

# § 16.3

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## Warm up 1

$\vec{F}(x,y) = x^2 \vec{i} + xy \vec{j}$ . Particle moves around circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  counterclockwise  $0 \dots 2\pi$ .

a) find work done

b) Plot VF and explain answer.

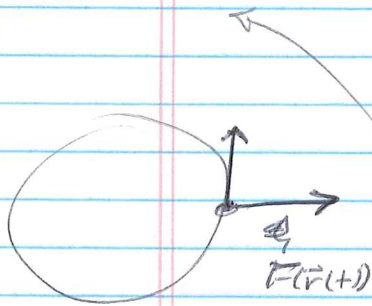
Soln

a) parameterize the circle



$$\vec{r}(t) = (2 \cos t, 2 \sin t) \quad t = 0 \dots 2\pi$$

b)



$$\text{Work} = \int_0^{2\pi} \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -2 \sin t, 2 \cos t \rangle$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \langle (2 \cos t)^2, 4 \cos t \sin t \rangle \cdot \langle -2 \sin t, 2 \cos t \rangle dt$$

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

$$\text{at } t=0 \quad \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) = \langle 2, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$$

So  $F$  does not contribute!

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos^2 \sin - \cos^2 \sin) dt = \boxed{0}$$

## WARM UP 2

$$\int_C x^2 y ds, \quad C = \langle \cos t, \sin t, t \rangle \quad 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$= \int_{t=0}^{\pi/2} \underbrace{x^2}_{\cos^2 t} \cdot \underbrace{y}_{\sin t} \cdot \underbrace{ds}_{\sqrt{(-\sin t)^2 + (\cos t)^2 + 1} = \sqrt{2}} dt = \sqrt{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 t \sin t dt = \sqrt{2} \left[ -\frac{\cos^3 t}{3} \right]_0^{\pi/2} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}}$$

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WARM UP 3

$\vec{F} = \langle 2xy, x^2 - 3y^2 \rangle$

Conservative?

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$f_x$

$f_y$

$2xy = f_x \Rightarrow \int 2xy dx = \int f_x dx = f(x,y) + g(y)$

Candidate

$x^2y$

$\Rightarrow f(x,y) = x^2y + g(y), \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f = x^2 + g'(y) \stackrel{?}{=} x^2 - 3y^2$

OK if  $g'(y) = -3y^2$

$\Rightarrow g(y) = -y^3 + c$

CHECK

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

$f_x = 2xy, f_y = x^2 - 3y^2$  ✓

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Why do we care if a VF is conservative?

A: Theorem [if  $F = \nabla f$ , and  $C = r(t)$   $t=a..b$ ] then  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = f(r(b)) - f(r(a))$

((assuming  $C$  is smooth (piecewise) and  $\nabla f$  continuous on  $C$ ))

Proof: (in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ )

$$\vec{\nabla} f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} \vec{i} + \frac{dy}{dt} \vec{j} + \frac{dz}{dt} \vec{k}$$

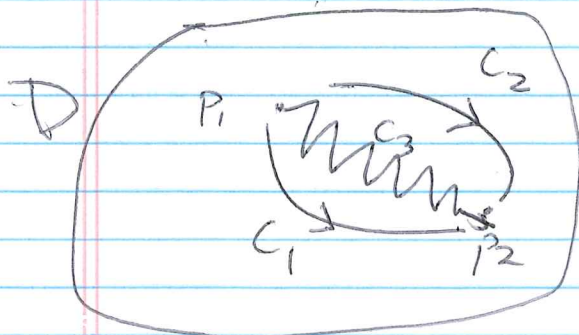
$$\vec{\nabla} f \cdot d\vec{r} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} (f(r(t))) \quad \Leftarrow \text{JUST FUND, THM OF CALC}$$

$$\int_a^b \frac{df}{dx} = f(b) - f(a)$$



Def:  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  is path indep (PID)



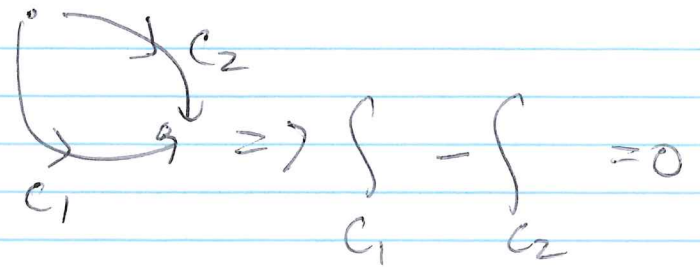
$$\text{if } \int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

for any paths in D w/ same start/finish.

By Thm, a conservative VF is PID.

Notice  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  is PID  $\Leftrightarrow \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$

for all  $\bigcirc$  closed curve  $\Rightarrow$  start = finish

Proof is obvious:   $\int_{C_1} - \int_{C_2} = 0$

$-C_2$   
 $=$  traverse  $C_2$  backwards

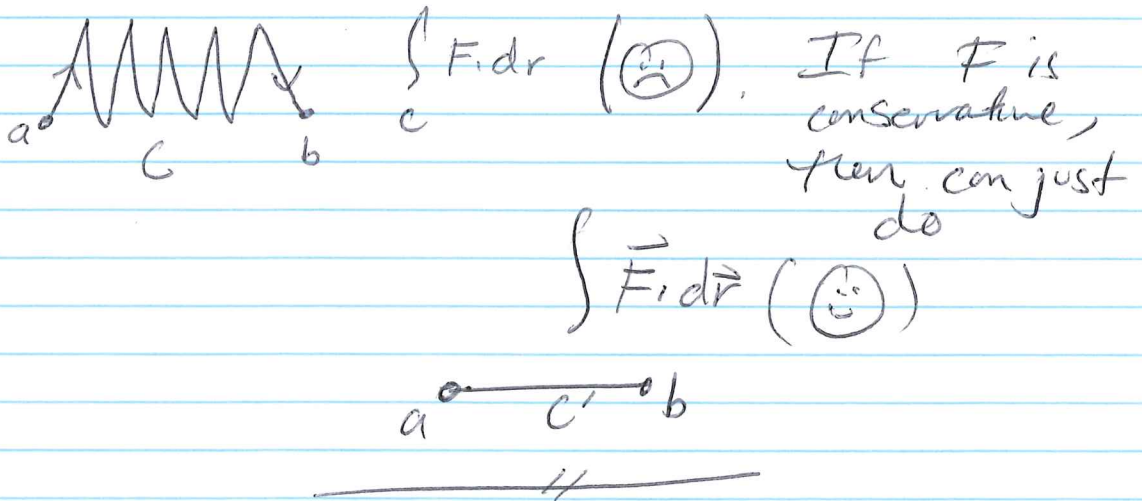
$C_1 + C_2 =$  closed path

Surprise:  $D$  open connected region,  $\vec{F}$  cont  
 Then  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  PD  $\Rightarrow$  conservative

**PUNCHLINE**

Conservative VF are exactly those VF where it does not matter how we go from a to b.

So, suppose you have to do



So, conservative VF are nice.  
 How TELL?

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Suppose  $F = P(x,y)i + Q(x,y)j$

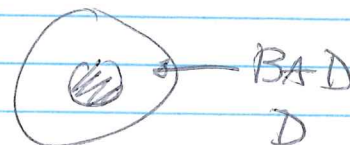
If  $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ , then  $\begin{matrix} \uparrow a \\ f_x \end{matrix}$   $\begin{matrix} \uparrow b \\ f_y \end{matrix}$  if they exist and are cont

Now, mixed partials agree, so  $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$   
 $P_y = Q_x$

Necessary

condition.

If  $D$  has no holes, this is also sufficient



FUN APPLICATION

$F$  moves object on path  $r(t)$   
 $r(a) = A, r(b) = B$ . Find work done.

Newton  $F = ma = m\ddot{r}(t)$

$$W = \int_C F \cdot dr = \int \underbrace{F(\vec{r}(t))}_{m\ddot{r}(t)} \cdot \vec{r}'(t)$$

$$= m \cdot \frac{1}{2} \int \underbrace{2\ddot{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t)}_{\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{r}')} dt$$

Kinetic Energy is  $\frac{m \cdot |\vec{v}(t)|^2}{2}$  speed.<sup>2</sup>

FTC

$$= \frac{m}{2} |\vec{r}'(t)|^2 \Big|_a^b = \frac{m}{2} (|\vec{r}'(b)|^2 - |\vec{r}'(a)|^2)$$

= Kinetic energy @ ~~start~~ finish

→ Kinetic energy @ start

REPS TIME!

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### WHICH ARE CONSERVATIVE

o  $\langle 3x^2 - 2y^2, 4xy + 3 \rangle$

$-4y \neq 4y$  (NO)

o  $\langle ye^x + \sin y, e^x + x \cos y \rangle$

$e^x + \cos y = e^x + \cos y$  (YES)

### Reminder

IF  $F$  is conservative, to find the potential  $f$  ( $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ ) we back solve

$$F = f_x i + f_y j + f_z k$$

①  $\rightarrow$  integrate  $f_x$  wrt  $x$ , add  $g(y, z)$  as const

② Do for remaining partials.

o  $\langle \underset{\substack{\parallel? \\ f_x}}{2xz + y^2}, \underset{\substack{\parallel? \\ f_y}}{2xy}, \underset{\substack{\parallel? \\ f_z}}{x^2 + 3z^2} \rangle$

Is it conserv, if so, find potential

$\frac{\partial f_x}{\partial y} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial x}$   
 $2y = 2y \checkmark$  (Do for other  $z$ )

Find  $f$ :  $\int 2xz + y^2 dx = x^2 z + xy^2 + g(y, z)$

$x^2 z + xy^2 + g(z)$

$\Downarrow \partial/\partial z$   
 $x^2 + g'(z) \stackrel{?}{=} x^2 + 3z^2$

$\Rightarrow g'(z) = 3z^2 \Rightarrow g(z) = z^3 + C$

$\Rightarrow f = x^2 z + xy^2 + z^3 + C$  (CHECK IT).

$\Downarrow$  hot w/  $\partial/\partial y$   
 $2xy + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \stackrel{?}{=} 2xy$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow g = g(z)$