

Topics - line integrals:

Suppose you're given a curve C in $\mathbb{R}^2$ given by

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

The line integral $\int_C f(x,y) ds$ is given by:

$$\int_C f(x,y) ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t)) \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

If we are given $F(x,y) = \langle P(x,y), Q(x,y) \rangle$, then

$$\int_C F \cdot dr = \int_C F \cdot T ds = \int_C (P dx + Q dy)$$

$$T(t) = \frac{r'(t)}{|r'(t)|}$$

Ex. Evaluate $\int_C F \cdot dr$, where $F(x,y) = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{(x^2+y^2)^{3/2}}$ along

$$C: r(t) = e^t \langle \cos(t), \sin(t) \rangle \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x(t) = e^t \cos(t) \\ y(t) = e^t \sin(t) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r'(t) &= \langle e^t \cos(t) - e^t \sin(t), e^t \sin(t) + e^t \cos(t) \rangle \\ &= e^t \langle \cos(t) - \sin(t), \sin(t) + \cos(t) \rangle = \left\langle \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then, } \int_C F \cdot dr = \int_C (P dx + Q dy) \rightarrow P(x,y) = \frac{x}{(x^2+y^2)^{3/2}}, \quad Q(x,y) = \frac{y}{(x^2+y^2)^{3/2}}$$

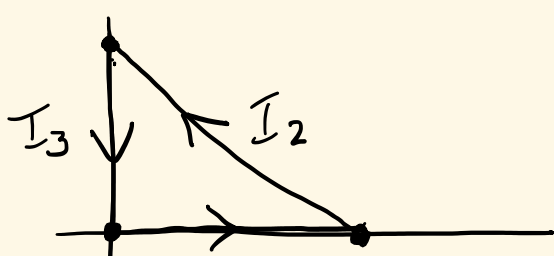
$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= e^t \cos(t), \quad y(t) = e^t \sin(t), \quad \text{so} \\ x^2 + y^2 &= e^{2t} (\cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t)) = e^{2t}, \quad \text{hence} \\ (x^2 + y^2)^{3/2} &= e^{3t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } \int_C F \cdot dr &= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{x}{(x^2+y^2)^{3/2}} dx + \frac{y}{(x^2+y^2)^{3/2}} dy \right) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{e^t \cos(t)}{e^{3t}} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{e^t \sin(t)}{e^{3t}} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \right) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\cos(t)}{e^{2t}} (e^t (\cos(t) - \sin(t))) + \frac{\sin(t)}{e^{2t}} (e^t (\sin(t) + \cos(t))) \right) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 e^{-t} [\underbrace{\cos^2(t) - \cos(t)\sin(t)}_{=1} + \sin^2(t) + \sin(t)\cos(t)] dt \\ &= \int_0^1 e^{-t} dt = -e^{-t} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{e-1}{e} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C f(x,y) dx &= \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t)) \frac{dx}{dt} dt \\ \int_C f(x,y) dy &= \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t)) \frac{dy}{dt} dt \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Evaluate $\int_C y^3 dx - x^3 dy$ where C is the triangle with vertices $(0,0)$, $(1,0)$ and $(0,1)$ oriented counter-clockwise!

$$F = \langle P, Q \rangle = \langle y^3, -x^3 \rangle$$

Picture:  Use that $\int_C = \int_{I_1} + \int_{I_2} + \int_{I_3}$.

We must parametrize each I_j , $j=1,2,3$.

$$I_1: y=0, 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad \text{so } I_1 = \langle t, 0 \rangle, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

$$I_2: y=1-x, 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad \text{so } I_2 = \langle t, 1-t \rangle, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

wrong! when $t=0$, $\langle 0, 1 \rangle$, when $t=1$, $\langle 1, 0 \rangle$

We can fix this by switching the order of x & y :

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \langle 1-t, t \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ I_3 &= \langle 0, 1-t \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$I_2(0) = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$
 $I_2(1) = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$

$$I_3: x=0, 0 \leq y \leq 1, \quad \text{but moving down, so}$$

$$I_3 = \langle 0, 1-t \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } \int_C y^3 dx - x^3 dy &= \int_{I_1+I_2+I_3} y^3 dx - x^3 dy \\ &= \int_{I_1} y^3 dx - x^3 dy + \int_{I_2} y^3 dx - x^3 dy + \int_{I_3} y^3 dx - x^3 dy \end{aligned}$$

I_1	I_2	I_3
$\int_{I_1} y^3 dx - x^3 dy$	$\int_{I_2} y^3 dx - x^3 dy$	$\int_{I_3} y^3 dx - x^3 dy$
In I_1 , $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle t, 0 \rangle$	In I_2 , $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle 1-t, t \rangle$, so $\langle \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt} \rangle = \langle -1, 1 \rangle$. Then,	In I_3 , $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle 0, 1-t \rangle$
$= \int_0^1 0 \cdot dx - t^3 dy$	$= \int_0^1 t^3 (-1) dt - (1-t)^3 (1) dt$	$= \int_0^1 (1-t)^3 \cdot 0 - 0$
$= 0$	$= -\int_0^1 (t^3 - (1-t)^3) dt$	$= 0$
	$= -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}$	
	$= -\frac{1}{2}$	

$$\text{So, } \int_C y^3 dx - x^3 dy = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Conservative Vector Field: Given a vector field $F(x)$,

if there is a function $f(x)$ so that

$$\nabla f = F, \quad \forall n$$

F is conservative.

Remember: $F = \langle F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n \rangle$. Then,

$$f = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\text{Then, } \nabla f = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow F_i = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$$

Ex. Last question had: $F = \langle P, Q \rangle = \langle y^3, -x^3 \rangle$

Is F conservative?? $\rightarrow$ No!!

Does there exist a function $f(x,y)$ so that

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = y^3 = P \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -x^3 = Q \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= f(x,y) = \int y^3 = xy^3 + g(y) \\ \int \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= f(x,y) = \int -x^3 = -yx^3 + h(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, in that case: } xy^3 + g(y) = f(x,y) = -yx^3 + h(x)$$

$$\text{So, } xy^3 + yx^3 = h(x) - g(y)$$

$$\text{If } x=0, \quad 0 = h(0) - g(y) \Rightarrow g \text{ is constant.}$$

$$y=0, \quad 0 = h(y) - g(0) \Rightarrow h(y) \text{ is constant!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{This means that } f(x,y) &= xy^3 + C \\ &= yx^3 + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow xy^3 = -yx^3 \rightarrow \leftarrow$$