

# 5.1 Line integral $\text{on } \mathbb{R}^n$

$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
is integrable

$$\int_C f(x) ds := \int_a^b f(g(t)) |g'(t)| dt$$

Smooth curve in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t) \end{bmatrix} = g(t) : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$g'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n'(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

unit vector  
tangent to C

$$\int_C F \cdot \hat{t} ds = \int_C F \cdot \frac{g'(t)}{|g'(t)|} |g'(t)| dt = \int_C F_1 dx + F_2 dy$$

Scalar  
valued function  
measures effect  
of F along C

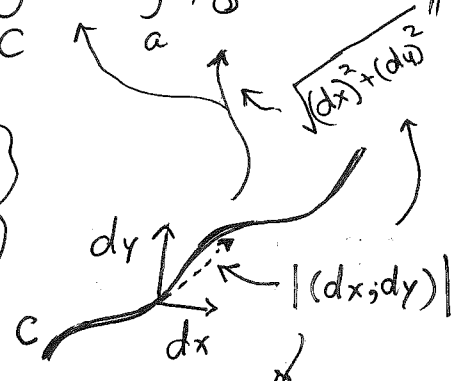


$$\hat{t} = \frac{g'(t)}{|g'(t)|}$$

so  $\int_C F \cdot dx =$   
work of F  
along C

$$F \cdot \hat{t} = F_{\text{tang}}$$

arclength of C is  
 $= \int_C ds = \int_a^b |g'(t)| dt$



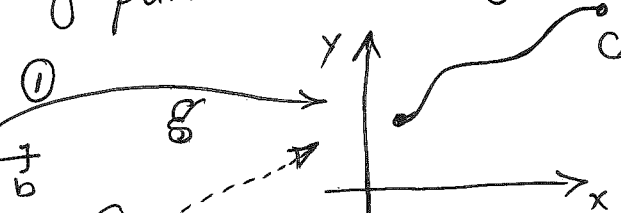
but

$$\int_C dx = \int_a^b g'(t) dt = g(b) - g(a)$$

line integral is independent  
of parametrization  $g(t)$

①  $\int_C ds = \int_a^b |g'(t)| dt = \int_a^b |g'(\varphi(u))| |\varphi'(u)| du$

②  $\int_C ds = \int_c^d |(g \circ \varphi)'(u)| du = \int_c^d |g'(\varphi(u))| \varphi'(u) du$



← a different  
parametrization