

so want  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum f(t_k) \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \|c'(t)\| dt \leadsto \int_a^b f(t) \|c'(t)\| dt$

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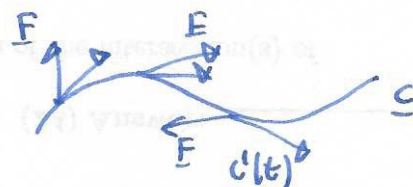
Notation  $ds = \|c'(t)\| dt = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt$

Example find  $\int_C (x+y+z) ds$  where  $C$  is the helix  $c(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, t)$   
for  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$   $c'(t) = (-\sin t, \cos t, 1)$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos t + \sin t + t) (\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 1)^{1/2} dt$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos t + \sin t + t dt = \sqrt{2} \left[ -\sin t + \cos t + \frac{1}{2} t^2 \right]_0^{2\pi} = 2\sqrt{2} \pi^2$$

Vector line integrals  $\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$



intuition: integral of tangential component of  $\underline{F}$  along  $C$ ,

i.e.  $\approx \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{F}(x_i, y_i, z_i) \cdot \underline{c}'(t_i) \Delta t_i$

Defn let  $T$  = unit tangent vector to  $C$ :  $\underline{T}(t) = \frac{c'(t)}{\|c'(t)\|}$

then  $\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_C (\underline{F} \cdot \underline{T}) ds$

If  $C$  has parametrization  $c(t)$ :

$$\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_a^b \underline{F}(c(t)) \cdot \frac{c'(t)}{\|c'(t)\|} \|c'(t)\| dt$$

$$\boxed{\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_a^b \underline{F}(c(t)) \cdot c'(t) dt}$$

Alternate notation  $\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$   $\underline{F} = \langle F_1, F_2, F_3 \rangle$

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

to evaluate this with parameterization  $\underline{c}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$

$$\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_a^b \left( F_1(\underline{c}(t)) \frac{dx}{dt} + F_2(\underline{c}(t)) \frac{dy}{dt} + F_3(\underline{c}(t)) \frac{dz}{dt} \right) dt \quad \leftarrow \text{same as before.}$$

Example (2d) integrate  $\underline{F} = \langle 2y, -3 \rangle$  over the ellipse

$$\underline{c}(t) = (4 + 3\cos\theta, 3 + 2\sin\theta) \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

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

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

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} -18\sin\theta - 12\sin^2\theta - 6\cos\theta d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} -12\sin^2\theta d\theta$$

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

useful properties

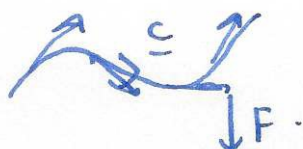
$$\int_C (\underline{F} + \underline{G}) \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} + \int_C \underline{G} \cdot d\underline{s}$$

$$\int_C k \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = k \int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$$

reverse orientation:

$$\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = - \int_{-C} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$$

Physical interpretation

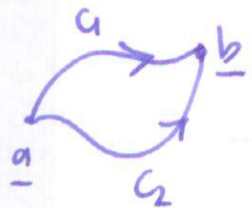


$$\text{work done } W = \int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$$

### §16.3 Conservative vector fields

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



$$\int_{C_1} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} \neq \int_{C_2} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$$

However for special vector fields  $\underline{F}$ ,  $\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$  only depends on the endpoints.

These vector fields are called conservative, so if  $C_1, C_2$  are two paths with the same endpoints, then  $\underline{F}$  conservative  $\Rightarrow \int_{C_1} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = \int_{C_2} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$

special case  $C$  is a closed curve then

$$\underline{F} \text{ conservative} \Rightarrow \int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = 0 \quad \text{notation: sometimes written } \oint_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$$

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

Thm (fundamental theorem of calculus 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  $\underline{x} \in D$  and define

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

note: This is well defined if  $\underline{F}$  is conservative!

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

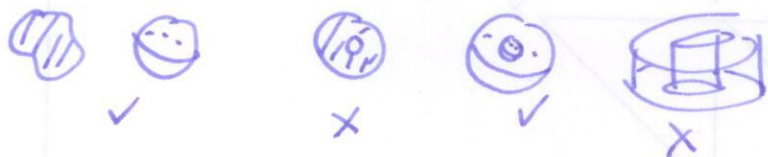
Q: when is  $\underline{F}$  conservative?  $\Leftrightarrow$  when does  $\underline{F}$  have a potential function?

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

$$\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} \quad \text{then } \underline{F} = \nabla f \text{ for some } f.$$

$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\nabla \times \underline{F} = \underline{0}}$

simply connected: every loop can be shrunk to a point



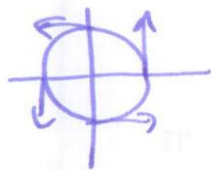
Example Vortex vector field (domain not simply connected).

$$\underline{F} = \left\langle \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right\rangle \quad (\text{not defined at } (0,0)!) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{① mixed partials equal} \\ \text{② integrate around unit circle} \end{array} \right\}$$

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

② integrate around unit circle  $c(\theta) = \langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta \rangle \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$

$$\int_C \underline{F} \, ds \quad c'(\theta) = \langle -\sin \theta, \cos \theta \rangle$$



$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \underline{F}(c(\theta)) \cdot c'(\theta) \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \left\langle \frac{-\sin \theta}{1}, \frac{\cos \theta}{1} \right\rangle \cdot \langle -\sin \theta, \cos \theta \rangle \, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} 1 \, d\theta = 2\pi \neq 0!$$