

Differential 0-forms in 1 variable

A differentiable 0-form in 1-variable is just a differentiable, real-valued function

$$\omega = f(x)$$

Example

$$\omega = 3x + 4$$

$$\omega = 3x^2 + 4$$

$$\omega = \sin(x)$$

are all differentiable 0-forms.

Usually, a diff. 0-form is given in the context of some closed interval

$$S = [a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R},$$

or union of closed intervals

$$S = [a_1, b_1] \cup [a_2, b_2] \cup \dots \cup [a_k, b_k].$$

We only require ω to be differentiable on the points in S .

Example

$$\omega = |x|$$

is a differentiable 0-form
on $S = [1, 100]$.

Clearly ω is not a differentiable
0-form on the set

$$S = [-100, 100]$$

Terminology I'll say 0-form
to mean differentiable 0-form.

For $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$ we write

$$[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x \leq b\}$$

and we picture this as



The arrow is an orientation

which specifies that the direction of travel is from a to b .

For $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$ we write

$$[b, a] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x \leq b\}$$

and picture this as



in this case, the direction of travel starts at b and ends at a .

we say that $[a, b]$ and $[b, a]$ are oriented intervals.

Example $S = [2, 1] \cup [3, 4] \cup [6, 5]$



The boundary of the interval
 $S = [a, b]$ is the set

$$\partial S = \{a, b\}$$

Consisting of two points, the
initial point a and the final
point b .

Example $S = [2, 1] \cup [3, 4] \cup [6, 5]$

$$\partial S = \{1, 6, 2, 3, \cancel{5}, 4\}$$

Terminology: we'll say that
 $S = [a, b]$ is 1-dimensional,
and that ∂S is 0-dimensional

Definition Given a 0-form

$$\omega = F(x)$$

on an oriented interval

$$S = [a, b]$$

we define

$$\int_{\partial S} \omega = F(b) - F(a)$$

↑ ↑
final initial
point point

Example Integrate the
0-form $\omega = 3x^2 + 4$
on the boundary ∂S of the
set $S = [2, 1]$.

Soln

$$\int_{\partial S} \omega = \int_{\{2, 1\}} 3x^2 + 4$$

$$= \underbrace{3(1^2) + 4}_{F(1)} - \underbrace{3(2^2) + 4}_{F(2)}$$

$$= 7 - 16 = -9$$

Defn Given a 0-form $\omega = F(x)$
on $S = [a_1, b_1] \cup [a_2, b_2]$ we
define

$$\int_{\partial S} \omega = \int_{\partial[a_1, b_1]} \omega + \int_{\partial[a_2, b_2]} \omega$$

provided that

$$[a_1, b_1] \cap [a_2, b_2] = \emptyset.$$

Example Integrate the 0-form

$\omega = 3x^2 + 4$ on ∂S where

$$S = [2, 1] \cup [3, 4].$$

Soln

$$\int_{\partial S} \omega = \int_{[2, 1]} \omega + \int_{[3, 4]} \omega$$

$$= -9 + 3(4^2) + 4 - (3(3^2) + 4)$$

$$= 12$$

WARNING: A 0-form can only be integrated over a 0-dimensional oriented region.