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Assignment 12

7.6.9

<http://people.tamu.edu/~kmt4088/ch7sec6prob9.pdf>

Still in the context of Exercise 7.6.7, calculate the flux $\int \int_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S}$ through the “polar cap” $\theta < \pi/3$. (Here θ is the polar angle (colatitude) defined by $z = R\cos\theta$, with $R = 4$ in this case.)

To clarify, Exercise 7.6.7 asks us to consider the sphere with radius 4 centered at the origin in \mathbf{R}^3 , and the vector field $\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = z\hat{k} = (0, 0, z)$. The normal vector points outward.

We will use the parametrization

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ 4 \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ 4 \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

To find $d\vec{S}$, consider page 384, which tells us that

$$\int \int_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int \int_{g^{-1}(S)} A_x \frac{\partial(y,z)}{\partial(u,v)} + A_y \frac{\partial(z,x)}{\partial(u,v)} + A_z \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} du dv, \text{ where}$$

$$\frac{\partial(y,z)}{\partial(u,v)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix}, \text{ and } \frac{\partial(z,x)}{\partial(u,v)} \text{ and } \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \text{ are defined similarly.}$$

Then, since

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} = R \cos \theta \cos \phi, \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = R \cos \theta \sin \phi, \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} = -R \sin \theta, \frac{\partial x}{\partial \phi} = -R \sin \theta \sin \phi, \frac{\partial y}{\partial \phi} = R \sin \theta \cos \phi, \text{ and } \frac{\partial z}{\partial \phi} = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial(y,z)}{\partial(\theta,\phi)} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} = (R \cos \theta \sin \phi)(0) - (R \sin \theta \cos \phi)(-R \sin \theta) = R^2 \sin^2 \theta \cos \phi$$

and, by similar calculation,

$$\frac{\partial(z,x)}{\partial(\theta,\phi)} = R^2 \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi$$

$$\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(\theta,\phi)} = R^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta.$$

Then

$$d\vec{S} = R^2[\sin^2 \theta \cos \theta \hat{i} + \sin^2 \theta \sin \theta \hat{j} + \cos \theta \sin \theta \hat{k}]d\theta d\phi \text{ (as noted on page 385).}$$

Therefore, we have now to consider

$$\int \int_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int \int_S (z\hat{k} \cdot 4^2[\sin^2 \theta \cos \theta \hat{i} + \sin^2 \theta \sin \theta \hat{j} + \cos \theta \sin \theta \hat{k}]) d\theta d\phi.$$

This reduces, since $\hat{k} \cdot \hat{i} = \hat{k} \cdot \hat{j} = 0$ and $\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = 1$, to

$$\int \int_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = 16 \int \int_S z \cos \theta \sin \theta d\theta d\phi.$$

Now, since $z = 4 \cos \theta$, and we are integrating over all of ϕ from 0 to 2π and over θ from 0 to $\pi/3$,

$$\int \int_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = 64 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/3} \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

Since the integrand is not a function of ϕ ,

$$\int \int_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = 128\pi \int_0^{\pi/3} \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta d\theta.$$

By the rule of integration that states

$$\int \sin cx \cos^n cx dx = -\frac{1}{c(n+1)} \cos^{n+1} cx,$$

$$\int \int_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = 128\pi \left[-\frac{1}{1(2+1)} \cos^3 \theta \right]_0^{\pi/3}. \text{ Therefore,}$$

$$\int \int_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = 128\pi \cdot -\frac{1}{3} \left(\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 1^3 \right) = \frac{112\pi}{3}.$$