

Lecture 10 - The Fundamental Theorem of Line Integrals

- Asynchronous lecture replacing the lecture on Friday 10/15.

Recall: a gradient vector field is a v.f. $\vec{F} = \nabla f$,
 $\vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem (Fundamental Theorem of Line Integrals [FTLI])

Let $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be C^1 and let $\vec{C}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a (piecewise) C^1 path. Then,

$$\int_{\vec{C}} \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f \Big|_{\vec{C}(a)}^{\vec{C}(b)} = f(\vec{C}(b)) - f(\vec{C}(a)).$$

proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\vec{C}} \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_a^b \underbrace{\nabla f(\vec{C}(t)) \cdot \vec{C}'(t)}_{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}, \frac{dz}{dt} \right)} dt \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} f(\vec{C}(t)) \quad \text{chain rule} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{chain rule } \frac{d}{dt} f(\vec{C}(t)) = \nabla f(\vec{C}(t)) \cdot \vec{C}'(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\vec{C}} \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} [f(\vec{C}(t))] dt$$

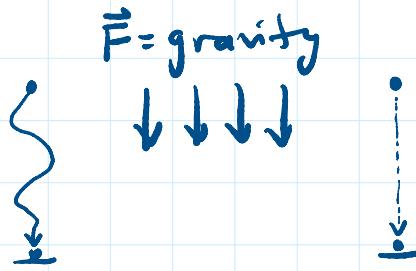
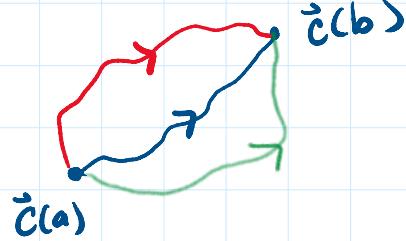
$$= f(\vec{C}(t)) \Big|_a^b = f(\vec{C}(b)) - f(\vec{C}(a))$$

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Conservation of Energy

Physics: Work - KE Work = ΔKE

$$\vec{F} = -\nabla V$$

$$W = \int_{\vec{C}} -\nabla V \cdot d\vec{r} = -V \Big|_{\vec{C}(a)}^{\vec{C}(b)} = -\Delta V$$

$$\Delta KE = W = -\Delta V$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta (\underbrace{KE + V}_{\text{Energy}}) = 0$$

Energy.

ex/ Let $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = (e^y, xe^y, 3z^2)$

Let $\vec{C}(t) = (t, t^2, t^3)$, $t \in [0, \pi]$.

Compute $\int_{\vec{C}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$

$$\vec{F} = \nabla f, \quad f = xe^y + z^3.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= e^y \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= xe^y \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} &= 3z^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{\vec{C}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{\vec{C}} \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f \Big|_{\vec{C}(0)}^{\vec{C}(\pi)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{C}(0) &= (0, 0, 0) \\ \vec{C}(\pi) &= (\pi, \pi^2, \pi^3)\end{aligned}$$

$$= f(\pi, \pi^2, \pi^3) - f(0, 0, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= f(\pi, \pi^2, \pi^3) - f(0, 0, 0) \\
 &= \pi e^{\pi^2} + (\pi^3)^3 - 0 \cdot e^0 - 0^3 \\
 &= \pi e^{\pi^2} + \pi^9
 \end{aligned}$$

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ex/ Let $\vec{F}(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{y}\right)$, defined on $(0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$.

- Let \vec{C} be a parametrization of a curve:
circle of radius 1 centered at $(2, 2)$ going
counterclockwise; traversing 2π radians.

- Compute $\int_{\vec{C}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{C}(t) &= (2 + \cos t, 2 + \sin t) \\
 t &\in [0, 2\pi]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{F}(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{y}\right) \text{ on } (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{F} &= \nabla f, \quad f = \ln(x) + \ln(y) & \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ln(x) = \frac{1}{x} \\
 & & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \ln(y) = \frac{1}{y}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\vec{C}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_{\vec{C}} \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f \Big|_{\vec{C}(0)}^{\vec{C}(2\pi)} \\
 &= f(\vec{C}(2\pi)) - f(\vec{C}(0)) \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \vec{C}(2\pi) = \vec{C}(0)}}{=} 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem:

Let $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ be a (continuous) gradient vector field defined on \mathbb{R}^n and let $\vec{C}: [t_0, t_1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a (piecewise) C^1 path such that $\vec{C}(t_0) = \vec{C}(t_1)$ i.e. \vec{C} is a closed

(piecewise) \vec{C}' path such that $\vec{C}(t_0) = \vec{C}(t_1)$ i.e. \vec{C} is a closed loop, then

$$\oint_{\vec{C}} \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$$

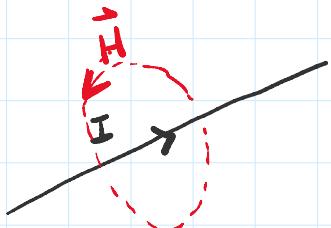
proof: FTLI, $\oint_{\vec{C}} \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f \Big|_{\vec{C}(t_0)}^{\vec{C}(t_1)} = 0$

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Another use in physics: Ampere's law in electromagnetism



$$\oint_{\vec{C}} \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{r} = I$$

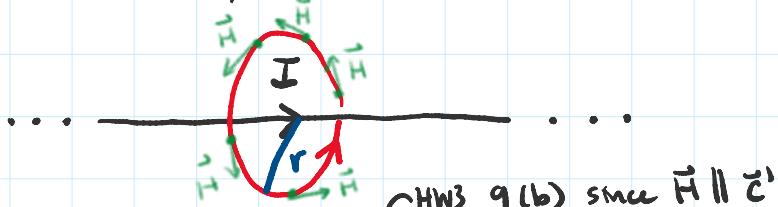
\vec{C} is any closed loop surrounding the current

→ Math: given the vector field, what is the line integral.

Given \vec{H} and \vec{C} , what is I ?

→ Physics: Given I , choose \vec{C} and determine \vec{H} ?

Infinite wire w/ constant current I



Hw3 q(b) since $\vec{H} \parallel \vec{C}$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{\vec{C}} \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{r} \stackrel{\text{Hw3 q(b) since } \vec{H} \parallel \vec{C}}{=} \int_{\vec{C}} \|\vec{H}\| ds = \|\vec{H}(r)\| \int_{\vec{C}} ds \\ &= \|\vec{H}(r)\| 2\pi r \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\vec{H}(r)\| = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \Rightarrow \vec{H}(r) = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \hat{\theta}$$

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