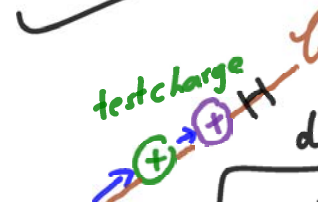


$$W = Fd \quad (\text{force and displacement in same direction})$$

$$\begin{aligned} W &= Fd \cos \theta \\ &= \|\vec{F}\| \|\vec{d}\| \cos \theta \\ &= \vec{F} \cdot \vec{d} \end{aligned}$$

$$dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\text{Work} = \int_C dW = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

## 11.5 Line Integrals of Vector Fields over Parametrized Curves

FRY Defn IV.2.4.1, Line integral of vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  over path  $\mathcal{C}$

**Definition 11.21.** Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a vector field and  $\mathcal{C}$  be a parametric curve (path) with parametrization  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  where  $t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$ .<sup>a</sup> Then the line integral<sup>b</sup> of the vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  over the parametric curve  $\mathcal{C}$  is

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt.$$

If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a closed path<sup>c</sup>, we also use the notation

$$\oint_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}.$$

<sup>a</sup>Assume that the vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  is continuous (i.e., all of its component functions are continuous). Also assume that the component functions of  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  have continuous derivatives. (We call such a curve or path a  $C^1$  curve or path.)

<sup>b</sup>Line integrals are also called path integrals.

<sup>c</sup>A closed path is one in which the end point is the same as the start point.

If  $\mathbf{F}$  is a vector field from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle F_1(x, y), F_2(x, y) \rangle$  for some scalar-valued functions  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , then we sometimes write the line integral as

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{\mathcal{C}} (\mathbf{F}_1 dx + \mathbf{F}_2 dy).$$

If  $\mathbf{F}$  is a vector field from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle F_1(x, y, z), F_2(x, y, z), F_3(x, y, z) \rangle$  for some scalar-valued functions  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , and  $F_3$ , then we sometimes write the line integral as

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{\mathcal{C}} (\mathbf{F}_1 dx + \mathbf{F}_2 dy + \mathbf{F}_3 dz).$$

Since  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$  is tangent to the curve and<sup>1</sup>

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|} \underbrace{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt}_{ds}.$$

*(Handwritten notes:  $\hat{\mathbf{T}}(t)$  above the unit tangent vector, and  $ds$  under the differential element)*

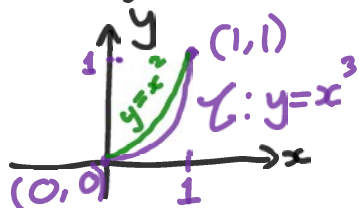
<sup>1</sup>Here, we are assuming that  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$  is nonzero for all  $t$  in the interval that we are working over.

and  $ds = \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt$ , the line integral  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  is also sometimes written as

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{T}} ds.$$

**Example 11.22.** Let  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = -y\hat{i} + x\hat{j} = \langle -y, x \rangle$ . Let  $C$  be the curve  $y = x^3$  where  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ . Evaluate  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ .

Given  $\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle -y, x \rangle$



Goal: Evaluate  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$

$$y = f(x) \quad a \leq x \leq b$$

$$\vec{r}(x) = \langle x, f(x) \rangle, \quad a \leq x \leq b$$

Ans: (1) Parametrize  $C$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, t^3 \rangle, \text{ where } 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle -y, x \rangle$$

$$(2) \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_0^1 \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \langle -t^3, t \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 3t^2 \rangle dt &= \int_0^1 \langle -t^3, t \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 3t^2 \rangle dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (-t^3 + 3t^3) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 2t^3 dt = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} t^4 \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} t^2 \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 (-t^3 + 3t^3) dt &= \int_0^1 t^2 dt = \frac{1}{3} t^3 \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

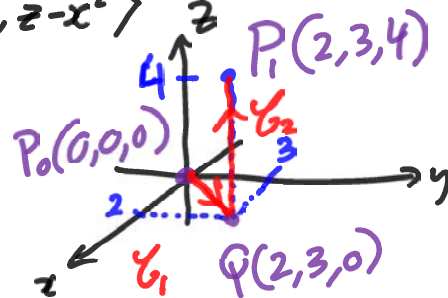
**Example 11.23.** Let  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (x - y^2)\hat{i} + (y - z^2)\hat{j} + (z - x^2)\hat{k}$ . Let  $P_0 = (0, 0, 0)$  and  $P_1 = (2, 3, 4)$  be two points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the union of paths  $\mathcal{C}_1$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$ , where  $\mathcal{C}_1$  is the straight line path from  $P_1$  to  $(2, 3, 0)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  is the straight line path from  $(2, 3, 0)$  to  $P_1$ . Evaluate the line integral:

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{\mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}.$$

If  $\mathcal{C}_3$  was the straight line segment from  $P_0 = (0, 0, 0)$  to  $P_1 = (2, 3, 4)$ , would  $\int_{\mathcal{C}_3} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  give the same result?

Given:  $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle x - y^2, y - z^2, z - x^2 \rangle$

$\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2$   
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 union



Goal  $\int_{\mathcal{C}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$

① Parametrize  $\mathcal{C}_1$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{\mathcal{C}_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_{\mathcal{C}_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

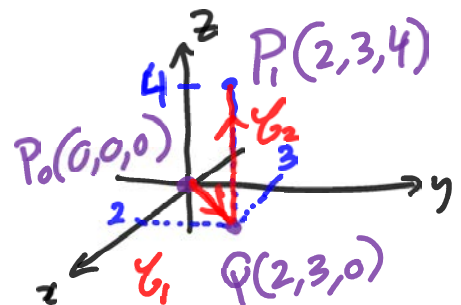
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_1: \vec{r}_1(t) &= \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle + t \langle 2, 3, 0 \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ &= \langle 2t, 3t, 0 \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{r}_1'(t) = \langle 2, 3, 0 \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_2: \vec{r}_2(t) &= \langle 2, 3, 0 \rangle + t \langle 0, 0, 4 \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ &= \langle 2, 3, 4t \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{r}_2'(t) = \langle 0, 0, 4 \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

②  $\int_{\mathcal{C}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{\mathcal{C}_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_{\mathcal{C}_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$



$$= \int_0^1 \vec{F}(\vec{r}_1(t)) \cdot \vec{r}_1'(t) dt + \int_0^1 \vec{F}(\vec{r}_2(t)) \cdot \vec{r}_2'(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 \langle 2t-9t^2, 3t, -4t^2 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, 3, 0 \rangle dt + \int_0^1 \langle 2-9, 3-16t^2, 4t-4 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 0, 4 \rangle dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 \underbrace{(4t-18t^2+9t)}_{13t-18t^2} dt + \int_0^1 (16t-16) dt$$

$$= \left[ \frac{13}{2}t^2 - 6t^3 \right]_0^1 + \left[ 8t^2 - 16t \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{13}{2} - 6 + 8 - 16$$

$$= \frac{13}{2} - 14$$

$$= \frac{-15}{2}$$