

# The 5 Steps for Evaluating Line Integrals !!

How to parameterize? (i) Line segments:  $\vec{r}(t) = \vec{P}_1 \cdot (1-t) + \vec{P}_2 \cdot t$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  [fixed]  
 (ii) Try,  $x=t, y=...$   
 (iii) More complex, think and make smart move.

① parameterize using  $t$ .

②  $x=f(t)$  and  $y=g(t)$  and  $a \leq t \leq b$  → find.

③ Find  $ds$

OR-

$\frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}, \frac{dz}{dt}$  (if question has them)  
 $x'(t)dt, y'(t)dt, z'(t)dt$

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

④ Plug in the  $x, y$  in  $f(x, y)$  in the integral

⑤ Eval the integral from  $t=a$  to  $t=b$ .  

$$\int_a^b f(f(t), g(t), h(t)) \cdot \sqrt{(f'(t))^2 + (g'(t))^2 + (h'(t))^2} dt$$
  

$$\frac{ds}{dt} \downarrow$$
  

$$\frac{dt}{ds}$$

# Independent $\nabla$ & Conservative

## The 4 Conditions of Ch-16.

①  $\int_c \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  is Independent of path  $\iff \int_c \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$

$P\vec{i} + Q\vec{j}$   
 $\vec{F}$  (vec. field)  
 $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$  ✓

② If we know,  $\int_c \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  is independent, THEN,  $\vec{F}$  is CONSERVATIVE.

③ If  $\vec{F}$  is conservative, THEN,  $\exists$  a func.  $f$  st.  $\vec{F} = \nabla f$

④ FTC for Line  $\int$ :  $\int_c \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a))$

### Conservative Vector Field

let  $\vec{F} = P\vec{i} + Q\vec{j}$  be a vector field on an open Simply-Connected region (set) D. Suppose that P and Q have continuous 1st order partial derivatives

How to check Conservative?  $\vec{F} = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j}$  Then,  $\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}\right) \Rightarrow \text{Conservative } \vec{F}.$

$\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$   
 ①  $\vec{F}$  is Conservative  $\downarrow$  ②  $\vec{F}$  is NOT conservative  
 $a \leq t \leq b$

$$\int_c \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \underline{f(r(b))} - \underline{f(r(a))}$$

$\therefore F$  is conservative,

$$\therefore \vec{F} = \nabla f.$$

$$f = \int \nabla f$$

once you get it then, use the FTC Thm.  $\downarrow$

first find

$$\int_c \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{t=a}^{t=b} \underbrace{F(r(t))}_{\text{Vector}} \cdot \underbrace{r'(t) dt}_{\text{Vector}} \quad \downarrow \text{dot product}$$