

1. For each of the following vector fields, can you find a function f such that ∇f is the given vector field? If so, find such a function. If not, explain why not. Recall that such a function is called a **potential function** for the vector field.

(a) $\begin{pmatrix} 6xy^2 \\ 6x^2y \end{pmatrix}$

(b) $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

(c) $\begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \end{pmatrix}$

(d) $\begin{pmatrix} -y \\ x \end{pmatrix}$

(e) $\begin{pmatrix} y \sin x + xy \cos x \\ x \sin x \end{pmatrix}$

(f) $\begin{pmatrix} 2xy^3 + \sin y \\ 3x^2y^2 + \cos y \end{pmatrix}$

(g) $\begin{pmatrix} ye^{xy} + xy^2e^{xy} \\ xe^{xy} + xye^{xy} \end{pmatrix}$

(h) $\begin{pmatrix} y^2 \cos(xy^2) \\ 2xy \cos(xy^2) \end{pmatrix}$

2. Evaluate the following **line integrals of vector fields** using the definition

$$\int_{\gamma} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int_{t=a}^{t=b} \mathbf{F}(\gamma(t)) \cdot \gamma'(t) dt$$

where $\gamma(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix}$ is a parametrization of a curve with $a \leq t \leq b$.

- (a) $\int_{\gamma} \begin{pmatrix} 3y \\ 2x \\ 4z \end{pmatrix} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$ where γ parametrizes the straight-line segment from $(0, 0, 0)$ to $(1, 1, 1)$.
- (b) Integrate $\mathbf{F} = x^2\mathbf{i} - y\mathbf{j}$ along the curve $x = y^2$ from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 1)$.
- (c) Integrate $\mathbf{F} = x^2\mathbf{i} - y\mathbf{j}$ along the straight-line segment from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 1)$.
- (d) Integrate $\mathbf{F} = y\mathbf{i} - x\mathbf{j}$ counter-clockwise along the unit circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ from $(1, 0)$ to $(0, 1)$.
- (e) Integrate $\mathbf{F} = y\mathbf{i} - x\mathbf{j}$ along the straight-line segment from $(1, 0)$ to $(0, 1)$.

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3. Find the work done by the force $\mathbf{F} = xy\mathbf{i} + (y - x)\mathbf{j}$ as a particle moves from $(1, 1)$ to $(2, 3)$ along a straight line. Recall that the work W done by F over a curve C is

$$W = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

4. Sometimes line integrals of vector fields are presented to you in different ways, though we always use the same method of evaluation. When we write

$$\int_C P dx + Q dy$$

for some functions P and Q , then the vector field we're integrating is $\mathbf{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$. If we think of $d\mathbf{r} = \langle dx, dy \rangle$, then we see that

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \langle P, Q \rangle \cdot \langle dx, dy \rangle = \int_C P dx + Q dy.$$

(This is a little mathematically dubious, but gives a good justification for how the symbols fit together)

Using this, evaluate $\int_C xy dx + (x + y) dy$ where C is the curve $y = x^2$ from $(-1, 1)$ to $(2, 4)$.

5. Evaluate the following **line integrals of scalar functions** using the definition

$$\int_C f(x, y, z) ds = \int_{t=a}^{t=b} f(\mathbf{r}(t)) \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt$$

where $\mathbf{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix}$ is a parametrization of the curve C with $a \leq t \leq b$.

- (a) $\int_C (x + y) ds$ where C is the straight-line segment from $(0, 1, 0)$ to $(1, 0, 0)$.
- (b) $\int_C \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} ds$ where C is the helix parametrized by $\mathbf{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \cos t \\ 4 \sin t \\ 3t \end{pmatrix}$ for $-2\pi \leq t \leq 2\pi$.
- (c) (The answer to this problem is not zero!) Integrate $f(x, y, z) = -\sqrt{x^2 + z^2}$ over the circle $\mathbf{r}(t) = (a \cos t)\mathbf{j} + (a \sin t)\mathbf{k}$ with $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$
- (d) $\int_C \sqrt{x + 2y} ds$ over the straight-line segment from $(1, 0)$ to $(1, 2)$.
- (e) $\int_C \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + 1} ds$ where C is the boundary of the square with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(1, 0)$, $(1, 1)$ and $(0, 1)$.
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6. A vector field \mathbf{F} is called **conservative** if there is some function f such that $\nabla f = \mathbf{F}$. Such a function f is called a **potential function**. Line integrals of conservative vector fields can be computed by the following elegant formula.

Suppose C is any (smooth) path from a point A to a point B . Then

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(B) - f(A).$$

In particular, observe that the value of the integral doesn't depend on how we get from A to B . This means we can skip finding a parametrization for C , which is often the most difficult part.

- (a) Integrate $\mathbf{F} = x^2\mathbf{i} - y\mathbf{j}$ where C is any (smooth) path from $(0,0)$ to $(1,1)$. What if C is from $(0,0)$ to (a,b) ?
 - (b) Using your work from problem 2 on Worksheet 19, is $\mathbf{F} = y\mathbf{i} - x\mathbf{j}$ a conservative vector field?
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7. Consider the field

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + y \\ x \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute the work done by \mathbf{F} along each of the following curves:

- (a) The straight line segment from $(-1, -1)$ to $(1, 1)$.
 - (b) The part of the curve $y = x^3$ from $(-1, -1)$ to $(1, 1)$.
 - (c) The unit circle, oriented counterclockwise. (*Hint: use $\cos^2(t) - \sin^2(t) = \cos(2t)$.)*
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8. In the previous problem, is there anything interesting about the answers you got? Was this just a coincidence, or is there a deeper reason why this happened?

- (a) What do the curves in (a) and (b) above have in common?
- (b) What is special about the curve in (c)?
- (c) What can you say about \mathbf{F} ? Prove it.
- (d) What is the work done by \mathbf{F} along the connected path consisting of the straight line segment from $(-1, -1)$ to $(1, -1)$ followed by the straight line segment from $(1, -1)$ to $(1, 1)$?
- (e) Find a potential function for \mathbf{F} .
- (f) Check that we get the answer in (d) by using the potential function found in (e).
- (g) Find the work done by \mathbf{F} along **any** curve that starts at $(1, 3)$ and ends at $(2, 5)$.
- (h) Find the work done by \mathbf{F} along the curve

$$\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) = \begin{pmatrix} e^t \cos(2\pi t) \\ e^t \sin(2\pi t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{0} \leq \mathbf{t} \leq \mathbf{1}.$$