

### Lecture No -30      Exact Differential

$$\text{If } z = f(x, y), \text{ then } dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy$$

The result can be extended to functions of more than two independent variables.

$$\text{If } z = f(x, y, w), dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial z}{\partial w} dw$$

Make a note of these results in differential form as shown.

#### Exercise

Determine the differential  $dz$  for each of the following functions.

1.  $z = x^2 + y^2$
2.  $z = x^3 \sin 2y$
3.  $z = (2x - 1) e^{3y}$
4.  $z = x^2 + 2y^2 + 3w^2$
5.  $z = x^3 y^2 w$ .

Finish all five and then check the result.

1.  $dz = 2(x dx + y dy)$
2.  $dz = x^2(3 \sin 2y dx + 2x \cos 2y dy)$
3.  $dz = e^{3y} \{2dx + (6x - 3) dy\}$
4.  $dz = 2(xdx + 2ydy + 3wdw)$
5.  $dz = x^2y(3ywdx + 2xwdy + xydw)$

#### Exact Differential

We have just established that if  $z=f(x, y)$

$$dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy$$

We now work in reverse.

Any expression  $dz = Pdx + Qdy$ , where  $P$  and  $Q$  are functions of  $x$  and  $y$ , is an exact differential if it can be integrated to determine  $z$ .

$$\therefore P = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \text{ and } Q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} \text{ and } \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} \text{ and we know that } \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$$

Therefore, for  $dz$  to be an exact differential  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$  and this is the test we apply.

#### Example

$$dz = (3x^2 + 4y^2) dx + 8xy dy.$$

If we compare the right-hand side with  $Pdx + Qdy$ , then

$$P = 3x^2 + 4y^2 \quad \therefore \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 8y$$

$$Q = 8xy \quad \therefore \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 8y$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \quad \therefore dz \text{ is an exact differential}$$

Similarly, we can test this one.

**Example**

$$dz = (1 + 8xy) dx + 5x^2 dy.$$

From this we find dz is not an exact differential

$$\text{for } dz = (1 + 8xy) dx + 5x^2 dy$$

$$\therefore P = 1 + 8xy \quad \therefore \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 8x$$

$$Q = 5x^2 \quad \therefore \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 10x$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \neq \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \quad \therefore dz \text{ is not an exact differential}$$

**Exercise**

**Determine whether each of the following is an exact differential.**

1.  $dz = 4x^3y^3 dx + 3x^4y^2 dy$

2.  $dz = (4x^3y + 2xy^3) dx + (x^4 + 3x_2y^2) dy$

3.  $dz = (15y^2e^{3x} + 2xy^2) dx + (10ye^{3x} + x^2y) dy$

4.  $dz = (3x^2e^{2y} - 2y^2e^{3x}) dx + (2x^3e^{2y} - 2ye^{3x}) dy$

5.  $dz = (4y^3 \cos 4x + 3x^2 \cos 2y) dx + (3y^2 \sin 4x - 2x^3 \sin 2y) dy.$

**1. Yes 2. Yes 3. No 4. No 5. Yes**

We have just tested whether certain expressions are, in fact, exact differentials—and we said previously that, by definition, an exact differential can be integrated. But how exactly do we go about it? The following examples will show.

**Integration Of Exact Differentials**

$$dz = Pdx + Qdy \quad \text{where } P = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \quad \text{and } Q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$

$$\therefore z = \int Pdx \quad \text{and also } z = \int Qdy$$

**Example**

$$dz = (2xy + 6x) dx + (x^2 + 2y^3) dy.$$

$$P = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2xy + 6x \quad \therefore z = \int (2xy + 6x) dx$$

$\therefore z = x^2y + 3x^2 + f(y)$  where  $f(y)$  is an arbitrary function of  $y$  only, and is akin to the constant of integration in a normal integral.

Also

$$Q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x^2 + 2y^3 \quad \therefore z = \int (x^2 + 2y^3) dy$$

$\therefore z = x^2y + \frac{y^4}{2} + F(x)$  where  $F(x)$  is an arbitrary function of  $x$  only.

$$z = x^2y + 3x^2 + f(y) \quad \text{(i)}$$

and  $z = x^2y + \frac{y^4}{2} + F(x) \quad \text{(ii)}$

For these two expressions to represent the same function, then

$$f(y) \text{ in (i) must be } \frac{y^4}{2} \text{ already in (ii)}$$

and  $F(x)$  in (ii) must be  $3x^2$  already in (i)

$$\therefore z = x^2y + 3x^2 + \frac{y^4}{2}$$

### Example

**Integrate  $dz = (8e^{4x} + 2xy^2) dx + (4 \cos 4y + 2x^2y) dy$ .**

**Argue through the working in just the same way, from which we obtain**

$$z = 2e^{4x} + x^2y^2 + \sin 4y$$

Here it is.

$$dz = (8e^{4x} + 2xy^2) dx + (4 \cos 4y + 2x^2y) dy$$

$$P = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 8e^{4x} + 2xy^2$$

$$\therefore z = \int (8e^{4x} + 2xy^2) dx$$

$$\therefore z = 2e^{4x} + x^2y^2 + f(y) \quad (i)$$

$$Q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 4 \cos 4y + 2x^2y$$

$$\therefore z = \int (4 \cos 4y + 2x^2y) dy$$

$$\therefore z = \sin 4y + x^2y^2 + F(x) \quad (ii)$$

For (i) and (ii) to agree,  $f(y) = \sin 4y$  and  $F(x) = 2e^{4x}$

$$\therefore z = 2e^{4x} + x^2y^2 + \sin 4y$$

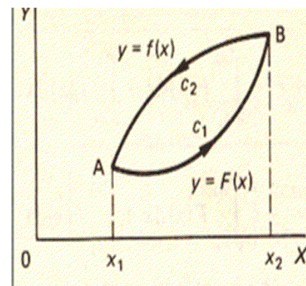
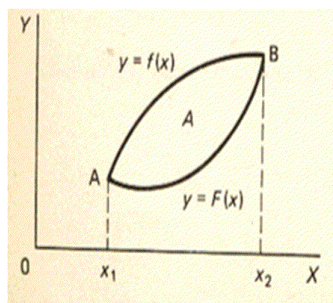
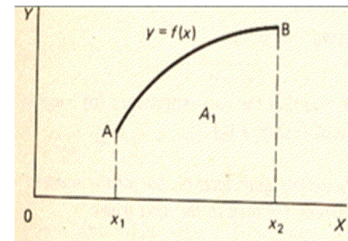
### Area enclosed by the closed curve

One of the earliest application of integration is finding the area of a plane figure bounded by the x-axis, the curve  $y = f(x)$  and ordinates at  $x=x_1$  and  $x=x_2$ .

$$A_1 = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} y dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x) dx$$

If points A and B are joined by another curve,  $y = F(x)$

$$A_2 = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x) dx$$



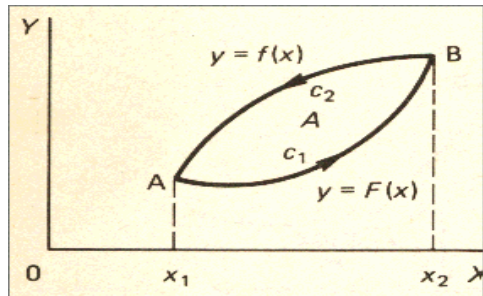
Combining the two figures, we have

$$A = A_1 - A_2 \quad \therefore A = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x) dx - \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x) dx$$

The final result above can be written in the form

$$A = -\oint y dx$$

Where the symbol  $\oint$  indicates that the integral is to be evaluated round the closed boundary in the positive



### Example

Determine the area enclosed by the graph of  $y = x^3$  and  $y = 4x$  for  $x \geq 0$ .

First we need to know the points of intersection. These are  $x = 0$  and  $x = 2$

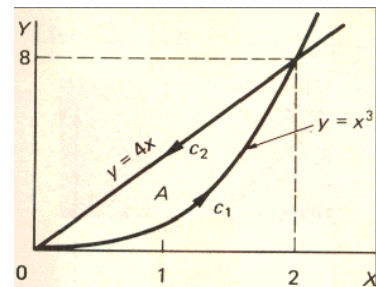
We integrate in an anticlockwise manner

$c_1$ :  $y = x^3$ , limits  $x = 0$  to  $x = 2$

$c_2$ :  $y = 4x$ , limits  $x = 2$  to  $x = 0$ .

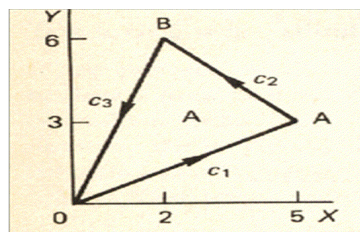
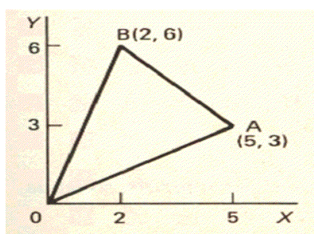
$$A = -\oint y dx = A = 4 \text{ square units}$$

$$\text{For } A = -\oint y dx = -\left\{ \int_1^2 x^3 dx + \int_2^0 4x dx \right\} = -\left\{ \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^2 + \left[ 2x^2 \right]_0^2 \right\} = 4$$



### Example

Find the area of the triangle with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(5, 3)$  and  $(2, 6)$ .



The equation of OA is  $y = \frac{3}{5}x$ , BA is  $y = 8 - x$ , OB is  $y = 3x$

$$\text{Then } A = -\oint y dx$$

Write down the component integrals with appropriate limits.

$$A = -\oint y dx = -\left\{ \int_0^5 \frac{3}{5}x dx + \int_5^2 (8-x) dx + \int_2^0 3x dx \right\}$$

The limits chosen must progress the integration round the boundary of the figure in an anticlockwise manner. Finishing off the integration, we have

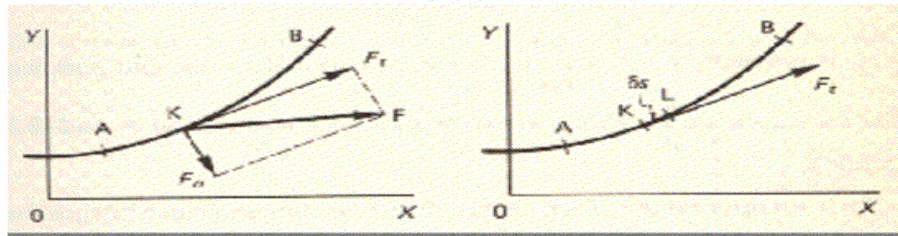
$A = 12$  square units

The actual integration is easy enough. The work we have just done leads us on to consider line integrals, so let us make a fresh start in the next frame.

### Line Integrals

If a field exists in the xy-plane, producing a force  $F$  on a particle at  $K$ , then  $F$  can be resolved into two components.  $F_t$  along the tangent to the curve  $AB$  at  $K$ .  $F_n$  along the normal to the curve  $AB$  at  $K$ .

## Line Integrals



The work done in moving the particle through a small distance  $\delta s$  from  $K$  to  $L$  along the curve is then approximately  $F_t \delta s$ . So the total work done in moving a particle along the curve from  $A$  to  $B$  is given by

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sum F_t \delta s = \int F_t ds \text{ from } A \text{ to } B$$

This is normally written  $\int_{AB} F_t ds$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are the end points of the curve,

or as  $\int_C F_t ds$  where the curve  $c$  connecting  $A$  and  $B$  is defined.

Such an integral thus formed, is called a line integral since integration is carried out along the path of the particular curve  $c$  joining  $A$  and  $B$ .

$$\therefore I = \int_{AB} F_t dx = \int_C F_t ds$$

where  $c$  is the curve  $y = f(x)$  between  $A(x_1, y_2)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2)$ .

There is in fact an alternative form of the integral which is often useful, so let us also consider that.

### Alternative form of a line integral

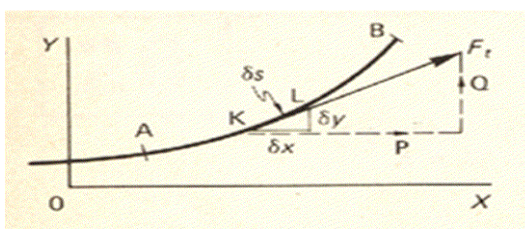
It is often more convenient to integrate with respect to  $x$  or  $y$  than to take arc length as the variable.

If  $F_t$  has a component

$P$  in the  $x$ -direction

$Q$  in the  $y$ -direction

then the work done from  $K$  to  $L$  can be stated as  $P\delta x + Q\delta y$



$$\therefore \int_{AB} F_t ds = \int_{AB} (P dx + Qdy)$$

where P and Q are functions of x and y.

In general then, the line integral can be expressed as

$$I = \int_C F_t ds = \int_C (P dx + Qdy)$$

where c is the prescribed curve and F, or P and Q, are functions of x and y.

Make a note of these results –then we will apply them to one or two examples.