

Example Find the 1-form

$$W = A dx + B dy + C dz$$

describing the function "work" in the constant force field where displacement of a particle from

$(0,0,0)$ to $(4,0,0)$ needs 3 units of work

$(1,-1,0)$ to $(1,1,0)$ " 2 " "

$(0,0,0)$ to $(3,0,2)$ " 5 " "

Soln

$$4A = 3$$

$$2B = 2$$

$$3A + 2C = 5$$

$$A = \frac{3}{4}$$

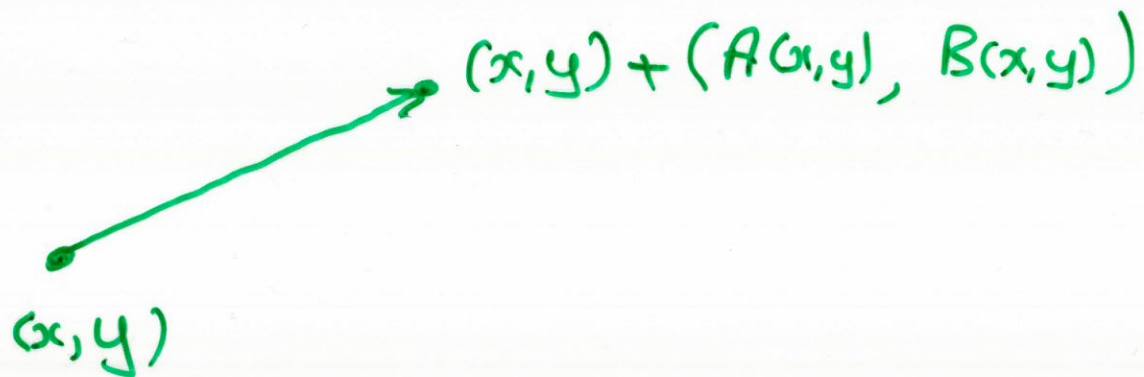
$$B = 1$$

$$C = \frac{11}{8}$$

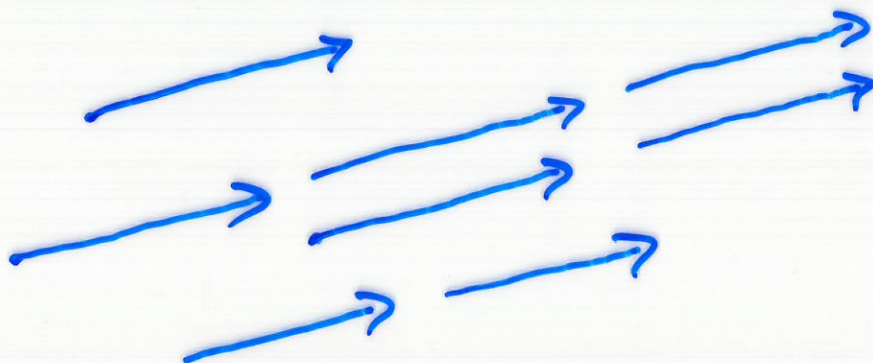
We can think of a 1-form

$$\omega = A(x,y) dx + B(x,y) dy$$

as a collection of arrows
in the plane. For each point
 (x,y) in the plane we have
the arrow



Example The 1-form $\omega = 2dx + dy$
can be pictured as

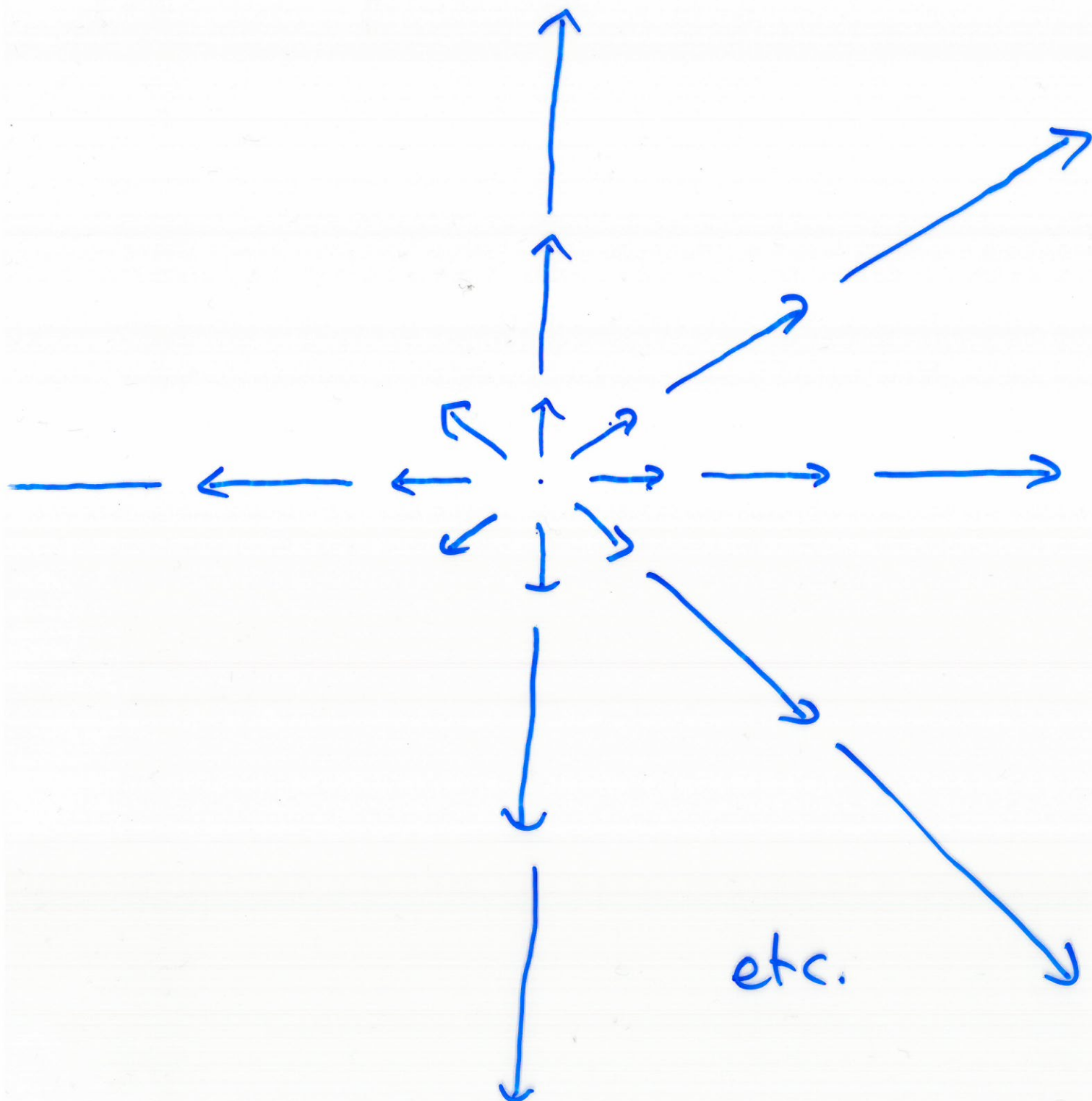


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The 1-form

$$\omega = x dx + y dy$$

can be pictured as



Integration of 1-forms

Let $\omega = A(x,y) dx + B(x,y) dy$ be a 1-form.

Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ be a 1-dimensional, oriented, connected subset.



Informally if we think of ω as a "work 1-form" then

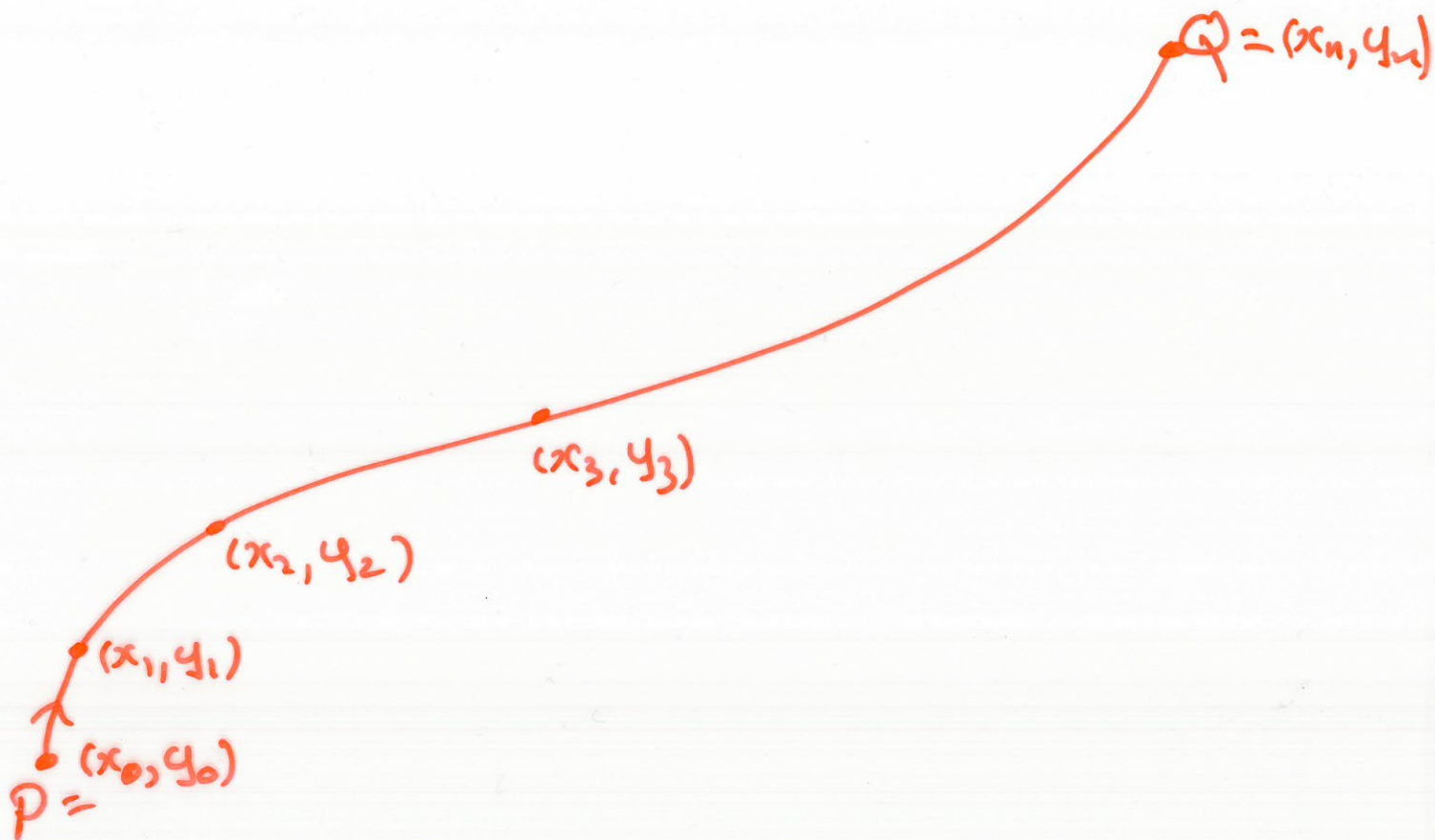
$$\int_S A(x,y) dx + B(x,y) dy$$

is the total work done in moving a particle from P to Q.

More Formally

$$\int_S A(x,y) dx + B(x,y) dy =$$

$$\lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n A(x_i, y_i) \cdot (x_i - x_{i-1}) + B(x_i, y_i) \cdot (y_i - y_{i-1})$$



where :

$P = \{ (x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n) \}$
is a sequence of points on
 S , with (x_0, y_0) the initial
point of S , and (x_n, y_n) the
final point.

$$\|P\| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|(x_i, y_i) - (x_{i-1}, y_{i-1})\|$$

$$\text{with } \|(x, y)\| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

Example Let S be the line
segment from $(0, 1)$ to $(1, 2)$.

Evaluate

$$L = \int_S (x^2 - y) dx + (y^2 + x) dy$$

Solⁿ The line $y = x + 1$
 passes through $(0, 1)$ and $(1, 2)$



$$P = \{(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$$

$$= \{(x_0, x_0 + 1), (x_1, x_1 + 1), \dots, (x_n, x_n + 1)\}$$

$$L = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i^2 - x_{i-1}) (x_i - x_{i-1}) + [(x_{i+1})^2 + x_i] (x_i - x_{i-1})$$

$$= \int_0^1 (x^2 - x - 1) + [(x + 1)^2 + x] \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 2x^2 + 2x \, dx$$

$$\vdots$$

$$= 5/3$$