

16.5 Curl and Divergence (and Gradient)

Remark: These are all (sort of) derivatives.

ex: (gradient) $f(x, y, z) = x^2 \sin y + z^3$

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \nabla f(x, y, z) = \text{grad } f(x, y, z)$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right\rangle (x^2 \sin y + z^3)$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x^2 \sin y + z^3], \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [x^2 \sin y + z^3], \frac{\partial}{\partial z} [x^2 \sin y + z^3] \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle 2x \sin y, x^2 \cos y, 3z^2 \right\rangle$$

NOTE: By definition, \vec{F} is a conservative vector field with potential function f .

Defn: For a vector field $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle P(x, y, z), Q(x, y, z), R(x, y, z) \rangle$

we define $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \nabla \times \vec{F}$ is ... as

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ P & Q & R \end{vmatrix} = \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \right) \hat{i} + \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \right) \hat{j} + \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \hat{k}$$

Note: $\nabla \times \vec{F} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right\rangle \times \langle P, Q, R \rangle$

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2) For $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle xy^2z^3, x^3yz^2, x^2y^3z \rangle$
 find $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \nabla \times \vec{F}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{curl } \vec{F} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ xy^2z^3 & x^3yz^2 & x^2y^3z \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} x^2y^3z - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} x^3yz^2 \right) \hat{i} \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} xy^2z^3 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x^2y^3z \right) \hat{j} \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} x^3yz^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} xy^2z^3 \right) \hat{k} \\ &= (3x^2y^2z - 2x^3yz) \hat{i} \\ &\quad + (3xy^2z^2 - 2xy^3z) \hat{j} \\ &\quad + (3x^2yz^2 - 2xy^2z^3) \hat{k} = \vec{G}(x, y, z) \end{aligned}$$

Remark: $\text{curl } \vec{F}$ is itself a vector field. In particular

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{G}(1, 1, 1) &= \text{curl } \vec{F}(1, 1, 1) = \langle 3-2, 3-2, 3-2 \rangle \\ &= \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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Defn: For a vector field $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle P, Q, R \rangle$
we define the divergence of \vec{F} as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{div} \vec{F}(x, y, z) &= \nabla \cdot \vec{F} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} P(x, y, z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} Q(x, y, z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} R(x, y, z)\end{aligned}$$

NOTE: $\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right\rangle \cdot \langle P, Q, R \rangle$

- Remark:
- (1) If $f(x, y, z)$ is a real-valued function, ∇f is a vector field
 - (2) If $\vec{F}(x, y, z)$ is a vector field, $\operatorname{curl} \vec{F}$ is another vector field
 - (3) If $\vec{F}(x, y, z)$ is a vector field, $\operatorname{div} \vec{F}$ is a real-valued function

ex: For $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle xy^2z^3, x^3yz^2, x^2y^3z \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{div} \vec{F} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} xy^2z^3 + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} x^3yz^2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} x^2y^3z \\ &= y^2z^3 + x^3z^2 + x^2y^3\end{aligned}$$

Theorem: (1) For any real-valued function $f(x, y, z)$

$$\operatorname{curl}(\nabla f) = \vec{0}$$

(2) For any vector field $\vec{F}(x, y, z)$

$$\operatorname{div} \operatorname{curl} \vec{F} = 0$$

Remark: So, is $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle xy^2z^3, x^3yz^2, x^2y^3z \rangle$
conservative? No, because $\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} \neq \vec{0}$.

Had $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ for some $f(x, y, z)$, $\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} = \operatorname{curl}(\nabla f) = \vec{0}$.

16.2 Line integrals

Two types: (1) $\int_C f(x,y) ds$

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \int_C P(x,y) dx + Q(x,y) dy \\ &= \int_C \langle P(x,y), Q(x,y) \rangle \cdot \langle dx, dy \rangle \\ &= \int_C \vec{F}(x,y) \cdot d\vec{r} \end{aligned}$$

How to calculate these given a parametrization of C

$$C: \begin{cases} x = x(t) \\ y = y(t) \end{cases} \quad a \leq t \leq b$$

$$\text{OR } \langle x,y \rangle = \vec{r}(t) \quad a \leq t \leq b$$

HINT: Let the notation guide you.

ex: 2) $\int_C xy ds$ where $C: \begin{cases} x = t^2 \\ y = 2t \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$

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$$= \int_0^1 [x(t)][y(t)] \left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right) dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 (t^2)(2t) \cdot 2\sqrt{t^2+1} dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 4t^3 \sqrt{t^2+1} dt \leftarrow A$$

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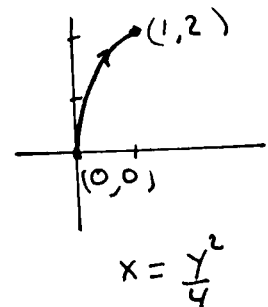
style integral.

We'll skip the rest.

Recall: $\frac{ds}{dt} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}$

$$= \sqrt{(2t)^2 + 2^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4t^2 + 4} = 2\sqrt{t^2+1}$$



ex:
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$$\int_C 2xy dx + x^2 dy \quad \text{where: } C: \begin{cases} x = 2t \\ y = 3t \\ 0 \leq t \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$= \int_0^2 \left[2x(t)y(t) \frac{dx}{dt} + x(t)^2 \frac{dy}{dt} \right] dt$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{dx}{dt} = 2 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = 3 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \int_0^2 \left[2(2t)(3t) \cdot 2 + (2t)^2 \cdot 3 \right] dt$$

$$= \int_0^2 (24t^2 + 12t^2) dt = \int_0^2 36t^2 dt$$

$$= 12t^3 \Big|_0^2 = 12 \cdot 2^3 - 0 = \boxed{96}$$