## 6. Line and Surface Integrals

## 6.0 Integrals over Specified Paths and Surfaces

## 6.1 Example of a Line Integral:

The work dW done by a force **F** when its point of application moves along a curve **C** through the displacement  $d\mathbf{r}$  is:



So total work done is

$$W = \int_C \mathbf{F.} d\mathbf{r}$$

e.g. suppose that C arises from x = t, y = 1/t, with  $\mathbf{F} = (1, 1, 0)$ , during t = 1 to 2.  $d\mathbf{r} = (dx, dy) = (dt, -t^{-2}dt)$  $W = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{t=1}^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{t^2}\right) dt = \frac{1}{2}$ 

## 6.1 Example of a Surface Integral:

The flux  $\Phi$  of a vector field **A** through a surface **S** with normal **n** 



e.g.  $\mathbf{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r^3} \mathbf{r}$  and let Q be at centre of sphere

**S** with radius *a*. Then  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}$ 

So 
$$\Phi = \int_{S} \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 a^2} dS = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 a^2} \int_{S} dS = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 a^2} 4\pi a^2 = \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_0}$$

Volume Integral  $\leftrightarrow$  Surface Integral

Area Integral  $\leftrightarrow$  Line Integral

•  $\mathbf{V} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{S}$ 



Flux out of element dxdydzis div **A** dx dy dzFlux out of collection of elements is  $\sum_{i} \text{div} \mathbf{A}_{i} dV_{i}$ 

So Flux out of a Volume (bounded by surface S) is

$$\Phi = \int_{S} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{V} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{A} \, dV$$

•  $A \leftrightarrow L$ 

