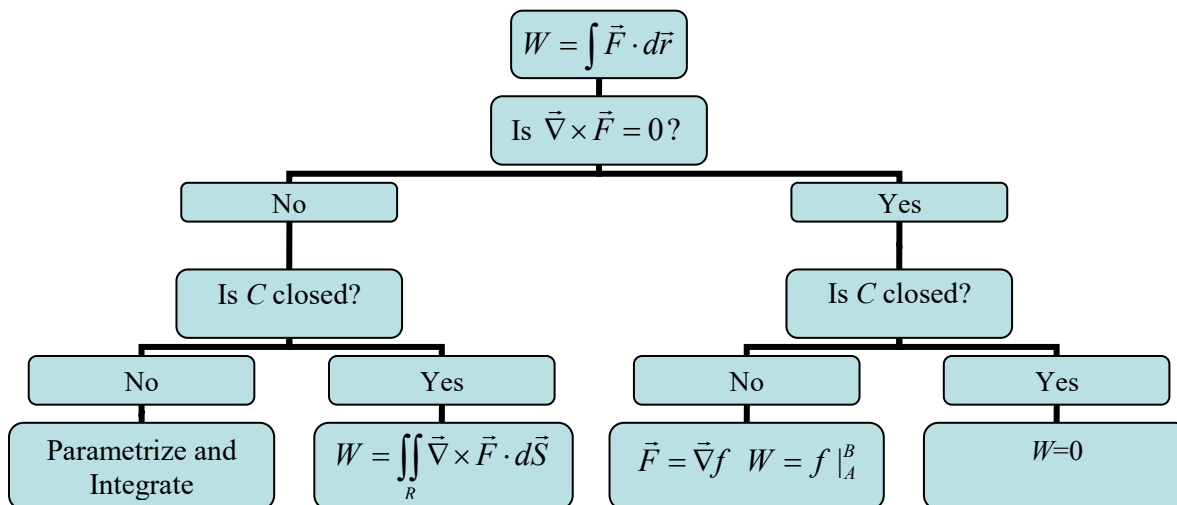


Hints on Line Integrals



Case 1. Parametrize and Integrate

- C is a line joining A and B: Use $\vec{r}(t) = \vec{A} + t(\vec{B} - \vec{A})$
- C is a circle: Use $r(t) = (a \cos t)\vec{i} + (a \sin t)\vec{j} + (c)\vec{k}$
- C is an Ellipse: Use $r(t) = (a \cos t)\vec{i} + (b \sin t)\vec{j} + (c)\vec{k}$
- C is a Hyperbola: Use $r(t) = (a \cosh t)\vec{i} + (b \sinh t)\vec{j} + (c)\vec{k}$
- C is a Parabola: Use $r(t) = (t)\vec{i} + (at^2 + bt + c)\vec{j}$
- C is a Helix: Use $r(t) = (a \cos t)\vec{i} + (a \sin t)\vec{j} + (ct)\vec{k}$
- C is given by $y=f(x)$. Use $r(t) = (t)\vec{i} + f(t)\vec{j}$

Case 2. Stoke's Theorem

- In \mathbb{R}^2 , Stoke's Theorem is called Green's Theorem. You might as well do every problem referring to Green's Theorem by using the general Stoke's theorem formula.
- In the xy plane, if $F = \langle P, Q, 0 \rangle$, then $\nabla \times F = \langle 0, 0, Q_y - P_x \rangle$
- In the xy plane, $d\vec{S} = \langle 0, 0, dx dy \rangle$, so $W = \iint_R \nabla \times \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_R (Q_y - P_x) dx dy$
- In the xz plane, $d\vec{S} = (dx)\vec{i} \times (dz)\vec{k} = -(dx dz)\vec{j}$
- In the yz plane, $d\vec{S} = (dy)\vec{j} \times (dz)\vec{k} = (dy dz)\vec{i}$

Case 3. Easy. Find the potential f and evaluate at the end points.