

## Line Integral with respect to arc length visual example

We wish to find the area of a sheet that is above the quarter unit circle in the first quadrant:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 \quad \text{where } x, y \geq 0$$

and is below the plane:

$$z = -1 + x + y$$

First, we'll plot a picture of this sheet and then we will calculate its area using a line integral (with respect to arc length).

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> restart;
with(plots):
with(VectorCalculus):

# For convenience, let's define the standard unit vectors...
i := <1,0,0>;
j := <0,1,0>;
k := <0,0,1>;

i := (1)e_x + (0)e_y + (0)e_z
j := (0)e_x + (1)e_y + (0)e_z
k := (0)e_x + (0)e_y + (1)e_z (1)

> # This is our plane (the surface above our sheet)...
f := (x,y) -> -1+x+y:
'f(x,y)' = f(x,y);

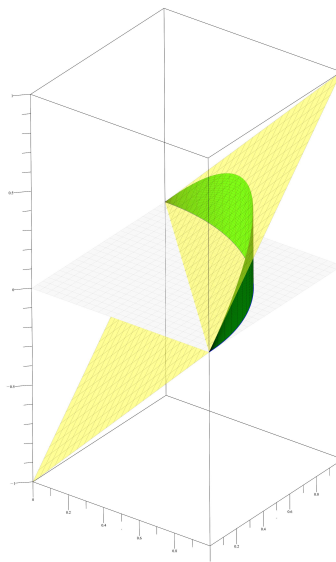
# This parameterizes the unit circle in the xy-plane...
r := t -> <cos(t),sin(t),0>;
'r(t)' = r(t);

# We plot...
# (1) The plane in somewhat transparent yellow.
# (2) The quarter cricle in the xy-plane in thick blue.
# (3) The sheet in green. This plot is done using a parameterization
of the sheet
#     surface. r(t).i and r(t).j pick off the i and j components of
our curve's
#     parameterization. Basically we have: <x(t), y(t), s * f(x(t),y
(t))>
#     Think of t traveling along the curve while s takes us up from 0
to the
#     height of the plane.
# (4) The xy-plane in mostly transparent gray.
#
surfacePlot := plot3d(f(x,y),x=0..1,y=0..1,color=yellow,transparency=
0.5):
curvePlot := spacecurve(r(t),t=0..Pi/2,thickness=3,color=blue):
sheetPlot := plot3d(<r(t).i,r(t).j,s*f(r(t).i,r(t).j)>,t=0..Pi/2,s=0.
.1,color=green):
xyPlanePlot := plot3d(0,x=0..1,y=0..1,color=gray,transparency=0.8):

# Show all these plots together...
display({surfacePlot, curvePlot, sheetPlot, xyPlanePlot},scaling=
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constrained) ;

$$f(x, y) = -1 + x + y$$
$$r(t) = (\cos(t))e_x + (\sin(t))e_y + (0)e_z$$



Now we calculate the area.

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> # ds is the length of the derivative of our parameterization.
# This is the "arc length element"
ds := simplify(Norm(diff(r(t), t)));

# We plug x(t) = r(t).i in for x, y(t) = r(t).j in for y, and
# |r'(t)| in for ds. The left hand side is "inert" to show off
# what integral is being calculated.
Int(f(r(t).i, r(t).j)*ds, t=0..Pi/2) = int(f(r(t).i, r(t).j)*ds, t=0..
Pi/2);

# A decimal approximation of the area...
evalf(int(f(r(t).i, r(t).j)*ds, t=0..Pi/2));
ds := 1
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$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (-1 + \cos(t) + \sin(t)) dt = 2 - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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