

Answer on Question #70062-Physics-Other

Using Green's Theorem evaluate the integral $\oint_C \{y^3 dx - x^3 dy\}$ where C is a circle of radius 3 units centered at the origin.

Solution

Using Green's Theorem

$$I = \oint_C \{y^3 dx - x^3 dy\} = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial(-x^3)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(y^3)}{\partial y} \right) dA$$
$$\left(\frac{\partial(-x^3)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(y^3)}{\partial y} \right) = -3(x^2 + y^2) = -3r^2.$$

In polar coordinates:

$$dA = r dr d\theta$$

$$I = -3 \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^3 r^2 r dr.$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} d\theta = 2\pi - 0 = 2\pi$$

$$\int_0^3 r^3 dr = \left(\frac{r^4}{4} \right)_0^3 = 3^4 - 0^4 = 3^4.$$

Thus,

$$I = -\frac{3(2\pi)3^4}{4} = -\frac{3^5\pi}{2} = -\frac{243\pi}{2}.$$

Answer: $-\frac{243\pi}{2}$.

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