

Exam Question

Topic: SurfaceIntegral

Let S be part of the curved surface of a cylinder, specified by

$$y^2 + z^2 = 1, \quad z > 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

Evaluate the surface integral

$$\iint_S (\sin(xyz)\mathbf{i} + z\mathbf{j} + y^2\mathbf{k}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}.$$

Solution

The equation of the cylinder is $F(x, y, z) = y^2 + z^2 - 1 = 0$.

Differentiating gives $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 0$; $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 2y$; $\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 2z$.

So $d\mathbf{S} = \frac{2y\mathbf{j} + 2z\mathbf{k}}{|2z|} dx dy = \left(\frac{y}{z}\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}\right) dx dy$ as $z > 0$.

So $(\sin(xyz)\mathbf{i} + z\mathbf{j} + y^2\mathbf{k}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = (y + y^2) dx dy$.

The surface integral then becomes

$$\int_0^1 dx \int_{-1}^1 (y + y^2) dy = \frac{2}{3}.$$