

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

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 2\theta &= \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta \\ &= 1 - 2\sin^2\theta\end{aligned}$$

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

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.

A diagram showing two paths,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , connecting points  $a$  and  $b$ .  $C_1$  is the upper path and  $C_2$  is the lower path. Arrows indicate the direction from  $a$  to  $b$ .

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

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  $C$  closed curve,  $\underline{F}$  conservative  $\Rightarrow \int_C \underline{F} \cdot \underline{ds} = 0$

notation: sometimes write  $\oint_C \underline{F} \cdot \underline{ds}$ .

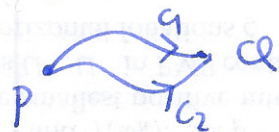
recall: if  $\underline{F}$  is a gradient vector field, then  $\underline{F} = \nabla f$  for some scalar function  $f$

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  $Q$

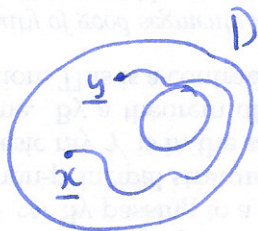
$$\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = f(Q) - f(P)$$

(if  $C$  is closed  $P=Q$  and 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

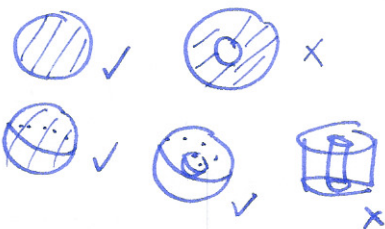
$f(\underline{y}) = \int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$  where  $C$  is any path from  $\underline{x}$  to  $\underline{y}$ . Note: this is well defined if  $\underline{F}$

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? (i.e. has 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 mixed 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:

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