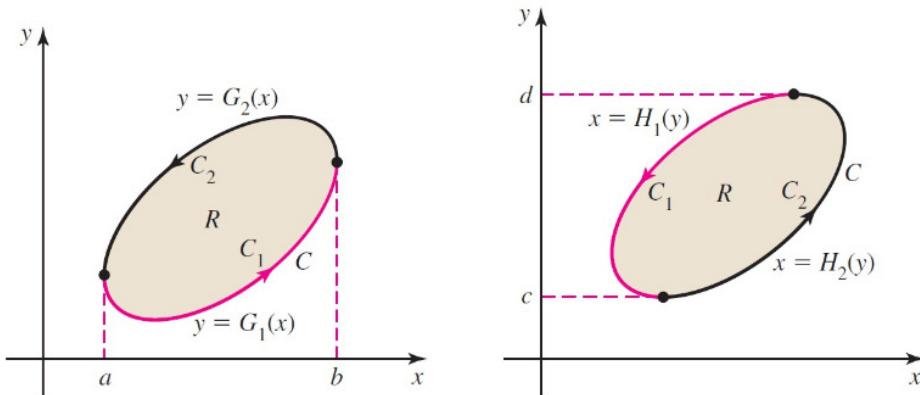


# Worksheet 18 Solutions

## Green's Theorem & Curl and Divergence

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1. Consider the situation below where you have a simple, closed, and smooth curve  $C$  that is oriented counter clockwise and defines the boundary of a simply connected region  $R$ . Let  $\mathbf{F} = \langle f, g \rangle$  be a vector field over  $R$  that has continuous partial derivatives.



- (a) Use the figure on the left and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus to show that

$$\iint_R \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dA = - \oint_C f dx.$$

**Solution:** Note that you can rewrite the integral  $\iint_R \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dA$  by using the first figure as

$$\iint_R \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dA = \int_a^b \int_{G_1(x)}^{G_2(x)} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy dx$$

Then by the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus we find that

$$\iint_R \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dA = \int_a^b \left( f(x, G_2(x)) - f(x, G_1(x)) \right) dx.$$

Over the interval  $a \leq x \leq b$ , the points  $(x, G_2(x))$  trace out the upper part of  $C$  (labeled  $C_2$ ) in the negative (clockwise) direction. Similarly, over the interval  $a \leq x \leq b$ , the points  $(x, G_1(x))$  trace out the lower part of  $C$  (labeled  $C_1$ ) in the positive (counterclockwise) direction.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_R \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dA &= \int_a^b \left( f(x, G_2(x)) - f(x, G_1(x)) \right) dx \\
 &= \int_{-C_2} f dx - \int_{C_1} f dx \\
 &= - \int_{C_2} f dx - \int_{C_1} f dx \\
 &= - \oint_C f dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Use the figure on the right and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus to show that

$$\iint_R \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} dA = \oint_C g dy.$$

**Solution:** Note that you can rewrite the integral  $\iint_R \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} dA$  by using the second figure as

$$\iint_R \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} dA = \int_c^d \int_{H_1(y)}^{H_2(y)} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} dx dy = \int_c^d \left( g(H_2(y), y) - g(H_1(y), y) \right) dy.$$

Over the interval  $c \leq y \leq d$ , the points  $(H_1(y), y)$  trace out the left most part of  $C$  (labeled  $C_1$ ) in the negative (clockwise) direction. Similarly, over the interval  $c \leq y \leq d$ , the points  $(H_2(y), y)$  trace out the right most part of  $C$  (labeled  $C_2$ ) in the positive (counterclockwise) direction.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_R \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} dA &= \left( g(H_2(y), y) - g(H_1(y), y) \right) dy \\
 &= \int_{C_2} g dy - \int_{-C_1} g dy \\
 &= \int_{C_2} g dy + \int_{C_1} g dy \\
 &= \oint_C g dy.
 \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Combine the results from part (a) and (b) to show that

$$\iint_R \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) dA = \oint_C f \, dx + g \, dy.$$

**Solution:** From previous work we know that

$$\iint_R \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dA = - \oint_C f \, dx \quad \text{and} \quad \iint_R \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} dA = \oint_C g \, dy.$$

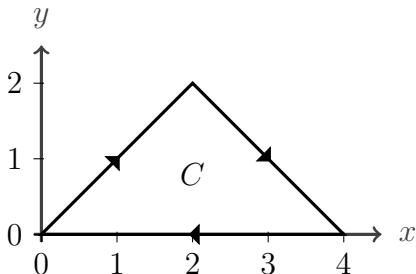
It then follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) dA &= \iint_R \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} dA - \iint_R \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dA \\ &= \oint_C g \, dy - \left( - \oint_C f \, dx \right) \\ &= \oint_C f \, dx + g \, dy \end{aligned}$$

2. A mass moves in the  $xy$ -plane while under the influence of a force. The work done by the force is

$$W = \int_C (x^2 - y^2) dx + (1 + 4xy) dy.$$

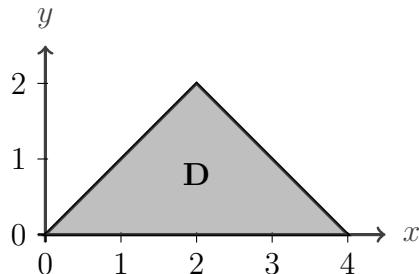
The negatively oriented curve  $C$  that the mass travels along is a triangle formed by the lines  $y = 0$ ,  $y - x = 0$ , and  $y + x = 4$ .  $C$  is a simple closed curve, so use Green's theorem to compute  $W$ .



**Solution:** The force acting on the mass is  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle x^2 - y^2, 1 + 4xy \rangle$ . Start by computing the integrand of the double integral:

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 4y + 2y = 6y.$$

The graph shows the region enclosed by  $C$ . The region is described by  $D = [y, 4 - y] \times [0, 2]$ .



By Green's theorem we find that the line integral that represents the work done along the (positively oriented curve) can be rewritten as a double integral over  $D$

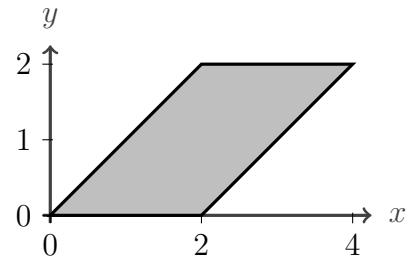
$$\begin{aligned}\oint_C y^2 dx + (1 + 4xy) dy &= 6 \int_0^2 \int_y^{4-y} y \, dx \, dy \\&= 6 \int_0^2 y (4 - 2y) \, dy \\&= 12 \int_0^2 (2y - y^2) \, dy \\&= 4 (3y^2 - y^3) \Big|_0^2 = 16.\end{aligned}$$

The work done by the force in along the negatively oriented curve is then  $-16$ .

3. Evaluate the flux integral

$$\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dr,$$

where  $\mathbf{F} = \langle y^2 - 2xy, x^2 + 2xy \rangle$  and  $C$  is the counterclockwise oriented boundary of the parallelogram shown here.



**Solution:** Because

$$f = y^2 - 2xy \text{ and } g = x^2 + 2xy,$$

we have

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = (-2y) + (2x) = 2(x - y).$$

The lines bounding the parallelogram are  $y = 0$ ,  $y = x$ ,  $y = 2$ , and  $y = x - 2$ . It's best to integrate in the  $x$  direction first.

By Green's theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dr &= 2 \int_0^2 \int_y^{y+2} x - y \, dx \, dy \\ &= 2 \int_0^2 \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} - xy \right]_{x=y}^{y+2} \, dy \\ &= 2 \int_0^2 \frac{1}{2}(y+2)^2 - (y+2)y - \frac{y^2}{2} + y^2 \, dy \\ &= 2 \int_0^2 2 \, dy \\ &= 4y \Big|_{y=0}^{y=2} \\ &= 4(2 - 0) \\ &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

4. Decide if the following expressions are defined. If they are defined, state whether the result is a scalar or a vector. Assume that  $\mathbf{F}$  is a sufficiently differentiable vector field in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  or  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\varphi$  is a differentiable scalar valued function.

(a)  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \varphi)$

**Solution:** Yes, this is the divergence of the gradient of  $\varphi$  and is thus a scalar function.

(b)  $\nabla \times (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F})$

**Solution:** No, since  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}$  is a scalar valued function.

(c)  $\nabla \times (\nabla \varphi)$

**Solution:** Yes, this is the curl of the gradient vector field of  $\varphi$  and is thus a vector field.

5. (Bonus 10 Points) The vector function  $\text{curl } \mathbf{F}$  measures the rotation of the vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  at a point  $(x, y, z)$ . If  $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$  everywhere, then  $\mathbf{F}$  is said to be irrotational. Show that conservative vector fields,  $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y, f_z \rangle$ , are irrotational if  $f(x, y, z)$  is a smooth function with continuous derivatives.

**Solution:** Because  $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \nabla \times \mathbf{F}$ ,

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ f_x & f_y & f_z \end{vmatrix} = \langle f_{zy} - f_{yz}, f_{xz} - f_{zx}, f_{yx} - f_{xy} \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle.$$