

Line integrals

$$\int_C f(x, y, z) ds = \int_a^b f(\gamma(t)) \left| \frac{d\gamma}{dt} \right| dt \quad (*) \quad (\text{Book uses } \vec{r} \text{ instead of } \gamma)$$

Integrate f along the curve C , parametrized as $\gamma(t)$ for $a \leq t \leq b$

- What is ds , the arc length element?
 - How is ds related to dt ?

$$\gamma_1(\theta) := (\cos 4\pi\theta) \vec{i} + (\sin 4\pi\theta) \vec{j}, \quad 0 \leq \theta < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\gamma_2(\theta) := (\cos(-\theta)) \vec{i} + (\sin(-\theta)) \vec{j}, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

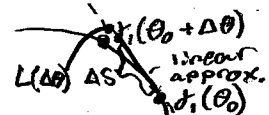
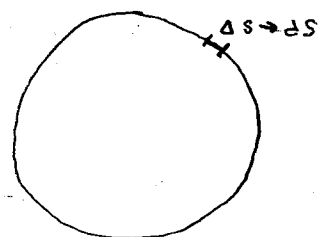
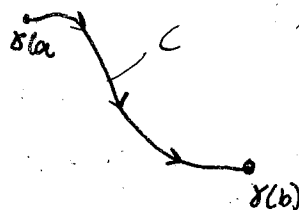
$$\gamma_3(\theta) := \cos \theta \vec{i} + \sin \theta \vec{j}, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

I $\int_C f(x, y) ds$ integrate f along the curve C with the arc length element

- C is parametrized by $\gamma(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$

$$I \approx \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f(\gamma(t_j)) \overbrace{|\gamma'(t_j)| \Delta t}^{\Delta s}$$

$$\Delta s \approx |\gamma(t_{j+1}) - \gamma(t_j)|$$



$$L(\theta) := \gamma_1(\theta_0) + \theta \gamma'_1(\theta_0)$$

$$\Delta s = |L(\theta) - L(\theta_0)| =$$

$$= \Delta \theta \cdot |\gamma'_1(\theta_0)|$$

$$(\theta = t)$$

A special case: $f \equiv 1$, $\int_C 1 ds$ = the length of the curve C .

$$* \begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f(\gamma(t_j)) \Delta t \rightarrow \int_a^b f(\gamma(t)) dt & \text{NOT what we want} \\ \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f(\gamma(t_j)) |\gamma'(t_j)| \Delta t \rightarrow \int_C f(\gamma(t)) ds \end{cases}$$

Line integrals of projection of vector fields along a curve

$$F(x,y) = (F_1(x,y), F_2(x,y))$$

$$\int_C F(x,y) ds = \left(\int_C F_1(x,y) ds, \int_C F_2(x,y) ds \right) \quad \left. \vphantom{\int_C F(x,y) ds} \right\} \text{NOT what we are doing}$$

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \quad (\text{work done by the force } F \text{ along the curve } \gamma)$$

• The vector field $\vec{F}(x,y,z)$

• The projection of \vec{F} onto the curve $\gamma(t)$

$$F_T(t) := \vec{F}(\gamma(t)) \cdot \frac{\gamma'(t)}{|\gamma'(t)|}$$

(no work is done perpendicular to the direction of motion)

Total work done:

$$\int_C F_T(t) ds = \int_C F_T(t) |\gamma'(t)| dt$$

Following is equivalent:

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} := \int_C \vec{F}(\gamma(t)) \cdot \frac{\gamma'(t)}{|\gamma'(t)|} |\gamma'(t)| dt = \int_C \vec{F}(\gamma(t)) \cdot \gamma'(t) dt$$

In particular, if the curve C is a closed curve,

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \quad \text{denotes the circulation of } \vec{F} \text{ around } C$$

Very important theorem:

D is an open connected domain, \vec{F} is a smooth vector field on D .
The following statements are equivalent:

(a) \vec{F} is conservative in D

(b) $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$ for every piecewise smooth curve C in D

(c) Given two points P_0 and P_1 in D . For any piecewise smooth curves C_1 and C_2 which start at P_0 and end at P_1 ,

$$\int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

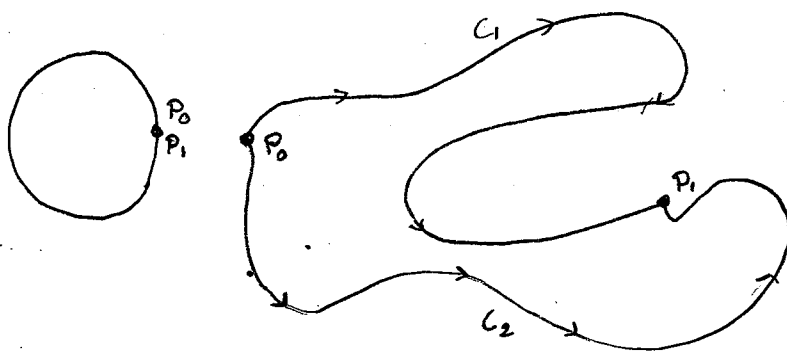
• \vec{F} is conservative \Rightarrow for some potential function ϕ $\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$

• Chain rule:

$$F(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) = \nabla \phi(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \phi(\gamma(t))$$

$$\text{So } \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C \nabla \phi \cdot \gamma' dt = \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt} \phi(\gamma(t)) dt = \phi(\gamma(1)) - \phi(\gamma(0))$$

Here the curve C is parametrized by $\gamma(t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$



$$\int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

Simply connected domains

D is connected but not simply connected

"C cannot shrink without exiting the domain"

