

HW 5 due Tues

Quiz 5 on Wed

Final Project due next Fri June 24.



Now: Chapter 6 (Vector Calculus)

Recall: Given vector field

$$\vec{F} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

and a curve  $\vec{r} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , we define the "line integral"

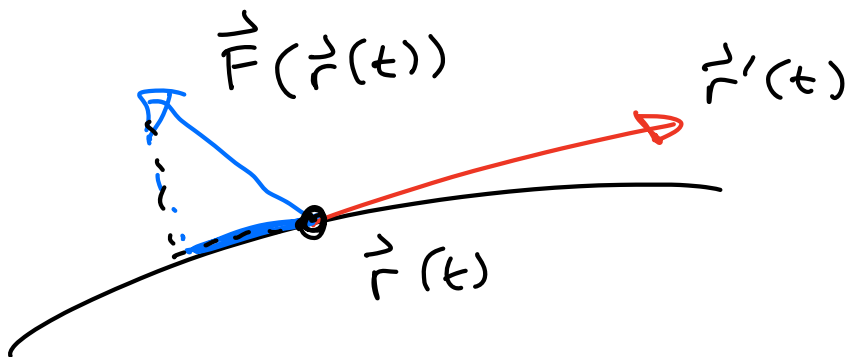
$$\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} = \int \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

= sum the component of  $\vec{F}$  along the curve

= "on average, how much does  $\vec{F}$  point in the direction of the curve?"

= 0 if  $\vec{F} \perp$  curve  
at every point

< 0 if  $\vec{F}$  points against the  
curve.



here  $\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) < 0$

Physics:  $\vec{F}$  force field.

$\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} =$  amount of KE  
added to particle  
by the field.  
("speed")

Fund Thm Line Integrals:

**IF**  $\vec{F} = \nabla F$  then

$$\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} = f(\text{end point}) - f(\text{start point})$$

Proof :

$$\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} = \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \circ \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

$$= \int_a^b \nabla f(\vec{r}(t)) \circ \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

CHAIN RULE

$$= \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} [f(\vec{r}(t))] dt$$

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$$= f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a)) \quad \checkmark$$

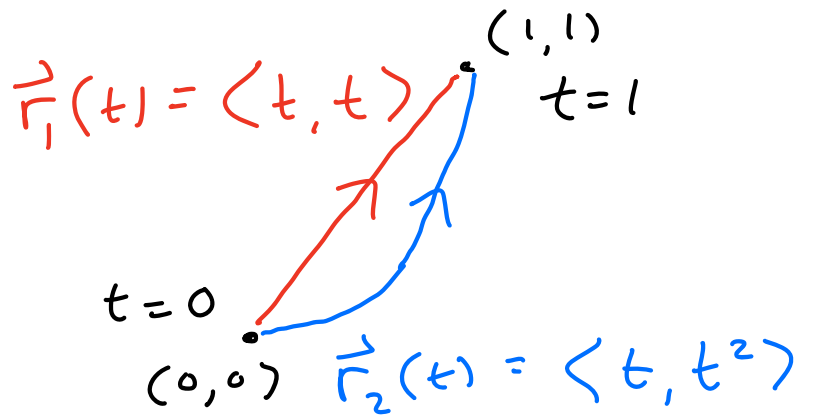
Consequence : IF  $\vec{F} = \nabla F$  then

$\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F}$  only depends on

the endpoints, not on the shape of the curve.

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F} &= \nabla(xy + y) \\ &= \langle y, x + 1 \rangle\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}&\int_0^1 \vec{F}(\vec{r}_1(t)) \cdot \vec{r}_1'(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \langle t, t+1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 1 \rangle dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (t + (t+1)) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (2t+1) dt \\ &= \left[ 2 \cdot \frac{t^2}{2} + t \right]_0^1 \\ &= 1 + 1 = 2.\end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^1 \vec{F}(\vec{r}_2(t)) \cdot \vec{r}_2'(t) dt$$

$$= \int \langle t^2, t+1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2t \rangle dt$$

$$= \int [t^2 + (t+1)(2t)] dt$$

$$= \int (t^2 + 2t^2 + 2t) dt$$

$$= \int (3t^2 + 2t) dt$$

$$= \left[ 3 \cdot \frac{t^3}{3} + 2 \cdot \frac{t^2}{2} \right]_0^1$$

$$= 1 + 1 = 2. \quad \text{SAME } \checkmark$$

In fact:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} &= f(\text{end point}) - f(\text{start}) \\ &= f(1,1) - f(0,0) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (1 \cdot 1 + 1) - (0 \cdot 0 + 0)$$

$$= 2.$$

That's why the two paths give the same answer.

Now let's change  $\vec{F}$  a little bit

$$\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle y, x+1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{G}(x, y) = \langle y, 2x+1 \rangle$$

Integrate  $\vec{G}$  along the two paths.

$$\int_0^1 \vec{G}(\vec{r}_1(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'_1(t) dt$$

$t, t$        $1, 1$

$$= \int \langle t, 2t+1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 1 \rangle dt$$

$$= \int (t + (2t+1)) dt$$

$$= \int (3t + 1) dt$$

$$= \left( 3 \cdot \frac{t^2}{2} + t \right)' \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} + 1 = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\int_0^1 \vec{G} \left( \vec{r}_2(t) \right) \cdot \vec{r}_2'(t) dt$$

$\langle t, t^2 \rangle$        $\langle 1, 2t \rangle$

$$= \int \langle t^2, 2t+1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2t \rangle dt$$

$$= \int (t^2 + (2t+1)(2t)) dt$$

$$= \int (t^2 + 4t^2 + 2t) dt$$

$$= \int (5t^2 + 2t) dt$$

$$= \left[ 5 \cdot \frac{t^3}{3} + 2 \cdot \frac{t^2}{2} \right]' \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{5}{3} + 1 = \frac{8}{3} \neq \frac{5}{2}$$

NOT THE SAME!

Today we'll discuss what went wrong.

But first, Kinetic Energy.

Consider a moving particle  $\vec{r}(t)$  with mass  $m$ . Define

$$KE(t) = \frac{1}{2} m \|\vec{r}'(t)\|^2$$

WHY?

Suppose force field  $\vec{F}$  acts on the particle, so  $\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) = m \vec{r}''(t)$ .

Compute  $KE'(t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} KE(t) &= \frac{1}{2} m \|\vec{r}'(t)\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m \underbrace{\vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t)} \quad \text{''} \end{aligned}$$

Product Rule



$$\begin{aligned}
KE'(t) &= \frac{1}{2} m \left[ \vec{r}''(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) + \vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}''(t) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} m \left[ 2 \vec{r}''(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) \right] \\
&= m \underbrace{\vec{r}''(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t)} \\
&= \underbrace{\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t)} .
\end{aligned}$$

What do we see?

$KE'(t)$  looks familiar!

$$KE(t) = \int \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F}_{\text{force}} &= KE(\text{end}) - KE(\text{start}) \\
&= \text{increase in KE}
\end{aligned}$$

Applies for ANY force field.

Now, assume  $\vec{F}$  is conservative:

$$\vec{F} = -\nabla F \text{ for some } f.$$

Then we also have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} &= \int -\nabla f \\ &= -\int \nabla f \\ &= -[f(\text{end}) - f(\text{start})] \\ &= f(\text{start}) - f(\text{end})\end{aligned}$$

Fund Thm Line Integrals

So let's define the potential energy

$$PE(t) = f(\vec{r}(t)).$$

Then combining the above equations:

$$\begin{aligned}KE(\text{end}) - KE(\text{start}) \\ = PE(\text{start}) - PE(\text{end}).\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}KE(\text{start}) + PE(\text{start}) \\ = KE(\text{end}) + PE(\text{end}).\end{aligned}$$

# "Conservation of Mechanical Energy"

Energy is converted between

KE & PE but never destroyed.

This is why gradient vector

fields are called "conservative".



Example : Gravity near planet.

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle 0, 0, -mg \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(0) = \langle 0, 0, v \rangle \text{ up. } (v > 0)$$

$$m \vec{r}''(t) = \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t))$$

$$m \vec{r}''(t) = \langle 0, 0, -mg \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}''(t) = \langle 0, 0, -g \rangle \text{ constant.}$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 0, 0, -gt + v \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle 0, 0, -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + vt \rangle$$

$$KE(t) = \frac{1}{2} m \|\vec{r}'(t)\|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \left[ 0^2 + 0^2 + (-gt + v)^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \left[ g^2 t^2 - 2gvt + v^2 \right]$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} m g^2 t^2 - m g v t} + \frac{1}{2} m v^2.$$

Next: Observe that  $\vec{F}$  is conservative.

$$f(x, y, z) = m g z$$

$$-\nabla f = \langle 0, 0, -mg \rangle = \vec{F}.$$

Define

$$PE(t) = f(\vec{r}(t)).$$

$$= f\left(0, 0, -\frac{1}{2} g t^2 + vt\right)$$

$$= m g \left(-\frac{1}{2} g t^2 + vt\right)$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{1}{2} m g^2 t^2 + m g v t}$$

Finally we have

$$KE(t) + PE(t) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}mv^2}_{\text{independent of } t}.$$

$$PE(\text{start}) = f(0,0,0) = 0$$

$$KE(\text{start}) = \frac{1}{2}m \|\vec{r}'(0)\|^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

When the projectile reaches max height we get  $\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = 0$ ,  
so  $KE(\text{top}) = 0$ .

$$PE(\text{top}) = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 - KE(\text{top})$$

$$PE(\text{top}) = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$\cancel{m}g z(\text{top}) = \frac{1}{2}\cancel{m}v^2$$

$$z(\text{top}) = \frac{1}{2g}v^2$$

This is the max height of the particle. Note: It is independent of mass!

UNITS :

$$g \sim \text{accel} \sim \text{m/s}^2$$

$$v \sim \text{velocity} \sim \text{m/s}$$

$$\frac{1}{2g} \cdot v^2 \sim \frac{1}{\text{m/s}^2} \cdot \left(\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^2 \sim \text{m}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{2g} v^2 \sim \text{length} \quad \checkmark$$



Back to Math.

Since  $\vec{G} = \langle y, 2x+1 \rangle$  does not satisfy "independence of path", it cannot be a gradient vector field.

Is there an easier way to see this?

Theorem (Conservative Vector Fields).

Given vector field in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle P(x, y), Q(x, y) \rangle$$

The following statements are equivalent.

- $\vec{F} = \nabla f$  for some  $f(x, y)$

- $\int_{\text{Loop}} \vec{F} = 0$  for any loop

- "Cross-Partial Property"

$$P_y = Q_x$$

Check :  $\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle y, x+1 \rangle$

$$P(x, y) = y$$

$$Q(x, y) = x+1$$

$$P_y = 1 \quad \downarrow \quad \text{SAME}$$

$$Q_x = 1$$

so  $\vec{F}$  is conservative.

But  $\vec{G}(x, y) = \langle y, 2x+1 \rangle$

$$P_y = 1 \quad \downarrow \quad \text{NOT SAME}$$

$$Q_x = 2$$

so  $\vec{G}$  is not conservative.

3D Version : Given

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle P(x, y, z), Q(x, y, z), R(x, y, z) \rangle$$

The following are equivalent:

- $\vec{F} = \nabla f$  for some  $f(x, y, z)$

- $\int_{\text{Loop}} \vec{F} = 0$  for any loop.

- $$\begin{cases} P_y = Q_x \\ P_z = R_x \\ Q_z = R_y \end{cases}$$
 "cross-partial property"

[ In Higher Dimensions :

$$\vec{F}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \langle F_1(x_1, \dots, x_n), \dots, F_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rangle$$

Cross-Partial property says

$$\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial x_i} \text{ for all } i \neq j.$$

EASY TO CHECK 😊 ]



Example :

P      Q      R

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle 3x^2z, z^2, x^3 + 2yz \rangle$$

Check cross partials :

$$P_y = 0 \text{ \& } Q_x = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$P_z = 3x^2 \text{ \& } R_x = 3x^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$Q_z = 2z \text{ \& } R_y = 2z \quad \checkmark$$

This guarantees that  $\vec{F}$  has an antiderivative scalar field.

How can we find it ?

TWO METHODS :

(1) Try really hard.

Looking for  $f(x, y, z)$  such that

$$f_x(x, y, z) = 3x^2z$$

$$f_y(x, y, z) = z^2$$

$$f_z(x, y, z) = x^3 + 2yz$$

START :

$$f_y = z^2$$

$$f = z^2 y + g(x, z)$$

$$f_x = 3x^2 z$$

$$f_x = 0 + g_x$$

$$g_x = 3x^2 z$$

$$g = x^3 z + h(y, z)$$

Seems like we're going around  
in circles!

(2) Use the Fund Thm:

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

$$\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} = f(\text{end}) - f(\text{start}).$$

(Independent of the shape of curve.)

TRICK: Fix some start point

$$\text{start} = (0, 0, 0)$$

Consider any path from  $(0, 0, 0)$   
to some point  $(a, b, c)$ .

$$\text{Say } \vec{r}(t) = (at, bt, ct) \\ t = 0 \text{ to } 1.$$

Then

$$\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} = \underbrace{f(a, b, c)}_{\text{this is what we want to know}} - \underbrace{f(0, 0, 0)}_{\text{const.}}$$

So let's compute:

$$\int_0^1 \vec{F}(at, bt, ct) \cdot \langle a, b, c \rangle dt \\ = \int_0^1 \langle \underbrace{3(a^2)(ct)}_{\text{red}}, \underbrace{(ct)^2}_{\text{blue}}, \underbrace{(at)^3 + 2(bt)(ct)}_{\text{green}} \rangle \cdot \langle \underbrace{a}_{\text{red}}, \underbrace{b}_{\text{blue}}, \underbrace{c}_{\text{green}} \rangle dt.$$

$$= \int \underbrace{3a^3 c t^3}_{\text{red}} + \underbrace{bc^2 t^2}_{\text{blue}} + \underbrace{ca^3 t^3 + 2bc^2 t^2}_{\text{green}} dt$$

$$= 3a^3 c \frac{t^4}{4} + bc^2 \frac{t^3}{3} + ca^3 \frac{t^4}{4} + 2bc^2 \frac{t^3}{3} \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} a^3 c + \frac{b c^2}{3} + \frac{c a^3}{4} + \frac{2 b c^2}{3}$$

This is our desired  $f(a, b, c)$ .

In other words :

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{3}{4} x^3 z + \frac{1}{3} y z^2 + \frac{1}{4} x^3 z + \frac{2}{3} y z^2.$$

$$= x^3 z + y z^2$$

CHECK :

$$f(x, y, z) = x^3 z + y z^2$$

$$\nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y, f_z \rangle$$

$$= \langle 3x^2 z, z^2, x^3 + 2yz \rangle$$

$$= \vec{0} \quad \checkmark$$

It worked.