

Section 16.4: Green's Theorem

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Goal: To use Green's Theorem to evaluate line integrals



Recall: A curve C in a plane is positively oriented if it is traveled in a counterclockwise direction.

Theorem 1: Green's Theorem

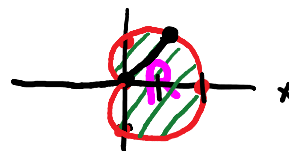
Let C be a positively oriented, piecewise smooth, simple closed curve that bounds a region R in the xy -plane. Then, as long as P and Q have continuous partial derivatives in an open region containing R ,

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C P dx + Q dy = \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

Idea of Proof: Show $\int_C P dx = -\iint_R \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dA$ and

$\int_C Q dy = \iint_R \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} dA$, then sum to get the result.

(ex) Evaluate $\int_C (x^2 - y^2) dx + 2xy dy$, $C: r = 1 + \cos \theta$



$$\begin{aligned} \int_C (x^2 - y^2) dx + 2xy dy &= \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA \\ &= \iint_R (2y - (-2y)) dA \\ &= \iint_R 4y dA \\ &= 4 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{1+\cos\theta} r \sin\theta r dr d\theta \end{aligned}$$

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$$= 4 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{1+\cos\theta} r^2 \sin\theta \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin\theta [r^3]_0^{1+\cos\theta} \, d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{4}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \underbrace{\sin\theta (1+\cos\theta)^3}_{u^3 du} \, d\theta$$

$$u = 1 + \cos\theta$$

$$du = -\sin\theta \, d\theta$$

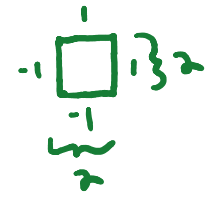
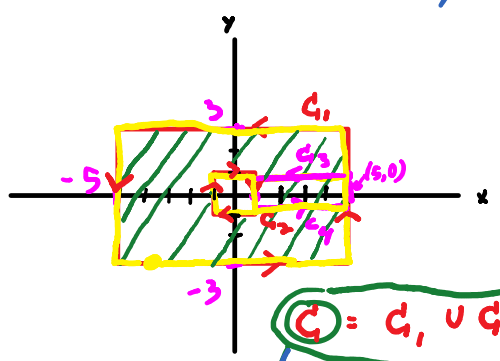
$$= -\frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \left[(1+\cos\theta)^4 \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \left[(1+1)^4 - (1+1)^4 \right] \quad \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C P \, dx + Q \, dy$$

$$= 0$$

(ex) Evaluate $\int_C (y-x) \, dx + (2x-y) \, dy$ where C

is the boundary of



$$C = C_1 \cup C_2$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 c_1 \cup c_2 \cup c_3 \cup c_4 &= \int_{c_1} + \int_{c_2} + \int_{c_3} + \int_{c_4} \\
 &= \int_{c_1} + \int_{c_2} + \int_{c_3} + \int_{-c_3} \\
 &= \int_{c_1} + \int_{c_2} + \cancel{\int_{c_3}} - \cancel{\int_{c_3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA \\
 &= \iint_R (2 - 1) dA \\
 &= \iint_R 1 dA = \text{Area of } R = 10 \cdot 6 - 2 \cdot 2 \\
 &= \boxed{56}
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2: Corollary to Green's Theorem

If R is a plane region bounded by a piecewise smooth simple closed curve C , oriented counterclockwise, then the area of R is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 1, \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -1 & \quad \sum (-(-1)) = \sum 1 = 1 \\
 A = \frac{1}{2} \int_C x dy - y dx &= \int_C x dy = - \int_C y dx \quad \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 1 \right) \\
 \int_C P dx + Q dy &= \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA = \text{Area of } R
 \end{aligned}$$

(ex) Use a line integral to find the area enclosed by a circle of radius a .

$$A = \int_C x \, dy$$

$$C: x^2 + y^2 = a^2 \rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{a}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$x = a \cos t, \quad y = a \sin t, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

↳ $dy = a \cos t \, dt$

$$A = \int_0^{2\pi} a \cos t \, a \cos t \, dt$$

$$= a^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 t \, dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_0^{2\pi} (1 + \cos 2t) \, dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} a^2 \left[t + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} a^2 [(2\pi + 0) - 0]$$

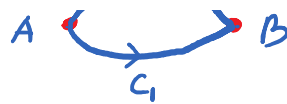
$$= \pi a^2$$

Theorem 3: Let $\mathbf{F}(x,y,z) = P(x,y,z)\mathbf{i} + Q(x,y,z)\mathbf{j} + R(x,y,z)\mathbf{k}$ have continuous first partial derivatives in an open connected region R , and let C be a piecewise smooth curve in R . The following are equivalent

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 - a) \mathbf{F} is conservative. $\vec{F} = \nabla f$
 - b) $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ is independent of path.
 - c) $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 0$ for every closed curve C in R .





$$\begin{aligned} \int_{C, U(C_2)} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= 0 \\ &= \int_{C_1} + \int_{-C_2} = 0 \\ &= \int_{C_1} - \int_{C_2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}}$$

Thus, the integral is path independent

Note: If $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 0$ then for every simple closed curve, C , enclosing R ...

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C P dx + Q dy = \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA = 0$$

any C

which means \vec{F} is conservative.

by the above Theorem.

so if $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$, then \vec{F} is conservative