Exercise Sheet 10

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1. Show that $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial u_1} \times \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial u_2} : U \to \mathbb{R}^3$ of a surface parametrisation $\varphi : U \to S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ is perpendicular to the surface, i.e., for every $x = \varphi(u) \in S$ and every curve $c : (a.b) \to S$ with c(0) = x we have

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial u_1} \times \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial u_2}(u) \perp c'(0).$$

2. Calculate the length of the cycloid

$$c: [0, 2\pi] \to \mathbb{R}^2, \quad c(t) = (t - \sin t, 1 - \cos t).$$

(The answer should be 8.)

3. Let $\omega \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\})$ be given by

$$\omega = -\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \, dx + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \, dy.$$

Let r > 0 and $c : [0, 2\pi] \to \mathbb{R}^2$ be defined as $c(t) = (r \cos t, r \sin t)$. Show that ω is closed and calculate

$$\int_{c} \omega.$$

Decide whether it is possible that there is a function $f \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\})$ satisfying $\omega = df$.

4. Show that the form $\omega = 2xy^3dx + 3x^2y^2dy$ is closed and compute $\int_c \omega$, where c is the arc of the parabola $y = x^2$ from (0,0) to (x,y).