

1. We saw on the last worksheet how to use a line integral to compute the work done by a given vector field. In this exercise, we compute a different quantity, known as **flux**. The integral we'll be computing is

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} \, ds = \int_{t=a}^{t=b} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} \|\vec{r}'\| \, dt$$

where  $\vec{F}$  is the vector field we're integrating,  $\vec{N}$  is a unit normal vector field for the curve  $C$ , and  $\vec{r}$  is a parametrization of  $C$ . The convention (in this class, not always!) is that  $\vec{N}$  should point outwards from  $C$ .

The physical interpretation of flux is as follows: if  $\vec{F}$  describes the velocity of some fluid in the  $xy$  plane, then the flux is how much fluid is crossing the curve  $C$ .

- Suppose  $C$  is the unit circle centered at the origin, oriented counter-clockwise. Find a parametrization  $\vec{r}(t)$  of  $C$ .
- Find the unit normal vector field  $\vec{N}(t)$  for the curve  $C$ . (Remember finding  $\vec{T}$ ,  $\vec{N}$ , and  $\vec{B}$ ?) Does  $N$  point outwards from  $C$ ? If it points inwards, your answer will be negated.
- Suppose  $\vec{F} = \langle x, y \rangle$ . Compute the flux of  $F$  across  $C$ .
- Suppose instead that  $\vec{F} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ . Without computing anything, and only using the physical interpretation, what is the flux of  $\vec{F}$  over  $C$ ? What is the flux of  $\vec{F}$  over any closed curve (a loop)?
- Again with  $\vec{F} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ , what is the flux if  $C$  is a horizontal line? How about a vertical line?

2. Let  $C$  be the ellipse  $16x^2 + y^2 = 16$ , oriented counter-clockwise, and let  $\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle x, y \rangle$ . Find the work done by  $\vec{F}$  on a particle moving around  $C$ . Find the flux of  $\vec{F}$  across  $C$ .

3. Let  $C$  be the closed path that consists of the upper semicircle  $x^2 + y^2 = 9$  from the point  $(3, 0)$  to the point  $(-3, 0)$ , followed by the straight line segment from  $(-3, 0)$  to  $(3, 0)$ . Let  $\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle x^2, y^2 \rangle$ . Find the work and flux, as in the previous problem.

4. Find the flux of  $\vec{F}$  across the triangle with vertices  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1)$ , and  $(-1, 0)$ .

5. Compute the following integrals

- $\int_C x^2 + y^2 \, ds$  where  $C$  is the line segment from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(1, 1)$ .
- $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  where  $\vec{F} = \langle x, y \rangle$  and  $C$  is as above.
- $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} \, ds$  where  $\vec{F} = \langle x, y \rangle$  and  $C$  is as above.

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6. Using what you know about flux, how might you determine if a closed curve traverses around the origin?

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