

17.4: Green's Theorem

Curl:

Let $\vec{F}(x,y) = \langle P(x,y), Q(x,y) \rangle$ is a 2D vector field

Then $\vec{F}(x,y) = \langle P, Q, 0 \rangle$

Define $\vec{\nabla} = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \rangle$ "del"

The curl of \vec{F} :

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ P & Q & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$P = P(x,y)$
 $Q = Q(x,y)$

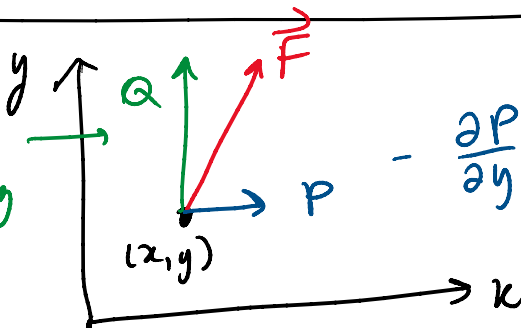
$$= (0 - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z})\hat{i} - (0 - \frac{\partial P}{\partial z})\hat{j} + (\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y})\hat{k}$$

$$= \langle 0, 0, \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \rangle$$

NOTE: In 2D, $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$, then

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \text{ is scalar}$$

$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$: how much \uparrow is changing left/right



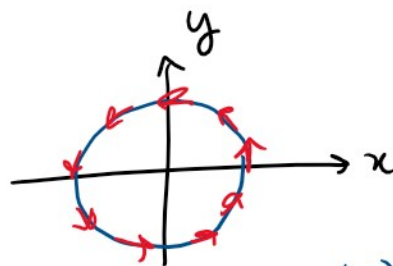
$-\frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$: how much \rightarrow is changing up/down

$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}$ measures how much a vector field circulates or rotates

$\uparrow y$

$\nabla \times \vec{F}$ circulates or rotates

Ex: $\vec{F} = \langle -y, x \rangle$ rotational field



$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(-y) = 1 - (-1) = 2$$

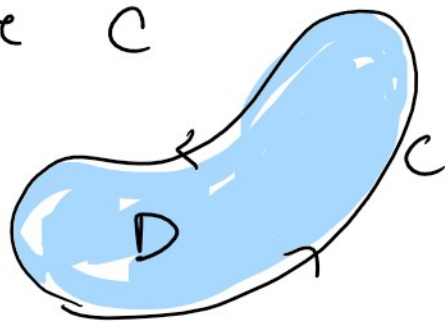
curl is positive everywhere, so
Field \vec{F} is rotational everywhere

If $\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$ is conservative then the
curl is zero everywhere. irrotational

Assume we have a closed curve C

It encloses a region D

Then if $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$



Green's Theorem:

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

Why?

If $\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$ is conservative

then $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \phi(b) - \phi(a) = 0$ $a=b$

also $\nabla \times \vec{F} = \nabla \times \nabla \phi = 0$

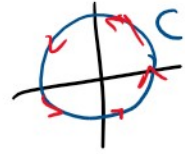
$$\iint_D \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA = 0$$

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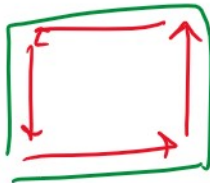
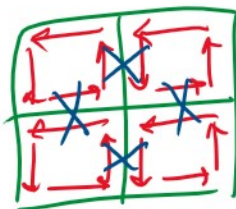
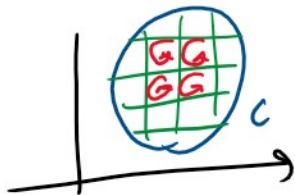
also $\iint_D \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA = 0$

More Generally:

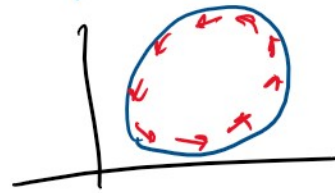
$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ - line integral that accumulates \vec{F} along C



$\iint_D \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA$ - accumulating rotation of \vec{F} over D



rotation cancels out on the boundary of 2 neighboring boxes



$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$$

Use Green's Thm to calculate areas:

Ex: Calculate the area of an ellipse $\frac{x^2}{2^2} + \frac{y^2}{3^2} = 1$

$$\text{area} = \iint_D 1 \cdot dA$$

$$\text{Green's Thm: } \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA = \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

Need: $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ whose $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = 1$
 $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 1$

Need: $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ whose $\nabla \times \vec{F} = 1$

$$\int \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \int \frac{1}{2} dx \rightarrow Q = \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\int \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dy = \int -\frac{1}{2} dy \rightarrow P = -\frac{y}{2}$$

$$\vec{F} = \left\langle -\frac{y}{2}, \frac{x}{2} \right\rangle$$

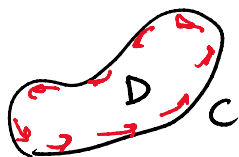
$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$\text{area} = \iint_D dA = \oint_C \left\langle -\frac{y}{2}, \frac{x}{2} \right\rangle \cdot d\vec{r}$$

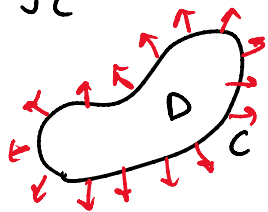
Green's Thm:

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

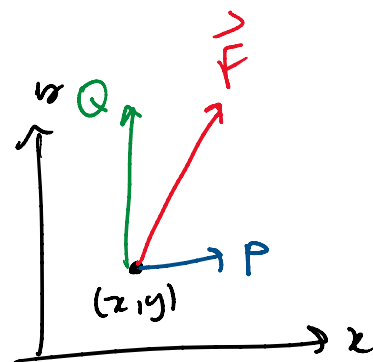


$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} ds = \iint_D \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} \right)}_{\text{Divergence}} dA$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F}$$



$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial y}$: measures how much \uparrow is changing up/down



Think of divergence as how much \vec{F} is expanding.

Ex: $\vec{F} = \langle -y, x \rangle$ rotational field

Ex: $F = \langle -y, x \rangle \dots$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = 2$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(-y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x) = 0$$

we say \vec{F} is source-free

$\vec{F} = \langle x, y \rangle$ radial field, conservative

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = 0 \quad \text{irrotational}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y) = 2.$$