

LECTURE 10 [9.9] PATH INDEPENDENCE

Example:

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

$$\underline{F} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P \\ Q \end{bmatrix}$$



① \underline{F} is a conservative field.

② $\underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r}$ is an exact differential.

③ $\phi(x,y)$ exists such that $\underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = d\phi$

④ How to integrate using ϕ .

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$\underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = \begin{bmatrix} P \\ Q \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} dx \\ dy \end{bmatrix} = P dx + Q dy$$

Chain rule:

$$\phi(x,y) \quad \phi(x(s), y(s))$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{ds} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{ds}$$

$$d\phi = \phi_x dx + \phi_y dy$$

$$\underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = P dx + Q dy$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$$

④ Test for E.D.

$$\phi_{xy} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$$

$$\phi_{yx} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$$

same if ϕ is small enough

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

If $\boxed{\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 0}$, then F is conservative.

⊙ Find ϕ :

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = P$$

$$\int d\phi = \int P dx$$

$$\phi = \dots x, y \dots + f(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = Q$$

$$d\phi = Q dy$$

$$\phi = \dots x, y \dots + g(x)$$

~~Write~~

Example:

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} y^2 + 1 \\ 2y \ln x + 3y^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} P \\ Q \end{matrix}$$

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Is F conservative? Find ϕ .

Test $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{2y}{x} - \frac{2y}{x} = 0$ $d\phi$ is an E.D.

Find ϕ :

$$\phi = \int P dx$$

$$\phi = \int \left(\frac{y^2}{x} + 1 \right) dx$$

$$= \underline{\underline{y^2 \ln x}} + x + \dots$$

depend on y

$$\phi = \int Q dy$$

$$\phi = \int (2y \ln x + 3y^2) dy$$

$$= \underline{\underline{2 \frac{y^2}{2} \ln x}} + \frac{3y^3}{3} + \dots$$

depend on x

Compare:

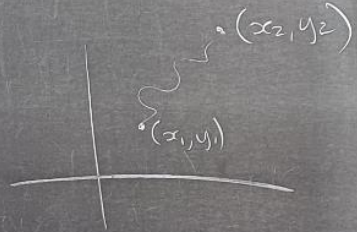
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$$\phi = y^2 \ln x + x + y^3 + C$$

① Integrate with ϕ :

$$W = \int_C \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{r} = \int d\phi$$

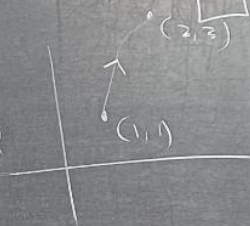
$$= \left[\phi(x,y) \right]_{(x_1, y_1)}^{(x_2, y_2)}$$



Example (both ways)

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$$W = \int_C \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{r}, \quad \underline{E} = \begin{bmatrix} y+6x^2 \\ x+2y \end{bmatrix}$$



With path:

$$W = \int_C (y+6x^2) dx + (x+2y) dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left[(1+2t) + 6(1+t)^2 \right] dt + \int_0^1 \left[(1+t) + 2(1+2t) \right] (2 dt)$$

$$= \int_0^1 (13 + 24t + 6t^2) dt = 27$$

$$\underline{r} = \underline{r}_1 + t \underline{a}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = 1+t \\ y = 1+2t \end{array} \right\} t \in [0,1]$$

With ϕ

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Test: $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 1 - 1 = 0 \quad \checkmark$

Find ϕ :

$$\phi = \int P dx$$

$$\phi = \int Q dy$$

$$\phi = \int (y + 6x^2) dx$$

$$\phi = \int (x + 2y) dy$$

$$= xy + \frac{6x^3}{3} + \dots$$

$$\phi = xy + \frac{2y^2}{2} + \dots$$

$$\phi = xy + 2x^3 + y^2 + C$$

Integrate:

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$$W = \int_{(1,1)}^{(2,3)} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = \int_{(1,1)}^{(2,3)} d\phi = \left[\phi(x,y) \right]_{(1,1)}^{(2,3)}$$

$$= \left[xy + 2x^3 + y^2 \right]_{(1,1)}^{(2,3)}$$

$$= (2 \cdot 3 + 2(2)^3 + 3^2) - (1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 + 1)$$

$$= 6 + 16 + 9 - 4 = 27$$

\Rightarrow F is conservative

\equiv F is a gradient field

\equiv $\underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r}$ is an exact differential

\equiv ϕ exists so that $\underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = d\phi$

$$\int_A^B \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = \int_A^B dp = \left[\phi \right]_A^B$$

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3D $\underline{F}(x,y,z) = \begin{bmatrix} P \\ Q \\ R \end{bmatrix}, \quad W = \int \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r}$

Find ϕ

$$\phi(x,y,z)$$

$$d\phi = \phi_x dx + \phi_y dy + \phi_z dz$$

$$\underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = P dx + Q dy + R dz$$

$$\underline{F} = \begin{bmatrix} P \\ Q \\ R \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_x \\ \phi_y \\ \phi_z \end{bmatrix} = \nabla \phi$$

$\phi_{xz} = \phi_{zx}$

$\phi_x = P, \quad \phi_y = Q, \quad \phi_z = R$

$\phi_{xy} = \phi_{yx}$ $\phi_{yz} = \phi_{zy}$

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Case

$$\phi_{xy} = P_y = \phi_{yx} = Q_x$$

$$\phi_{yz} = Q_z = \phi_{zy} = R_y$$

$$P_z = R_x$$

$$P_y = Q_x$$

$$Q_z = R_y$$

$$P_z = R_x$$

$$\begin{cases} R_y - Q_z = 0 \\ P_z - R_x = 0 \\ Q_x - P_y = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\nabla \times \underline{F} = \underline{0}$$

$$\phi_x = P \quad | \quad \phi_y = Q, \quad | \quad \phi_z = R \quad \nabla \times \underline{F} = \underline{0}$$