

3D Calculus Examples

1. Consider the solid paraboloid P given by $z = a^2 - x^2 - y^2$ and $z \geq 0$. Suppose the density is $\rho(x, y, z) = x^2 y^2 z$. Find the moment of inertia with respect to the z -axis.

Answer: $\frac{a^{12}\pi}{960}$

2. Let C be the cube $[0, 2]^3$. Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle x^2, y^3, e^z - 1 \rangle$. Find the flux of \mathbf{F} out of C .

Answer: $44 + 4e^2$

3. Let C be the circle of radius 4 with center $(0, 0)$ in the xy -plane. Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle x^2 - y, x - y^2 \rangle$. Find the work done by \mathbf{F} in pushing a particle around C once counter clockwise.

Answer: 32π

4. Consider the closed loop L in \mathbb{R}^3 given by $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \cos^2 t, 5 + 3 \sin 5t, \cos t \sin^2 t \rangle$ for $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$. Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle x^2 \ln x, y^3 + 2 \sin y, e^{z^2-2} \rangle$. Find the work by \mathbf{F} in pushing a particle around L once in the direction of increasing t .

Solution: Show $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$. Thus no net work is done.

5. Consider the loop L formed by the intersection of the plane $x + z = 4$ and the cylinder $z = x^2 + y^2$. Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle y, 2x + y, x - y \rangle$. Find the work done by \mathbf{F} in pushing a particle around C once, counterclockwise when viewed from above.

Answer. 0

Solution: $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \langle -1, -1, 1 \rangle$. The unit normal vector to the plane pointing up is $\mathbf{N} = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle / \sqrt{2}$. Thus $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{N} = 0$.

6. Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle 4x + y, y^2 + 3x \rangle$. Let C be the cardioid $r = 1 + \cos \theta$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$. Find the work done by \mathbf{F} in moving a particle once around C counterclockwise.

Answer. 3π

7. Consider the solid paraboloid P given by $z = a^2 - x^2 - y^2$ and $z \geq 0$. Derive formulas for the volume and surface areas.

Answers. $\frac{\pi}{2}a^4$ & $\frac{\pi}{6} \left((\sqrt{4a^2 + 1})^3 - 1 \right)$

8. Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle 0, 0, z^2 \rangle$. Let S be the upper hemisphere of the unit sphere centered at the origin of \mathbb{R}^3 . Find the flux of \mathbf{F} up through S .

Answer. $\frac{\pi}{2}$

9. Let C be the portion of the helix

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \cos 2\pi t, \sin 2\pi t, t \rangle$$

for $0 \leq t \leq 1$. Let

$$\mathbf{F} = \langle z + 4yz + y \cos(xy), 4xz + x \cos(xy), x + 4xy \rangle.$$

Find the work done by \mathbf{F} in pushing a particle along C in the direction of increasing t .

Answer. 1

10. Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle x + y, y + z, x + z \rangle$. Let R be the cylindrical solid bounded by $z = 0$, $z = 5$, and $x^2 + y^2 = 9$. Find the flux of \mathbf{F} out through the boundary of R .

Answer. 135π

11. Consider a solid cylinder of height h and radius a with density proportional to the distance from the base.
- Find the total mass.
 - Find the center of mass.
 - Find moment of rotational inertia with respect to its axis.

Answers. $\frac{1}{2}ka^2h^2\pi$, $(0, 0, 2h/3)$, $\frac{1}{4}a^4h^2\pi$.

12. Let S be the closed surface formed from the portion of the paraboloid $z = 9 - x^2 - y^2$ above the xy -plane and the disk of radius 3 center $(0,0)$ in the xy -plane. Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle 7xy, z, 4xy + y^2 \rangle$. Find the flux of \mathbf{F} out through S .

Answer. 0

13. Let C be the boundary of the rectangle in the $z = y$ plane determined by $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $0 \leq y \leq 3$. Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle x^2, 4xy^3, xy^2 \rangle$. Find the work done by \mathbf{F} in pushing a particle around C counterclockwise when viewed from above.

Answer. 90

14. Let C be the triangle in \mathbb{R}^3 with vertices $(a, 0, 0)$, $(0, a, 0)$ and $(0, 0, a)$ oriented clockwise when viewed from above. Evaluate the line integral

$$\int_C y^2 dx + z^2 dy + x^2 dz.$$

Answer. a^3

15. Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle 2xyz, x^2z, x^2y \rangle$. Show that \mathbf{F} is conservative and find a potential function for \mathbf{F} . If C is any path from $(0, 0, 0)$ to $(1, 2, 3)$ evaluate $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} ds$.

Answer. 6