

Recap of 16.2 (briefly!)
 Line integrals : Suppose a curve C is

parameterized by $r(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$, $a \leq t \leq b$

① $\int_C f(x,y) ds = \int_a^b f(r(t)) |r'(t)| dt$

set up $\int_C (x^3 + xy^2) ds$, where $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t^4, 3t^2 \rangle$, $0 \leq t \leq 2$

$$\int (x^3 + xy^2) ds = \int_0^2 f(r(t)) |r'(t)| dt$$

$$r(t) = \langle 4t^3, 6t \rangle$$

$$|r'(t)| = \sqrt{16t^6 + 36t^2}$$

$$= \int_0^2 \underbrace{[(t^4)^3 + t^4(3t^2)]}_{f(r(t))} \underbrace{|\sqrt{16t^6 + 36t^2} dt|}_{|r'(t)| dt = ds}$$

② Find $\int_C xy dx + y^2 x dy$ if $r(t) = \langle \sin t, \cos t \rangle$, $0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$
 $x = \sin t, dx = \cos t dt$
 $y = \cos t, dy = -\sin t dt$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} (\sin t)(\cos t) \cos t dt + (\cos^2 t)(\sin t)(-\sin t) dt$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} (\sin t \cos^2 t - \cos^2 t \sin^2 t) dt$$

③ $\int_C F \cdot dr$ $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$, $a \leq t \leq b$

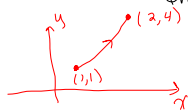
$$\int_a^b F(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt = \text{WORK!}$$

ex: Find the work done by the force field

$F(x,y) = \langle x^4 y, y^3 \rangle$ in moving an object along the curve $y = x^2$ from the point $(1,1)$ to the point $(2,4)$

$W = \int_C F \cdot dr$

parameterize C :



$\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, t^2 \rangle$, $1 \leq t \leq 2$

$$\int_C F \cdot dr = \int_1^2 F(r(t)) \cdot r'(t) dt$$

$$= \int_1^2 \langle (t^4)(t^2), (t^2)^3 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2t \rangle dt$$

$$\int_1^2 \langle t^6, t^6 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2t \rangle dt$$

$$\int_1^2 (t^6 + 2t^7) dt$$

Section 16.3 Fundamental Theorem for Line Integrals

In section 16.2, we learned how to find a line integral over a vector field \mathbf{F} along a curve C that is parametrized

by $\mathbf{r}(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$: $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_a^b \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt$.

Example 1: Suppose we are moving a particle from the point $(0,0)$ to the point $(2,4)$ in a force field $\mathbf{F}(x,y) = \langle y^2, x \rangle$. Find $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ where:

a.) The particle travels along the line segment from $(0,0)$ to $(2,4)$.

step 1: parameterize C :

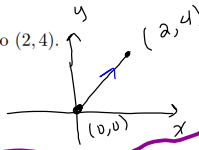
Line is parameterized by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{v}$$

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 0, 0 \rangle + t\langle 2, 4 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2t, 4t \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle 2, 4 \rangle$$



$$\mathbf{F}(x,y) = \langle y^2, x \rangle$$

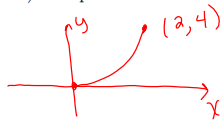
$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_0^1 \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 \langle 16t^2, 2t \rangle \cdot \langle 2, 4 \rangle dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 (32t^2 + 8t) dt$$

$$= \frac{44}{3}$$

b.) The particle travels along the curve $y = x^2$ from $(0,0)$ to $(2,4)$.



parameterize $y = x^2$

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, t^2 \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2$$

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle 1, 2t \rangle$$

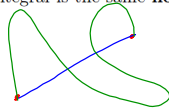
$$\mathbf{F}(x,y) = \langle y^2, x \rangle$$

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_0^2 \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt = \int_0^2 \langle t^4, t \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2t \rangle dt$$

$$= \int_0^2 (t^4 + 2t^2) dt = \frac{176}{15}$$

Note: Although the end points are the same, the value of the line integral is **different** because the **paths** are different. In this section, we will learn under what conditions the line integral is independent of the path taken.

Definition: If \mathbf{F} is a continuous vector field, we say that $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ is **independent of path** if and only if $\int_{C_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{C_2} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ for any two paths C_1 and C_2 with the same starting and ending points. In other words, the line integral is the same **no matter what path** you travel on as long as the endpoints are the same.



Definition: A vector field \mathbf{F} is called a **conservative vector field** if it is the gradient of some scalar function f , that is there exists a function f so that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$. We call f the **potential function**.

Example 2. Consider $f(x,y) = x^2y - y^3$. Find the gradient, explain why it is conservative, and the potential function.

scalar function

$$\nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle = \langle 2xy, x^2 - 3y^2 \rangle$$

why is $\langle 2xy, x^2 - 3y^2 \rangle$ a conservative vector field?

$\langle 2xy, x^2 - 3y^2 \rangle$ is conservative since $\nabla f = \langle 2xy, x^2 - 3y^2 \rangle$

and the potential function is $f(x,y) = x^2y - y^3$.

Recall the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus tells us that $\int_a^b f'(x)dx = f(b) - f(a)$. Since $\nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle$, we can think of the potential function, f , as some sort of antiderivative of ∇f . Hence $\int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r}$.

Fundamental Theorem for Line Integrals: Let C be a smooth curve given by the vector function $\mathbf{r}(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$. Let \mathbf{F} be a conservative vector field. Let f be a differentiable function of two or three variables whose gradient vector, ∇f , is continuous on C . Then

Recall: \mathbf{F} is conservative if $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$, $f(x,y)$ is the potential function

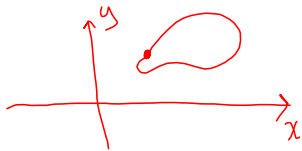
$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(\mathbf{r}(b)) - f(\mathbf{r}(a))$$

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$$

$$a \leq t \leq b$$

Note: **Line integrals of conservative vectors fields are independent of path** because in a conservative vector field, the line integral is computed by only using the endpoints of the domain! Therefore, if we are in a conservative vector field, the line integral along a curve C in that vector field will be the same **no matter what curve we travel across** that connects the endpoints together. **WHICH MEANS WE DON'T EVEN NEED TO PARAMETERIZE THE CURVE!**

Note: If \mathbf{F} is a conservative vector field and C is a closed path (one in which the starting point and ending point is the same), then $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 0$. Why?



closed path means the start point of the curve is the same as the end point. so, $\mathbf{r}(b) = \mathbf{r}(a)$

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(\mathbf{r}(b)) - f(\mathbf{r}(a)) = 0$$

since \vec{F} is conservative

Example 3: Let $f(x, y) = 3x + x^2y - yx^2$. Evaluate $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ where $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$ and C is the curve given by $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2t, t^2 \rangle$, $1 \leq t \leq 2$.

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(\mathbf{r}(2)) - f(\mathbf{r}(1))$$

$$\mathbf{r}(2) = (4, 4)$$

$$\mathbf{r}(1) = (2, 1)$$

$$= f(4, 4) - f(2, 1)$$

since $f(x, y) = 3x + x^2y - yx^2$,

$$f(4, 4) = 12 + 64 - 64 = 12$$

$$f(2, 1) = 6 + 4 - 4 = 6$$

$$= 12 - 6 = 6$$

Question: How do we determine if a vector field is conservative, and if so, how do we find the potential function? The 'test for conservative' we use depends on whether \mathbf{F} is in \mathbb{R}^2 or \mathbb{R}^3 .

Theorem: $\mathbf{F}(x,y) = \langle P(x,y), Q(x,y) \rangle = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j}$ is a conservative vector field, where P and Q have continuous first-order partial derivatives on a domain D , if and only if $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$. Note: This above criteria to determine if a vector field is conservative works only for \mathbb{R}^2 .

Short proof:

Suppose $\mathbf{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ is conservative.

$$\mathbf{F} = \nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) \quad \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$$

Example 4: Is $\mathbf{F}(x,y) = \langle 3x^2 - 4y, 4y^2 - 2x \rangle$ a conservative vector field? If so, find a function f so that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$.

conservative test: does $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$? $P = 3x^2 - 4y$
 $Q = 4y^2 - 2x$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -4, \quad \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = -2$$

\mathbf{F} not conservative since $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \neq \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$!
 so there is no function $f(x,y)$ whose gradient is \mathbf{F} .

Example 5: Is $\mathbf{F}(x,y) = \langle x+y, x-2 \rangle$ a conservative vector field? If so, find a function f so that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$.

$P = x+y$ $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 1$, $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 1$ yes! it's conservative.
 $Q = x-2$

How do we find the potential function?!

$\vec{F} = \langle x+y, x-2 \rangle$ is conservative means there is some function $f(x,y)$ such that $\nabla f = \langle x+y, x-2 \rangle$

$$\langle f_x, f_y \rangle = \langle x+y, x-2 \rangle$$

this means $\int f_x = \int (x+y) dx$

and $\int f_y = \int (x-2) dy$

$$\int (x+y) dx = \frac{x^2}{2} + yx + g(y)$$

$$\int (x-2) dy = xy - 2y + h(x)$$

$$f(x,y) = xy + \frac{x^2}{2} - 2y$$

check it! $\nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle = \langle y+x, x-2 \rangle = \mathbf{F}$

Example 6: Given $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle 2xy^3, 3x^2y^2 \rangle$. Evaluate $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ where C is the curve given by

$r(t) = \langle t^3 + 2t^2 - t, 3t^4 - t^2 \rangle, 0 \leq t \leq 2$.

check to see if $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle 2xy^3, 3x^2y^2 \rangle$ is conservative.

$\mathbf{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ is conservative if $\boxed{F = \nabla f}$.

to test for conservativeness: Is $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$?

$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 6xy^2, \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 6xy^2$ yes!

To find $f(x, y)$, $\int 2xy^3 dx = x^2y^3 + g(y)$
 $\int 3x^2y^2 dy = x^2y^3 + h(x)$

$\boxed{f(x, y) = x^2y^3}$

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$r(t) = \langle t^3 + 2t^2 - t, 3t^4 - t^2 \rangle, 0 \leq t \leq 2$.

$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(r(2)) - f(r(0))$

$r(2) = \langle 8 + 8 - 2, 48 - 4 \rangle = \langle 14, 44 \rangle$

$r(0) = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$

$f(x, y) = x^2y^3$

$= f(14, 44) - f(0, 0)$

$= (14)^2(44)^3$

Example 7: Let $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle 3 + 2xy^2, 2x^2y \rangle$. Evaluate $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ where C is the arc of the hyperbola $y = \frac{1}{x}$ from $(1, 1)$ to $(4, \frac{1}{4})$.

- \mathbf{F} is not conservative, it is path dependent, meaning you must parameterize the curve!
- \mathbf{F} is conservative, meaning it is path independent, only endpoints matter. (so we do not parameterize C)

Is $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle 3 + 2xy^2, 2x^2y \rangle$ conservative?

$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 4xy$

$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 4xy$

vector field is conservative. there is a function $f(x, y)$ so that $\langle 3 + 2xy^2, 2x^2y \rangle = \nabla f$

To find $f(x, y)$:

$\int (3 + 2xy^2) dx = 3x + x^2y^2 + g(y)$

$\int 2x^2y dy = x^2y^2 + h(x)$

$\boxed{f(x, y) = x^2y^2 + 3x}$

$f(4, \frac{1}{4}) = 16(\frac{1}{16}) + 12 = 13$

$f(1, 1) = 4$

Example 7: Let $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle 3 + 2xy^2, 2x^2y \rangle$. Evaluate $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ where C is the arc of the hyperbola $y = \frac{1}{x}$ from $(1, 1)$ to $(4, \frac{1}{4})$.

\mathbf{F} is conservative, $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r}$

$= f(4, \frac{1}{4}) - f(1, 1)$

$= 13 - 4 = \boxed{9}$

Example 8: Given $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle 3x^2 - 4y, 4y^2 - 2x \rangle$. Evaluate $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ where C is the curve given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t^3 + 1, t^2 \rangle, 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

step 1 check to see if F is conservative

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = -2, \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -4$$

not conservative.
path dependent
curve matters.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \int_a^b \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \langle \underbrace{3(t^3+1) - 4t^2}, \underbrace{4t^2 - 2(t^3+1)} \rangle \cdot \langle \underbrace{3t^2}, \underbrace{2t} \rangle dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \left((3(t^3+1) - 4t^2) 3t^2 + (4t^2 - 2(t^3+1)) 2t \right) dt \end{aligned}$$

Example 9: Given that $\mathbf{F} = \langle 4xe^z, \cos(y), 2x^2e^z \rangle$ is conservative and $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \sin(t), t, \cos(t) \rangle$, compute $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ for $0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$. Note: We had to tell you \mathbf{F} is conservative since we have not yet learned the testing criteria for conservativeness in \mathbb{R}^3

given \mathbf{F} is conservative $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$

$$\text{find } f(x, y, z) \quad \int 4x e^z dx = 2x^2 e^z + g(y, z)$$

$$\int \cos y dy = \sin y + h(x, z)$$

$$\int 2x^2 e^z dz = 2x^2 e^z + k(x, y)$$

$$f(x, y, z) = 2x^2 e^z + \sin y$$

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \sin t, t, \cos t \rangle$$

$$0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\mathbf{r}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \left(1, \frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$\mathbf{r}(0) = (0, 0, 1)$$

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

$$= f\left(\mathbf{r}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right) - f(\mathbf{r}(0))$$

$$= f\left(1, \frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right) - f(0, 0, 1)$$

$$= 2 + 1 - 0$$

$$= 3$$

