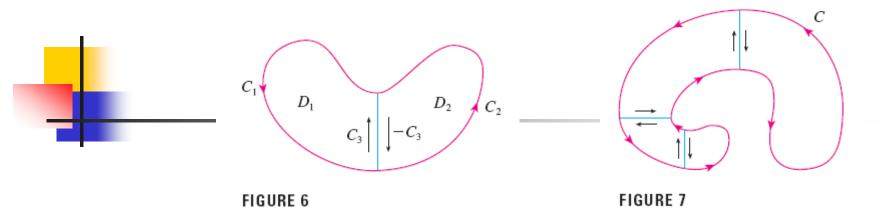
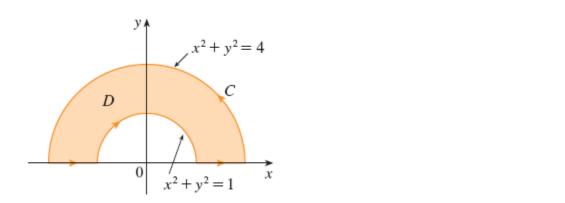
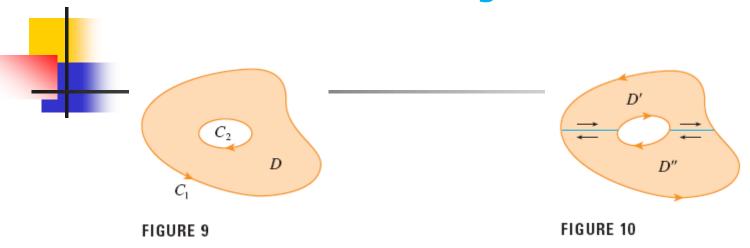
Green's Theorem over General region



EXAMPLE 4 Evaluate $\oint_C y^2 dx + 3xy dy$, where C is the boundary of the semiannular region D in the upper half-plane between the circles $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 4$.



Green's Theorem for regions with hole



EXAMPLE 5 If $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (-y \mathbf{i} + x \mathbf{j})/(x^2 + y^2)$, show that $\int_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 2\pi$ for every positively oriented simple closed path that encloses the origin.

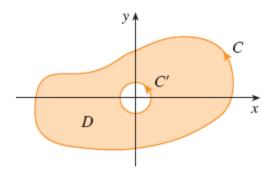


FIGURE 11

Divergence and Curl



Curl

If $\mathbf{F} = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j} + R\mathbf{k}$ is a vector field on \mathbb{R}^3 and the partial derivatives of P, Q, and R all exist, then the **curl** of \mathbf{F} is the vector field on \mathbb{R}^3 defined by

curl
$$\mathbf{F} = \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z}\right)\mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial x}\right)\mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}\right)\mathbf{k}$$

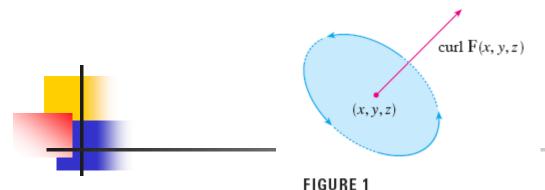
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curl
$$\mathbf{F} = \nabla \times \mathbf{F}$$

EXAMPLE 1 If $F(x, y, z) = xz i + xyz j - y^2 k$, find curl F.

3 Theorem If f is a function of three variables that has continuous second-order partial derivatives, then

$$\operatorname{curl}(\nabla f) = \mathbf{0}$$



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The reason for the name *curl* is that the curl vector is associated with rotations. One connection is explained in Exercise 37. Another occurs when F represents the velocity field in fluid flow (see Example 3 in Section 16.1). Particles near (x, y, z) in the fluid tend to rotate about the axis that points in the direction of curl F(x, y, z), and the length of this curl vector is a measure of how quickly the particles move around the axis (see Figure 1). If curl F = 0 at a point P, then the fluid is free from rotations at P and F is called **irrotational** at P. In other words, there is no whirlpool or eddy at P. If curl F = 0, then a tiny paddle wheel moves with the fluid but doesn't rotate about its axis. If curl $F \neq 0$, the paddle wheel rotates about its axis. We give a more detailed explanation in Section 16.8 as a consequence of Stokes' Theorem.

EXAMPLE 3 Imagine a fluid flowing steadily along a pipe and let V(x, y, z) be the velocity vector at a point (x, y, z). Then V assigns a vector to each point (x, y, z) in a certain domain E (the interior of the pipe) and so V is a vector field on \mathbb{R}^3 called a **velocity field**.



If $\mathbf{F} = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j} + R\mathbf{k}$ is a vector field on \mathbb{R}^3 and $\partial P/\partial x$, $\partial Q/\partial y$, and $\partial R/\partial z$ exist, then the **divergence of F** is the function of three variables defined by



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$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z}$$

Observe that curl F is a vector field but div F is a scalar field. In terms of the gradient operator $\nabla = (\partial/\partial x) \mathbf{i} + (\partial/\partial y) \mathbf{j} + (\partial/\partial z) \mathbf{k}$, the divergence of F can be written symbolically as the dot product of ∇ and F:

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$$\text{div } F = \nabla \, \cdot \, F$$

EXAMPLE 4 If $F(x, y, z) = xz i + xyz j - y^2 k$, find div F.

Again, the reason for the name *divergence* can be understood in the context of fluid flow. If F(x, y, z) is the velocity of a fluid (or gas), then div F(x, y, z) represents the net rate of change (with respect to time) of the mass of fluid (or gas) flowing from the point (x, y, z) per unit volume. In other words, div F(x, y, z) measures the tendency of the fluid to diverge from the point (x, y, z). If div F = 0, then F is said to be **incompressible**.

Theorem If $\mathbf{F} = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j} + R\mathbf{k}$ is a vector field on \mathbb{R}^3 and P, Q, and R have continuous second-order partial derivatives, then

$$\operatorname{div}\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{F} = 0$$



$$\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_D (\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{k} \, dA$$

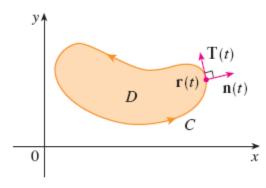


FIGURE 2

$$\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \ ds = \iint_D \operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}(x, y) \ dA$$