

Stokes Theorem

Theorem (Stokes Theorem). *Let S be an oriented piecewise-smooth surface that is bounded by a simple, closed, piecewise-smooth boundary curve C with positive orientation. Let \mathbf{F} be a vector field whose components have continuous partial derivatives on an open region in \mathbb{R}^3 that contains S . Then*

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_S \text{curl } \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

The following is a list of the results you should get for the associated exercise:

1. 16π two times.
2. 0
3. $81\pi/2$
4. Satisfaction and a better understanding of this section's material.
5. More of the above

Exercises

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1. Evaluate $\iint_S \text{curl } \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ where $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = -y\mathbf{i} + x\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$ and S is the cone $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$ with $0 \leq z \leq 4$.
Then, verify Stokes' theorem is true for \mathbf{F} and S by evaluating $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$.

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2. Evaluate $\iint_S \text{curl } \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ using Stokes' Theorem where $\mathbf{F} = x^2z^2\mathbf{i} + y^2z^2\mathbf{j} + xyz\mathbf{k}$ and S is the part of the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$ that lies in the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, oriented upward.
3. Use Stokes' Theorem to evaluate $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ where $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle x^2z, xy^2, z^2 \rangle$ and C is the curve of intersection of the plane $x + y + z = 1$ and the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ oriented counterclockwise when viewed from above.

4. Show that if S is a sphere and \mathbf{F} is a vector field that satisfies the conditions for Stokes' theorem everywhere, then

$$\iint_S \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0.$$

Hint: The sphere can be thought of as two half-sphere's sharing a common boundary. Think carefully about how the boundary is oriented on each half if the sphere is oriented outward.

5. Let C be any simple closed smooth curve that lies in the plane $x + y + z = 1$. Show that the line integral

$$\int_C z \, dx - 2x \, dy + 3y \, dz$$

depends only on the area of the region enclosed by C and not on the shape of C or its location in the plane above.