

eg 40 (Cont'd) recall $\vec{F} = (x-y)\hat{i} + x\hat{j}$

$$C: x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

Find the flow (anti-clockwise) along C and flux across C .

Soln: let $\vec{r}(t) = \cos t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j}$, $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$
 $(x(t))$ $(y(t))$ (anti-clockwise!)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then flow} &= \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T} ds = \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} [(\cos t - \sin t)\hat{i} + \cos t \hat{j}] \cdot [-\sin t \hat{i} + \cos t \hat{j}] dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (-\cos t \sin t + 1) dt = 2\pi \quad (\text{check!}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{flux} &= \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds \\ &= \oint_C M dy - N dx \quad (\text{with anti-clockwise parametrization}) \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos t - \sin t) d \sin t - \cos t d \cos t \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} [(\cos t - \sin t) \cos t + \cos t \sin t] dt \\ &\dots = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 t dt = \pi \quad (\text{check!}) \quad \times \end{aligned}$$

Remark: If C is an oriented curve, denote by
- C the oriented curve with opposite orientation



- If f is a scalar function

$$\boxed{\int_C f ds = \int_{-C} f ds}$$

as "ds" is not oriented, just "length"

- If \vec{F} is a vector field

$$\text{flow} \quad \boxed{\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T} ds = - \int_{-C} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T} ds}$$

this \hat{T} is the \hat{T} for $-C$

More precisely, we should write

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T}_C ds = - \int_{-C} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T}_{-C} ds$$

$$\& \quad \hat{T}_C = - \hat{T}_{-C}$$

- But for flux

$$\boxed{\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds = \oint_{-C} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds}$$

both are the same
outward normal

Summary:

scalar f	$\int_C f ds$	independent of orientation	f, ds have no direction
vector \vec{F} flow	$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T} ds$	<u>depends on orientation</u>	\hat{T} depends on orientation
flux	$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds$	independent of orientation	\hat{n} = always outward

Conservative Vector Field

Def 14 Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $n=2$ or 3 , be open. A vector field \vec{F} defined on Ω is said to be conservative if

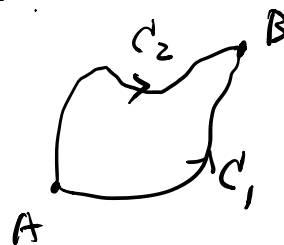
$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T} ds = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \text{ along an oriented curve } C \text{ in } \Omega$$

depends only on the starting point and end point of C .

Note: This is usually referred as "path independent".

i.e. If C_1, C_2 are oriented curves with same starting point A and end point B , then

$$\int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T} ds = \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T} ds$$



(so the value only depends on the points A and B (& direction))

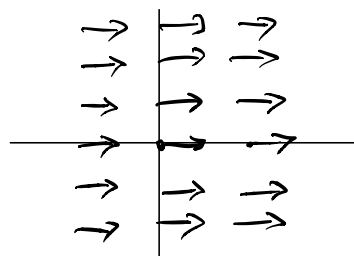
Notation: If \vec{F} is conservative, we sometimes write

$$\int_A^B \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T} ds \text{ to denote the common value of}$$

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T} ds \text{ along any oriented curve } C \text{ from } A \text{ to } B.$$

eg 1: $\vec{F} \equiv \hat{i}$ on \mathbb{R}^2

$$C: \vec{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j}, a \leq t \leq b$$



$$\text{Then } \int_C \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T} ds = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_a^b x'(t) dt = x(b) - x(a)$$

(x-coordinate at $\vec{r}(b)$ & at $\vec{r}(a)$)

$\therefore \int_C \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T} ds$ depends only on the starting & end points.

$\Rightarrow \vec{F}$ is conservative.

(Note: $\vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} f$ where $f(x,y) = x$)

Theorem (Fundamental Theorem of Line Integral)

Let f be a C^1 function on an open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $n=2$ or 3 , and $\vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} f$ be gradient vector field of f . Then for any piecewise smooth oriented curve C in Ω with starting point A and end point B ,

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T} ds = f(B) - f(A)$$