

15.4 Green's Theorem.

Thm Let C be a simple closed piecewise-smooth curve, oriented counterclockwise, that encloses a connected and simply connected region R in the plane. Assume $F = \langle f, g \rangle$, where f and g have continuous first partial derivatives in R . Then

$$\oint_C F \cdot dr = \oint_C f dx + g dy = \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

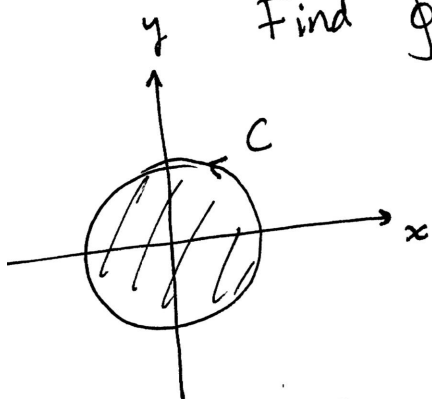
Circulation Form

Def. Curl.

The two dimensional curl of the vector field $F = \langle f, g \rangle$ is $\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$.

If the curl is zero throughout a region, the vector field is irrotational on that region.

Ex. Let $F = \langle -y, x \rangle$, and let $C = x^2 + y^2 = 1$, unit circle, oriented counterclockwise.
Find $\oint_C F \cdot dr$ using Green's thm.



R is the region enclosed by C .

$$R: x^2 + y^2 \leq 1.$$

$$F = \langle -y, x \rangle = \langle f, g \rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = 1 \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -1$$

$$\therefore \oint_C F \cdot dr = \iint_R (1 - (-1)) dA = \iint_R 2 dA = 2 \text{Area}(R) = \underline{\underline{2\pi}}$$

Thm The area of a region R enclosed by a curve C is:

$$\oint_C x dy = - \oint_C y dx = \frac{1}{2} \oint_C x dy - y dx$$

Ex. Find the area of the ellipse $x^2 + 4y^2 = 16$ using a line integral.

$$C: x^2 + 4y^2 = 16$$

$$\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$$

$$r(t) = \langle 4 \cos t, 2 \sin t \rangle \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

$$x = 4 \cos t$$

$$y = 2 \sin t$$

$$dx = -4 \sin t dt$$

$$dy = 2 \cos t dt$$

$$\therefore \text{Area of ellipse} = \frac{1}{2} \oint_C x dy - y dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (4 \cos t)(2 \cos t dt) - (2 \sin t)(-4 \sin t) dt$$

$$= 4 \int_0^{2\pi} dt = \underline{8\pi}$$

Thm Green's Thm. Flux form

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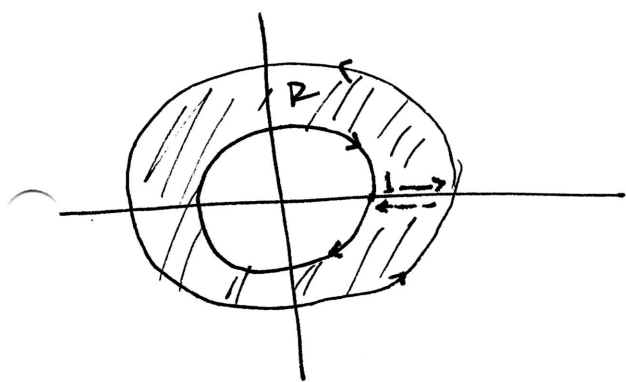
$$\oint_C F \cdot n ds = \oint_C f dy - g dx = \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

where n is the outward unit normal vector on the curve.

Def. Divergence.

The two dimensional divergence of the vector field $F = \langle f, g \rangle$ is $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}$, If the divergence is zero throughout a region, the vector field is source free on that region.

Ex. Find the outward flux of the vector field $F = \langle xy^2, x^2y \rangle$ across the boundary of the annulus $R = \{ (x, y) \mid 1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 4 \}$



$$\oint_C F \cdot n \, ds = \oint_C f \, dy - g \, dx =$$

$$= \oint_C xy^2 \, dy - x^2y \, dx$$

$$= \iint_R (y^2 + x^2) \, dA$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^2 (r^2) r \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{15\pi}{2}.$$

Stream functions.

Let $F = \langle f, g \rangle$ be a vector field, a stream function for the vector field -if it exists- is a function ψ

that satisfies $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = f$, $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = -g$.

Notice that divergence $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(-\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) = 0$

So, a stream function guarantees that the vector field has zero divergence.

The level curves of a stream function are called flow curves.