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Problem 1 (20 Points). Use Green's Theorem to evaluate $\int_C y^3 dx - x^3 dy$, where C is the positively-oriented circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$.

Solution.

Let D be the region enclosed by C . Since C is a positively-oriented closed curve, by Green's Theorem, we have

$$\oint_C y^3 dx - x^3 dy = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [-x^3] - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [y^3] \right) dA = \iint_D (-3x^2 - 3y^2) dA$$

Since the region D is the interior of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, this double integral is best done in polar coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 -3r^2 \cdot r dr d\theta \\ &= -3 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{4} r^4 \Big|_{r=0}^{r=2} d\theta \\ &= -3 \cdot 4 \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \\ &= -12 \cdot 2\pi = \boxed{-24\pi} \end{aligned}$$