

vector line integral notation

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C \langle F_1, F_2, F_3 \rangle \cdot \langle dx, dy, dz \rangle$$

$$= \int_C F_1 dx + F_2 dy + F_3 dz$$

when a line integral is represented symbolically in this "multiplied out" form of the dot product, simply identify the coefficients of the differentials as the vector field components

If given a parametrized curve segment  
 $\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t)$ ,  $t = a \dots b$   
 then simply use the formula

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

If given a curve, come up with a parametrization and use this formula.

From the additivity of integrals:

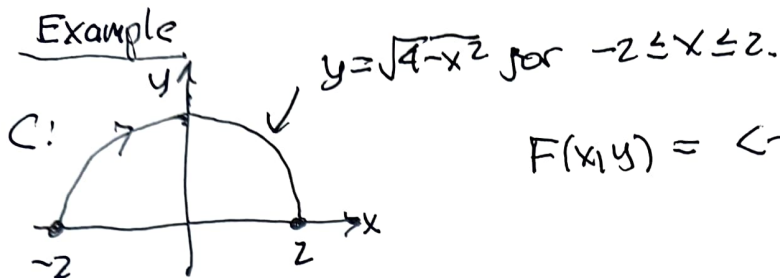
$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C F_1 dx + F_2 dy + F_3 dz = \underbrace{\int_C F_1 dx} + \underbrace{\int_C F_2 dy} + \underbrace{\int_C F_3 dz}$$

each is a vector line integral of a vector field with only one nonzero component, so are handled exact like the general case.

# 16.2b vector line integral notation

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When parametrizing a curve it is not necessary to rename any variable to be  $t$ .



$$F(x, y) = \langle -y, 2x \rangle$$

let  $t = x = -2..2$   
then  $y = \sqrt{4-t^2}$   
 $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, \sqrt{4-t^2} \rangle$

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int \underbrace{\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t))}_{\langle -\sqrt{4-t^2}, 2t \rangle} \cdot \underbrace{\vec{r}'(t)}_{\langle 1, -\frac{t}{\sqrt{4-t^2}} \rangle} dt$$

$$= \int_{-2}^2 \left( -\sqrt{4-t^2} - \frac{2t^2}{\sqrt{4-t^2}} \right) dt$$

OR keep  $x$  as parameter,

$$\text{then } dy = \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \frac{-2x dx}{2\sqrt{4-x^2}} = \frac{-x dx}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

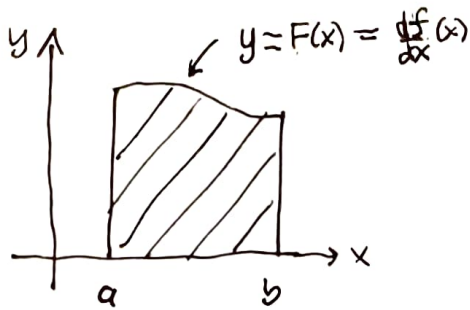
$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C -y dx + 2x dy$$

$$= \int_{-2}^2 -(\sqrt{4-x^2}) dx + 2x \left( \frac{-x dx}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \right)$$

$$= \int_{-2}^2 \left( -\sqrt{4-x^2} - \frac{x(2x)}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \right) dx$$

Same result

# Higher Dimensional Generalization of Fundamental Theorem of Calculus 16.3:1



Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:

$$\int_a^b F(x) dx = \int_a^b \frac{df(x)}{dx} dx = f(x) \Big|_a^b = f(b) - f(a)$$

definite integrals are evaluated using antidifferentiation

$f$  = antiderivative of  $F$

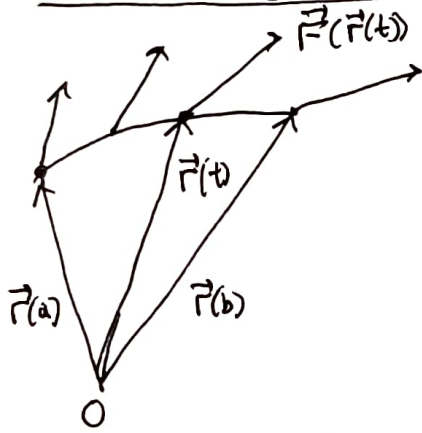
## HIGHER DIMENSION

scalar field  $f(\vec{r}) \xrightarrow{\text{differentiate}} \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{r}) \equiv \vec{F}(\vec{r})$  gradient vector field

$\xleftarrow{\text{antidifferentiation}}$  If we start with  $\vec{F}(\vec{r})$ , how do we know if it is the gradient of a function? LATER...

called "conservative vector field",  $f(\vec{r})$  is called its "potential function"

## vector line integral of conservative vector field



$C: \vec{r} = \vec{r}(t), t = a \dots b$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}) = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\vec{r}), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\vec{r}), \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\vec{r}) \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\vec{r}(t)), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\vec{r}(t)), \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\vec{r}(t)) \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \left\langle \frac{dx}{dt}(t), \frac{dy}{dt}(t), \frac{dz}{dt}(t) \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\vec{r}(t)) \frac{dx}{dt}(t) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\vec{r}(t)) \frac{dy}{dt}(t) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\vec{r}(t)) \frac{dz}{dt}(t)$$

$$= \frac{df(\vec{r}(t))}{dt} \quad (\text{CHAIN RULE})$$

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt = \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} f(\vec{r}(t)) dt = f(\vec{r}(t)) \Big|_a^b = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a))$$

final - initial

$$\vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} dz = df \text{ is an "exact" differential}$$

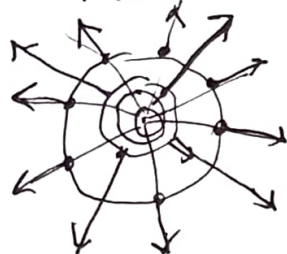
The line integral of a conservative vector field is just the difference in its potential function between the initial and terminal point.

Example: inverse square force field

potential function  $f = \frac{k}{|\vec{r}|}$   $\rightarrow$   $\vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} f = -\frac{k\hat{r}}{|\vec{r}|^2}$  force field

level curves/surfaces are concentric circles/spheres about origin in 2-d / 3-d

points in radial direction towards ( $k > 0$ ) away from ( $k < 0$ ) the origin

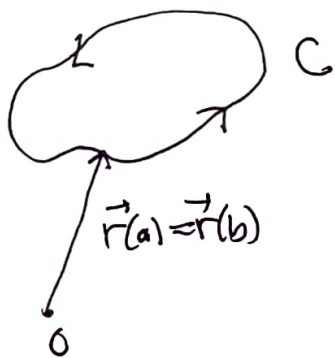


undefined at origin!  
domain omits origin!  
(location of point charge or mass)

$$\int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a)) = \Delta f|_a^b$$

$$= \frac{k}{|\vec{r}(b)|} - \frac{k}{|\vec{r}(a)|} \quad \text{independent of "path"}$$

conservative vector fields have path independent line integrals



on a simple closed curve (starting pt = ending pt)

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$$

"O"  $\rightarrow$   $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  notation for line integral around closed loop  
"simple" means no self-intersections

conservative vector fields have vanishing line integral around any simple closed curve.

is the converse statement true? It depends on the details



2-d case:  $\vec{F} = \nabla f = \langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \rangle = \langle F_1, F_2 \rangle$

$\left. \begin{matrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = F_1 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = F_2 \end{matrix} \right\}$  if we start with  $\vec{F}$  and want to "antidifferentiate" to go back to  $f$  which we don't know if it exists, we must solve this pair of partial differential equations for the unknown solution function  $f(x,y)$

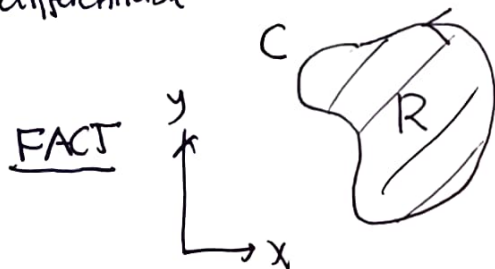
↓ consequence (necessary)

$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y}$   
 $\parallel$   
 $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x}$

$\left. \begin{matrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} = 0 \end{matrix} \right\} \rightarrow$

Suppose  $\vec{F}$  satisfies this condition on a region of ~~space~~ the plane (2-d case), does that guarantee a solution  $f$  exists?

order does not matter if  $f$  differentiable



If path  $C$  encloses a "simply connected" (no holes) region, where this condition is satisfied everywhere, then  $\vec{F}$  does have a potential  $f$ .  
 But how to find?

2 methods exist to find  $f$ .

- a) successive line integrals from reference point
- b) solve PDEs

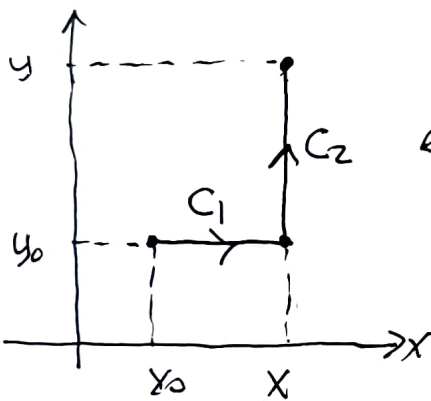
## a) successive line integration

1-d case:  $\int f(x) dx = \underbrace{F(x)}_{\text{"constant"}} + C$

Define  $F(x) = \int_a^x f(u) du \rightarrow F'(x) = f(x)!$

integral formula for an antiderivative  
if can find way to evaluate this formula, it gives us a particular antiderivative

2-d case:



$C_1$ :  $y=y_0$  while  $x=x_0 \dots x$   
 $\vec{r} = \langle t, y_0 \rangle$ ,  $t=x_0 \dots x$  ( $dy=0$ )

$C_2$ : " $x=x$ " while  $y=y_0 \dots y$   
 $\vec{r} = \langle x, t \rangle$ ,  $t=y_0 \dots y$  ( $dx=0$ )

$\vec{r}' = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$   $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}' = F_1$

$\vec{r}' = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$   $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}' = F_2$

since line integral should not depend on the path, choose this path from  $(x_0, y_0)$  to  $(x, y)$ :

$$f(\vec{r}) - f(\vec{r}_0) = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$= \int_{C_1} F_1 dx + \int_{C_2} F_2 dy$$

$$= \int_{x_0}^x F_1(t, y_0) dt + \int_{y_0}^y F_2(x, t) dt$$

yeah, sure, in principle  
but easier by method b)!

b) solve PDEs: solve one by partial integration, plug result into other, then solve second equation.

example.  $\vec{F} = \langle 3+2xy, x^2-3y^2 \rangle \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2-3y^2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(3+2xy) = 2x-2x=0 \checkmark$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 3+2xy \xrightarrow{\int dx} \int \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx = \int 3+2xy dx = 3x + x^2y + C(y)$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^2-3y^2 \xleftarrow{\text{"f"}} \text{so } f = 3x + x^2y + C(y)$

"constant" of integration can depend on other ind. var.

$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(3x + x^2y + C(y)) &= x^2 - 3y^2 \\ &= 0 + x^2 + C'(y) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} C'(y) &= -3y^2 \text{ (no x!)} \\ C(y) &= \int -3y^2 dy = -y^3 + k \end{aligned}$

so  $f = 3x + x^2y - y^3 + k$  done.

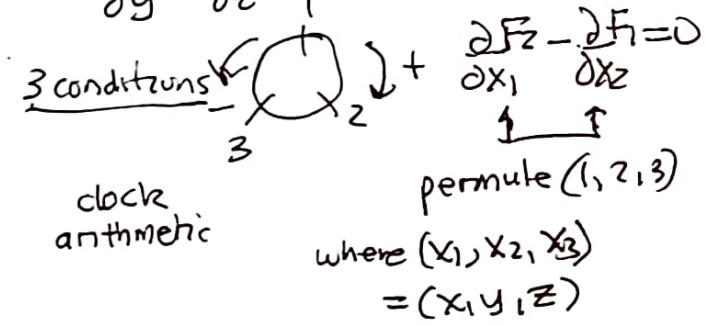
3-d case

$$\vec{F} = \langle F_1, F_2, F_3 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = F_1 & \begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \partial F_1 / \partial y \rightarrow \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z \partial x} = \partial F_1 / \partial z \rightarrow \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} = 0 \end{cases} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = F_2 & \begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \partial F_2 / \partial x \rightarrow \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z \partial y} = \partial F_2 / \partial z \rightarrow \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} = 0 \end{cases} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = F_3 & \begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial z} = \partial F_3 / \partial x \rightarrow \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial z} = \partial F_3 / \partial y \rightarrow \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} = 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

← 2-d condition if  $F_3 \equiv 0$

equal in pairs!



Example

$$\vec{F} = \langle e^{xz} yz, e^{xz}, e^{xz} xy \rangle = \langle F_1, F_2, F_3 \rangle$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(e^{xz}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(e^{xz} yz) = ze^{xz} - ze^{xz} = 0 \checkmark \\ \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(e^{xz} xy) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(e^{xz}) = xe^{xz} - xe^{xz} = 0 \checkmark \\ \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(e^{xz} yz) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(e^{xz} xy) = yze^{xz} + ye^{xz} - (xyze^{xz} + ye^{xz}) = 0 \checkmark \end{cases}$$

guarantees soln exists. solve 3 PDEs in any order.

$$\int \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = yz e^{xz} \right] dx \rightarrow f = \int yz e^{xz} dx = yz \frac{e^{xz}}{z} + C(y, z) = ye^{xz} + C(y, z)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = e^{xz} \stackrel{=}{=} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(ye^{xz} + C(y, z)) = e^{xz} + \frac{\partial C}{\partial y}(y, z)$$

$0 = \frac{\partial C}{\partial y}(y, z) \xrightarrow{\int dy} C(y, z) = C(z)$   
indofy!

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = xye^{xz} \rightarrow \text{so } f = ye^{xz} + C(z)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = xye^{xz} + C'(z)$$

$0 = C'(z) \xrightarrow{\int dz} C(z) = k$

so  $f = ye^{xz} + k \checkmark$

if terms had not cancelled, successive eqns would have been inconsistent!



Counter-example

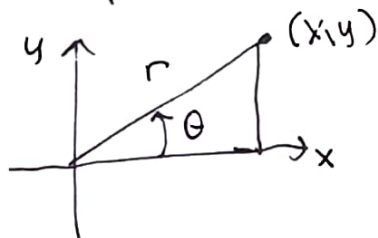
$$\vec{F} = \langle F_1, F_2, F_3 \rangle = \langle y, z, x \rangle$$

$$\int \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = y \right] dx \rightarrow f = \int y dx = xy + C(y, z)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = z \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = x \rightarrow z = x + C(y, z)$$

$C(y, z) = z - x$   
 ↑  
 no x on LHS  
 makes no sense,  
 inconsistent eqns  
 no soln.

example



$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} \rightarrow \theta = \arctan(y/x)$$

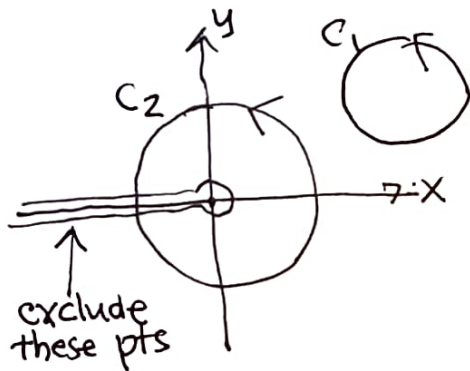
$$\theta = \begin{cases} \arctan(y/x), & x > 0 \text{ (quads 1, 4)} \\ \arctan(y/x) + \pi, & x < 0, y > 0 \text{ (quad 2)} \\ \arctan(y/x) - \pi, & x < 0, y < 0 \text{ (quad 3)} \\ \frac{\pi}{2}, & x = 0, y > 0 \\ -\frac{\pi}{2}, & x = 0, y < 0 \\ \text{undefined at } x = 0 = y \end{cases}$$

continuous and differentiable everywhere except on negative x-axis —  
 jump discontinuity:  $\Delta \theta = 2\pi$ !

$$d\theta = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} dy = \frac{1}{1+(y/x)^2} \left( -\frac{y}{x^2} \right) dx + \frac{1}{1+(y/x)^2} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) dy$$

$$= \frac{-y dx + x dy}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{\langle -y, x \rangle \cdot \langle dx, dy \rangle}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\vec{F} \equiv \vec{\nabla} \theta \text{ so } \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ since } \vec{F} \text{ is a gradient}$$



For any loop that does not cross "bad points" the line integral vanishes

But any loop passing thru "bad points" has nonzero value  $2\pi = \Delta \theta$  if in counterclockwise direction

$$\oint_{C_1} d\theta = 0, \quad \oint_{C_2} d\theta = \Delta \theta = 2\pi$$