

# GREEN'S THEOREM

## What is Green's Theorem?

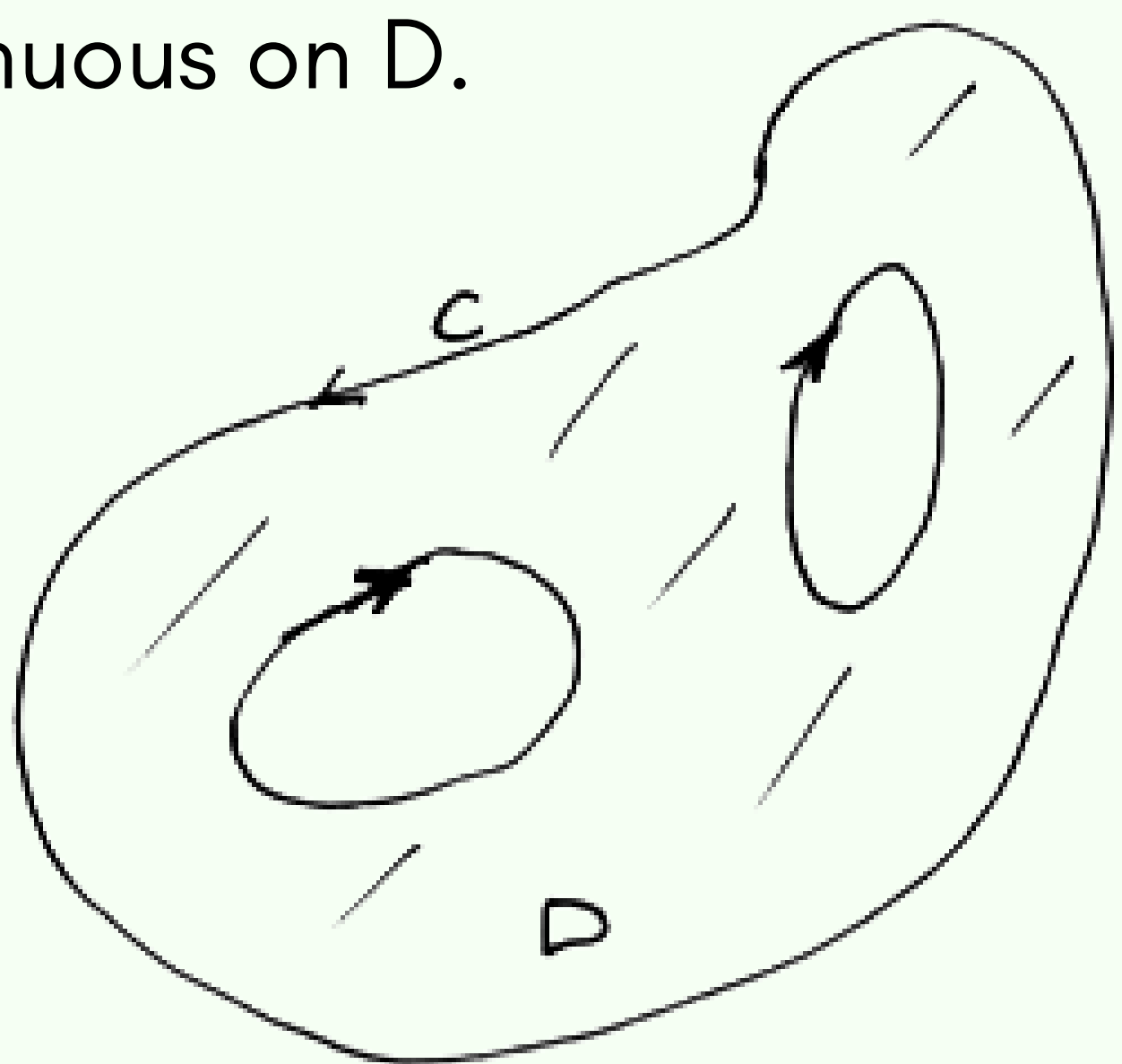
Green's Theorem gives you a relationship between the line integral of a 2D vector field over a closed path in a plane and the double integral over the region that it encloses. However, the integral of a 2D conservative field over a closed path is zero is a type of special case in Green's Theorem.

## GREEN'S THEOREM:

Green's theorem states that a line integral around the boundary of a plane region  $D$  can be computed as a double integral over  $D$ . More precisely, if  $D$  is a "nice" region in the plane and  $C$  is the boundary of  $D$  with  $C$  oriented so that  $D$  is always on the left-hand side as one goes around  $C$  (where the path integral is traversed counterclockwise along with  $C$ ), then

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

If the partial derivatives of  $P$  and  $Q$  are continuous on  $D$ .



Regions that are simultaneously of type I and II are "nice" regions, i.e., Green's theorem is true for such regions.

## EXAMPLE 1 : USING GREEN'S THEOREM

**Que:** Verify Green's theorem in a plane for  $\oint_C [(3x^2 - 8y^2)dx + (4y - 6xy - xy)dy]$  where  $C$  is the boundary Of the region defined by the lines  $x=0$ ,  $y=0$  and  $x+y=1$ .

**Solution :**

Green's theorem is  $\oint_C (P dx + Q dy) = \iint_R (Q_x - P_y) dx dy$

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C [(3x^2 - 8y^2)dx + (4y - 6xy - xy)dy] &= \iint_R 10y dx dy \\ L.S. \text{ of } (1) &= \int_{AB} + \int_{BC} + \int_{CA} [(3x^2 - 8y^2)dx + (4y - 6xy - xy)dy] \\ &= \int_0^1 3x^2 dx + \int_0^1 (11y^2 + 4y - 3) dy - \int_0^1 4y dy \\ R.S. \text{ of } (1) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-y} 10y dx dy = 5/3 \end{aligned}$$

## Applications Learning Goals:

Green's Theorem is commonly used for the integration of lines when combined with a curved plane. It is used in compute area; the tangent vector to the boundary is rotated  $90^\circ$  clockwise to become the outward-pointing normal vector, to derive the divergence form of Green's theorem.

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