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Section 13.2: Line Integrals

Symbol Chart

Closed Line Integral
\oint_C

Definition

Let $\vec{r}: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$ Let $f: (D) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function of the curve $\vec{r} \subseteq (D)$

Problem: Determine the total mass of a solid lying along the image of the curve \vec{r} , with density f .

Assume $f \geq 0$. Let Δ be a division of the curve into n sub-arcs.

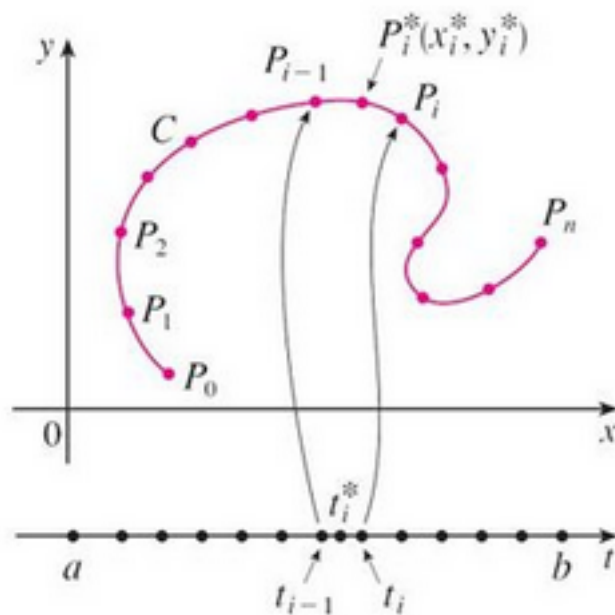


Figure 1

Figure 1: Line Integral Subarcs

Define: The line integral of function f along $(C) =$ the image of the \vec{r}

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x, y, z) \Delta S_k$$

The above form can be rewritten in the Riemann Integral with the form of:

$$\oint_C f(x, y, z) ds$$

Solving

1. Find a parameterization for (C):

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t)\vec{i} + y(t)\vec{j} + z(t)\vec{k} \rangle$$

$$a \leq t \leq b$$

2. Compute the arc length [speed]

$$ds = \sqrt{\frac{d(x)^2}{d(t)} + \frac{d(y)^2}{d(t)} + \frac{d(z)^2}{d(t)}} dt$$

3. Set up the Riemann Integral

$$\int_a^b f(x(t), y(t), z(t)) ds$$

Example 1

$$\oint_C x^2 y + 2ds = I$$

Where (C) is the upper half of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

Solution:

$$\vec{r}: [0, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$r(t) = \cos(t)\vec{i} + \sin(t)\vec{j}$$

$$ds = \sqrt{\left(\frac{d(x)}{d(t)}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{d(y)}{d(t)}\right)^2} = \sqrt{(\sin(t))^2 + (\cos(t))^2} = 1dt$$

$$I = \int_0^\pi (2 + \cos^2(t)\sin(t)) * 1dt = 2t - \frac{\cos^3(t)}{3} \Big|_{t=0}^\pi$$

$$\boxed{2\pi + \frac{2}{3}}$$

Example 2

Integrate

$$f(x, y, z) = x + \sqrt{y} - z^2$$

over the linear path from A(0,0,0) to B(1,1,1). Need a parameter for the line segment from A to B

Solution:

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle - \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$[AB] : x = 0 + 1(t), y = 0 + 1(t), z = 0 + 1(t) | 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$ds = \sqrt{1 + 1 + 1} = \sqrt{3}dt$$

. This is the magnitude of \vec{AB}

$$\int_0^1 (t + \sqrt{t} + -t^2) \sqrt{3} dt$$

$$\left[\frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{t^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{t^3}{3} \right]_{t=0}^1 \sqrt{3} = \boxed{\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{6}}$$

Example 3

Find the mass of a thin wire lying along the curve

$$\vec{r}(t) = \sqrt{2}\vec{i} + \sqrt{2}\vec{j} + (4 - t^2)\vec{k} \mid 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

Solution:

$$\vec{r}(t)' = \langle \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}, -2t \rangle$$

$$|\vec{r}(t)'| = \sqrt{4t^2 + 2 + 2} = 2\sqrt{t^2 + 1}$$

$$M = \int_0^1 3t * 2\sqrt{t^2 + 1} dt = 3 * \frac{(t^2 + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2}} \Big|_{t=0}^1 = \boxed{2(2\sqrt{2} - 1)}$$

Work Type Integrals

$$\boxed{W = \int_a^b \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds}$$

Definition

Let \vec{F} be a continuous vector field defined along a smooth curve (C) given by $\vec{r}(t) \mid a \leq t \leq b$.

Then, the line integral of \vec{F} along (C) is:

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds = \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}(t)' \, dt$$

Line Integrals of Vector Fields

- Unit tangent depends on parameterization/orientation

Definition

Let \vec{F} be a continuous vector field along a curve $(C): \vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$ with x, y, z differentiable.

Then the work type integral is:

$$W = \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds = \oint_C \vec{F} \, d\vec{r} = \boxed{\int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) \, dt}$$

Notations

$\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \leftarrow$ represents the vector field F at the point $\vec{r}(t)$

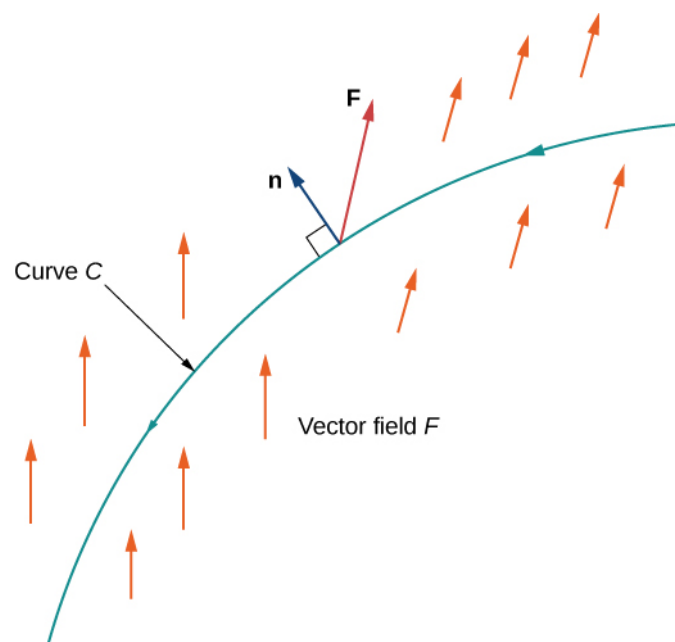


Figure 2: Flux of Vector Field

Example

Find the work done by

$$F(\vec{x}, y) = x^2 \vec{i} - xy \vec{j}$$

moving along the quarter-circle

$$r(\vec{t}) = \cos(t) \vec{i} + \sin(t) \vec{j} \mid 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Solution:

We know:

x(t)	y(t)
cos(t)	sin(t)

Replace all x and y values accordingly to achieve two vectors:

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) = \langle \cos^2(t), -\sin(t) \cos(t) \rangle$$

$$r(\vec{t})' = \langle -\sin(t) \cos(t) \rangle$$

Set up the integral and solve:

$$W = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \langle \cos^2(t), -\sin(t) \cos(t) \rangle \cdot \langle -\sin(t) \cos(t) \rangle$$

$$W = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (-\sin(t) \cos^2(t) - \sin(t) \cos^2(t)) dt$$

$$W = -2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin(t) \cos^2(t))$$

$$W = -2 \left(\frac{-\cos^3(t)}{3} \right) \Big|_{t=0}^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

This object is slowing down, as work can be both positive and negative.

Example 2

Evaluate

$$\oint_C \vec{F} d\vec{r}$$

where:

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle xy, yz, zx \rangle$$

over (C) :

$$\begin{cases} x = t \\ y = t^2 \\ z = t^3 \end{cases}$$

$$0 \leq t \leq 1$$

Solution:

$$W = \int_0^1 \langle t^3, t^5, t^4 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2t, 3t^2 \rangle dt = \int_0^1 (t^3 + 2t^6 + 3t^6) dt$$

$$W = \int_0^1 (5t^6 + t^3) dt$$

$$\left. \frac{t^4}{4} + \frac{5t^7}{7} \right|_{t=0}^1$$

$$\boxed{\frac{27}{28}}$$