

$$\text{curl } F = 0 \quad \forall (x, y) \in \Omega_4 = \text{dom}(F)$$

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$\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  are convex and simply connected,  $\Omega_3$  is simply connected but non convex

$\Omega_4$  is non convex and non-simply connected.

•  $\text{curl } F = 0$  and  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} \Omega_1 \\ \Omega_2 \\ \Omega_3 \end{matrix} \right\}$  are  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{convex} \\ \text{and/or} \\ \text{simply connected} \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow F$  derives from a potential on  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3$ .

•  $\text{curl } F = 0$  and  $\Omega_4$  is non-convex and non-simply connected  
 $\Rightarrow$  we don't know if  $F$  derives from a potential on  $\Omega_4$

•  $\Omega_1$ :  $F = \text{grad } f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \left( \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \quad (2)$$

$$(1) \rightarrow f(x) = -\arctan\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + \alpha(y)$$

$$\left[ \text{reminder } \frac{d}{dx} (\arctan(x)) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \right]$$

$$(2) \rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = - \frac{\frac{-x}{y^2}}{1 + (\frac{x}{y})^2} + \alpha'(y) = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} + \alpha'(y) = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \rightarrow \alpha'(y) = 0$$

$\alpha(y) = c_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ , a constant.

The potential is  $f(x, y) = -\operatorname{arctg}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + c_1$

- $\Omega_2$ : As the domain  $\Omega_2$  does not contain the line  $y=0$ , the previous result for  $\Omega_1$  is extendable to  $\Omega_2$ .

$$f(x, y) = -\operatorname{arctg}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + c_2, \quad c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

•  $\Omega_3$ :

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} -\operatorname{arctg}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + c_1 & \text{if } y > 0 \\ -\operatorname{arctg}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + c_2 & \text{if } y < 0 \end{cases}$$

What happens in  $y=0, x>0$ .

$$\lim_{\substack{y \rightarrow 0^+ \\ x > 0}} f(x, y) = \lim_{\substack{y \rightarrow 0^+ \\ x > 0}} \underbrace{-\operatorname{arctg}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)}_{\pi/2} + c_1 = -\frac{\pi}{2} + c_1$$

$\nearrow +\infty$

$$\lim_{\substack{y \rightarrow 0^- \\ x > 0}} f(x, y) = \lim_{\substack{y \rightarrow 0^- \\ x > 0}} \underbrace{-\arctan\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)}_{-\pi/2} + c_2 = \frac{\pi}{2} + c_2$$

$\nearrow -\infty$   
 $\searrow$

We impose  $\lim_{\substack{y \rightarrow 0^+ \\ x > 0}} f(x, y) = \lim_{\substack{y \rightarrow 0^- \\ x > 0}} f(x, y)$  (continuity)

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} + c_1 = \frac{\pi}{2} + c_2 \longrightarrow c_1 = \pi + c_2$$

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} -\arctan\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) & + \pi + c_2 & \text{if } y > 0 \\ \pi/2 + c_2 & & \text{if } y = 0, x > 0. \\ -\arctan\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) & + c_2 & \text{if } y < 0 \end{cases}$$

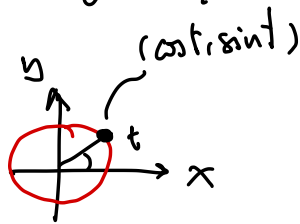
•  $\Omega_4$ : we want to test if  $F \neq \text{grad } f$  in  $\Omega_4$ .

Then it is enough to find a closed curve  $\Gamma$  s.t.  $\int_{\Gamma} F \cdot d\ell \neq 0$ .

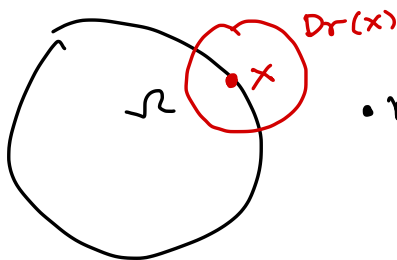
A possible curve is  $\Gamma = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ .

$$\gamma(t) : [0, 2\pi] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$t \longmapsto (\cos t, \sin t)$$



$$\int_{\Gamma} F \cdot d\ell = \int_0^{2\pi} F(\gamma(t)) \cdot \gamma'(t) dt$$



• we denote as  $\bar{\Omega} = \Omega \cup \partial\Omega$

the closure of  $\Omega$ .

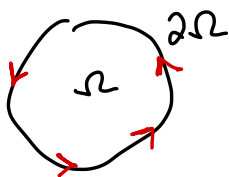
(the set of points that don't belong to the interior of  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \Omega$ )

Definitions:

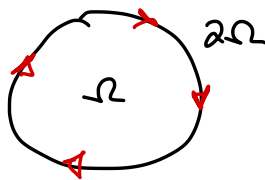
1) let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be an open domain bounded such that  $\partial\Omega$  is a closed (piecewise) regular curve.

we say that  $\partial\Omega$  is positively oriented if

when we tour along the curve, the domain is on the left.



positive orientation

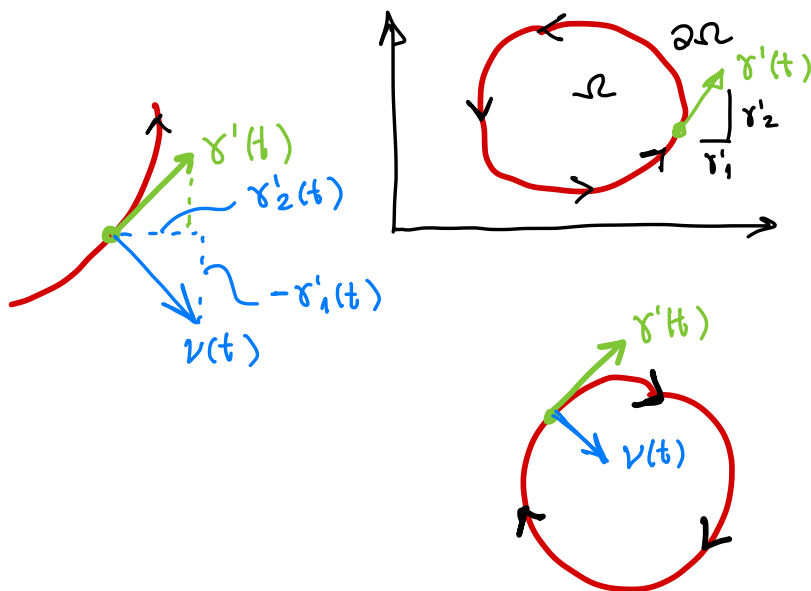


negative orientation

For a parametrization  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \partial\Omega$   
 $t \mapsto \gamma(t) = (\gamma_1(t), \gamma_2(t))$

the normal vector of  $\partial\Omega$  at  $x$  is given by

$\nu(x) = (\gamma'_2(t), -\gamma'_1(t))$ . It is an external normal if  $\partial\Omega$  is positively oriented.



2) We say that a bounded open domain  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is a regular domain if there exist bounded open domains  $A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  s.t.

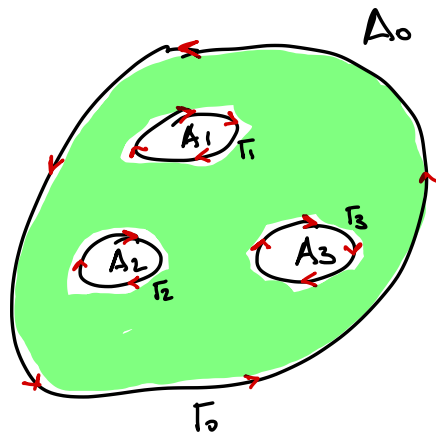
- $\bar{A}_j \subset A_0 \quad \forall j=1, 2, \dots, n.$
- $\bar{A}_i \cap \bar{A}_j = \emptyset \quad \forall i, j=1, \dots, n \text{ and } i \neq j.$

- $A = A_0 \setminus \left( \bigcup_{j=1}^n \bar{A}_j \right)$

- $\partial A_j = \Gamma_j$  for  $j=0, \dots, n$

are (piecewise) simple regular curves

- $\partial A = \Gamma_0 \cup \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \dots \cup \Gamma_n$



$\partial A$  is positively oriented if the circulation sense for each  $\Gamma_j$ ,  $j=0, 1, \dots, n$ , is s.t. the domain  $A$  is on the left. I.e., the boundary  $\Gamma_0$  is positively oriented, and the boundaries  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_n$ , are negatively oriented.

## 2.4.2 Green's theorem

a. Theorem:

let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be a regular domain whose boundary

$\partial A$  is positively oriented. let  $F: \bar{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   
 $(x, y) \mapsto F(x, y)$

be a vector field  $F \in C^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^2)$ . Then

$$\iint_A \text{curl } F(x, y) \, dx \, dy = \int_{\partial A} F \cdot dl$$

$$= \iint_A \left[ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x}(x, y) - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y}(x, y) \right] dx \, dy$$