

$$\underline{c}'(t) = \langle -3\sin\theta, 2\cos\theta \rangle$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \underline{F} \cdot \underline{ds} = \int_0^{2\pi} \langle 4 \cdot 6 + 4\sin\theta, -3 \rangle \cdot \langle -3\sin\theta, 2\cos\theta \rangle d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} -12\sin\theta - 12\sin^2\theta - 6\cos\theta d\theta = -12 \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2\theta d\theta$$

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta \\ = 1 - 2\sin^2\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} -6 + 6\cos 2\theta d\theta = -6 \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta = -12\pi$$

useful properties $\int_C (\underline{F} + \underline{G}) \cdot \underline{ds} = \int_C \underline{F} \cdot \underline{ds} + \int_C \underline{G} \cdot \underline{ds}$

$$\int_C k \underline{F} \cdot \underline{ds} = k \int_C \underline{F} \cdot \underline{ds}$$

reverse orientation on C : $\int_C \underline{F} \cdot \underline{ds} = - \int_{-C} \underline{F} \cdot \underline{ds}$

Physical interpretation work done $W = \int_C \underline{F} \cdot \underline{ds}$



§16.3 Conservative vector fields

In general $\int_C \underline{F} \cdot \underline{ds}$ depends on the path C , not just the endpoints

 $\int_{C_1} \underline{F} \cdot \underline{ds} \neq \int_{C_2} \underline{F} \cdot \underline{ds}$

However, for special vector fields $\underline{F}$, $\int_C \underline{F} \cdot \underline{ds}$ only depends on the endpoints. These vector fields are called conservative, i.e. if C_1 and C_2 are two paths with the same endpoints

$$\underline{F} \text{ conservative} \Rightarrow \int_{C_1} \underline{F} \cdot \underline{ds} = \int_{C_2} \underline{F} \cdot \underline{ds}$$

special case C is a closed curve then $\underline{F}$ conservative $\Rightarrow \oint_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = 0$ (67)
 (notation: sometimes written $\oint_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$).

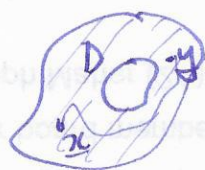
Recall if $\underline{F}$ is a gradient vector field then $\underline{F} = \nabla f$ for some scalar function f .

Thm (fundamental theorem for gradient vector fields)
 If $\underline{F} = \nabla f$ on a domain D , then for every oriented curve C in D with initial point P and final point Q $\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = f(Q) - f(P)$
 (if C is closed $P=Q$ so $\oint_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = 0$).



Thm Every conservative vector field $\underline{F}$ on an (open connected) domain D is a gradient vector field, i.e. $\underline{F} = \nabla f$ for some f .

Proof (sketch) pick a point $x \in D$ and define



$f(y) = \int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$ where C is any path from

x to y . Note: this is well defined if $\underline{F}$ is conservative!

now compute $\nabla f = \langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \rangle$ by choosing short horizontal/vertical paths $\square$.

Q: when is $\underline{F}$ conservative / have a potential function?

Thm Let $\underline{F} = \langle F_1, F_2, F_3 \rangle$ be a vector field on a simply connected domain D . Then if the cross partials are equal $\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x}$ $\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x}$ $\frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y}$

then $\underline{F} = \nabla f$ for some f .

simply connected: every loop can be shrunk to a point.



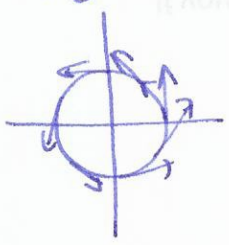
Example Vortex vector field.

$$\underline{F} = \left\langle \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right\rangle$$

① mixed partials equal

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right) &= \frac{(x^2+y^2) \cdot 1 - x \cdot 2x}{(x^2+y^2)^2} = \frac{y^2-x^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \right) &= \frac{-(x^2+y^2) \cdot 1 + y \cdot 2y}{(x^2+y^2)^2} = \frac{y^2-x^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{equal!}$$

② integrate around unit circle


$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} & \quad \text{unit circle} \quad \underline{c}(\theta) = \langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta \rangle \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \\ & \quad \underline{c}'(\theta) = \langle -\sin \theta, \cos \theta \rangle \\ & = \int_0^{2\pi} \underline{F}(\underline{c}(\theta)) \cdot \underline{c}'(\theta) d\theta \\ & = \int_0^{2\pi} \left\langle \frac{-\sin \theta}{1}, \frac{\cos \theta}{1} \right\rangle \cdot \langle -\sin \theta, \cos \theta \rangle d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} 1 d\theta = 2\pi \neq 0! \end{aligned}$$

③ find potential function $f(x,y) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

check $\nabla f = \left\langle \frac{1}{1+(y/x)^2} \cdot \frac{-y/x^2}, \frac{1}{1+(y/x)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right\rangle$

④ $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ not defined at $(0,0)$ so $D = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus (0,0)$ not simply connected
(in polar $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \theta$)

⑤ fact. $\oint_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = 2\pi n$ n = winding number

