

Example: Find $\int_C y dx + z dy + x dz$ where

$$C: x = \sqrt{t}, y = t, z = t^2, 1 \leq t \leq 4$$

Solution: $\int_1^4 t \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} dt + t^2 dt + \sqrt{t} 2t dt$

$$= \int_1^4 \left(\frac{1}{2} t^{1/2} + t^2 + 2t^{3/2} \right) dt$$

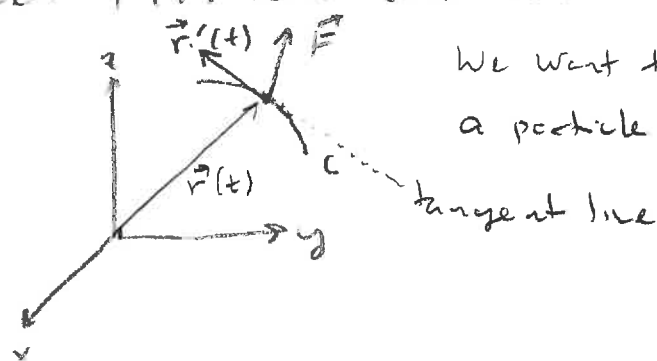
$$= \left[\frac{1}{3} t^{3/2} + \frac{t^3}{3} + \frac{4}{5} t^{5/2} \right]_1^4$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} + \frac{64}{3} + \frac{128}{5} - \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{5} \right)$$

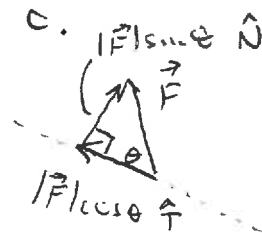
$$= \frac{70}{3} + \frac{124}{5} = \frac{722}{15}$$

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Let $\vec{F}(\vec{r})$ be a force field and C a smooth curve.



We want the work needed to move a particle along C .



The work need to move the particle a distance ds is

$$dW = |\vec{F}| \cos \theta ds = |\vec{F}| \frac{|\vec{r}'(t)| \cos \theta ds}{|\vec{r}'(t)|}$$

$$= \vec{F} \cdot \frac{\vec{r}'(t) ds}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} = \vec{F} \cdot \frac{\vec{r}'(t) ds}{ds/dt} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

The total work is then

$$W = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} dt = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\text{If } \vec{F}(x, y, z) = P(x, y, z)\hat{i} + Q(x, y, z)\hat{j} + R(x, y, z)\hat{k},$$

then

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C P(x, y, z) dx + Q(x, y, z) dy + R(x, y, z) dz,$$

Example: evaluate $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ for $\vec{F} = \sin x \hat{i} + \cos y \hat{j} + xz \hat{k}$
and $\vec{r}(t) = t^3 \hat{i} - t^2 \hat{j} + t \hat{k}$, $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

$$\text{Solution: } x(t) = t^3, \quad y(t) = -t^2, \quad z(t) = t$$

$$\vec{F}(t) = \langle \sin t^3, \cos(-t^2), t^4 \rangle$$

$$= \langle \sin t^3, \cos t^2, t^4 \rangle$$

$$d\vec{r} = \langle 3t^2 dt, -2t dt, dt \rangle = \langle 3t^2, -2t, 1 \rangle dt$$

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_0^1 (3t^2 \sin t^3 - 2t \cos t^2 + t^4) dt$$

$$= \left[-\cos t^3 - \sin t^2 + \frac{t^5}{5} \right]_0^1$$

$$= -\cos 1 - \sin 1 + \frac{1}{5} - (-1 + 0 + 0)$$

$$= \frac{6}{5} - \cos 1 - \sin 1$$

Example: let $\vec{F}(x,y) = y^2 \hat{i} + x \hat{j}$ and let

(a) $C = C_1$ is the line segment from $(-5, -3)$ to $(0, 2)$

(b) $C = C_2$ is the parabola $x = 4 - y^2$ from $(-5, -3)$ to $(0, 2)$.

Calculate $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ for both paths and compare

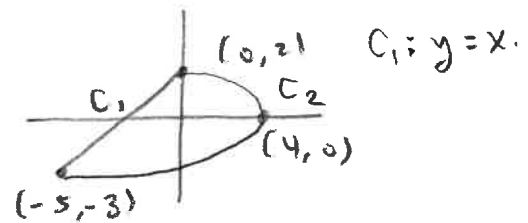
Solution: (a) $\int_{C_1} y^2 dx + x dy$

$$= \int_{-5}^0 (x+2)^2 dx + \int_{-3}^2 (y-2) dy$$

$$= \left. \frac{(x+2)^3}{3} \right|_{-5}^0 + \left. \frac{(y-2)^2}{2} \right|_{-3}^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{8}{3} + 9 \right) + 0 - \frac{25}{2}$$

$$= \frac{35}{3} - \frac{25}{2} = \frac{70}{6} - \frac{25}{6} = -\frac{5}{6}$$



$$(b) \int_{C_2} y^2 dx + x dy = \int_{-3}^2 y^2 (-2y dy) + \int_{-3}^2 (4 - y^2) dy$$

$$= -2 \int_{-3}^2 y^3 dy + \int_{-3}^2 (4 - y^2) dy$$

$$= -\frac{y^4}{2} + 4y - \frac{y^3}{3} \Big|_{-3}^2$$

$$= \left(-8 + \frac{81}{2} \right) + \left(8 - \frac{8}{3} + 12 - 9 \right)$$

$$= \frac{65}{2} + \frac{25}{3}$$

$$= \frac{195}{6} + \frac{50}{6} = \frac{245}{6} \neq -\frac{5}{6}$$

This integral $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ depends on path.

Example: Rework the problem with $\vec{F} = y^2 \hat{i} + 2xy \hat{j}$

Solution: (a) $\int_{C_1} y^2 dx + 2xy dy = \frac{35}{3} + \int_{C_1} 2xy dy$

$$= \frac{35}{3} + \int_{-3}^2 2(y-2)y dy$$
$$= \frac{35}{3} + 2 \int_{-3}^2 (y^2 - 2y) dy$$
$$= \frac{35}{3} + 2 \left(\frac{y^3}{3} - y^2 \right) \Big|_{-3}^2$$
$$= \frac{35}{3} + 2 \left(\frac{8}{3} - 4 + 9 + 9 \right)$$
$$= \frac{35}{3} + \frac{100}{3} = \frac{135}{3} = 45$$

(b) $\int_{C_2} y^2 dx + 2xy dy = \frac{65}{2} + \int_{C_2} 2xy dy$

$$= \frac{65}{2} + 2 \int_{-3}^2 (4-y^2)y dy$$
$$= \frac{65}{2} + 2 \int_{-3}^2 (4y - y^3) dy$$
$$= \frac{65}{2} + 2 \left(2y^2 - \frac{y^4}{4} \right) \Big|_{-3}^2$$
$$= \frac{65}{2} + 2 \left(8 - 4 - 18 + \frac{81}{4} \right)$$
$$= \frac{65}{2} + 2 \left(\frac{25}{4} \right) = \frac{65}{2} + \frac{25}{2} = \frac{90}{2} = 45$$

This integral is path independent. Consider the difference.

$$\vec{F}_1 = y^2 \hat{i} + x \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{F}_2 = y^2 \hat{i} + 2xy \hat{j}$$

$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j} \Rightarrow f(x,y) =$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = y^2 \Rightarrow f(x, y) = xy^2 + g(y)$$

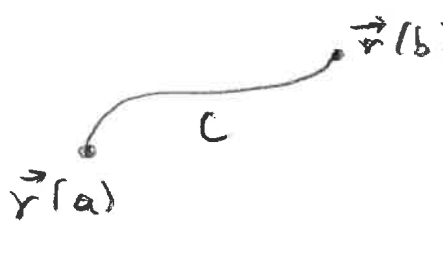
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2xy + g'(y) = 2xy \Rightarrow g'(y) = 0 \Rightarrow g(y) = 1$$

$$\text{So } f(x, y) = xy^2$$

In other words $\vec{F}_2$ is conservative because

$$\nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j} = y^2 \hat{i} + 2xy \hat{j} = \vec{F}_2(x, y)$$

No such f exists for $\vec{F}_1$, so $\vec{F}_1$ is not a conservative vector field.



$$\text{If } \nabla f = \vec{F}, \text{ then}$$

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a))$$

Compare this to Fundamental theorem of calculus

$$\int_a^b F dx = \int_a^b \frac{df}{dx} dx = f(b) - f(a)$$