

Section 16.3

Definition: A curve is called **closed** if its terminal point coincides with its initial point, that is, $\vec{r}(a) = \vec{r}(b)$.

Definition: D is **open** if for every point P in D there is a disk with center P that lies entirely in D .

Definition: D is **connected** if any two points in D can be joined by a path that lies in D .

Definition: A **simple curve** is a curve that doesn't intersect itself anywhere between its endpoints.

Definition: A **simply-connected region** in the plane is a connected region D such that every simple closed curve in D encloses only points that are in D .

Class Exercise 1. Determine whether or not the given set is (a) open, (b) connected, and (c) simply-connected. (#32,34)

- (i) $\{ (x, y) \mid 1 < |x| < 2 \}$ (ii) $\{ (x, y) \mid (x, y) \neq (2, 3) \}$

Theorem If $\vec{F}(x, y) = P(x, y)\vec{i} + Q(x, y)\vec{j}$ is a conservative vector field, where P and Q have continuous first-order partial derivatives on a domain D , then throughout D we have

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

Theorem: Let $\vec{F} = P\vec{i} + Q\vec{j}$ be a vector field on an open simply-connected region D . Suppose that P and Q have continuous first-order partial derivatives and

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \text{ throughout } D.$$

Then \vec{F} is conservative.

Exercise 1. Determine whether the following vector field is conservative on \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$\vec{F} = \langle e^x \cos y, -e^x \sin y \rangle. \text{ (Briggs Sec 14.3 Ex 1)}$$

Exercise 2. If $\vec{F}(x, y) = (3 + 2xy)\vec{i} + (x^2 - 3y^2)\vec{j}$, find a function f such that $\vec{F} = \nabla f$. (Stew Sec 16.3 Ex 4)

Class Exercise 2. Determine whether or not \vec{F} is a conservative vector field. If it is, find a function f such that $\vec{F} = \nabla f$. (#4-10 even)

- (a) $\vec{F}(x, y) = e^x \sin y \vec{i} + e^x \cos y \vec{j}$
 (b) $\vec{F}(x, y) = (3x^2 - 2y^2)\vec{i} + (4xy + 3)\vec{j}$
 (c) $\vec{F}(x, y) = (2xy + y^{-2})\vec{i} + (x^2 - 2xy^{-3})\vec{j}, y > 0$
 (d) $\vec{F}(x, y) = (xy \cosh xy + \sinh xy)\vec{i} + (x^2 \cosh xy)\vec{j}$

Definition: In general, if \vec{F} is a continuous vector field with domain D , we say that the line integral $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ is **independent of path** if $\int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ for any two paths C_1 and C_2 in D that have the same initial points and the same terminal points.

Theorem: $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ is independent of path in D if and only if $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$ for every closed path C in D .

Theorem: If $\vec{F}(x, y) = M(x, y)\vec{i} + N(x, y)\vec{j}$ is continuous on an open connected region D , then the line integral $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ is independent of path if and only if \vec{F} is conservative; that is, $\vec{F}(x, y) = \nabla f(x, y)$ for some scalar function f .

Exercise 3. Show that the line integral

$$\int_C (e^{3y} - y^2 \sin x) dx + (3xe^{3y} + 2y \cos x) dy$$

is independent of path in a simply connected region. (Swok Sec 18.3 Ex 3)

Exercise 4. Let $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = y^2 \cos x \vec{i} + (2y \sin x + e^{2z}) \vec{j} + 2ye^{2z} \vec{k}$. Find the potential function f for \vec{F} . (Swok Sec 18.3 Ex 5)

Fundamental Theorem of Line Integrals: 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

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

Exercise 5. Let $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = y^2 \cos x \vec{i} + (2y \sin x + e^{2z}) \vec{j} + 2ye^{2z} \vec{k}$. If \vec{F} is a force field, find the work done by \vec{F} along any curve C from $(0, 1, \frac{1}{2})$ to $(\pi/2, 3, 2)$. (Swok Sec 18.3 Ex 5)

Class Exercise 3. (a) Find a function f such that $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ and (b) use part (a) to evaluate $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ along the given curve C . (#12-18 even)

(i) $\vec{F}(x, y) = x^2 \vec{i} + y^2 \vec{j}$, C is the arc of the parabola $y = 2x^2$ from $(-1, 2)$ to $(2, 8)$

(ii) $\vec{F}(x, y) = (1 + xy)e^{xy} \vec{i} + x^2 e^{xy} \vec{j}$, $C: \vec{r}(t) = \cos t \vec{i} + 2 \sin t \vec{j}$, $0 \leq t \leq \pi/2$

(iii) $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = (y^2 z + 2xz^2) \vec{i} + 2xyz \vec{j} + (xy^2 + 2x^2 z) \vec{k}$,

$C: x = \sqrt{t}$, $y = t + 1$, $z = t^2$, $0 \leq t \leq 1$

(iv) $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \sin y \vec{i} + (x \cos y + \cos z) \vec{j} - y \sin z \vec{k}$,

$C: \vec{r}(t) = \sin t \vec{i} + t \vec{j} + 2t \vec{k}$, $0 \leq t \leq \pi/2$

Class Exercise 4. Show that the line integral is independent of path and evaluate the integral.

$$\int_C \sin y \, dx + (x \cos y - \sin y) \, dy,$$

C is any path from $(2, 0)$ to $(1, \pi)$. (#20)

Class Exercise 5. Find the work done by the force field \vec{F} in moving an object from P to Q . (#24)

$$\vec{F}(x, y) = e^{-y} \vec{i} - xe^{-y} \vec{j}; P(0, 1), Q(2, 0)$$

Homework: 3-11 (every 4th), 17-29 (every 4th), 31, 35-39 ODD