

## 16.4: Green's Theorem

**Circulation density** of a vector field  $\vec{F} = M\mathbf{i} + N\mathbf{j}$  at point  $(x, y)$  is the scalar expression:

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot \mathbf{k} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}$$

**Divergence (flux density)** of vector field  $\vec{F} = M\mathbf{i} + N\mathbf{j}$  at  $(x, y)$  is:

$$\text{div } \vec{F} = \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y}$$

### Circulation-Curl or Tangential Form

Let  $C$  be piecewise smooth, simple closed curve enclosing region  $R$  in the plane.

Let  $\vec{F} = M\mathbf{i} + N\mathbf{j}$  be a vector field with  $M$  and  $N$  have continuous 1st partial derivatives in open region containing  $R$ .

Then:

The **counterclockwise circulation** of  $\vec{F}$  around  $C$  equals the double integral of  $\text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot \mathbf{k}$  over  $R$ .

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = \oint_C M dx + N dy = \iint_R \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dx dy$$

### Flux-Divergence or Normal Form

Let  $C$  be piecewise smooth, simple closed curve enclosing region  $R$  in the plane.

Let  $\vec{F} = M\mathbf{i} + N\mathbf{j}$  be a vector field with  $M$  and  $N$  have continuous 1st partial derivatives in open region containing  $R$ .

Then:

The **outward flux** of  $\vec{F}$  around  $C$  equals the double integral of  $\text{div } \vec{F}$  over  $R$ .

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} ds = \oint_C M dy - N dx = \iint_R \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \right) dx dy$$

### Area

Green's Theorem can be used to write area in terms of a line integral.

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_R &= \iint_R dy \, dx \\
 &= \iint_R \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) dy \, dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \oint x \, dy - y \, dx
 \end{aligned}$$

[#week12](#)