

Line (curve) integrals

Let $f(X)$ be a scalar function, non-negative and continuous on region $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^2$ and let a regular plane curve K be given by parameterization

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = x(t)\mathbf{i} + y(t)\mathbf{j}, t \in \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \subset \mathbf{R}.$$

Line (curve) integral of the first type is integral from function f

$$\int_K f(X) d\mathbf{r} = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(x(t), y(t)) \cdot \sqrt{[x'(t)]^2 + [y'(t)]^2} dt$$

Integral does not depend on the chosen parameterization of curve K .

Vector form of the formula is

$$\int_K f(X) d\mathbf{r} = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot |\mathbf{r}'(t)| dt$$

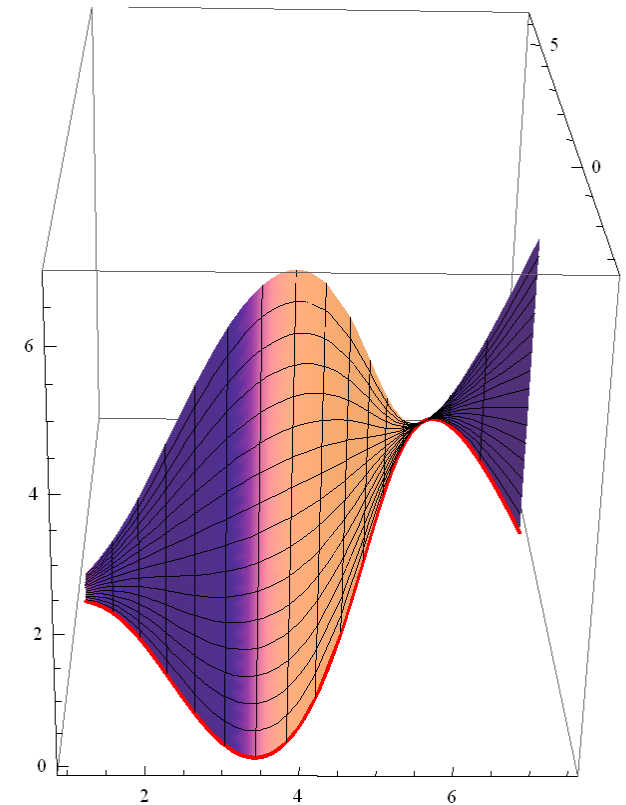
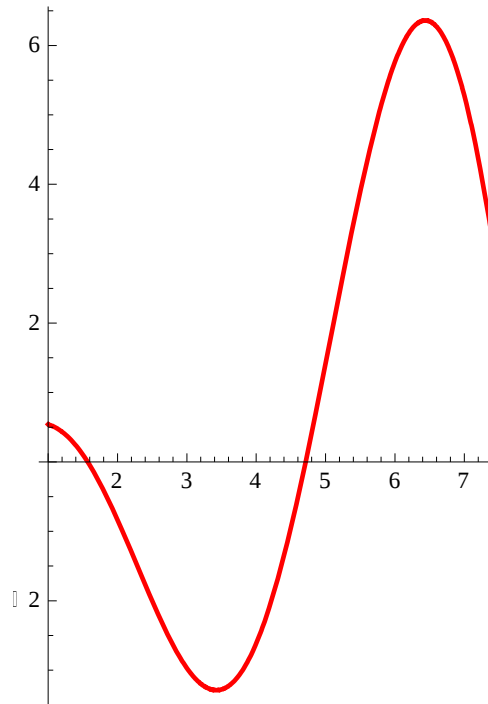
Physical meaning - mass of a plane curve K with density function $f(X)$.

Geometric interpretation

Area of a patch of ruled surface (cylindrical patch) whose generating lines are in direction of axis z and basic curve is plane curve K . Surface patch is bounded from above by values of function $f(x, y)$ at the points of basic curve K .

Length of curve K is

$$l = \int_K d\mathbf{r} = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} |\mathbf{r}'(t)| dt$$



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$$\mathbf{r}(t) = x(t)\mathbf{i} + y(t)\mathbf{j} + z(t)\mathbf{k}, t \in \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \subset \mathbf{R}$$

Line (curve) integral of the first type from function f is

$$\int_K f(X) d\mathbf{r} = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \cdot \sqrt{[x'(t)]^2 + [y'(t)]^2 + [z'(t)]^2} dt$$

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Physical meaning – mass of a space curve K with density function $f(X)$.

Let vector function $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = P(x, y) \mathbf{i} + Q(x, y) \mathbf{j}$ be differentiable on region $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^2$ and let a regular oriented curve K be given by parameterization

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = x(t)\mathbf{i} + y(t)\mathbf{j}, t \in \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \subset \mathbf{R}$$

Line (curve) integral of the second type is integral from function $\mathbf{F}$

$$\int_K P dx + Q dy = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \left[P \frac{dx}{dt} + Q \frac{dy}{dt} \right] dt$$

Vector form of the formula is

$$\int_K \mathbf{F} d\mathbf{r} = \pm \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} [P(x(t), y(t)) \cdot x'(t) + Q(x(t), y(t)) \cdot y'(t)] dt$$

Let vector function be given

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = P(x, y, z) \mathbf{i} + Q(x, y, z) \mathbf{j} + R(x, y, z) \mathbf{k}$$

differentiable on region $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^3$ and let a regular oriented curve K be given by parameterization $\mathbf{r}(t) = x(t)\mathbf{i} + y(t)\mathbf{j} + z(t)\mathbf{k}$, $t \in \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \subset \mathbf{R}$.

Line (curve) integral of the second type from function $\mathbf{F}$ is

$$\int_K P dx + Q dy + R dz = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \left[P \frac{dx}{dt} + Q \frac{dy}{dt} + R \frac{dz}{dt} \right] dt$$

Vector and coordinate form of the formula is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_K \mathbf{F} d\mathbf{r} &= \pm \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt = \\ &= \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} [P(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \cdot x'(t) + Q(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \cdot y'(t) + R(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \cdot z'(t)] dt \end{aligned}$$

Let $(\Omega, \mathbf{F})$ be a vector field.

We say that line (curve) integral from function $\mathbf{F}$ does not depend on the integration path (trajectory) in the region Ω , if for any two oriented, piece-wise smooth curves K_1, K_2 that are located in the region Ω and both possess common start and end points holds

$$\int_{K_1} \mathbf{F} d\mathbf{r} = \int_{K_2} \mathbf{F} d\mathbf{r}$$

Line (curve) integral from function $\mathbf{F}$ does not depend on the integration path in the region Ω if and only if the line (curve) integral from function $\mathbf{F}$ on an arbitrary closed, piece-wise smooth curve is vanishing (is equal to zero).

Line (curve) integral does not depend on the integration path if and only if the vector field $(\Omega, \mathbf{F})$ is a potential field.

If U is a potential of the field

$$\mathbf{F} = \text{grad } U = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \mathbf{k}$$

then for an arbitrary piece-wise smooth curve K in Ω with the start point A and end point B holds

$$\int_K \mathbf{F} d\mathbf{r} = U(B) - U(A)$$

Let continuous partial derivatives of the first order of function $\mathbf{F}$ exist on Ω .

Necessary condition for the field $(\Omega, \mathbf{F})$ to be a potential field is the validity of equation $\text{rot } \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$ at any point of the region Ω .

If Ω is a simply continuous region (with boundary in a simple closed piece-wise curve), this condition is also a sufficient condition.

Green's theorem

Let G be a simply connected region with boundary in a simple closed piece-wise curve K . Let continuous partial derivatives with respect to x and y exist on G for vector function

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

Then it holds

$$\oint_K \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_G \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dx dy$$

Consequence

Let G be a plane region bounded by positively oriented closed simple and piece-wise smooth curve K .

Then, for the area of this region holds

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \oint_K x dy - y dx$$