

## 14.2 Scalar Line Integrals:

Let  $C : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  be a smooth curve.  $f : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , a scalar field.

$\Delta s_k =$  length of  $k$ th segment of path

$$= \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \|\mathbf{C}'(t)\| dt = \|\mathbf{C}'(t_k^*)\| (t_k - t_{k-1}) = \|\mathbf{C}'(t_k^*)\| \Delta t_k$$

for some  $t_k^* \in [t_{k-1}, t_k]$

$$\int_C f \, dx \sim \sum_{i=1}^n f(\mathbf{C}(t_k^*)) \Delta s_k = \sum_{i=1}^n f(\mathbf{C}(t_k^*)) \|\mathbf{C}'(t_k^*)\| \Delta t_k$$

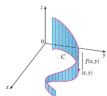
$$\text{Thus } \int_C f \, ds = \int_a^b f(\mathbf{C}(t)) \|\mathbf{C}'(t)\| dt$$

$$\int_C f \, ds = \text{area under curve } f(\mathbf{C})$$

where area is positive above  $xy$  plane  
and negative below  $xy$  plane



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Thm: Let  $C : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  be a piecewise smooth path and let  $D : [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  be a reparametrization of  $C$ . Then

Scalar line integral:

If  $f : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is continuous, then  $\int_D f \, ds = \int_C f \, ds$

since area under curve does not depend on parametrization.

Vector line integral

If  $F : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  is continuous, then

$$\int_D F \cdot dx = \int_C F \cdot dx \text{ if } D \text{ is orientation-preserving.}$$

$$\int_D F \cdot dx = -\int_C F \cdot dx \text{ if } D \text{ is orientation-reversing.}$$

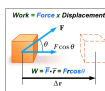
## 14.2 Vector Line Integrals:

Let  $C : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  be a smooth path.  $F : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$ , a vector field.

$$\mathbf{C}'(t_k^*) \sim \frac{\Delta \mathbf{C}_k}{\Delta t_k}$$

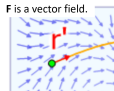
$$\int_C F \cdot dx \sim \sum_{i=1}^n F(\mathbf{C}(t_k^*)) \cdot \Delta \mathbf{C}_k = \sum_{i=1}^n F(\mathbf{C}(t_k^*)) \cdot \mathbf{C}'(t_k^*) \Delta t_k$$

$$\text{Thus } \int_C F \cdot dx = \int_a^b F(\mathbf{C}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{C}'(t) dt$$

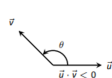


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$F$  is a vector field.



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$$\int_{-C} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = -\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

<http://tutorial.math.lamar.edu/Classes/CalcII/LineIntegralsVectorFields.aspx>



Another notation (differential form): For simplicity, we will work in  $\mathbf{R}^2$ , but the following generalizes to any dimension.

Let  $\mathbf{C}(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ . Let  $F(x, y) = (P(x, y), Q(x, y))$

where  $x = x(t), y = y(t)$ . Note  $x'(t) = \frac{dx}{dt}, y'(t) = \frac{dy}{dt}$

Thus  $dx = x'(t)dt$  and  $dy = y'(t)dt$ . Also,  $d\mathbf{r} = (dx, dy)$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C F \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \int_C (P(x, y), Q(x, y)) \cdot (dx, dy) \\ \int_C F \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \int_C P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy \\ &= \int_a^b P(x(t), y(t))x'(t)dt + Q(x(t), y(t))y'(t)dt\end{aligned}$$

Let  $F(x, y) = (x, y)$ , let  $C(t) = C_1(t) \cup C_2(t)$

$$\begin{aligned}C_1(t) &= (t, 0), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1 & C_2(t) &= (1, t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ C_1'(t) &= (1, 0), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1 & C_2'(t) &= (0, 1), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1\end{aligned}$$

Thus along  $C_1$ ,  $dx = 1dt$  and  $dy = 0dt$

and along  $C_2$ ,  $dx = 0dt$  and  $dy = 1dt$

**Notation 2: differential form**

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C F \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \int_{C_1} F \cdot d\mathbf{r} + \int_{C_2} F \cdot d\mathbf{r} \\ &= \int_{C_1} F \cdot (dx, dy) + \int_{C_2} F \cdot (dx, dy) \\ &= \int_{C_1} (x, y) \cdot (dx, dy) + \int_{C_2} (x, y) \cdot (dx, dy) \\ &= \int_{C_1} (x dx + y dy) + \int_{C_2} (x dx + y dy) \\ &= \int_0^1 (t dt + 0(0 dt)) + \int_0^1 (1(0 dt) + t dt) = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}t^2\right)\Big|_0^1 = 1\end{aligned}$$

**Note:** Both of these methods are algebraically equivalent, so it doesn't matter which notation you use.

Let  $F(x, y) = (x, y)$ , let  $C(t)$  = path from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(1, 1)$  traveling first along  $x$  axis to  $(1, 0)$  and then traveling vertically to  $(1, 1)$ .

**Notation 1: Work definition**

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C F \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \int_{C_1} F \cdot d\mathbf{r} + \int_{C_2} F \cdot d\mathbf{r} \\ &= \int_0^1 F(\mathbf{C}_1(t)) \cdot \mathbf{C}'_1(t) dt + \int_0^1 F(\mathbf{C}_2(t)) \cdot \mathbf{C}'_2(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 F(t, 0) \cdot (1, 0) dt + \int_0^1 F(1, t) \cdot (0, 1) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (t, 0) \cdot (1, 0) dt + \int_0^1 (1, t) \cdot (0, 1) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 t dt + \int_0^1 t dt = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}t^2\right)\Big|_0^1 = 1\end{aligned}$$

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$$C_1 : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2, \quad C_1(t) = (t^2, 0)$$

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Methods for special cases:

**Method: 14.3 Suppose  $F = \nabla f$**

Claim  $F$  has path independent line integrals.

**Method: 14.4 For closed curves, can use Green's Theorem**

A path  $C : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  is closed if  $C(a) = C(b)$ .

If curve is not closed, canNOT use Green's Theorem.

In Calculus I we had the **Fundamental Theorem of Calculus** that told us how to evaluate definite integrals. This told us,

$$\int_a^b F'(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

Suppose that  $C$  is a **smooth** curve given by  $\vec{r}(t)$ ,  $a \leq t \leq b$ . Also suppose that  $f$  is a function whose gradient vector,  $\nabla f$ , is continuous on  $C$ . Then,

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_a^b \nabla f(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt \\ &= \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} [f(\vec{r}(t))] dt \quad \text{by the chain rule} \\ &= f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a)) \quad \text{by FTC} \end{aligned}$$

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Find  $f$  such that  $\nabla f = F(x, y) = (x, y)$

If  $F(x, y) = \nabla f = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)$ , then

$$\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} = x \text{ implies } \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} = x$$



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$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(\frac{x^2}{2} + k(y))}{\partial y} = k'(y) = y. \text{ Hence } k(y) = \frac{y^2}{2} + \text{constant}$$

Thus if we let  $f(x, y) =$

$$\text{then } \nabla f =$$



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Thus if we let  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2}$ , then  $\nabla f = (x, y) = F$ .

$$\text{Hence } \int_C F \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a))$$

$$= f(1, 1) - f(0, 0) = \frac{1^2}{2} + \frac{1^2}{2} - 0 = 1$$



$F$  is called *conservative* if  $F = \nabla f$ . In this case  $f$  is called a *potential function* for the vector field  $F$ .

Suppose  $F$  is continuously differentiable in an open region. The following are equivalent:

- ▶  $F$  is conservative
- ▶  $F = \nabla f$
- ▶  $\int_C F \cdot dx = \int_a^b f(C(t)) \|C'(t)\| dt$  is independent of the path taken from  $r(a)$  to  $r(b)$ . That is  $\int_C F \cdot dx = \int_D F \cdot dx$  for any paths  $C, D$  that begin at  $r(a)$  and end at  $r(b)$ .
- ▶  $\int_C F \cdot dx = f(q) - f(p)$  where the path  $C$  begins at  $p$  and ends at  $q$
- ▶ If  $F = (P(x, y), Q(x, y))$ , then  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$

Let  $F(x, y) = (x, y)$ , let  $C(t)$  = path from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(1, 1)$  traveling first along  $x$  axis to  $(1, 0)$  and then traveling vertically to  $(1, 1)$ .

**Method 14.3 Check if  $F$  has path independent line integrals**

submethod 2: Check if  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$ , where  $F = (P, Q)$ .

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 0 = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$$

Thus can choose any path starting at  $(0, 0)$  and ending at  $(1, 1)$

Ex: Let  $C : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$ ,  $C(t) = (t, t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C F \cdot dx &= \int_0^1 F(C(t)) \cdot C'(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 F(t, t) \cdot (1, 1) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (t, t) \cdot (1, 1) dt = \int_0^1 2t dt = t^2 \Big|_0^1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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**Method 14.3 Check if  $F$  has path independent line integrals**

submethod 1: Find  $f$  such that  $\nabla f = F$

$$F(x, y) = (x, y) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \nabla f = \nabla \left( \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2 \right).$$

i.e.  $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2$ .

$$\int_C F \cdot dx = f(1, 1) - f(0, 0) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - 0 = 1.$$

Let  $F(x, y) = (e^{-y} - 2x, -xe^{-y} - \sin(y)) = (P(x, y), Q(x, y))$

Find  $\int_C (e^{-y} - 2x)dx + (-xe^{-y} - \sin(y))dy$ , where  $C$  is a piecewise smooth curve starting at  $(2, 0)$  and ending at  $(0, 0)$ .

Does  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$ ?

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial(-xe^{-y} - \sin(y))}{\partial x} = -e^{-y} \qquad \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(e^{-y} - 2x)}{\partial y} = -e^{-y}$$

Thus  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$ .

Thus  $F$  is a gradient field and hence has path independent integrals.

$$F = \nabla f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = (P, Q) = (e^{-y} - 2x, -xe^{-y} - \sin(y))$$

$$\text{Thus } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = e^{-y} - 2x$$

$$\text{Hence } f(x, y) = \int (e^{-y} - 2x) dx = xe^{-y} - x^2 + c(y).$$

$$\text{Thus } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(xe^{-y} - x^2 + c(y))}{\partial y} = -xe^{-y} + c'(y)$$

$$\text{Thus } -xe^{-y} - \sin(y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -xe^{-y} + c'(y).$$

$$\text{Thus } c'(y) = -\sin(y) \text{ and } c(y) = \int (-\sin(y)) dy = \cos(y) + k$$

$$\text{Hence } f(x, y) = xe^{-y} - x^2 + \cos(y) + k$$

$$\text{Since } F \text{ is a gradient field, } \int_C (e^{-y} - 2x) dx + (-xe^{-y} - \sin(y)) dy \\ = f(0, 0) - f(2, 0) = 0 - 0 + 1 + k - [2 - 4 + 1 + k] = 2$$

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$$\int_C F \cdot dx = 0 \text{ since } C \text{ is a closed curve and } F \text{ is conservative.}$$

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Alternatively, let  $X : [0, 2] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$ ,  $X(t) = (2 - t, 0) = (x(t), y(t))$ .

Then  $X(0) = (2, 0)$  and  $X(2) = (0, 0)$

$$x(t) = 2 - t \text{ implies } dx = -dt$$

$$y(t) = 0 \text{ implies } dy = 0.$$

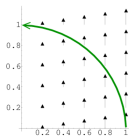
$$\int_C (e^{-y} - 2x) dx + (-xe^{-y} - \sin(y)) dy \\ = \int_0^2 (1 - 2(2 - t))(-dt) = \int_0^2 (3 - 2t) dt = 3t - t^2 \Big|_0^2 = 6 - 4 = 2.$$

If a force is given by  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (0, x)$ ,

compute the work done by the force field on a particle that moves along the curve  $C$  that is the counterclockwise quarter unit circle in the first quadrant. In the below picture, the curve  $C$  is plotted by the long green curved arrow. The vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  is represented by the vertical black arrows.

Choose a parametrization of the curve:

$$\mathbf{c}(t) = (\cos t, \sin t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot ds &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{c}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{c}'(t) dt \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \mathbf{F}(\cos t, \sin t) \cdot (-\sin t, \cos t) dt \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/2} (0, \cos t) \cdot (-\sin t, \cos t) dt \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 t dt \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2t) dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( t + \frac{\sin 2t}{2} \right) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right) = \frac{\pi}{4}.
 \end{aligned}$$

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Suppose  $F(x, y) = (0, x) = (P, Q)$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} =$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} =$$

Thus  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \neq \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$ . Thus  $\int_D F \cdot dr$  depends on the path.

Let  $D(t)$  = path from  $(1, 0)$  to  $(0, 1)$  traveling first along  $x$  axis to  $(0, 0)$  and then traveling vertically to  $(0, 1)$ .

$$\int_D F \cdot dr = 0 + \int 0 \cdot dr = 0$$

Let  $E(t)$  = path from  $(1, 0)$  to  $(0, 1)$  traveling first vertically to  $(1, 1)$  and then traveling horizontally to  $(0, 1)$ .

$$\int_E F \cdot dr = \int_0^1 (0, 1) \cdot (0, 1) dt + 0 = 1$$

