

# LINE $\phi$ (VECTOR FIELDS !)

What?

gravitational field  
magnetic fields



$$\vec{F}(x,y) = P(x,y)\hat{i} + Q(x,y)\hat{j}$$

$$F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

VS

Scalar field:

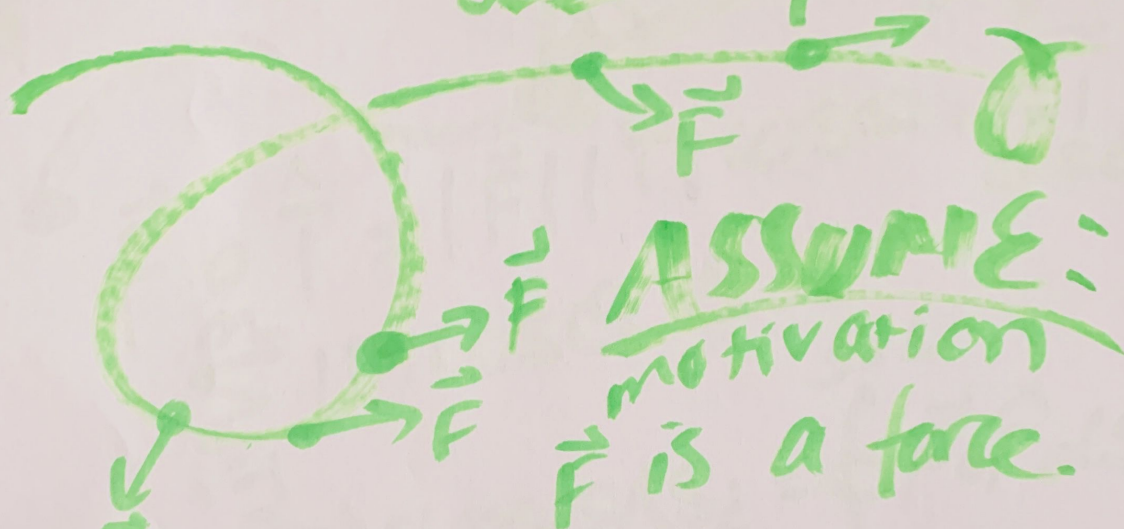
$$S: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

ex:  $\vec{\nabla} f(x,y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\hat{j}$

the gradient  
is a VECTOR  
FIELD!!!!

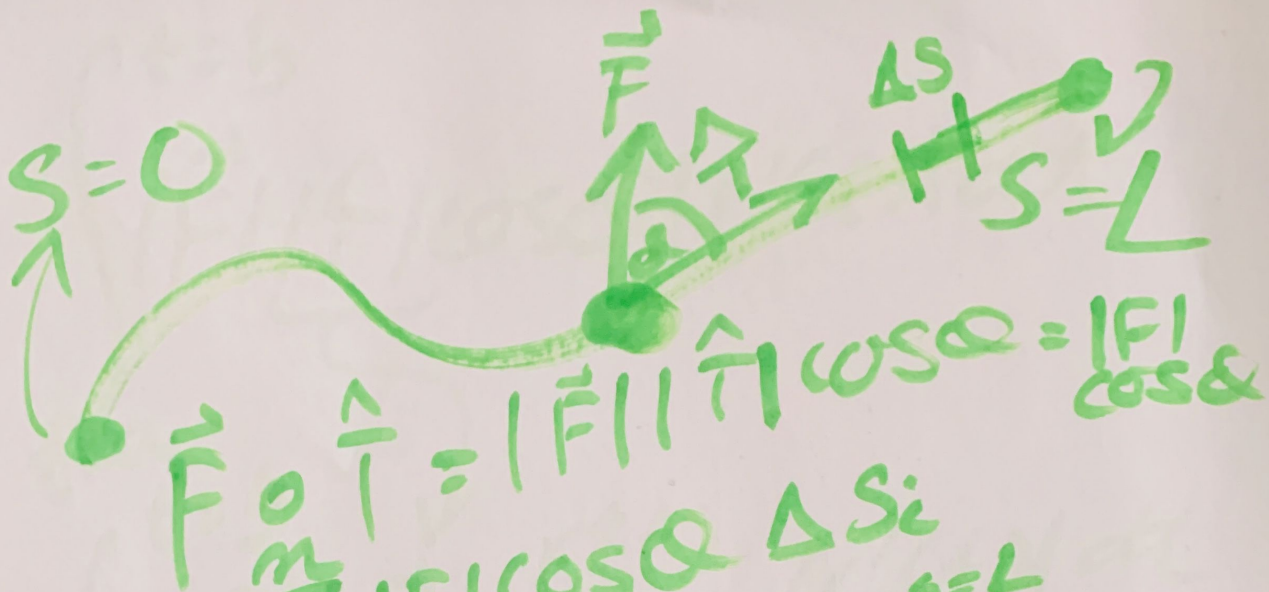
$$\vec{F}(x,y) = P(x,y)\hat{i} + Q(x,y)\hat{j} \in C^1$$

~~$P(x,y)$~~        $\vec{F}$  continuous



Key Q: If  $\vec{F}$  is a force, what is the work done by  $\vec{F}$  along  $\gamma$ ?

Recall:  $W = Fd$  ... if  $\vec{F}$  is constant



$$\hat{T} = |\vec{F}| \hat{T} \cos \phi = |\vec{F}| \cos \phi$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n |\vec{F}| \cos \phi \Delta s_i = \int_{s=0}^{s=L} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T} ds$$

$$\int \vec{F} \cdot \hat{T} |r'(t)| dt = \int \vec{F}(x(t), y(t)) \cdot \hat{T}(x(t), y(t)) \cdot \sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2}$$

$$dt |r'(t)| = \frac{dt}{dt} \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}$$

$$\int_{t=a}^{t=b} |\vec{F}| |\dot{r}| \cos \theta |\dot{r}| dt$$

$$\int_{t=a}^{t=b} \vec{F} \cdot \frac{\vec{r}(t)}{|\dot{r}(t)|} |\dot{r}(t)| dt$$

$$\int_{t=a}^{t=b} \vec{F} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}} dt$$

$t=a$  —————  $b$   
Def:  $\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int \vec{F} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}} dt$   
 $a$  —————  $b$

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$$\int_a^b \vec{F}(x(t), y(t)) \cdot \left( \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} dt \right)$$

$$= \int_a^b \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j}$$

also written...

$$\int_a^b \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_a^b P(x(t), y(t))x'(t) + Q(x(t), y(t))y'(t) dt$$

$$\vec{F} = (P, Q)$$

$$\vec{r}' = (x', y')$$

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$$\int_a^b \left( P \frac{dx}{dt} + Q \frac{dy}{dt} \right) dt = \int_a^b P dx + Q dy$$

Ex:  $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$

$\gamma = \text{helix:}$   $\begin{matrix} P(x, y, z) \\ Q(x, y, z) \\ R(x, y, z) \end{matrix}$

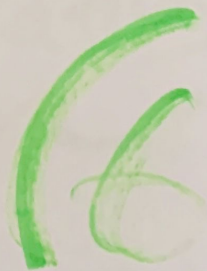
$\vec{r}(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, t)$

$0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

$\vec{r}'(t) = (-\sin t, \cos t, 1)$

How do you parametrize

$\vec{F} \dots$



$$\int_{\gamma} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos t, \sin t, t) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) \\ \dot{z}(t) \end{pmatrix} dt$$

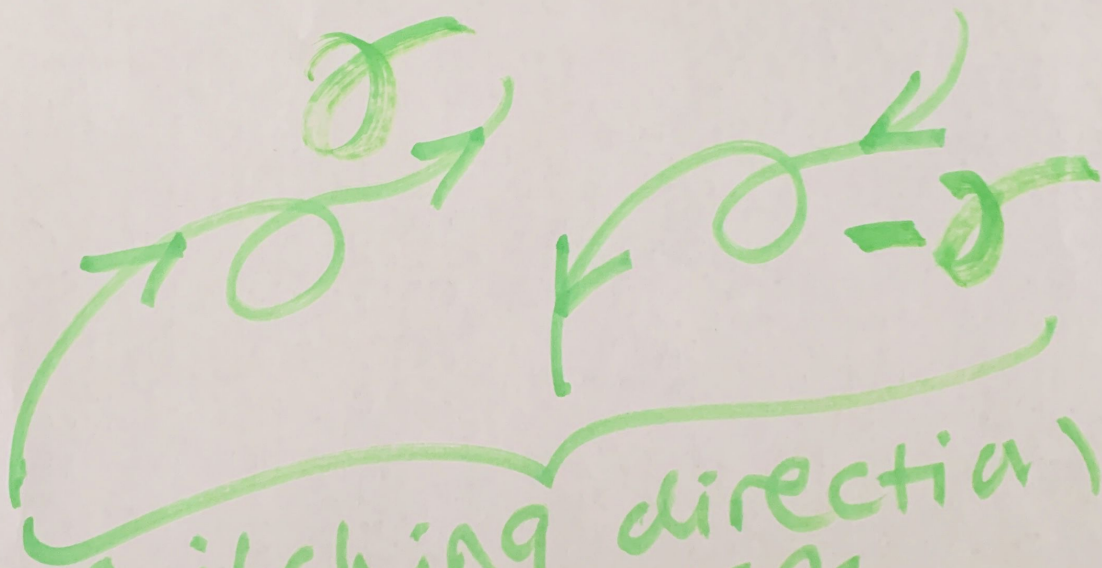
$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) \\ \dot{z}(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin t \\ \cos t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} (-\sin t \cos t + \sin t \cos t + t) dt = \frac{t^2}{2} \Big|_0^{2\pi} = \underline{\underline{2\pi^2}}$$

Remarks:

1.  $\int_{\gamma} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  doesn't depend on parametrization

2. It does depend  
on the direction  
(orientation):



Switching  
negates directional  
work.

$$\int_A^B \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = - \int_B^A \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

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