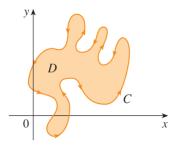
Some terminology.



(a) Positive orientation

(b) Negative orientation

Green's Theorem Let C be a positively oriented, piecewise-smooth, simple closed curve in the plane and let D be the region bounded by C. If P and Q have continuous partial derivatives on an open region that contains D, then

$$\oint_C P \, dx + Q \, dy = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

Remarks on notations.

EXAMPLE 1 Evaluate $\int_C x^4 dx + xy dy$, where C is the triangular curve consisting of the line segments from (0, 0) to (1, 0), from (1, 0) to (0, 1), and from (0, 1) to (0, 0).

EXAMPLE 2 Evaluate
$$\oint_C (3y - e^{\sin x}) dx + (7x + \sqrt{y^4 + 1}) dy$$
, where C is the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 9$.

EXAMPLE 3 Find the area enclosed by the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$.

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 applied in the reverse direction: Computing Areas.

$$A = \oint_C x \, dy = -\oint_C y \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \oint_C x \, dy - y \, dx$$

EXAMPLE 3 Find the area enclosed by the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$.

Extension to more general regions.

$$\iint\limits_{D} \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA = \int_{C_1} P \, dx + Q \, dy + \int_{C_2} P \, dx + Q \, dy = \int_{C} P \, dx + Q \, dy$$