

13.2 LINE INTEGRALS (CONTINUED)

Line integrals with respect to x and y

If we want to integrate over a curve, but only take the x or y contributions, our change of variables becomes much easier, and hence the formulas are more compact.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C f(x, y) dx &= \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) dt, \\ \int_C f(x, y) dy &= \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t)) y'(t) dt.\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Ex: Evaluate $\int_C y^2 dx + x dy$, where **a)** $C = C_1$ is the line segment from $(-5, -3)$ to $(0, 2)$ and **b)** $C = C_2$ is the arc of the parabola $x = 4 - y^2$ from $(-5, -3)$ to $(0, 2)$.

(a) In class we used a slightly more obvious parameterization, but here I am going to use something that looks different, but is in fact equivalent.

Parameterization: $x = 5t - 5$, $y = 5t - 3$; $0 \leq t \leq 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{C_1} y^2 dx + x dy &= \int_0^1 (5t - 3)^2 (5dt) + (5t - 5)(5dt) = 5 \int_0^1 (25t^2 - 25t + 4) dt \\ &= 5 \left[\frac{25t^3}{3} - \frac{25t^2}{2} + 4t \right]_0^1 = \boxed{-\frac{5}{6}}.\end{aligned}$$

(b) Parameterization: $x = 4 - y^2$, $y = y$; $-3 \leq y \leq 2$.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{C_2} y^2 dx + x dy &= \int_{-3}^2 y^2 (-2y) dy + 4(4 - y^2) dy = \int_{-3}^2 (-2y^3 - y^2 + 4) dy \\ &= \left[-\frac{y^4}{2} - \frac{y^3}{3} + 4y \right]_{-3}^2 = \boxed{-\frac{245}{6}}.\end{aligned}$$

Ex: Evaluate $\int_C y \sin z ds$ where C is the circular helix $x = \cos t$, $y = \sin t$, $z = t$; $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C y \sin z ds &= \int_0^{2\pi} (\sin t) \sin t \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 1} dt = \sqrt{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2t) dt \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left[t - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t \right]_0^{2\pi} = \boxed{\sqrt{2}\pi}.\end{aligned}$$

Ex: Evaluate $\int_C y dx + z dy + x dz$ where C consists of line segments C_1 from $(2, 0, 0)$ to $(3, 4, 5)$ and C_2 from $(3, 4, 5)$ to $(3, 4, 0)$.

Solution:

C_1 : We can write the parameterization in the form of a vector in 3-D: $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 2 + t, 4t, 5t \rangle$. Then

$$\int_{C_1} y dx + z dy + x dz = \int_0^1 (4t) dt + (5t)(4dt) + (2 + t)(5dt) = 10t + \frac{29}{2} t^2 \Big|_0^1 = \boxed{\frac{49}{2}}.$$

C_2 : Once again our vector is $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 3, 4, 5 - 5t \rangle$. Notice that $dx = dy = 0$, so

$$\int_{C_2} y dx + z dy + x dz = \int_0^1 3(-5) dt = -15.$$

$$C_1 + C_2: \int_C y dx + z dy + x dz = 24.5 - 15 = 9.5.$$

Line integrals of vector fields

If we want the integral along C of \vec{F} we need to pick out the component of \vec{F} tangential to the curve; i.e., $\vec{F} \cdot \vec{T}$, and notice that $ds/dt = \|\vec{r}'(t)\|$, and $T = \vec{r}'(t)/\|\vec{r}'(t)\|$, so

$$\int_C F \cdot T ds = \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|} \|\vec{r}'(t)\| dt = \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt. \quad (2)$$

Ex: Find the work done by the force field $F(x, y) = x^2\hat{i} - xy\hat{j}$ in moving a particle along the quarter-circle.

Solution: Parameterization: $\vec{r}(t) = \cos t\hat{i} + \sin t\hat{j}$; $0 \leq t \leq \pi/2$.

So, $F(r(t)) = \cos^2 t\hat{i} - \cos t \sin t\hat{j}$ and $r'(t) = -\sin t\hat{i} + \cos t\hat{j}$. Therefore,

$$W = \int_C F \cdot dr = \int_0^{\pi/2} F(r(t)) \cdot r'(t) dt = \int_0^{\pi/2} (-2 \cos^2 t + \sin t) dt = \frac{2}{3} \cos^3 t \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = \boxed{-\frac{2}{3}}.$$

Ex: Evaluate $\int_C F \cdot dr$ where $F(x, y, z) = xy\hat{i} + yz\hat{j} + zx\hat{k}$ and C is the twisted cubic $x = t, y = t^2, z = t^3$; $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

Solution: $r(t) = \langle t, t^2, t^3 \rangle \Rightarrow r'(t) = \langle 1, 2t, 3t^2 \rangle$ and $F = \langle t^3, t^5, t^4 \rangle$. Then

$$\int_C F \cdot dr = \int_0^1 F(r(t)) \cdot r'(t) dt = \int_0^1 (t^3 + 5t^6) dt = \frac{1}{4}t^4 + \frac{5}{7}t^7 \Big|_0^1 = \boxed{\frac{27}{28}}.$$

13.3 FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF LINE INTEGRALS

Theorem 1. Let C be a smooth curve given by the vector function $\vec{r}(t)$; $a \leq t \leq b$. Let f be a differentiable function of two or three variables whose gradient vector ∇f is continuous on C . Then

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot dr = f(r(b)) - f(r(a)). \quad (3)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \nabla f \cdot dr &= \int_a^b \nabla f \cdot r'(t) dt = \int_a^b \left(f_x \frac{dx}{dt} + f_y \frac{dy}{dt} + f_z \frac{dz}{dt} \right) dt \\ &= \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} f(r(t)) dt = f(r(b)) - f(r(a)) \end{aligned}$$

by the fundamental theorem of calculus. \square

This basically says that we can evaluate the line integral of a conservative vector field $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ from the value of f at the end points.

Ex: Find the work done by the gravitational field $F(x) = -mMG\vec{r}/\|\vec{r}\|^3$ in a moving particle with mass m from point $(3, 4, 12)$ to point $(2, 2, 0)$ along a smooth curve.

Solution: This is a conservative vector field since $\nabla \times F = 0$, and therefore there is an f such that $F = \nabla f$. This f turns out to be $f(x, y, z) = mMG/\|\vec{r}\|$. Then

$$W = \int_C F \cdot dr = \int_C \nabla f \cdot dr = f(2, 2, 0) - f(3, 4, 12) = \frac{mMG}{\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 0^2}} - \frac{mMG}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + 12^2}} = \boxed{mMG \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{13} \right)}.$$

Properties of path independence

- $\int_C F \cdot dr$ is path independent if and only if $\int_C F \cdot dr = 0$ for all closed $C \subset D$.
- If $\int_C F \cdot dr$ is path independent, then F is conservative.
- $F = P\hat{i} + Q\hat{j}$ is conservative if and only if $P_y = Q_x$.

Ex: Determine whether $F(x, y) = (x - y)\hat{i} + (x - 2)\hat{j}$ is conservative. **Solution:** $P_y = -1$ and $Q_x = 1$, so F is not conservative since $P_y \neq Q_x$.

Ex: Determine if $F(x, y) = (3 + 2xy)\hat{i} + (x^2 - 3y^2)\hat{j}$ is conservative. **Solution:** $P_y = 2x = Q_x$, so F is conservative.

Ex: (a) If $F(x, y) = (3 + 2xy)\hat{i} + (x^2 - 3y^2)\hat{j}$, find f such that $F = \nabla f$.

Solution: Since $\nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle$, $\langle f_x, f_y \rangle = \langle 3 + 2xy, x^2 - 3y^2 \rangle$. So, $f_x = 3 + 2xy \Rightarrow f(x, y) = 3x + x^2y + g(y)$ because we need a constant of integration, but since f is a function of two variables and f_x will differentiate out any function of only y we need our “constant” to be some generic function of y . Now we have an explicit form of f_y from $\nabla f = F$, and we can differentiate the f we found. If we equate them we will find what $g(y)$ is. $f_y = x^2 + g'(y) = x^2 - 3y^2$, so clearly $g'(y) = -3y^2 \Rightarrow g(y) = -y^3 + K$. Plugging this back gives us $f(x, y) = 3x + x^2y - y^3 + K$.

(b) Evaluate the line integral $\int_C F \cdot dr$ where C is the curve given by $\vec{r}(t) = e^t \sin t \hat{i} + e^t \cos t \hat{j}$; $0 \leq t \leq \pi$.

Solution: $\vec{r}(0) = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ and $\vec{r}(\pi) = \langle 0, -e^\pi \rangle$, then

$$\int_C F \cdot dr = \int_C \nabla f \cdot dr = f(0, -e^\pi) - f(0, 1) = e^{3\pi} - (-1)e^{3\pi} + 1.$$

Ex: If $F(x, y, z) = y^2\hat{i} + (2xy + e^{3z})\hat{j} + 3ye^{3z}\hat{k}$ find f such that $\nabla f = F$.

Solution: $f_x = y^2 \Rightarrow f = xy^2 + g(y, z)$, then $f_y = 2xy + g_y = 2xy + e^{3z}$. Clearly, $g_y = e^{3z} \Rightarrow g = ye^{3z} + h(z)$. Again we plug back in and differentiate with z this time $f = xy^2 + ye^{3z} + h(z) \Rightarrow f_z = 3ye^{3z} + h'(z) = 3ye^{3z}$. Clearly, $h'(z) = 0 \Rightarrow h(z) = K$, and finally $f = xy^2 + ye^{3z} + K$.

13.4 GREEN'S THEOREM

Theorem 2. Let C be a positively oriented, piecewise-smooth, simple closed curve in the plane and let D be the region bounded by C . If P and Q have continuous partial derivatives on an open region that contains D , then

$$\int_C P dx + Q dy = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA. \quad (4)$$

(1) Evaluate $\int_C x^4 dx + xy dy$ where C is the triangular curve consisting of the line segments from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 0)$, from $(1, 0)$ to $(0, 1)$, and from $(0, 1)$ to $(0, 0)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C x^4 dx + xy dy &= \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} (y - 0) dy dx = \int_0^1 \left[\frac{1}{2} y^2 \right]_0^{1-x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (1-x)^2 dx = -\frac{1}{6} (1-x)^3 \Big|_0^1 = \boxed{\frac{1}{6}}. \end{aligned}$$

(2) Evaluate $\int_C (3y - e^{\sin x}) dx + (7x + \sqrt{y^4 + 1}) dy$ where C is the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 9$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C (3y - e^{\sin x}) dx + (7x + \sqrt{y^4 + 1}) dy &= \iint \times_D \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3y - e^{\sin x}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (7x + \sqrt{y^4 + 1}) \right] dA \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^3 (7 - 3)r dr d\theta = 2\pi \cdot 2r^2 \Big|_0^3 = \boxed{36\pi}. \end{aligned}$$

13.5 FLUX INTEGRALS

These are also called surface integrals, and they extend the concept of a line integral. Consider the surface, S , defined by $z = g(x, y)$, and this surface will project onto the xy -plane as a rectangular domain D . Then

$$\iint_S f(x, y, z) dS = \iint_D f(x, y, g(x, y)) \sqrt{g_x^2 + g_y^2 + 1} dA \quad (5)$$

Ex: Evaluate $\iint_S y dS$ where S is $z = x + y^2$; $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $0 \leq y \leq 2$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S y dS &= \iint_D y \sqrt{1 + g_x^2 + g_y^2} dA = \int_0^1 \int_0^2 y \sqrt{1 + 1 + 4y^2} dy dx = \left(\int_0^1 dx \right) \left(\sqrt{2} \int_0^2 y \sqrt{1 + 2y^2} dy \right) \\ &= \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) \frac{2}{3} (1 + 2y^2)^{3/2} \Big|_0^2 = \boxed{\frac{13}{3}\sqrt{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Ex: Compute the surface integral $\iint_S x^2 dS$, where S is $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$.

Solution: Lets differentiate implicitly first, and that should make things a lot easier,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1] \Rightarrow 2x + 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{x}{z}, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{y}{z}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S x^2 dS &= \iint_D x^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{z^2} + \frac{y^2}{z^2}} dA = \iint_D \frac{x^2}{z} dA = 2 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{r^2 \cos^2 \theta}{\sqrt{1 - r^2}} r dr d\theta \\ &= 2 \left(\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} [1 + \cos 2\theta] d\theta \right) \left(\int_1^0 \frac{-1}{2} \frac{1 - u}{\sqrt{u}} du \right) = \frac{2}{2} (2\pi) \left[u^{1/2} - \frac{1}{3} u^{3/2} \right]_1^0 = \boxed{\frac{4\pi}{3}}. \end{aligned}$$

Surface integral of a vector field

Just like with line integrals, for surface integrals we integrate along gradients: $\iint_S F \cdot dS = \iint_D F \cdot \nabla f dA$ where $f(x, y, z) = z - g(x, y)$. Notice that

$$F \cdot \nabla f = \langle P, Q, R \rangle \cdot \langle f_x, f_y, f_z \rangle = \langle P, Q, R \rangle \cdot \langle -g_x, -g_y, 1 \rangle = -Pg_x - Qg_y + R = -P \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - Q \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + R$$

therefore

$$\iint_S F \cdot dS = \iint_D F \cdot \nabla f dA = \iint_D \left(-P \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - Q \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + R \right) dA. \quad (6)$$

Ex: Evaluate $\iint_S F \cdot dS$ where $F(x, y, z) = y\hat{\mathbf{i}} + x\hat{\mathbf{j}} + z\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ and S is the boundary of the solid between $z = 1 - x^2 - y^2$ and $z = 0$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S F \cdot dS &= \iiint_D \left(-P \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - Q \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + R \right) dA = \iint_D [-y(-2x) - x(-2y) + 1 - x^2 - y^2] dA \\ &= \iint_D (1 + 4xy - x^2 - y^2) dA = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (1 + 4r^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta - r^2) r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (r - r^3 + 4r^3 \cos \theta \sin \theta) dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{4} + \cos \theta \sin \theta \right) d\theta = \frac{1}{4}(2\pi) + 0 = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

13.6 STOKES'S THEOREM

This is an extension to Green's theorem. Basically Green's theorem picks out the z -component of Stoke's.

Theorem 3. *Let S be an oriented piecewise-smooth surface that is bounded by a simple, closed piecewise-smooth boundary curve C with positive orientation. Let F be a vector field whose components have continuous partial derivatives on an open region in \mathbb{R}^3 containing S . Then*

$$\int_C F \cdot dr = \iint_S (\nabla \times F) \cdot dS = \iint_D (\nabla \times F) \cdot (\nabla f) dA. \quad (7)$$

Ex: Evaluate $\int_C F \cdot dr$ where $F(x, y, z) = -y^2\hat{\mathbf{i}} + x\hat{\mathbf{j}} + z^2\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ and C is the curve of intersection of the plane $y + z = 2$ and the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

Solution: We could do this directly, but lets see how Stoke's theorem works.

First lets calculate the curl of F , $\nabla \times F = (1 + 2y)\hat{\mathbf{k}} = \langle 0, 0, 1 + 2y \rangle$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C F \cdot dr &= \iint_D (\nabla \times F) \cdot dS = \iint_D (1 + 2y) dA = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (1 + 2r \sin \theta) r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{1}{2} r^2 + \frac{2}{3} r^3 \sin \theta \right]_0^1 d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} \sin \theta \right) d\theta = \frac{1}{2}(2\pi) + 0 = \boxed{\pi}. \end{aligned}$$

Ex: Use Stoke's theorem to compute $\iint_S (\nabla \times F) \cdot dS$ where $F(x, y, z) = xz\hat{\mathbf{i}} + yz\hat{\mathbf{j}} + xy\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ and S is part of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ that lies inside the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ above $z = 0$.

Solution: The cylinder and sphere intersect at $z = \sqrt{3}$ in a circle, so we integrate over C represented by

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t, \sqrt{3} \rangle \Rightarrow \vec{r}'(t) = \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 0 \rangle$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S (\nabla \times F) \cdot dS &= \int_C F \cdot dr = \int_0^{2\pi} F(r(t)) \cdot r'(t) dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \langle \sqrt{3} \cos t, \sqrt{3} \sin t, \cos t \sin t \rangle \cdot \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 0 \rangle \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (-\sqrt{3} \cos t \sin t + \sqrt{3} \sin t \cos t) dt = \boxed{0}. \end{aligned}$$