

# Section 16.3 - Fundamental Theorem for Line Integrals

Recap: Part 1:

Where  $C: \vec{r}(t), a \leq t \leq b$  is piecewise smooth  
 $f$  differentiable,  $\nabla f$  continuous on  $C$

Part 2:

for  $\vec{F}$  continuous on open connected  $D$

Goal: Showing  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  is independent of path is hard  
Want an easier way to show  $\vec{F}$  is conservative!

Idea: Assume  $\vec{F}$  is conservative work backwards to find conditions on  $\vec{F}$ .

Suppose  $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$  is a conservative vector field  
 that means:

Assume  $P, Q$  have continuous first order partial derivatives

So by:

**Theorem** If  $\vec{F}(x,y) = \langle P, Q \rangle$  is conservative where  $P, Q$  have continuous first order partial derivatives then:

	Simple + Not closed	Not simple + Not closed
	Not simple + Closed	Simple + Closed
Connected + Not simply connected	Not connected + Not simply connected	Simply connected

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Simply-Connected Regions:

Simple Curve:

Closed Curve:

Simply-Connected region:

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**Theorem** (Partial Converse of the Last theorem)

$\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$  a vector field on an open simply connected region  $D$ ,  
 $P, Q$  have continuous first order partial Derivatives With

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

throughout  $D$  then:

Proof:

**Example** Determine if  $\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle 3 + 2xy, x^2 - 3y^2 \rangle$  is conservative. If it is find its potential function.

**Example** Evaluate  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ , where  $C: \vec{r}(t) = \langle e^t \sin t, e^t \cos t \rangle$   $0 \leq t \leq \pi$   
and  $\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle 3 + 2xy, x^2 - 3y^2 \rangle$ .

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### • Conservation of Energy:

$\vec{F}$  a force field moves an object of mass  $m$  along a curve  $C: \vec{r}(t)$   $a \leq t \leq b$

Newton's Second Law:

Work done =

Kinetic Energy of the object  $K(t) =$

Assume  $\vec{F}$  is conservative so:

Potential Energy of the object at  $(x, y, z)$  is defined by:

By Fundamental Theorem for Line integrals we have:

Work done =

Law of Conservation of Energy: