

Quick Review from last week

Section 5.5:

(1) Triple integral

$$\iiint_W f(x, y, z) dV.$$

In particular, if $f = 1$, then $\iiint_W f(x, y, z) dV$ is the volume of the region W .

(2) **Shadow method:**

Imagine a sun is on z axes.

$$\iiint_W f(x, y, z) dV = \iint_{shadow} \left(\int_{bottom(x,y)}^{top(x,y)} f(x, y, z) dz \right) dx dy.$$

Section 4.1-4.2:

(1) Suppose $c(t)$ is the path of an object. Then $v(t) = c'(t)$ is its velocity and $a(t) = c''(t)$ is the acceleration.

(2) $F = ma$.

(3) Arc length

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_a^b \|c'(t)\| dt \\ &= \int_a^b \sqrt{[x'(t)]^2 + [y'(t)]^2 + [z'(t)]^2} dt \end{aligned}$$

* Quiz 5 : 4.1 - 4.4

4.3, 4.4 Vector fields, Divergence, and Curl

A **vector field** in \mathbb{R}^2 is a function $F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ that assigns to each point in \mathbb{R}^2 a vector in \mathbb{R}^2 .

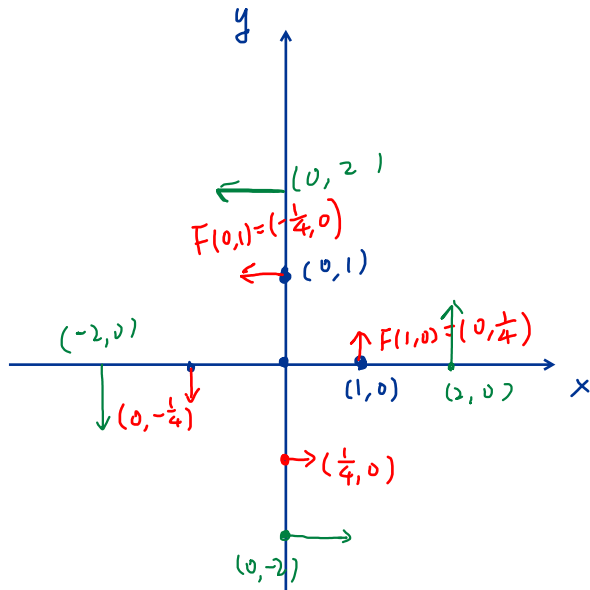


We can write the component functions of F as follows:

$$F(x, y) = \langle F_1(x, y), F_2(x, y) \rangle.$$

*Note that vector fields in three dimensions (\mathbb{R}^3), $F : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, can be similarly defined.

Example 1. $F(x, y) = \langle -\frac{1}{4}y, \frac{1}{4}x \rangle$. See also page 237 in textbook.



$$F(0, 0) = (0, 0)$$

$$F(1, 0) = (0, \frac{1}{4})$$

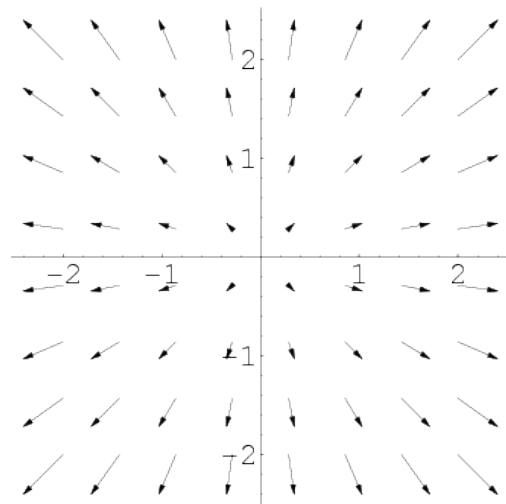
$$F(0, 1) = (-\frac{1}{4}, 0)$$

$$F(-1, 0) = (0, -\frac{1}{4})$$

$$F(0, -1) = (\frac{1}{4}, 0)$$

One can think such a vector field represents fluid flow in 2 dimensions. Thus $F(x, y)$ gives the **velocity** of a fluid at the position (x, y) . We call $F(x, y)$ the **velocity field of the fluid**.

Example 2. $F(x, y) = \langle \frac{1}{4}x, \frac{1}{4}y \rangle$.



§ Gradients vector fields

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$, the gradient of f is

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right\rangle$$

This is an example of vector field, it assigns a vector to each point (x, y, z) .

§ Divergence and Curl

For a function $f : \mathbb{R}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$, we can think $\frac{d}{dx}$ as an operator:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \underbrace{f}_{\text{input}} = \underbrace{f'(x)}_{\text{output}}$$

Similarly, we can think ∇ as an operator

$$\nabla \underbrace{f}_{\text{input}} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \mathbf{k}}_{\text{output}} = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right\rangle$$

∇ : called "nabla" operator
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Recall : $i = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$

$j = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$

$k = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$

$$\nabla = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right\rangle$$

Definitions:

1. **Divergence** of a vector field F is the **dot product** of ∇ and F .

More precisely, if $F = \langle F_1, F_2, F_3 \rangle$, the **divergence** of F is the scalar field

$$\nabla \cdot F = \operatorname{div}(F) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (F_1, F_2, F_3) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_3.$$

More generally, if $F = \langle F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n \rangle$ is a vector field of \mathbb{R}^n , the **divergence** of F is

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot F &= \operatorname{div}(F) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) \cdot (F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} F_1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} F_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} F_n. \end{aligned}$$

• $\nabla \cdot F = \operatorname{div}(F)$ is scalar-valued.

• $\nabla \times F = \operatorname{curl}(F)$ is a vector-valued

2. **Curl** of a vector field F is the **cross product** of ∇ and $F = \langle F_1, F_2, F_3 \rangle$.

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times F = \operatorname{curl}(F) &= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \left\langle \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Example 3. Let $F = \langle x^2 + e^x y, xy, x + z \rangle$. Find $\text{div} F$ and $\text{curl} F$.

$$\text{div} F = \nabla \cdot F.$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 + e^x y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xy) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x + z)$$

$$= 2x + e^x y + x + 1 = \underline{e^x y + 3x + 1} \quad \#$$

$$\text{curl} F = \nabla \times F$$

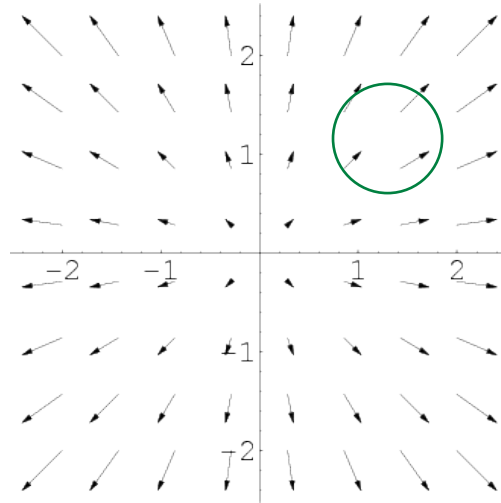
$$= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x^2 + e^x y & xy & x + z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \langle 0 - 0, 0 - 1, y - e^x \rangle. \quad \#$$

§Physical Interpretations

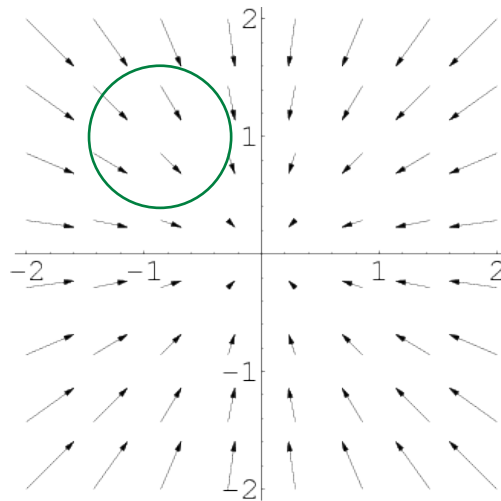
Imagine F is the velocity field of a fluid (or a gas). This can help understanding properties of basic vector fields, such as divergence, $\nabla \cdot$, and curl, $\nabla \times$.

Example 4. Consider the vector field $F = \langle \frac{x}{4}, \frac{y}{4} \rangle$.



$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} F &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{x}{4} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{y}{4} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Example 5. Consider the vector field $F = \langle -\frac{x}{4}, -\frac{y}{4} \rangle$.



$$\operatorname{div} F = -\frac{1}{2} < 0.$$

Conclusions:

(1) $\operatorname{div} F$: the rate of expansion per unit volume

- $\operatorname{div} F < 0$, the fluid is compressing.
- $\operatorname{div} F > 0$, the fluid is expanding.

§Physical Interpretations

Imagine F is the velocity field of a fluid (or a gas). The curl F captures the idea of how a fluid (or a gas) may rotate.

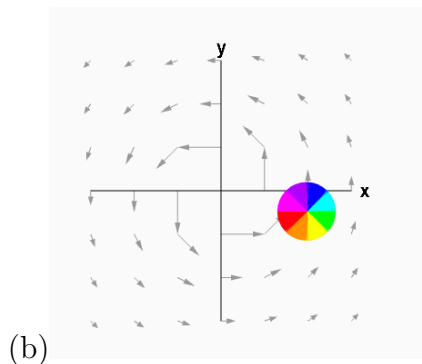
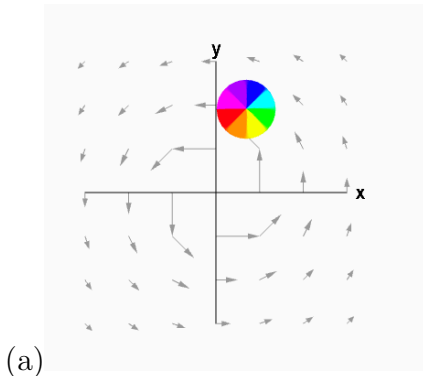
(2) $\text{curl}F$:

- $\text{curl}F = 0$, the paddle wheel does NOT spin.

If $\text{curl}F = 0$, we call the vector field F is **irrotational**.

Example 6. See examples in math insight entitled “Subtleties about curl”.

Show $V(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{x^2+y^2}(-y\mathbf{i} + x\mathbf{j})$ is irrotational when $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$.



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{curl } V \quad (\nabla_x V) \\
 = & \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} & \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \left\langle 0-0, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \right) - 0, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \right) \right\rangle \\
 & = \left\langle 0, 0, \frac{x^2+y^2 - x(2x)}{(x^2+y^2)^2} - \frac{-(x^2+y^2) + y(2y)}{x^2+y^2} \right\rangle \\
 & = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Fact. We have the following two facts:

- Gradients are curl free:

$$\nabla \times \nabla f = \nabla \times (f_x, f_y, f_z) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ f_x & f_y & f_z \end{vmatrix} = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle.$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla f) = 0. \quad (f \text{ is a scalar valued function})$$

- Curls are divergence free:

$$\operatorname{div}(\operatorname{curl} F) = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times F) = 0. \quad (F \text{ is a vector valued function})$$

$$F = \langle F_1, F_2, F_3 \rangle$$

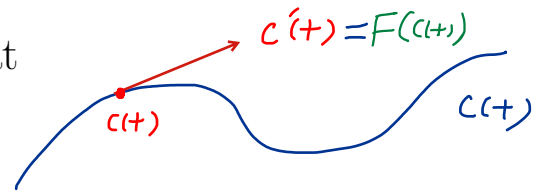
$$\nabla \times F = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_3 - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_2, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_1 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_3, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_1 \right\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times F) = 0.$$

§ Flow lines

A **flow line** for a vector field F is a path $c(t)$ such that

$$c'(t) = F(\underbrace{c(t)}_{\text{position}}).$$



In other words, the tangent vector $c'(t)$ of the curve coincides with the vector field $F(c(t))$.

Example 7. Show that $c(t) = (\overbrace{r \sin(t)}^x, \overbrace{r \cos(t)}^y, \overbrace{e^t}^z)$ is a flow line for the vector field $F(x, y, z) = (y, -x, z)$.

$$c'(t) = \langle r \cos t, -r \sin t, e^t \rangle.$$

$$F(c(t)) = \langle r \cos t, -r \sin t, e^t \rangle.$$

Thus, $F(c(t)) = c'(t)$, it implies $c(t)$ is a flow line for F .

7.1 Line integral of a scalar-valued function

In this section, we consider a scalar function $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$ and a path $c(t) : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$.

Definition:

The **line integral** of a scalar-valued function f along the path $c(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$, is defined to be

$$\int_c f ds = \int_a^b f(c(t)) \|c'(t)\| dt.$$

Remark:

1. If we let $f(x, y, z)$ denote the mass density at (x, y, z) and suppose the image of $c(t)$ represents a wire, then

$$\int_c f ds = \int_a^b \underbrace{f(c(t))}_{\substack{\text{mass density} \\ \downarrow}} \|c'(t)\| dt$$

can be viewed as the **total mass** of the wire.

2. If $f = 1$, then

$$\int_c f ds = \int_a^b \|c'(t)\| dt$$

is the arc length.

$$\int 1 ds = \int_a^b \|c'(t)\| dt.$$

Example 1. Let $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ and $c(t) = (\overbrace{\cos(t)}^{x}, \overbrace{\sin(t)}^{y}, \overbrace{t}^z)$, $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$. Find $\int_c f ds$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_c f ds &= \int_0^{2\pi} f(c(t)) \|c'(t)\| dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (\underbrace{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t}_{=1} + t^2) \| \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 1 \rangle \| dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (1+t^2) \sqrt{2} dt \\ &= 2\sqrt{2} \pi + \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3} \pi^3 \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

Example 2. If the path $c(t) = (\overbrace{\sin^2(t)}^x, \overbrace{\cos^2(t)}^y)$, $0 \leq t \leq \pi/2$ represents a wire with density at the point (x, y) given by $f(x, y) = y$ grams per unit length. Find the total mass of the wire.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_c f ds &= \int_0^{\pi/2} f(c(t)) \|c'(t)\| dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 t \| \langle 2 \cos t \sin t, 2 \cos(t)(-\sin t) \rangle \| dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 t \sqrt{8 \cos^2 t \sin^2 t} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 t \cdot 2\sqrt{2} \sin t \cos t dt \\ &= 2\sqrt{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin t \cos^3 t dt \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} u = \cos t. \\ &= 2\sqrt{2} \left(-\frac{1}{4} \cos^4 t \right) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} \\ &= 3 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \# \end{aligned}$$