

Lecture 13: Last time: . we finished talking about series solutions.

. did review of math 114

. defined gradient  $\nabla f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right)$

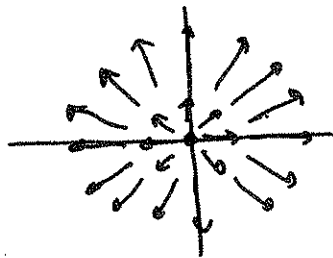
$$\nabla = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

Vector fields: in two dimensions:  $F = P(x,y)\vec{i} + Q(x,y)\vec{j}$

in three  $F = P(x,y,z)\vec{i} + Q(x,y,z)\vec{j} + R(x,y,z)\vec{k}$ .

F gives a vector at each point in space.

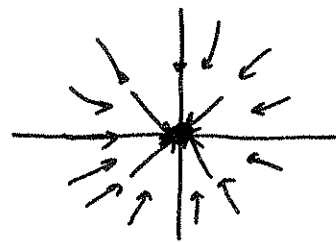
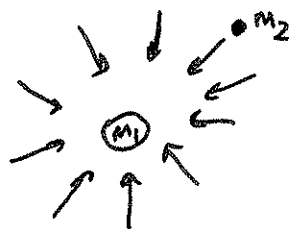
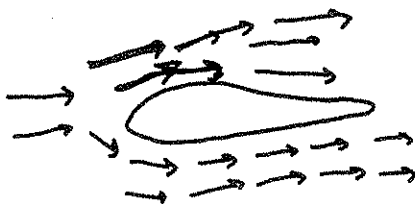
eg:  $F(x,y) = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j}$



Vector fields model, for example:

the velocity of each point in a fluid, or some gas.

Or the force field in a physical situation, like gravity acting on a small mass.



We already have a way to get interesting vector fields: the gradient.

For example: If  $\phi = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , then

$$\nabla \phi = \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right) = \left( \frac{-x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \frac{-y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right)$$

We'll come back to this

Recall: cross product of vectors.

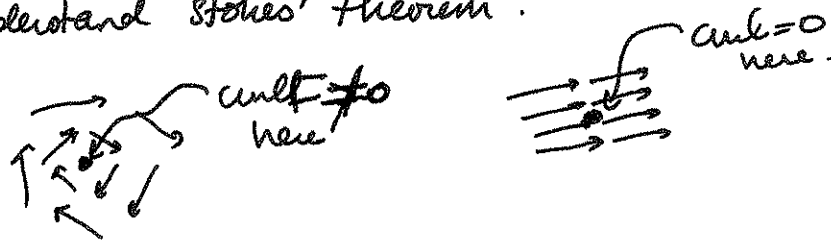
Define the curl of a vector field.  $F = P\vec{i} + Q\vec{j} + R\vec{k}$

as:

$$\text{curl } F = \nabla \times F = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ P & Q & R \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \right) \vec{i} + \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \right) \vec{j} + \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \vec{k}$$

What does the curl measure? It measures how much the vector field is curling around a point. We'll see this more when we understand Stokes' theorem.



eg: Let  $F = \frac{xz}{P}\vec{i} + \frac{yz}{Q}\vec{j} + \frac{xy}{R}\vec{k}$

$\text{curl } F = ?$

then  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 0$      $\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = x$

$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 0$      $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} = y$

$\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} = y$      $\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} = x$

$$\text{curl } F = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ P & Q & R \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (x-y)\vec{i} + (x-y)\vec{j} + (0-0)\vec{k}$$

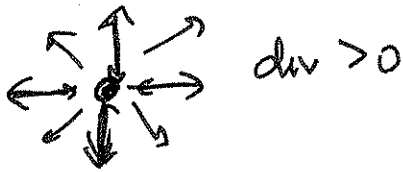
exercise: calculate the curl of the vector field:

$$F = \left( \frac{-x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, \frac{-y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right)$$

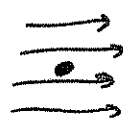
Divergence: Define the divergence of a vector field  $F$  by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{DIV} F &= \nabla \cdot F = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (P, Q, R) \\ &= \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} \end{aligned}$$

Divergence calculates the flux around a small ball <sup>or box</sup> at a point



$\text{div} > 0$

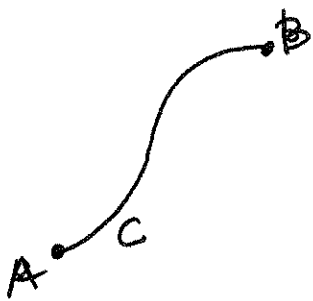


$\text{div} = 0$

no flux around a small ball or box around a point.

eg: let  $F = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$   $\text{div} F = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$  everywhere!  
 $F = \vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$  constant vector field  $\text{div} F = 0$ .

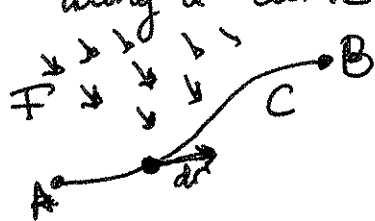
Line integrals: are the same as regular integrals, but they are calculated on a line in a plane or 3-d space.  
 curve



Let  $C$  be a curve.  $P(x, y)$ ,  $Q(x, y)$  functions.  
 a line integral along  $C$  looks like

$$\int_C P dx + Q dy$$

why do we write it like this? We want to use line integrals to calculate work. Say a particle is moved in a vector field  $F$  along a curve  $C$ . Work = Force  $\times$  distance. Put  $d\vec{r} = (dx, dy)$



At an instant, the particle is moving by  $d\vec{r}$ , but not all the force  $\vec{F}$  is worked with or against, because  $F$  might be at a nonzero angle to  $d\vec{r}$ .

For this reason, the work done at that instant is  $F \cdot dr$ . We integrate this to find the total amount of work.

$$\int_C F \cdot dr = \int_C (P, Q) \cdot (dx, dy) = \int_C P dx + Q dy.$$

How do we calculate these?

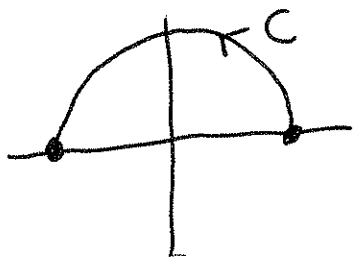
Say the curve is given by  $\gamma(t) = (\gamma_1(t), \gamma_2(t)) = (x(t), y(t))$  with  $a \leq t \leq b$

then

$$\int_C P dx + Q dy = \int_a^b P(\gamma_1(t), \gamma_2(t)) \gamma_1'(t) dt + \int_a^b Q(\gamma_1(t), \gamma_2(t)) \gamma_2'(t) dt$$

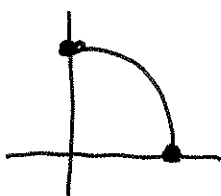
eg: Let's calculate the line integral  $\int_C y dx + x dy$  for

the curve given by  $\gamma(t) = (\underbrace{\cos t}_{\gamma_1}, \underbrace{\sin t}_{\gamma_2})$   $0 \leq t \leq \pi$  (the half-circle)



$$\begin{aligned} \int_C P dx + Q dy &= \int_0^\pi P(\cos t, \sin t) (-\sin t) dt + \int_0^\pi Q(\cos t, \sin t) \cos t dt \\ &= \int_0^\pi (-\sin^2 t) dt + \int_0^\pi \cos^2 t dt = \int_0^\pi \underbrace{(\cos^2 t - \sin^2 t)}_{\cos 2t} dt \\ &= \int_0^\pi \cos 2t dt = \left( \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t \right) \Big|_0^\pi = 0 \end{aligned}$$

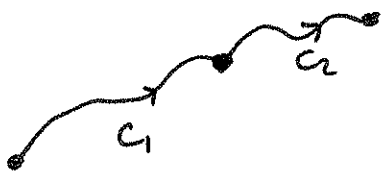
If we had calculated with  $C =$  quarter-circle, we would have



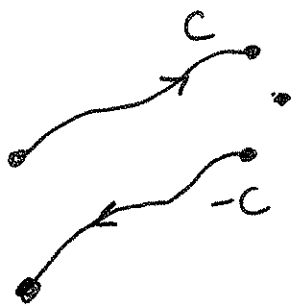
gotten

$$\int_C P dx + Q dy = \left( \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t \right) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Similar properties to regular integrals hold for line integrals



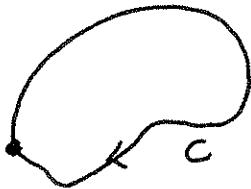
$$\int_{C_1+C_2} Pdx+Qdy = \int_{C_1} Pdx+Qdy + \int_{C_2} Pdx+Qdy$$



if  $-C$  is the same curve with reverse orientation, then

$$\int_{-C} F \cdot dr = - \int_C F \cdot dr$$

If  $C$  is a closed curve, then we sometimes put a circle in the integral

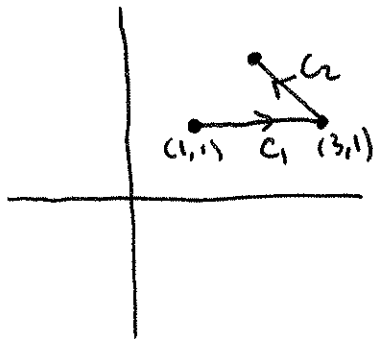


$$\oint_C F \cdot dr$$

example problem: Let  
say I move a particle  
Find the work done.

$F$  be the vector field  $F = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j}$   
from  $(1,1)$  to  $(3,1)$  and then from  $(3,1)$  to  $(2,2)$

The work done is  $\int_C F \cdot dr$  where  $C = C_1 + C_2$ .



we need to parameterize these curves first.

$C_1$  can be given by  $\begin{cases} x = 1+2t \\ y = 1 \end{cases}$   
for  $t \in [0,1]$

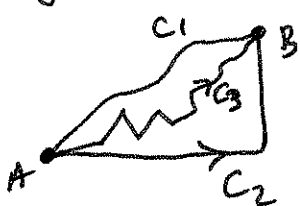
$C_2$   $\begin{cases} x = 3-t \\ y = 1+t \end{cases} \quad t \in [0,1]$

$$\int_{C_1} F \cdot dr + \int_{C_2} F \cdot dr = \int_{C_1} Pdx+Qdy + \int_{C_2} Pdx+Qdy = \int_0^1 (1+2t) \cdot 2 dt + \int_0^1 1 \cdot (0) dt \longrightarrow$$

$$\longrightarrow + \int_0^1 (3-t)(-1) dt + \int_0^1 (1+t) \cdot 1 dt = (2t + t^2) \Big|_0^1 + 0 + (-3t + \frac{t^2}{2}) \Big|_0^1 + \left( t + \frac{t^2}{2} \right) \Big|_0^1$$

## Independence of path:

Some vector fields are special in the sense that if you calculate a line integral  $\int F \cdot dr$  with them, the answer does not depend on the curve chosen! But depends only on the end-points. For such an  $F$ , we have:



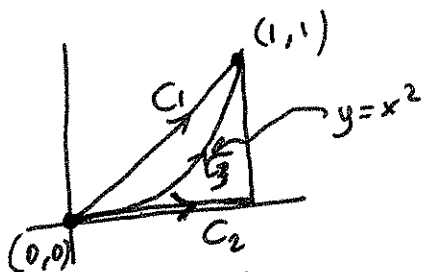
$$\int_{C_1} F \cdot dr = \int_{C_2} F \cdot dr = \int_{C_3} F \cdot dr \dots$$

for any curves starting at A and ending at B.  $F$  is then called conservative.

eg:  $F = y\vec{i} + x\vec{j}$

you can check that:

$$\int_{C_1} F \cdot dr = \int_{C_2} F \cdot dr = \int_{C_3} F \cdot dr$$



for ~~for~~ these curves (or any other curve with the same endpoints)

d of a function: Say I have a function  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

define  $d\phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy = \nabla \phi \cdot dr$

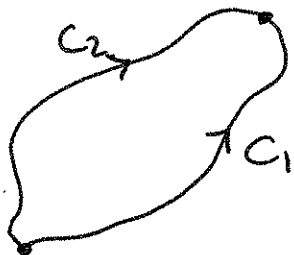
for  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$d\phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} dz = \nabla \phi \cdot dr$$

one more thing about independence of path:

Say  $F$  is conservative, then  $\oint_C F \cdot dr = 0$  for any closed curve  $C$ .

why?: take a closed curve  $C$ . Break it down into  $C = C_1 - C_2$



$$C = C_1 - C_2$$

$$\int_C F \cdot dr = \int_{C_1} F \cdot dr - \int_{C_2} F \cdot dr = 0$$

these two are equal since  $F$  is conservative!

Say  $F$  is given by  $\nabla \phi$  for some function  $\phi$ . Then  $F$  is conservative and for  $C =$



This is just like the fundamental theorem of calculus!  
 $\int_C d\phi = \phi(B) - \phi(A)$

$$\int_C F \cdot dr = \phi(B) - \phi(A)$$

proof:  $F = \nabla \phi$  means

$$F = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \vec{k}$$

$$\int_C F \cdot dr = \int_C \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \int_C \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy + \int_C \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} dz$$

if we parameterized the curve into  $x(t), y(t), z(t)$   $t \in [a, b]$  then

$$= \int_a^b \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} \right) dt$$

$$= \phi(x(b)) - \phi(x(a)) = \phi(B) - \phi(A)$$

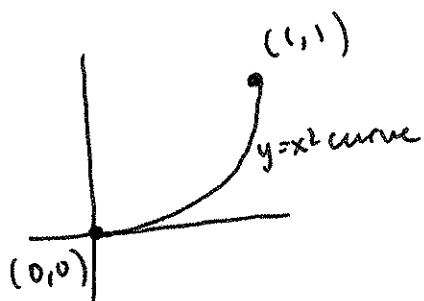
Test for path independence.

Let  $F$  be defined in a simply connected region.

$F = (P, Q) = P\vec{i} + Q\vec{j} = 0$  if and only if

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \quad \text{for every } (x, y) \text{ in the region}$$

eg: Say we want to calculate  $\int y dx + x dy$  along the curve in the picture



$$F = y\vec{i} + x\vec{j}$$

we can check for path independence:

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$$

$$1 = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

we can find  $\phi$  s.t.  $F = \nabla\phi$        $\phi = xy$

$$\text{then } \int_C y dx + x dy = \phi(1,1) - \phi(0,0) = 1$$

eg: Find, along the same curve  $C$ ,  $\int_C 2x \sin y dx + x^2 \cos y dy$

path indep check:  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 2x \cos y$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 2x \cos y$$

find  $\phi = x^2 \sin y$

$$\text{so } \int_C F \cdot dr = \phi(1,1) - \phi(0,0) = \sin(1)$$

eg: Find the integral of  $\oint_C 2xe^{x^2} y dx + e^{x^2} dy$  along  $\bigcirc_{(1,0)}$   
 no need to find  $\phi$ , it is a closed curve and  $F = (2xe^{x^2} y, e^{x^2})$  is conservative so answer = 0. 8