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In[1]:= Quiet[Remove["Global`*"], {Remove::rmnsm}];
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In[2]:= (* potential function p[x,y] ≡ p. *)
(* pX ≡ δp/δx; pY ≡ δp/δy; pXX ≡ δ²p/δx²;
pYY ≡ δ²p/δy²; pXY ≡ δ²p/δxδy *)
(* If walking uphill along Grad[p]
how fast does one turn as angle per distance. *)

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In[3]:= chgAng =

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$$\left( \text{ArcTan} \left[ \frac{pY + \text{eps} (pYY pY + pXY pX)}{pX + \text{eps} (pXX pX + pXY pY)} \right] / \sqrt{pX^2 + pY^2} \right) - \text{ArcTan} \left[ \frac{pY}{pX} \right] // \text{FullSimplify}$$

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Out[3]= -ArcTan[ $\frac{pY}{pX}$ ] + ArcTan[ $\frac{\text{eps} pX pXY + pY \sqrt{pX^2 + pY^2} + \text{eps} pY pYY}{\text{eps} pX pXX + \text{eps} pXY pY + pX \sqrt{pX^2 + pY^2}}$ ]

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In[4]:= dAngleBydDistance = Limit[ $\frac{\text{chgAng}}{\text{eps}}$ , eps → 0] // FullSimplify

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Out[4]=  $\frac{pX^2 pXY - pXY pY^2 + pX pY (-pXX + pYY)}{(pX^2 + pY^2)^{3/2}}$ 

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In[5]:= (* Units are distance-4/distance-3, which is lightly reassuring. *)

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In[6]:=

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(* And a check *)

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In[7]:= (D[chgAng, eps] /. {eps → 0}) // FullSimplify

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Out[7]=  $\frac{pX^2 pXY - pXY pY^2 + pX pY (-pXX + pYY)}{(pX^2 + pY^2)^{3/2}}$ 

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