

Lecture # 18B : Green's Theorem

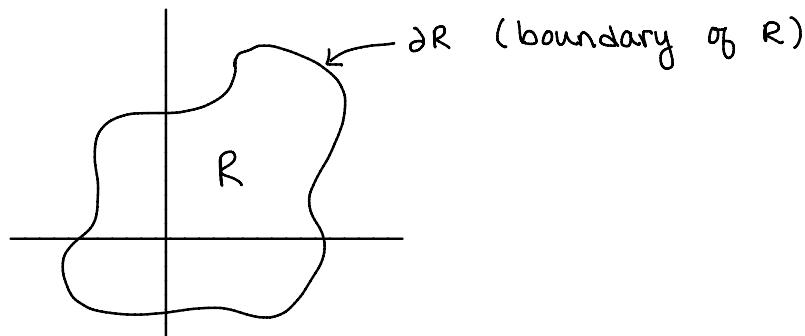
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Motivation for Green's Thm

The Fundamental Theorem of line integrals gives a good tool to calculate line integrals in a Conservative Vector Fields, but not every Vector Field is Conservative.

Green's theorem simplifies line integrals by combining the ideas of line integrals & double integrals

Green's Theorem states that the value of a double integral over a region R is the same as the value of the line integral on the boundary of R



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Simple & Connected Curves

Consider the curve C given by

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle \quad \text{for } a \leq t \leq b$$

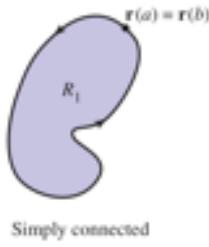
Def a curve is connected if it connects to itself. i.e.

$$\vec{r}(a) = \vec{r}(b)$$

Def a curve is simple if it does not intersect itself. i.e.

$$\vec{r}(c) \neq \vec{r}(d) \quad \forall c, d \in (a, b)$$

Def. A plane region R is simply connected if every simple closed curve in R encloses only pts in R .



Simply connected



Not simply connected

Ex. 1 The curve $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t^2, t^3 - t \rangle$ is not simple

$$\text{Since } \vec{r}(-1) = \langle 1, 0 \rangle \text{ & } \vec{r}(1) = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$$

$$\text{thus } \vec{r}(-1) = r(1) \text{ but } -1 \neq 1$$

Therefore, Curve intersects itself \Rightarrow not simple

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Green's Theorem (Circulation Version)

Theorem: Let C be a simple closed, piecewise smooth, curve, oriented counterclockwise, that encloses a simply connected region R .

Let $\vec{F} = \langle f, g \rangle$ where f, g have continuous partial derivatives, then

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \oint_C f dx + g dy = \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

This connects work integrals along closed paths to the rotation of the vector field, ~~area~~, or circulation, enclosed by the path.

$$W = \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_R \nabla \times \vec{F} dA.$$

Green's Theorem (Flux Version)

Theorem: Let C be a simple closed, piecewise smooth curve, oriented counterclockwise, that encloses a simply connected region R . Let $\vec{F} = \langle f, g \rangle$ where f, g have continuous partial derivatives, then

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds = \oint_C f dy - g dx = \iint_R \operatorname{div} \vec{F} dA = \iint_R \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dA \\ = \iint_R \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} dA$$

where \hat{n} is the unit normal vector to C .

This connects the flux of a vector field along a closed curve C to the divergence of the field inside of R .

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds = \iint_R \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dA$$

flux $\xrightarrow{\text{divergence}} \text{inside of } R$.

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Ex. Evaluate

$$\oint_C (4x^3 + \sin(y^2)) dy - (4y^3 + \cos(x^2)) dx$$

where C is circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ (oriented counter-clockwise)

Soln

$$\vec{F} = \langle 4x^3 + \sin(y^2), 4y^3 + \cos(x^2) \rangle$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right\rangle \cdot \langle F, g \rangle$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} g$$

$$= 12x^2 + 12y^2$$

By Green's Thm:

$$\oint_C F dy - g dx = \iint_R \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dA$$

$$= \iint_R (12x^2 + 12y^2) dA$$

$$= 12 \iint_R (x^2 + y^2) dA$$

 C is $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ Convert to polar! $r = 2 \Rightarrow 0 \leq r \leq 2$
 $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$

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Ex.] (cont'd)

$$= 12 \iint_R (x^2 + y^2) dA$$

$$r = 2 \Rightarrow 0 \leq r \leq 2 \\ 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

$$= 12 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 r^2 r dr d\theta$$

$$= 12 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 r^3 dr d\theta$$

$$= 12 \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{r^4}{4} \right]_0^2 d\theta$$

$$= 12 \int_0^{2\pi} 4 d\theta = 12 [4\theta]_0^{2\pi} \\ = 96\pi$$

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Find Area w/ Green's Thm

Green's Theorem can connect line integrals over vector fields to double integrals over regions and visa versa.

- The double integral

$$\iint_R f(x,y) dA \text{ gives the area of } R \text{ if } f(x,y) = 1$$

By Green's theorem

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

if we choose \vec{F} in such a way that

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 1 \text{ in } R, \text{ then}$$

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_R dA = \text{Area of } R.$$

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EXAMPLE 5 Finding Area by a Line Integral

Use a line integral to find the area of the ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1.$$

Solution Using Figure 15.32, you can induce a counterclockwise orientation to the elliptical path by letting

$$x = a \cos t \quad \text{and} \quad y = b \sin t, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi.$$

So, the area is

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2} \int_C x \, dy - y \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} [(a \cos t)(b \cos t) \, dt - (b \sin t)(-a \sin t) \, dt] \\ &= \frac{ab}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t) \, dt \\ &= \frac{ab}{2} \left[t \right]_0^{2\pi} \\ &= \pi ab. \end{aligned}$$

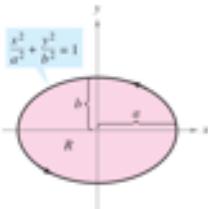


Figure 15.32

Green's Theorem can be extended to cover some regions that are not simply connected. This is demonstrated in the next example.

EXAMPLE 6 Green's Theorem Extended to a Region with a Hole

Let R be the region inside the ellipse $(x^2/9) + (y^2/4) = 1$ and outside the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. Evaluate the line integral

$$\int_C 2xy \, dx + (x^2 + 2x) \, dy$$

where $C = C_1 + C_2$ is the boundary of R , as shown in Figure 15.33.

Solution To begin, you can introduce the line segments C_3 and C_4 , as shown in Figure 15.33. Note that because the curves C_3 and C_4 have opposite orientations, the line integrals over them cancel. Furthermore, you can apply Green's Theorem to the region R using the boundary $C_1 + C_4 + C_2 + C_3$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C 2xy \, dx + (x^2 + 2x) \, dy &= \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA \\ &= \iint_R (2x + 2 - 2x) dA \\ &= 2 \iint_R dA \\ &= 2(\text{area of } R) \\ &= 2(ab - \pi r^2) \\ &= 2[\pi(3)(2) - \pi(1^2)] \\ &= 10\pi. \end{aligned}$$

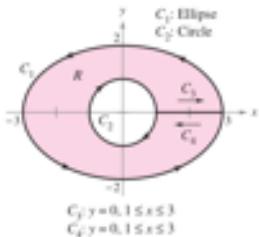


Figure 15.33