

## Differential 0-forms in 1 variable

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

$$\omega = f(x)$$

Examples

$$\omega = 3x - 4$$

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

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

are all differential 0-forms.

Usually a differential 0-form is given in the context of some closed interval

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

or a union of closed intervals

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

we only require  $\omega$  to be differentiable at points in  $S$ .

### Example

$$\omega = |x|$$

is a differential 0-form on

$$S = [1, 100].$$

Clearly  $\omega$  is not a differential 0-form on  $S = [-1, 100]$ .

### Terminology

I'll say 0-form instead of differential 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.  
that specifies the direction of  
travel 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



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 oriented interval  $S = [a, b]$  is the set

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

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

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

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

Terminology we'll say that  $S = [a, b]$  is 1-dimensional, and that  $\partial S$  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 point                      initial point

Example Integrate the  
0-form  $\omega = 3x^2 + 4$  on  
the boundary of the interval  
 $S = [2, 17]$ .



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

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

Example Integrate the 0-form  
 $\omega = 3x^2 + 4$  on  $\partial S$  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 on a 0-dimensional  
oriented region.