed by the lines $x = -1$, $y = -1$ and $x + y = 1$.

Solution:

1. Partial derivatives

$$f_x = 4x$$

$$f_y = 6y$$

Gradient vector at the point $(1/2, -1/2)$

$$\nabla f(1/2, -1/2) = 2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}.$$

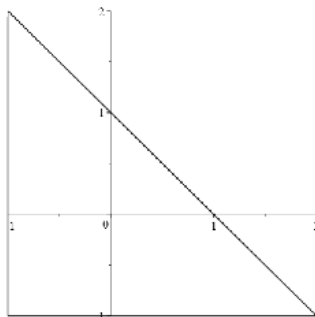
Unit vector \mathbf{d} in the direction of $\mathbf{u} = 4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$

$$\mathbf{d} = \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} = \frac{4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{4^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{4}{5}\mathbf{i} - \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{j}.$$

Directional derivative of f at $(1/2, -1/2)$ in the direction of vector \mathbf{u}

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{u}}(f)(1/2, -1/2) &= \nabla f(1/2, -1/2) \cdot \mathbf{d} \\ &= (2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}) \cdot \left(\frac{4}{5}\mathbf{i} - \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{j} \right) \\ &= 2\frac{4}{5} + (-3)\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right) \\ &= \frac{17}{5}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Region D



Double integral

$$\begin{aligned}\iint_D (2x^2 + 3y^2) \, dA &= \int_{-1}^2 \left(\int_{-1}^{1-x} (2x^2 + 3y^2) \, dy \right) dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^2 \left[(2x^2 y + y^3) \Big|_{-1}^{1-x} \right] dx \\ &= - \int_{-1}^2 (2 - 3x + 7x^2 - 3x^3) \, dx \\ &= \left(2x - 3\frac{x^2}{2} + 7\frac{x^3}{3} - 3\frac{x^4}{4} \right) \Big|_{-1}^2 \\ &= \frac{45}{4}.\end{aligned}$$