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Line integral: similar to single integral except that instead of integrating over an interval $[a, b]$, integrate over a curve C .

C is given in parametric equation.

$$x = x(t), \quad y = y(t), \quad a \leq t \leq b$$

$$\text{Line integral: } \int_C f(x, y) ds$$

ds : length of the curve

f is any function of two variables whose domain includes C .

Interpret it as an area.

Evaluating line integrals:

In 2-space:

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

$$\int_C f(x, y) ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t)) \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

where L is the formula for the length of the curve in parametric form.

In 3-space:

$$x = x(t), \quad y = y(t), \quad z = z(t) \\ (a \leq t \leq b)$$

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

$$\int_C f(x, y, z) ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

11. Let C be the curve represented by the equations

$$x = 2t, \quad y = t^2 \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1)$$

In each part, evaluate the line integral along C .

(a) $\int_C (x - \sqrt{y}) ds$

(b) $\int_C (x - \sqrt{y}) dx$

$$\int_C (x - \sqrt{y}) ds = \int_0^1 (2t - \sqrt{t^2}) \sqrt{4 + 4t^2} dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 2t \sqrt{1 + t^2} dt.$$

$$\therefore u = (1 + t^2), \quad du = 2t dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 u^{1/2} du = \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} (1 + t^2)^{3/2} \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} (2\sqrt{2} - 1)$$

Line integral with respect to x .

$$x = 2t, \quad y = t^2, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$dx = 2dt$$

$$\int_C (x - \sqrt{y}) dx = \int_0^1 (2t - \sqrt{t^2}) 2dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 (4t - 2t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 2t dt = 1$$

INTEGRATING A VECTOR FIELD ALONG A CURVE

$$\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}.$$

$$d\mathbf{r} = dx\mathbf{i} + dy\mathbf{j} \quad \text{or} \quad d\mathbf{r} = dx\mathbf{i} + dy\mathbf{j} + dz\mathbf{k}$$

In 2-space:

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = f(x, y)\mathbf{i} + g(x, y)\mathbf{j}$$

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C (f(x, y)\mathbf{i} + g(x, y)\mathbf{j}) \cdot (dx\mathbf{i} + dy\mathbf{j}) = \int_C f(x, y) dx + g(x, y) dy$$

In 3-space:

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = f(x, y, z)\mathbf{i} + g(x, y, z)\mathbf{j} + h(x, y, z)\mathbf{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \int_C (f(x, y, z)\mathbf{i} + g(x, y, z)\mathbf{j} + h(x, y, z)\mathbf{k}) \cdot (dx\mathbf{i} + dy\mathbf{j} + dz\mathbf{k}) \\ &= \int_C f(x, y, z) dx + g(x, y, z) dy + h(x, y, z) dz \end{aligned}$$

In parametric form:

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(t) = x(t)\mathbf{i} + y(t)\mathbf{j} \quad (a \leq t \leq b)$$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) = f(x(t), y(t))\mathbf{i} + g(x(t), y(t))\mathbf{j}$$

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_a^b \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt$$

7–10 Evaluate $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ along the line segment C from P to Q .

7. $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = 8\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j}$; $P(-4, 4)$, $Q(-4, 5)$

Vector representation of line segment that starts at \vec{r}_0 and ends at \vec{r}_1 is given by

$$\vec{r}(t) = (1-t)\vec{r}_0 + t\vec{r}_1, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

Here $\vec{r}_0 = P(-4, 4)$, $\vec{r}_1 = Q(-4, 5)$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}(t) &= (1-t)\langle -4, 4 \rangle + t\langle -4, 5 \rangle \\ &= \langle -4 + 4t, 4 - 4t \rangle + \langle -4t, 5t \rangle \\ &= \langle -4 + 4t - 4t, 4 - 4t + 5t \rangle \\ &= \langle -4, 4 + t \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$r(t) = -4\hat{i} + (4+t)\hat{j}$$

comparing with $r(t) = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$

$$\Rightarrow x = -4, \quad y = 4 + t$$

and $r'(t) = \hat{j} dt$

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_0^1 (8\hat{i} + 8\hat{j}) \cdot (\hat{j} dt)$$

$$= \int_0^1 8 dt = [8t]_0^1 = 8$$

13. In each part, evaluate the integral

$$\int_C (3x + 2y) dx + (2x - y) dy$$

along the stated curve.

- (a) The line segment from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 1)$.
- (b) The parabolic arc $y = x^2$ from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 1)$.

$$a) \quad \vec{r}_0 = \langle 0, 0 \rangle, \quad \vec{r}_1 = \langle 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = (1-t)\vec{r}_0 + t\vec{r}_1, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$= (1-t)\langle 0, 0 \rangle + t\langle 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 0, 0 \rangle + \langle t, t \rangle$$

$$= \langle 0+t, 0+t \rangle$$

$$= \langle t, t \rangle$$

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

Comparing with

$$\vec{r}(t) = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$$

$$2) \quad x = t, \quad y = t$$

$$dx = dt, \quad dy = dt$$

$$\int_C (3x + 2y)dx + (2x - y)dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 (3t + 2t)dt + (2t - t)dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 6t dt = 3$$

b)

$$y = x^2$$

let's take $x = t$, $y = t^2$

For lower limit of t :

$$x = 0, y = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0$$

For upper limit

$$x = 1, y = 1 \Rightarrow t = 1$$

$$dx = dt, \quad dy = 2t dt$$

$$\int_C (3x + 2y) dx + (2x - y) dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 (3t + 2t^2) dt + (2t - t^2) 2t dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 (3t + 2t^2 + 4t^2 - 2t^3) dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 (3t + 6t^2 - 2t^3) dt = 3$$

$$x = x(t), \quad y = y(t) \quad (a \leq t \leq b)$$

$$\int_C f(x, y) \, ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t)) \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} \, dt$$

Or

$$\int_C f(x, y) \, ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t)) \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| \, dt$$

Similarly, if C is a curve in 3-space that is parametrized by

$$x = x(t), \quad y = y(t), \quad z = z(t) \quad (a \leq t \leq b)$$

$$\int_C f(x, y, z) \, ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} \, dt$$

Or

$$\int_C f(x, y, z) \, ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| \, dt$$

19–22 Evaluate the line integral with respect to s along the curve C . ■

19. $\int_C \frac{1}{1+x} \, ds$

$$C : \mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + \frac{2}{3}t^{3/2}\mathbf{j} \quad (0 \leq t \leq 3)$$

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$$\int_C \frac{1}{1+x} ds$$

$$C: \gamma(t) = t\hat{i} + \frac{2}{3}t^{3/2}\hat{j} \quad (0 \leq t \leq 3)$$

$$\therefore \gamma(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j}$$

$$x(t) = t, \quad y(t) = \frac{2}{3}t^{3/2}$$

$$\int_a^b f(x(t), y(t)) \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

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

$$= \int_0^3 \frac{\sqrt{1+t}}{1+t} dt$$

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