## [tex168] Exact and inexact differentials III

Consider the differentials

$$dF_1 = \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2}\right) dx - \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi y}{2}\right) dy \right],$$
$$dF_2 = \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi y}{2}\right) dx - \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2}\right) dy \right].$$

(a) Show that  $dF_1$  is inexact and  $dF_2$  is exact.

(b) Calculate the integrals of  $dF_1$  along paths abc and adc. The results are different, which is expected for an inexact differential.

(c) Calculate the integrals of  $dF_2$  along paths abc and adc. The results must be equal for an exact differential.

(d) Find the function  $F_2(x, y)$  of which the given  $dF_2$  is its differential. This is done by integrating  $dF_2$  from a chosen reference point, e.g. (1,1), to a generic point (x, y). The choice of reference point enters the function  $F_2(x, y)$  as an additive integration constant.

(e) Confirm that the results obtained in part (c) are equal to  $F_2(3,2) - F_2(1,1)$ , independent of the integration constant obtained in part (d).



Solution: