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$$\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r}$$

VECTOR LINE INTEGRAL ALONG AN ORIENTED CURVE  $C$ .

HOW TO CALCULATE :

1) PARAMETRIZE THE CURVE

$$\underline{r}(t), \quad a \leq t \leq b$$

SUCH THAT  $\underline{r}'(t)$  IS NON-ZERO

AND POINTS IN +VE DIRECTION.

$$2) \int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = \int_a^b \underline{F}(\underline{r}(t)) \cdot \underline{r}'(t) dt$$

MEANING : 
$$\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = \int_C \underline{F} \cdot \underline{T} ds$$

WHERE  $\underline{T}$  IS A VECTOR FIELD OF UNIT LENGTH POINTING IN THE +VE DIRECTION ALONG  $C$ .

= WORK DONE BY A FORCE FIELD  $\underline{F}$  ON A PARTICLE MOVING ALONG THE CURVE  $C$ .

EVENTUALLY : GIVEN A VECTOR FIELD  $\underline{F}$  AND A POINT  $P$ .

LET  $D(P)$  BE A DISK AROUND  $P$ ,  
 $\partial D(P)$  ITS BOUNDARY,  
 $\underline{n}$  THE UNIT NORMAL TO  $D(P)$  AT  $P$ .

THEN

$$\lim_{\substack{D(P) \text{ SHRINKS} \\ \text{TO } P}} \frac{\int_{\partial D(P)} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r}}{\text{AREA}(D(P))} = (\nabla \times \underline{E}) \cdot \underline{n}.$$

TODAY : THE FUNDAMENTAL THM OF CALCULUS AND PATH-INDEPENDENT VECTOR FIELDS.

NOTATION : WHEN  $C$  IS CLOSED, THE LINE INTEGRAL IS OFTEN CALLED THE CIRCULATION OF  $F$  AROUND  $C$ . USE

$$\oint_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r}$$

DEFN : SUPPOSE  $\underline{F}$  IS A VECTOR FIELD DEFINED ON SOME DOMAIN  $D$ .

WE SAY  $\underline{F}$  IS PATH-INDEPENDENT ON  $D$  IF

$$\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r}$$

DEPENDS ONLY ON THE START AND ENDPOINT OF  $C$ .

NON-EXAMPLE : LET  $\underline{F}(x, y, z) = \frac{(-y, x, 0)}{x^2 + y^2}$

BE THE VORTEX FIELD.

ITS DOMAIN IS  $\mathbb{R}^3 - (z\text{-axis})$ .

LET  $\underline{r}(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, 0)$ .

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LETTING  $t$  RANGE FROM 0 TO  $t_0$  GIVES A CURVE  $C_{t_0}$ .

$$\int_{C_{t_0}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = t_0 \quad (\text{WE BASICALLY DID THIS CALCULATION LAST TIME})$$

FOR ANY  $t_0$ ,  $C_{t_0}$  AND  $C_{t_0+2\pi}$

HAVE THE SAME START AND ENDPOINT  
BUT INTEGRATE TO GIVE DIFFERENT VALUES.

THE VORTEX FIELD IS NOT PATH-INDEPENDENT ON  $\mathbb{R}^3 - (z\text{-axis})$ .

REMARK: OF A VECTOR FIELD  $\underline{F}$   
PATH-INDEPENDENCE IMPLIES THAT THE CIRCULATION  
OF  $\underline{F}$  IS ALWAYS 0.

THUS: WE CAN SEE THE VORTEX FIELD IS NOT  
PATH-INDEPENDENT ON  $\mathbb{R}^3 - (z\text{-axis})$  SINCE

$$\oint_{C_{2\pi}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = 2\pi \neq 0.$$

RECALL : FTL I

SUPPOSE  $f$  IS CONTINUOUSLY DIFFERENTIABLE ON  $[a, b]$ ,

THEN

$$\int_a^b f'(t) dt = f(b) - f(a).$$

THM : IF  $C$  IS AN ORIENTED CURVE FROM  $P$  TO  $Q$ ,  
A  $f$  IS CONT. DIFF. ON A DOMAIN  $D$  CONTAINING  $C$ ,  
THEN

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\underline{r} = f(Q) - f(P).$$

COR : IF  $f$  IS CONT. DIFF. ON A DOMAIN  $D$ ,  
THEN  $\nabla f$  IS PATH-INDEPENDENT ON  $D$ .

RECALL : FTC II

SUPPOSE  $F$  IS CONTINUOUS ON  $[a, b]$ .

DEFINE  $f(x) := \int_a^x F(t) dt.$

THEN  $f'(x) = F(x).$

THM : SUPPOSE  $D$  IS A PATH-CONNECTED DOMAIN,

$\underline{F}$  IS PATH-INDEPENDENT ON  $D.$

FIX  $P_0 \in D,$  ~~DEFIN~~ DEFINE  $f(P) := \int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{c}$

WHERE  $C$  IS AN ORIENTED CURVE FROM  $P_0$  TO  $P.$

THEN  $\nabla f = \underline{F}.$

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COR :  $\underline{F}$  IS PATH-INDEPENDENT ON A DOMAIN  $D$

IF AND ONLY IF

THERE IS A FUNCTION  $f$  WITH DOMAIN  $D$

SUCH THAT  $\nabla f = \underline{F}.$

IN THIS CASE,  $f$  IS CALLED A POTENTIAL FOR  $\underline{F},$

AND  $\underline{F}$  IS ALSO SAID TO BE CONSERVATIVE ON  $D.$

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NOTE: SINCE CURL OF A GRADIENT IS 0,  
CONSERVATIVE VECTOR FIELDS MUST HAVE CURL = 0.

EXAMPLES:

1)  $\underline{F}(x, y, z) = (0, x, 0)$ .

$$\nabla \times \underline{F} = (0, 0, 1) \neq 0$$

SO  $\underline{F}$  IS NOT CONSERVATIVE (ON  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ).

2)  $\underline{F}(x, y, z) = \frac{(y, -x, 0)}{x^2 + y^2}$ .

$$\nabla \times \underline{F} = 0.$$

HOWEVER,

$$\oint_{\substack{x^2 + y^2 = 1, \\ z = 0}} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = 2\pi \neq 0.$$

a)  $\underline{F}$  IS NOT CONSERVATIVE ON  $\mathbb{R}^3 - (z\text{-AXIS})$ .

b)  $\underline{F}$  IS CONSERVATIVE ON  $\mathbb{R}^3 - (yz\text{-PLANE})$ .

$f(x, y, z) = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$  IS A POTENTIAL FOR  $\underline{F}$ .

3)  $\underline{F}(x, y, z) = \frac{(x, y)}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$  IS CONSERVATIVE ON  $\mathbb{R}^3 - (z\text{-AXIS})$ .

## TEST FOR CONSERVATIVE OR NOT

1)  $\text{CURL} \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  NOT CONSERVATIVE

2) CAN FIND A NON-ZERO CIRCULATION

$\Rightarrow$  NOT CONSERVATIVE

N.B. WHEN  $\text{CURL} = 0$   
CAN ONLY HOPE TO ACHIEVE  
THIS IF DOMAIN HAS HOLES  
TO WRAP AROUND

3) SEEK OUT A POTENTIAL

$\Rightarrow$  CONSERVATIVE.