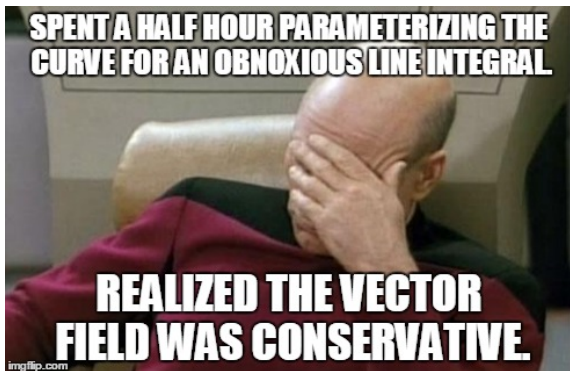


## MATH 223: Multivariable Calculus



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Notes on Assignment 30  
Assignment 31  
**Conservative Vector Fields**

## *Announcements*

**Today:** More on Conservative Vector Fields  
Introduction to Surface Integrals

## Conservative Vector Fields

$\mathbf{F}$  is continuously differentiable vector field in the plane

$\mathbf{F} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (F(x, y), G(x, y))$  where  $F$  and  $G$  are each real-valued functions.

Here  $\text{curl } \mathbf{F}$  is a real-valued function  $G_x - F_y$

Green's Theorem:  $\int_D \text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \int_\gamma \mathbf{F}$

### Three Important Properties of Vector Fields

**A:**  $\mathbf{F}$  is **CONSERVATIVE** means  $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$  for some  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$

**B:**  $\mathbf{F}$  is **IRROTATIONAL** means  $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = 0$

**C:**  $\mathbf{F}$  is **PATH INDEPENDENT** means  $\int_{\gamma_1} \mathbf{F} = \int_{\gamma_2} \mathbf{F}$  for any paths  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  from  $\mathbf{a}$  to  $\mathbf{b}$  where  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are any points in the plane.

**Major Goal: Show THESE PROPERTIES ARE EQUIVALENT**

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Suppose **F** is Conservative

Then  $(F, G) = \mathbf{F} = \nabla f = (f_x, f_y)$  so  $f_x = F$  and  $f_y = G$

Thus  $G_x = f_{yx}$  and  $F_y = f_{xy}$

so  $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = G_x - F_y = f_{yx} - f_{xy} = 0$

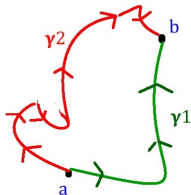
by equality of mixed partials.

**B** implies **C** will follow from Green's Theorem

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**C:** **F** is **PATH INDEPENDENT** means  $\int_{\gamma_1} \mathbf{F} = \int_{\gamma_2} \mathbf{F}$  for any paths  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  from **a** to **b** where **a** and **b** are any points in the plane.

Let **a** and **b** are any points in the plane and  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  two paths from **a** to **b**. Then  $-\gamma_2$  runs from **b** to **a**



and  $\gamma = \gamma_1 - \gamma_2$  is a loop that begins and ends at **a**

Let  $D$  be the enclosed region.

By Green's Theorem  $\int_{\gamma} \mathbf{F} = \iint_D \text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \iint_D 0 = 0$

$$\text{Thus } 0 = \int_{\gamma} \mathbf{F} = \int_{\gamma_1 - \gamma_2} \mathbf{F} = \int_{\gamma_1} \mathbf{F} - \int_{\gamma_2} \mathbf{F}$$

$$\text{Hence } \int_{\gamma_2} \mathbf{F} = \int_{\gamma_1} \mathbf{F}$$

**C** implies **A** (New)

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**A:** **F** is **CONSERVATIVE** means  $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$  for some  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$

**Idea:**

Fix  $\mathbf{x}_0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $\mathbf{x}$  be arbitrary point in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $\gamma$  be a curve from  $\mathbf{x}_0$  to  $\mathbf{x}$ .

Then  $\int_{\gamma} \mathbf{F}$  will be a function of  $\mathbf{x}$  whose gradient is  $\mathbf{F}$ .

**Theorem** Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a continuous vector field defined in a polygonally connected open set  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If the line integral  $\int_{\gamma} \mathbf{F}$  is independent of piecewise smooth path  $\gamma$  from  $\mathbf{x}_0$  to  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $D$ , then if  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\gamma} \mathbf{F}$ , it is true that  $\nabla f = \mathbf{F}$ .

Example  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (3x^2 + y, e^y + x)$

Here  $\mathbf{F} = (F, G)$  so  $F(x, y) = 3x^2 + y, G(x, y) = e^y + x$

Hence  $F_y = 1, G_x = 1$  so  $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = G_x - F_y = 0$

Let's build  $f$  so its gradient  $\nabla f = (f_x, f_y) = (3x^2 + y, e^y + x)$

We need  $f_x = 3x^2 + y$  so "partial integrate with respect to  $x$ ":

$f(x) = x^3 + yx + g(y)$ . [ Why is there  $g(y)$ ? ]

Then  $f_y = 0 + x + g'(y)$  which should equal  $x + e^y$  so need

$$g'(y) = e^y$$

which we can get by letting  $g(y) = e^y$ .

Hence we can choose  $f(x, y) = x^3 + yx + e^y + C$ .



Let's build the potential function in a different way using the theorem with  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (3x^2 + y, e^y + x)$

Pick  $\mathbf{x}_0 = (0, 0)$  and let  $\mathbf{x} = (x, y)$  be an arbitrary point. Choose the straight line between them as the path  $\gamma$  with parametrization

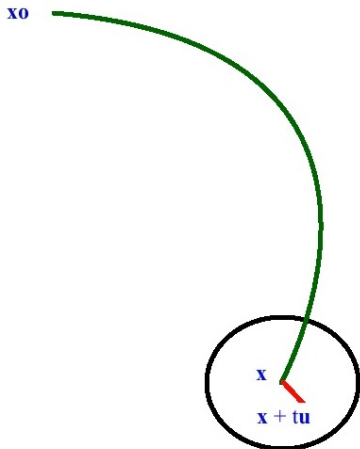
$$g(t) = (xt, yt), 0 \leq t \leq 1 \text{ so } g'(t) = (x, y)$$

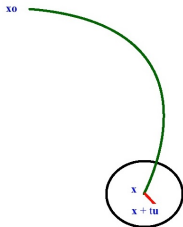
$$\text{Then } \mathbf{F}(g(t)) = F(xt, yt) = (3x^2t^2 + yt, e^{yt} + xt)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } \mathbf{F}(g(t)) \cdot g'(t) &= (3x^2t^2 + yt, e^{yt} + xt) \cdot (x, y) \\ &= 3x^3t^2 + xyt + ye^{yt} + xyt = 3x^3t^2 + 2xyt + ye^{yt} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \int_{\gamma} \mathbf{F} &= \int_0^1 (3x^3t^2 + 2xyt + ye^{yt}) dt \\ &= [x^3t^3 + xyt^2 + e^{yt}]_{t=0}^{t=1} \\ &= (x^3 + xy + e^y) - (0 + 0 + 1) = x^3 + xy + e^y - 1 \end{aligned}$$

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Let  $g$  be parametrization of line segment from  $\mathbf{x}$  to  $\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{u}$  so  
 $g(v) = \mathbf{x} + v\mathbf{u}, 0 \leq v \leq t$  and  $g'(v) = \mathbf{u}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{u}) - f(\mathbf{x}) &= \int_{\mathbf{x}_0}^{\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{F} - \int_{\mathbf{x}_0}^{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{F} = \int_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x} + v\mathbf{u}) \\ &= \int_0^t \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x} + v\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{u} \, dv \end{aligned}$$

To find  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(\mathbf{x})$ , let  $\mathbf{u}$  be unit vector  $\mathbf{e}_j = (0, 0, \dots, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$   
in the  $j$ th direction.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(\mathbf{x}) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{u}) - f(\mathbf{x})}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x} + v\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{u} \, dv \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x} + v\mathbf{e}_j) \cdot \mathbf{e}_j \, dv\end{aligned}$$

But this last expression is the derivative of the integral with respect to  $t$  evaluated at  $t = 0$  which is  $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{e}_j = \mathbf{F}_j(\mathbf{x})$  (Using Fundamental Theorem of Calculus)

## Symmetry of Jacobian Matrix for Conservative Vector Field

Let  $\mathbf{F} = (F(x, y), G(x, y))$  be a conservative vector field in the plane which we can recognize by  $G_x = F_y$

$$\mathbf{F}' = \begin{pmatrix} F_x & F_y \\ G_x & G_y \end{pmatrix} \text{ Note symmetry of Jacobian Matrix.}$$

How do things generalize to higher dimensions?

Example:  $\mathbf{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  by

$$F(x, y, z) = (yz^2 + \sin y + 3x^2, xz^2 + x \cos y + e^z, 2xyz + ye^z + \frac{1}{z})$$

$$\mathbf{F}' = \begin{pmatrix} 6x & z^2 + \cos y & 2yz \\ z^2 + \cos y & -x \sin y & 2xz + e^z \\ 2yz & 2xz + e^z & 2xy + ye^z - \frac{1}{z^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

To find  $f$  so that  $\nabla f = \mathbf{F}$ :

**Step 1:** integrate first component of  $\mathbf{F}$  with respect to  $x$ :

$$f(x, y, z) = yz^2x + x \sin y + x^3 + G(y, z)$$

**Step 2:** Take derivative of trial  $f$  respect to  $y$  and set equal to second component of  $\mathbf{F}$  :

$$f_y = z^2x + x \cos y + 0 + G_y(y, z) \text{ must} = xz^2 + x \cos y + e^z$$

$$\text{Need } G_y(y, z) = e^z \text{ so choose } G(y, z) = e^z y + H(z)$$

$$\text{So far, } f(x, y, z) = yz^2x + x \sin y + x^3 + e^z y + H(z)$$

**Step 3 :** Take derivative of trial  $f$  respect to  $z$  and set equal to third component of  $\mathbf{F}$  ;

$$f_z(x, y, z) = 2xyz + 0 + 0 + e^z y + H'(z) \text{ must} = 2xyz + e^z y + \frac{1}{z}$$

$$\text{Need } H'(z) = \frac{1}{z} \text{ so choose } H(z) = \ln |z| + C$$

Thus

$$f(x, y, z) = f(x, y, z) = yz^2x + x \sin y + x^3 + e^z y + \ln |z| + C$$

**Theorem** If  $F$  is a conservative vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and is continuously differentiable, then the Jacobian matrix is symmetric.

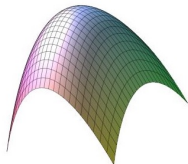
Proof: Equality of mixed partials.

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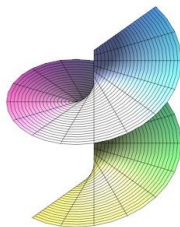
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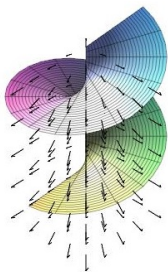
## Integrating Vector Fields Over Surfaces



$$g(u, v) = [u, v, -2u^2 - 3v^2]$$



$$g(u, v) = [u \cos v, u \sin v, v]$$



Smooth Curve  $\gamma$

$$g : I \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\text{Length} = \int_I |g'(t)| dt$$

$$\text{Mass} = \int_I \mu(g(t)) |g'(t)| dt$$

Line Integral:

$$\int_{\gamma} \mathbf{F} = \int_I \mathbf{F}(g(t)) \cdot g'(t) dt$$

Smooth Surface  $S$

$$g : D \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\text{Area } \sigma(S) = \iint_D |g_u \times g_v| dudv$$

$$\text{Mass} = \iint_D \mu d\sigma$$

Surface Integral

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} = \iint_D \mathbf{F}(g(u, v)) \cdot (g_u \times g_v)$$

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} = \iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot dS = \iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{N} d\sigma$$

$\Phi(\mathbf{F}, S) = \iint_S \mathbf{F}$  is **flux** of  $\mathbf{F}$  across  $S$ .

## Surface Integral

Let  $g$  be a function from an interval  $[t_0, t_1]$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with image  $\gamma$  and  $m$  density at  $g(t)$ .

$$\text{Then Mass of Wire} = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mu(t) |g'(t)| dt$$

If  $\mu \equiv 1$ , then mass = length of curve  $\int_{t_0}^{t_1} |g'(t)| dt$

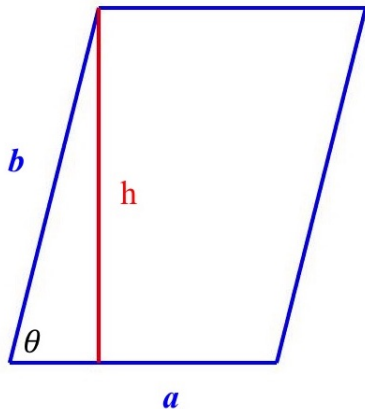
Generalize To Surfaces

Let  $D$  be region in plane and  $g : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  with  $g(u, v) = (g_1, g_2, g_3)$  where each component function  $g_i$  is continuously differentiable.

There are two natural tangent vectors:  $g_u = \frac{\partial g}{\partial u}$  and  $g_v = \frac{\partial g}{\partial v}$ ,  
These determine a tangent plane.

$S$  is a **Smooth Surface** if these two vectors are linearly independent.

Note that  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial g}{\partial v}$  is normal to the plane with  
 $|\frac{\partial g}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial g}{\partial v}| = |\frac{\partial g}{\partial u}| |\frac{\partial g}{\partial v}| \sin \theta$   
= Area of Parallelogram Spanned by the Vectors



$$\sin \theta = \frac{h}{|b|} \text{ so } h = |b| \sin \theta$$

$$\text{Area of Parallelogram} = (\text{Base})(\text{Height}) = |a||b| \sin \theta$$

$$\mathbf{a} = g_u, \mathbf{b} = g_v$$

$$|g_u \times g_v| = |g_u||g_v| \sin \theta$$

## Surface Area

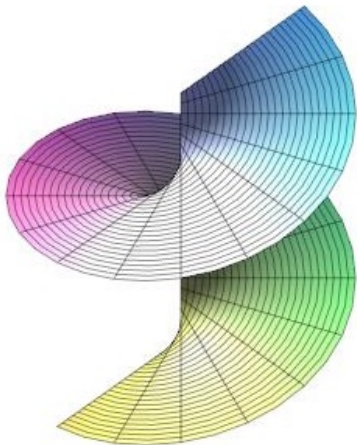
$$\sigma(S) = \iint_D \left| \frac{\partial g}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial g}{\partial v} \right| dudv = \iint_D |g_u \times g_v| dudv$$

If  $\mu(g(u, v))$  is density, then mass =  
$$\iint_D \mu d\sigma = \iint_D \mu(g(u, v)) |g_u \times g_v| dudv$$

Plotting Parametrized Surface in *Maple*:  
`plot3d([g1(u, v), g2(u, v), g3(u, v)], u = ..., v = ...)`

## Area of a Spiral Ramp

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$$g_u = (\cos v, \sin v, 0), g_v = (-u \sin v, u \cos v, 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_u \times g_v &= \det \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \cos v & \sin v & 0 \\ -u \sin v & u \cos v & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \left( \begin{vmatrix} \sin v & 0 \\ u \cos v & 1 \end{vmatrix}, - \begin{vmatrix} \cos v & 0 \\ -u \sin v & 1 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} \cos v & \sin v \\ -u \sin v & u \cos v \end{vmatrix} \right) \\ &= (\sin v, -\cos v, u) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } |g_u \times g_v| = \sqrt{\sin^2 v + \cos^2 v + u^2} = \sqrt{1 + u^2}$$

$$\text{Area} = \int_{v=0}^{v=3\pi} \int_{u=0}^1 \sqrt{1 + u^2} \, du \, dv$$

If density is  $\mu(\mathbf{x}) = u$ , then

Mass =

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{v=0}^{v=3\pi} \int_{u=0}^1 u(1 + u^2)^{1/2} \, du \, dv &= \int_{v=0}^{v=3\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{3}(1 + u^2)^{3/2} \right]_0^1 \, dv \\ &= \int_{v=0}^{v=3\pi} \frac{1}{3} [2^{3/2} - 1^{3/2}] \, dv = 3\pi \frac{1}{3} [2^{3/2} - 1] = \pi [2^{3/2} - 1] \end{aligned}$$

