

## 16.2 LINE INTEGRALS

### LINE INTEGRALS OF FUNCTIONS

RECALL FROM 13.3: If  $C$  is a ~~parametrized~~ curve with parametrization  $(x, y, z) = \vec{r}(t)$  for  $a \leq t \leq b$ , Then

$$\text{LENGTH}(C) = \int_{t=a}^{t=b} |\vec{r}'(t)| dt$$

DEF If in addition we have a function  $w = f(x, y, z)$  defined on  $C$  Then we defined

$$\int_C f ds = \int_{t=a}^{t=b} f(\vec{r}(t)) |\vec{r}'(t)| dt$$

ARCLENGTH ELEMENT:  $ds = |\vec{r}'(t)| dt$   
 LENGTH = SPEED  $\times$  TIME

### SOME MEANINGS

- ① If  $C$  is a wire and
- ② If  $w = f(x, y, z) =$  Density of Wire at a point  $(x, y, z)$  on  $C$  in UNITS of  $\frac{\text{MASS}}{\text{LENGTH}}$

Then

$$\int_C f ds = \text{TOTAL MASS of Wire}$$

$$\frac{\text{MASS}}{\text{LENGTH}} \times \text{LENGTH} = \text{MASS}$$

② The Average Value of  $f$  along  $C$

$$= \frac{\int_C f ds}{\text{LENGTH}(C)}$$

EX If  $f = \text{TEMPERATURE}$  IN  $K$

Then

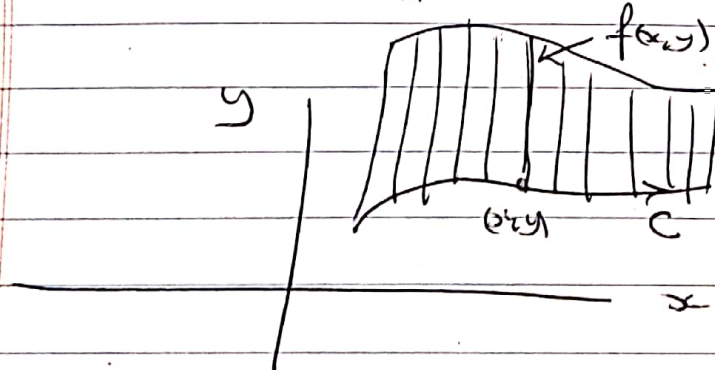
$$\frac{\int_C f ds}{\text{LENGTH}(C)} \text{ has UNITS } \frac{K \cdot m}{m} = K.$$

③ If  $C$  is a curve in the  $xy$ -plane that models the base of a fence and  $z = f(x, y) = \text{HEIGHT}$  of fence at  $(x, y) \in C$

Then

$$\int_C f ds = \text{AREA OF FENCE}$$

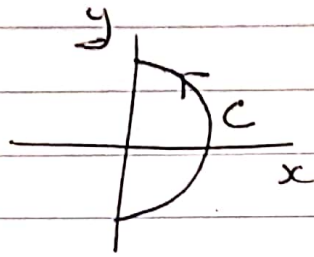
HEIGHT  $\times$  LENGTH = AREA



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EXS

$$\textcircled{1} \int_C xy^4 ds$$



$$x^2 + y^2 = 16$$

Choose  $\vec{r}(t) = (4 \cos t, 4 \sin t)$   $-\pi/2 \leq t \leq \pi/2$

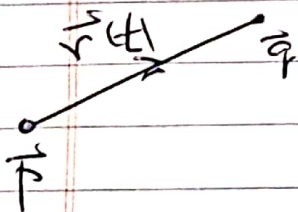
Then  $|\vec{r}'(t)| = 4$  and so

$$\int_C xy^4 ds = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (4 \cos t) (4 \sin t)^4 4 ds$$

$$= 4^6 \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos t \sin^4 t dt$$

$$= 4096 \left[ \frac{\sin^5 t}{5} \right]_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} = \frac{8192}{5}$$

$\textcircled{2} \int_C x^2 z ds$  where  $C =$  Line Segment from  $\vec{p} = (0, 6, -1)$  to  $\vec{q} = (4, 1, 5)$



$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{p} + t\vec{v} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$= \vec{p} + t(\vec{q} - \vec{p})$$

$$= (0, 6, -1) + t(4, -5, 6)$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \vec{q} - \vec{p} = (4, -5, 6)$$

$$|\vec{r}'(t)| = |\vec{q} - \vec{p}| = \sqrt{77}$$

$$\int_C x^2 z ds = \int_0^1 (4t)^2 (-1+6t) \sqrt{77} dt = \sqrt{77} 16 \left( \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

NOTE

BAD NEWS

In general for curve  $C$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\int_C f ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t)) \sqrt{[x'(t)]^2 + [y'(t)]^2} dt$$

and so it is impossible to find a formula for the antiderivative of the integrand.

GOOD NEWS

Since we have a formula for the integrand and the integral is over an interval  $[a, b]$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , we can approximate the  $\int f ds$  using numerical integration

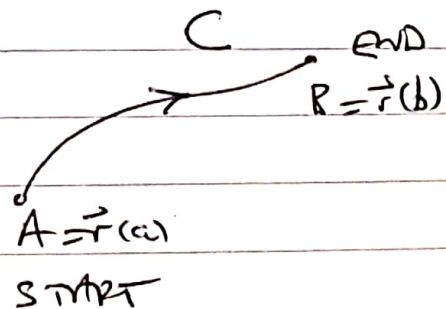
- EG - Riemann Sum
- Simpson's Rule

### LINE INTEGRALS OF VECTOR FIELDS

DEF Let  $C$  be an ~~curve~~ ORIENTED CURVE in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n=2$  or  $3$ ) with parametrization  $\vec{r}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

and let  $\vec{F}$  be a VF on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Define 
$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$



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DISPLACEMENT ELEMENT:  $d\vec{r} = \vec{v}(t) dt$

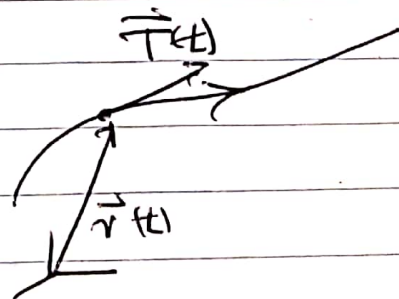
DISPLACEMENT = VELOCITY  $\times$  TIME.

FORMULA RELATIVE  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  to  $\int_C f ds$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt \\ &= \int_a^b \left[ \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} \right] |\vec{r}'(t)| dt \\ &= \int_a^b (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{T}) ds \end{aligned}$$

where  $ds = |\vec{r}'(t)| dt$

and  $\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} =$  UNIT TANGENT VF ALONG C



SUMMARY

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{T}) ds$$

PHYSICS INTERPRETATION OF  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  AS WORK

A force,  $\vec{F}$ , is said to do WORK if the force causes a test particle to move in the direction of the force.

For straight line motion ~~at constant speed~~ in a constant force field

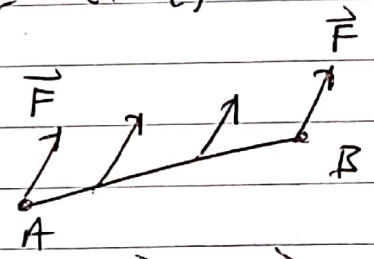
WORK DONE to move particle from A to B

= (COMPONENT of Force in Direction of Motion) x DISTANCE TRAVELED

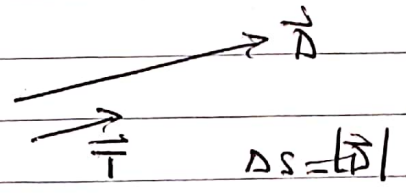
=  $(\vec{F} \cdot \frac{\vec{D}}{|\vec{D}|}) |\vec{D}|$

=  $\vec{F} \cdot \vec{D}$

=  $(\vec{F} \cdot \vec{T}) \Delta s$



$\vec{D} = \vec{AB}$



$\Delta s = |\vec{D}|$

In general, we approximate C by a sequence collection of linear segments such that  $\vec{F}$  is approximately constant on each segment

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Then Work done by  $\vec{F}$  as particle moves along  $C$   
 $\approx$  SUM of Work Done on each line segment  
 $= \sum (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{T}) \Delta s$

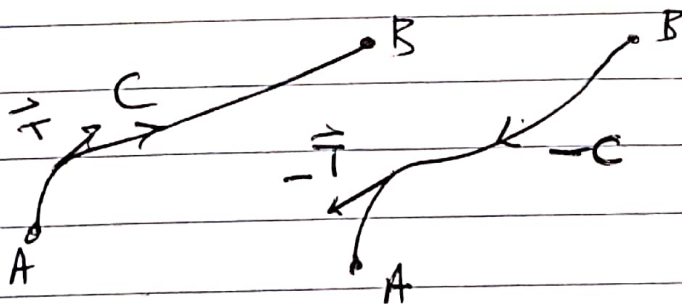
Taking the limit as  $\Delta s \rightarrow 0$  it makes sense to DEFINE

$$\text{WORK DONE By } \vec{F} \text{ along } C = \int_C (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{T}) ds = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}.$$

NOTE

① Let  $-C$  be the curve  $C$  traversed in opposite direction

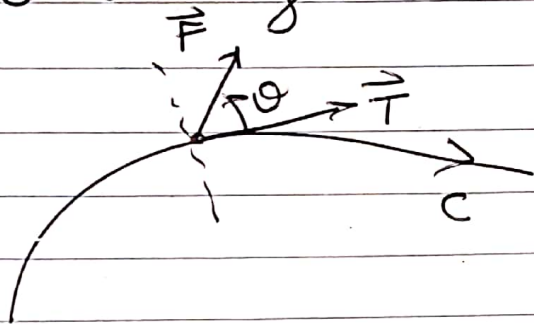
Then 
$$\int_{-C} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = - \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$



REASON  $\vec{T}$  CHANGES SIGN.

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(3) Let  $\theta$  be angle between  $\vec{F}$  and  $\vec{T}$



Suppose  $-\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$  everywhere on C

Then  $\vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} = |\vec{F}| |\vec{T}| \cos \theta \geq 0$ .

i.e. Component of  $\vec{F}$  in direction  $\vec{T}$  is positive

So  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \geq 0$ . WORK IS +ve

**EX**

(1)  $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = yz\vec{i} + xz\vec{j} + xy\vec{k}$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}(t) &= x(t)\vec{i} + y(t)\vec{j} + z(t)\vec{k} \\ &= t\vec{i} + t^2\vec{j} + t^3\vec{k} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = 1\vec{i} + 2t\vec{j} + 3t^2\vec{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) &= t^2 \cdot t^3 \vec{i} + t \cdot t^3 \vec{j} + t \cdot t^2 \vec{k} \\ &= t^5 \vec{i} + t^4 \vec{j} + t^3 \vec{k}\end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt \\
 &= \int_0^2 (t^5 \vec{i} + t^4 \vec{j} + t^3 \vec{k}) \cdot (\vec{i} + 2t\vec{j} + 3t^2\vec{k}) dt \\
 &= \int_0^2 (t^5 + 2t^5 + 3t^5) dt = 64
 \end{aligned}$$

ALTERNATE FORMULA

GENERALLY ON  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{F} &= P\vec{i} + Q\vec{j} \\
 \vec{r}(t) &= x(t)\vec{i} + y(t)\vec{j}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_C [P(x(t), y(t))\vec{i} + Q(x(t), y(t))\vec{j}] \cdot \left[ \frac{dx}{dt}\vec{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\vec{j} \right] dt \\
 &= \int_C \left[ P(x(t), y(t)) \frac{dx}{dt} + Q(x(t), y(t)) \frac{dy}{dt} \right] dt \\
 &=: \int_C P dx + Q dy
 \end{aligned}$$

UPSIDE

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C P dx + Q dy$$

where  $\vec{F} = P\vec{i} + Q\vec{j}$

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$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad \int_C xy \, dx + x^2 dy, \quad \text{C is } x=2t, \quad y=t^2 \\ 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$= \int_C P \, dx + Q \, dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 [(2t)(t^2) \cdot 2 + (2t)^2(2t)] \, dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 12t^3 \, dt = 3.$$