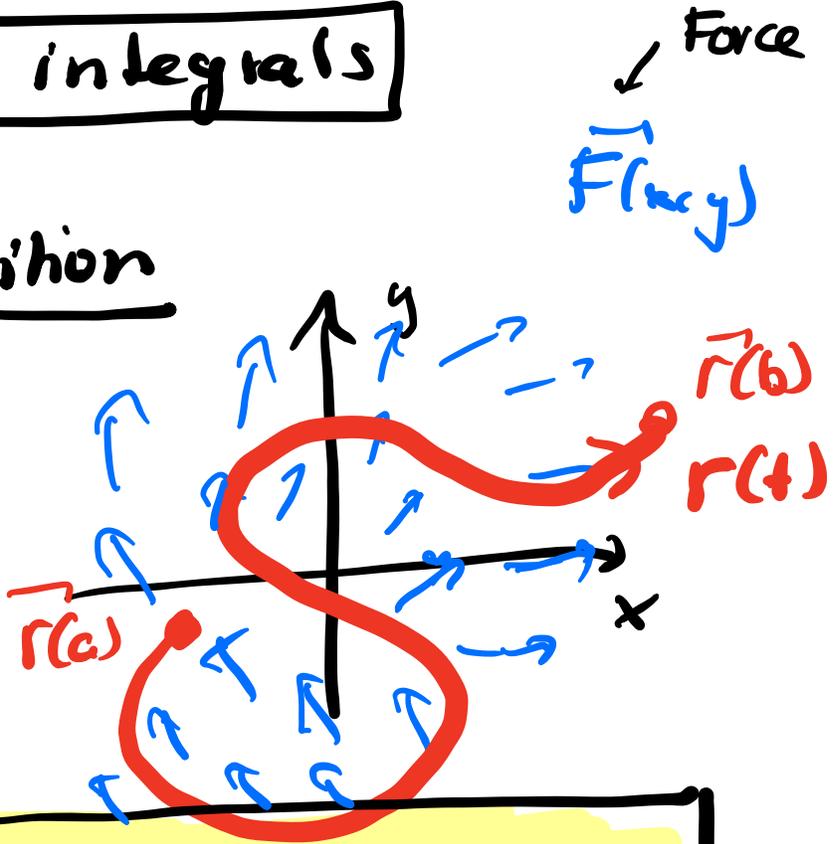


Unit 20

Line integrals

① Definition

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$



$$\int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

is called the line integral of \vec{F} along the curve $C: \vec{r}(t)$

$$\text{Force} \cdot \text{velocity} = \underline{\text{Power}}$$

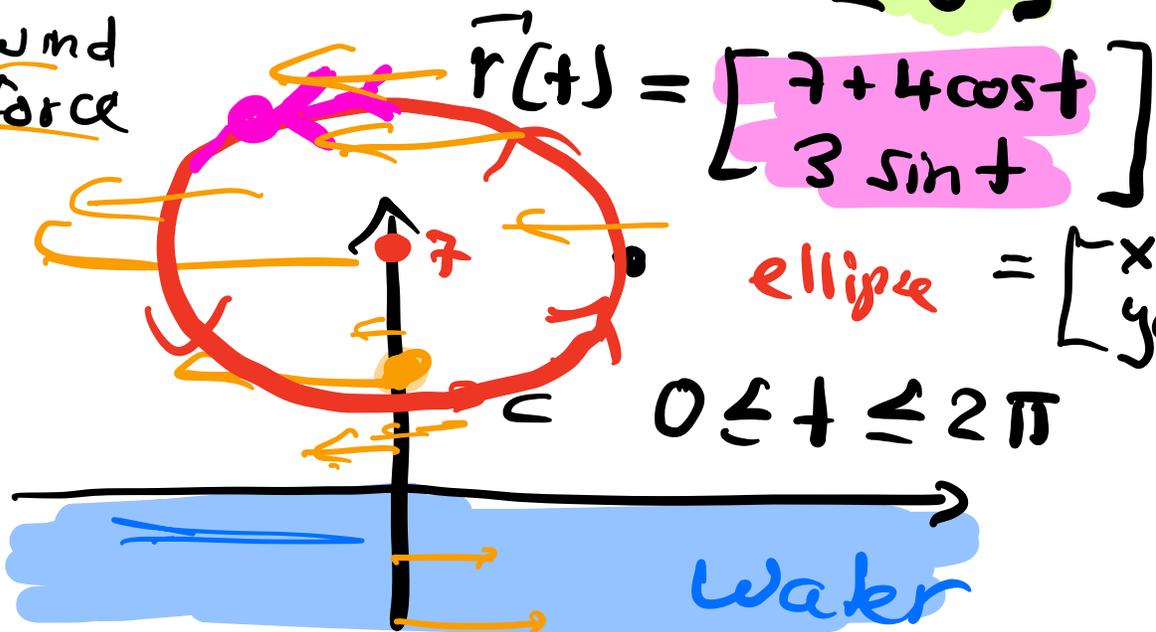
$$\int_a^b \text{Power}(t) dt = \underline{\text{Work}}$$

The interpretation is that

$\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ is the work of \vec{F}
done on the body moving
along the path

2) Example: $\vec{F}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} -y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

wind
force



Intuition: $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$

positive or negative

It should be positive: gain more
up than lose near water

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \begin{bmatrix} -3\sin t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -4\sin t \\ 3\cos t \end{bmatrix} dt$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} 12 \sin^2 t dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} 12 \left(\frac{1 - \cos 2t}{2} \right) dt$$

$$= 6 \int_0^{2\pi} (1 - \cos 2t) dt$$

$$= \boxed{12\pi}$$

Indeed the
gained energy
is positive.

Don't use

$$\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int P dx + Q dy$$

$$P \frac{dx}{dt} dt + Q \frac{dy}{dt} dt$$

(3) Fundamental theorem of Line integrals

If $\vec{F} = \nabla f$, then the line integral can be computed quickly

Theorem

(FTLI)

$$\int_a^b \nabla f(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a))$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(\vec{r}(t)) \quad \text{chain rule}$$

Proof of the theorem follows from the FTC
Fundam. thm of cal.

First generalization of the FTC to higher dimension

Example:

$$\vec{F} = \begin{bmatrix} e^x \\ \sin \log y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos t + \sin(100t)/100 \\ \sin(200t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

what is $\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$?

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \begin{bmatrix} e^{e^{\cos t + \sin 100t / 1000}} \\ \sin 100t \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ \dots \end{bmatrix} dt$$

This is zero because

\vec{F} is a gradient field $\vec{F} = \nabla f$

$$\vec{r}(0) = \vec{r}(2\pi) \quad \text{closed curve}$$

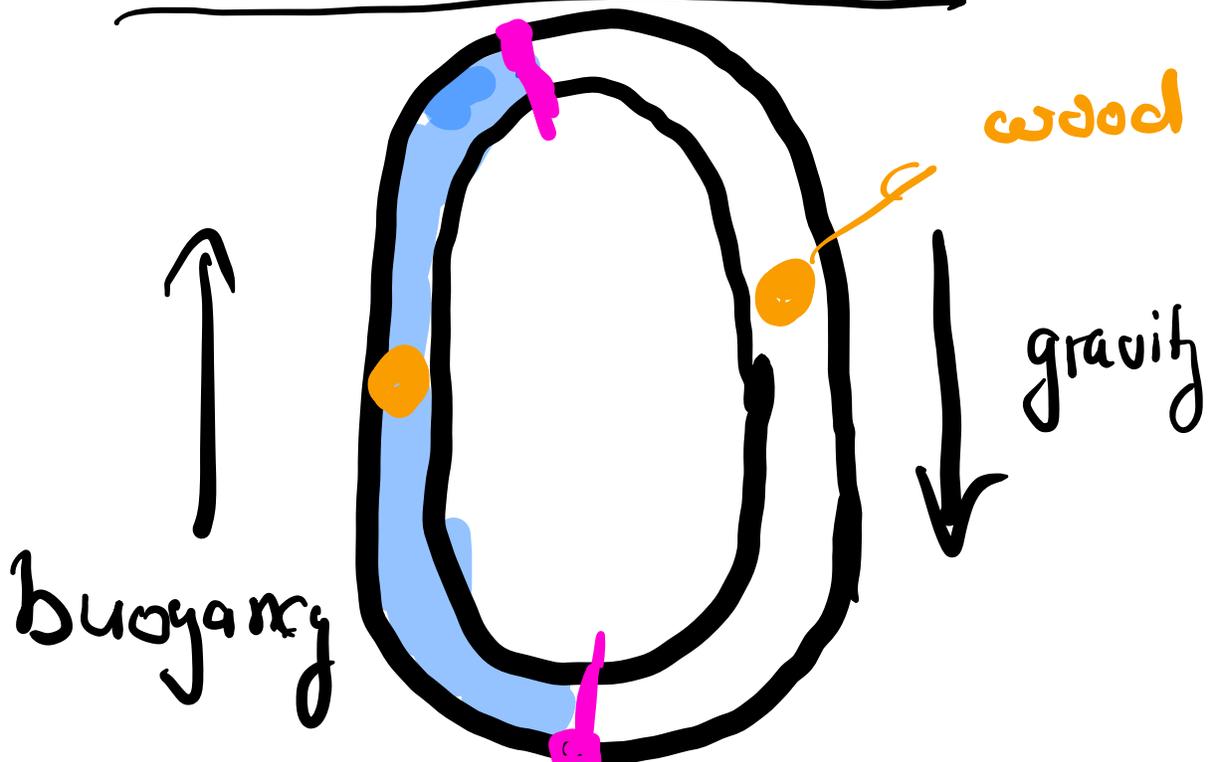
By the theorem

$$\underline{f(\vec{r}(2\pi)) - f(\vec{r}(0)) = 0}$$

Closed loop property
= Conservation of energy.

All fundamental fields
in nature are gradient
field.

Here is an idea:



Perpetual motion machine

Energy out of nothing

