

Question 3

Let $\vec{F} = xy\hat{i} + yz\hat{j} + zx\hat{k}$.

(i) Find $\nabla \times \vec{F}$.

(ii) Use Stokes' Theorem to evaluate the line integral $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ where C is the triangle with vertices $(1,0,0), (0,1,0), (0,0,1)$ oriented counter-clockwise when viewed from above.

$$(i) \quad \nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ xy & yz & xz \end{vmatrix} = -y\hat{i} - z\hat{j} - x\hat{k}$$

(ii) Stokes' Theorem,

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_S \nabla \times \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

Equation of S , $z = 1 - x - y \Rightarrow \vec{r}(u, v) = u\hat{i} + v\hat{j} + (1 - u - v)\hat{k}$, $(u, v) \in D$

where D is the projection of the portion of S in first octant onto the xy -plane.

$$0 \leq v \leq 1 - u, \quad 0 \leq u \leq 1$$

$\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, normal vector points upwards, and thus agrees with the orientation of the boundary curve C (counter-clockwise).

$$\nabla \times \vec{F}(\vec{r}) = -v\hat{i} - (1 - u - v)\hat{j} - u\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S \nabla \times \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} &= \iint_D [-v\hat{i} - (1 - u - v)\hat{j} - u\hat{k}] \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) dA \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-u} -1 dv du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$