

Line Integral, Surface Integral & Volume Integral

* Line Integral:- The integral evaluated along any curve, is known as Line integral.

Suppose $\vec{F} = F_1 \hat{i} + F_2 \hat{j} + F_3 \hat{k}$ is a vector point function which is continuous along the curve C . The integral of the vector point function \vec{F} along the curve C from A to B is denoted by

and $\int_A^B \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l}$ is known as Line integral of the vector point function \vec{F} along the curve C from A to B .

Now, $\vec{F} = F_1 \hat{i} + F_2 \hat{j} + F_3 \hat{k}$ and $d\vec{l} = dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j} + dz \hat{k}$

$$\int_A^B \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_A^B (F_1 \hat{i} + F_2 \hat{j} + F_3 \hat{k}) \cdot (dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j} + dz \hat{k})$$

$$= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F_1 dx + \int_{y_1}^{y_2} F_2 dy + \int_{z_1}^{z_2} F_3 dz$$

Note:- The line integral around a simple closed curve is denoted by integral sign with a circle around it as \oint in place of \int and the line integral of $\vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l}$ is known as circulation of \vec{F} about closed curve C .

Use of line integral: Work done by a force \vec{F} :

Suppose a force \vec{F} acts upon a particle which displaces it from A to B along a given curve C .

$$\text{Total work done by the force } \vec{F} \text{ is } W = \int_A^B \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

* Surface integral :- The integral which is evaluated over a surface, is known as surface integral.

Suppose \vec{F} be a vector point function

which is continuous over the surface S .

Suppose P be any point on the

surface and \hat{n} is a unit vector

perpendicular to the surface at point P in outward direction.

The integral of the vector point function \vec{F} over the surface S is denoted by $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS$ or $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$

where $d\vec{s} = \hat{n} dS$ and the integral $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS$ is

known as surface integral or normal surface integral of the vector point function \vec{F} over the surface S .

$d\vec{s} = \hat{n} dS =$ vector area of small surface around P directed outward and normal to the surface at P .

Note :- The surface integral over a closed surface is denoted by integral with a circle around it as \oint or \oint_S in place of \int or \iint and the surface integral $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$ is known as surface integral of \vec{F} over a closed surface S .

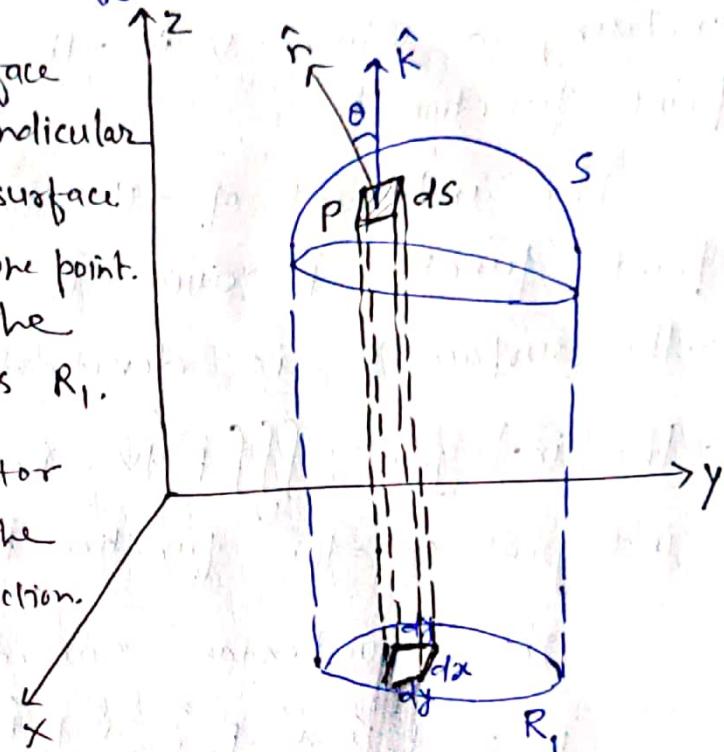
* Evaluation of surface integral with the help of orthogonal projection of the surface S on one of the coordinate plane :- Surface integral can be easily evaluated by expressing it as double integral taken over orthogonal

projection of the surface S on one of the coordinate planes. But this is possible only when any line perpendicular to chosen coordinate plane meets the surface S not more than one point. If a surface does not satisfy this condition then it can be subdivided into surfaces which satisfy the condition.

Suppose S be a surface such that any line perpendicular to xy plane meets the surface S not more than one point.

Let the projection of the surface S on xy plane is R_1 .

Let \hat{n} be a unit vector at point P normal to the surface in outward direction and it makes an angle θ with \hat{k} .



$$d\vec{s} = \hat{n} ds$$

component of $d\vec{s}$ along z axis = $ds \cdot \cos\theta = dx \cdot dy$

$$\Rightarrow ds = \frac{dx \cdot dy}{\cos\theta}$$

$$\text{Now } \hat{n} \cdot \hat{k} = |\hat{n}| \cdot |\hat{k}| \cdot \cos\theta = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \cos\theta \Rightarrow \cos\theta = \hat{n} \cdot \hat{k}$$

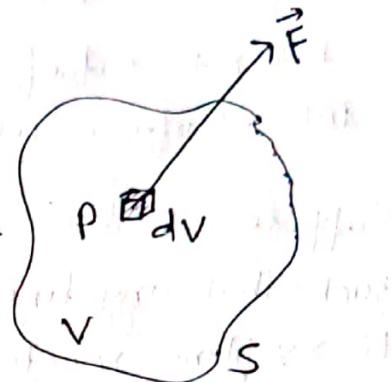
$$\Rightarrow ds = \frac{dx \cdot dy}{|\cos\theta|} \Rightarrow ds = \frac{dx \cdot dy}{|\hat{n} \cdot \hat{k}|}$$

$$\text{Now Surface integral } \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds = \iint_{R_1} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \cdot \frac{dx \cdot dy}{|\hat{n} \cdot \hat{k}|}$$

* Volume integral:- The integral which is evaluated over a volume enclosed by a surface in vector point function, is known as volume integral.

Suppose \vec{F} be a vector point function and a surface S intersecting enclosing a volume V in the vector point function \vec{F} .

The integral of the vector point function \vec{F} over the volume V enclosed by the surface S is denoted by $\iiint_V \vec{F} dv$ and the integral $\iiint_V \vec{F} dv$ is known as volume integral of the function \vec{F} over the volume V .



In Cartesian coordinate system

$$\vec{F} = F_1 \hat{i} + F_2 \hat{j} + F_3 \hat{k} \quad \text{and} \quad dV = dx dy dz$$

$$\text{Volume integral } \iiint_V \vec{F} dv = \iiint_V (F_1 \hat{i} + F_2 \hat{j} + F_3 \hat{k}) dx dy dz.$$

Where F_1 , F_2 and F_3 may be functions of x , y and z .