

16.4: Green's Thm (MIT)

$\text{curl}(\vec{F}) = Q_x - P_y$ where $\vec{F} = (P, Q)$
 is a measure of how far a field
 is from conservative.

What if $\text{curl}(\vec{F}) \neq 0$ & I want

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = ?$$



opt 1: direct calculation

opt 2: Green's Thm.

Green's Thm (avoids line integral)

If C is a closed curve enclosing
 a region R , CCW, \vec{F} vector field
 defined & diff in R then

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_R \text{curl} \vec{F} \cdot dA$$

OR $\oint_C P dx + Q dy = \iint_R (Q_x - P_y) dA$



only on the bounds

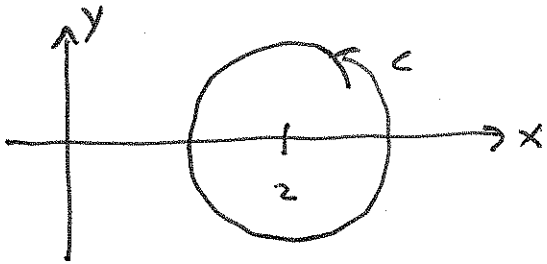


CCW due to curl

in the region

Warning: only for closed curves.

Ex 1: Let C = circle w/ $r=1$ centered @ $(2,0)$



compute

$$I = \oint_C \underbrace{ye^{-x}}_P dx + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2}x^2 - e^{-x}\right)}_Q dy$$

(1) directly....

$$x = 2 + \cos \theta$$

$$y = \sin \theta$$

$$dx = -\sin \theta d\theta$$

$$dy = \cos \theta d\theta$$

... yuck.

(2) Green's Thm:

$$I = \iint_R \text{curl } \vec{F} dA$$

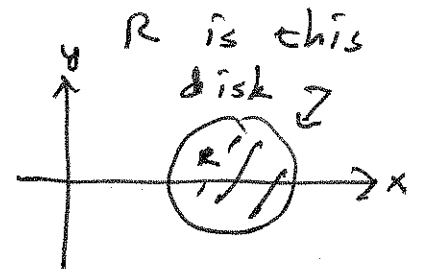
$$= \iint_R (Q_x - P_y) dA \quad \text{where}$$

$$= \iint_R \underbrace{(x + e^{-x})}_{Q_x} - \underbrace{e^{-x}}_{P_y} dA$$

$$= \iint_R x dA = M_y \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{A}$$

$$= \text{Area}(R) \cdot \bar{x}$$

$$= 2\pi$$



special case:

If $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{0}$

then \vec{F} conservative?

Green's Thm: $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_R \text{curl } \vec{F} \, dA$

$= 0$ if $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{0}$

This proves: if $\text{curl } \vec{F} = 0$ everywhere in R ,

then $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$.

Consequence of Green's Thm: If \vec{F} is defined everywhere in the plane & $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{0}$, then \vec{F} is conservative.

□ proof:

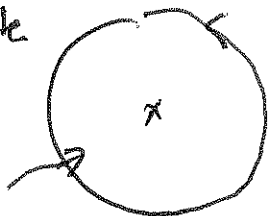


$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_R \text{curl } \vec{F} \, dA$$

$$= \iint_R \vec{0} \, dA$$

$$= 0$$

unit circle



$\text{curl } \vec{F} = 0$
everywhere
except $(0,0)$ where
it is undefined.

can't use Green's Thm

on problems of
this type.

Proof of Green's Thm: $\oint_C P dx + Q dy = \iint_R (Q_x - P_y) dA$

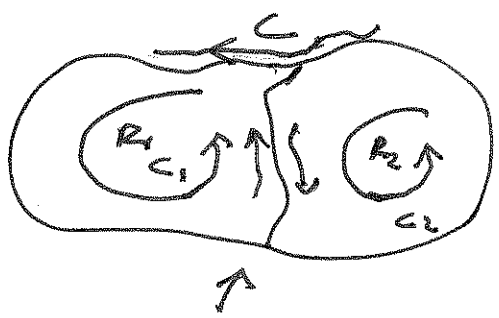
observe 1: we'll prove $\oint_C P dx = \iint_R -P_y dA$

(special case where $Q=0$.)

A similar argument will show $\oint_C Q dy = \iint_R Q_x dA$.

The sum of the formulas will prove Green's Thm!

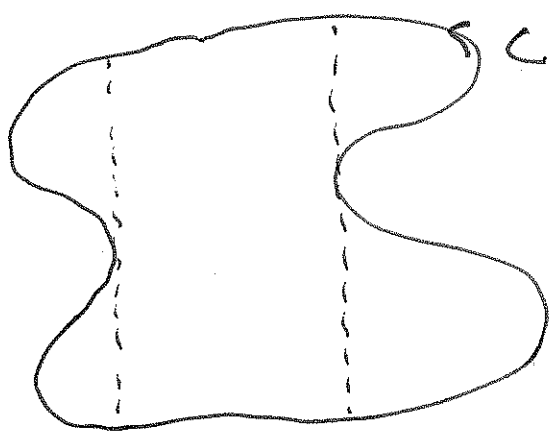
observe 2: we can decompose R into simpler regions.



If we can prove the statement is true for C_1 & C_2 , then it is true for C .

notice that the middle edge is traversed twice but in opposite directions.

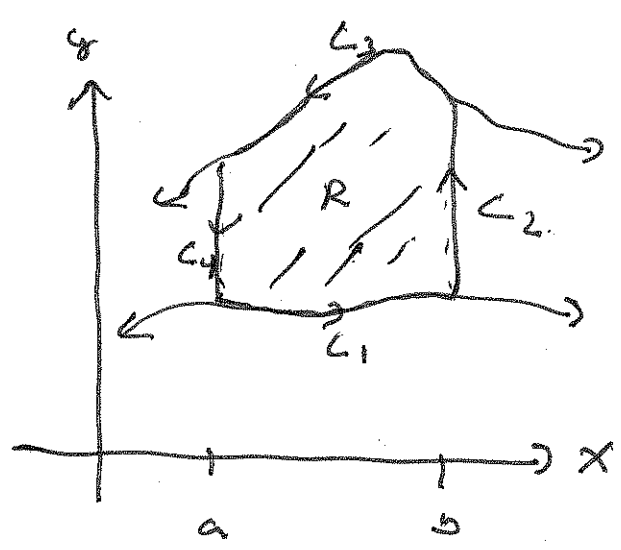
$$\oint_C M dx = \oint_{C_1} + \oint_{C_2} = \iint_{R_1} + \iint_{R_2} = \iint_R -M_y dA$$



Cut R into "vertically simple regions."

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a < x < b \\ \text{and} \\ f_1(x) < y < f_2(x) \end{array} \right.$$

main step: prove $\int_C p \, dx = \int \int_R -p \, y \, dA$ if R is vertically simple & C = boundary of R C.C.W. L.H.S. in 4 pieces



① $\int_{C_1} p \, dx = \int_a^b p(x, f_1(x)) \, dx$
 $y = f_1(x)$
 x from a to b .

② $\int_{C_2} p \, dx = 0$
 $x = b \Rightarrow dx = 0$

③ And $\int_{C_3} p \, dx = \int_b^a p(x, f_2(x)) \, dx$ ④ and $\int_{C_4} p \, dx = 0$.

$y = f_2(x)$
 x from b to a .

$$= - \int_a^b p(x, f_2(x)) \, dx$$

$$\text{so } \oint_C p \, dx = \int_a^b p(x, f_1(x)) \, dx - \int_a^b p(x, f_2(x)) \, dx$$

This is the L.H.S.

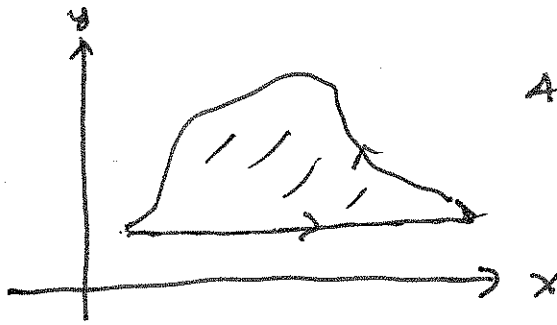
Now for the R.H.S.

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R -p \, y \, dA &= - \int_a^b \int_{y=f_1(x)}^{y=f_2(x)} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \, dy \, dx \\ &= - \int_a^b \left[p(x, y) \right]_{y=f_1(x)}^{y=f_2(x)} \, dx \\ &= - \int_a^b p(x, f_2(x)) - p(x, f_1(x)) \, dx \\ &= \int_a^b [p(x, f_1(x)) - p(x, f_2(x))] \, dx \end{aligned}$$

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As you can see, LHS = RHS. We can now remove the assumption of "vertically simple" because of observation 2 & the assumption that $q=0$ in observation 1.

ex2: planimeter.



Area under the curve

$$\oint_C x \, dy = \iint_R 1 \, dA = \text{Area}(R).$$