

Vector Analysis

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Parametric Curves in Space

Def.: A curve is a function:

$$\vec{r}: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

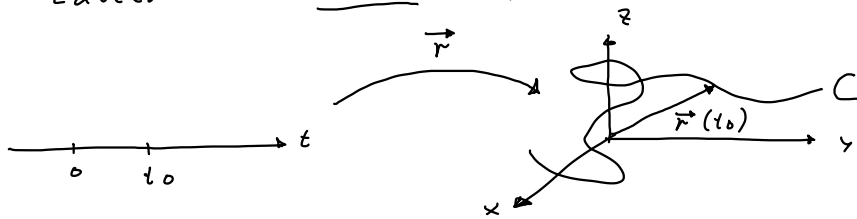
$$t \mapsto \vec{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} f(t) \\ g(t) \\ h(t) \end{pmatrix},$$

where f, g, h are real valued functions and $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ is an interval.

The set

$$C = \{ \vec{r}(t) : t \in I \}$$

is called the trace of the curve $\vec{r}(t)$.



Remarks:

(i) Arguments of $\vec{r}(t)$ in $\mathbb{R}$.

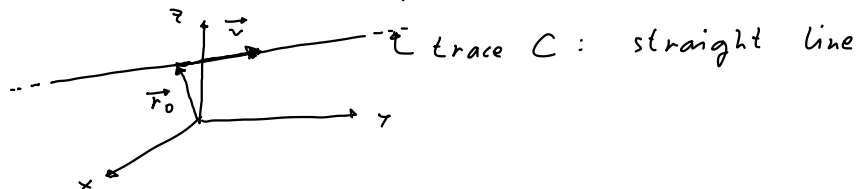
(ii) Function values in $\mathbb{R}^3$, i.e. curve is vector valued function.

(iii) $\vec{r}: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is curve in (x-y-) plane.

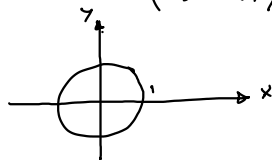
(iv) t is called curve parameter.

(v) Colloquially speaking: no distinction between curve and its trace.

Examples: (i) $\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + \vec{v}t$; $I = \mathbb{R}$



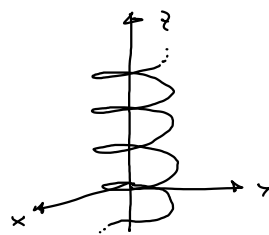
(ii) $\vec{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) \\ \sin(t) \end{pmatrix}$; $I = [0, 2\pi)$.



unit circle at origin

(iii) $\vec{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) \\ \sin(t) \\ t \end{pmatrix}$

$I = \mathbb{R}$



helix/spiral

Physical interpretation

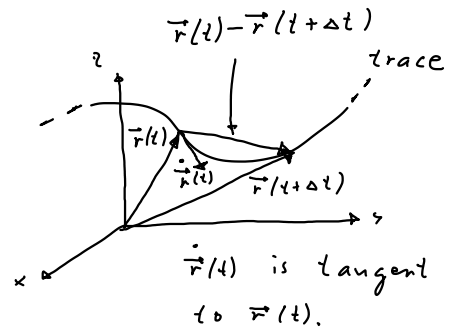
One possibility: Motion in space:

t : time

$\vec{r}(t)$: position of particle in space
depending on time t .

Derivative

Def.: $\dot{\vec{r}}(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{r}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{r}(t)}{\Delta t}$



By taking the limit component-wise,

we obtain:

$$\dot{\vec{r}}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{f}(t) \\ \dot{g}(t) \\ \dot{h}(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{i.e. derivative is} \\ \text{taken component-} \\ \text{wise.} \end{array} \right)$$

Physical interpretation

t : time

$\vec{r}(t)$: position

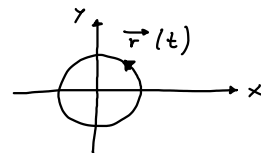
$\vec{v}(t) = \dot{\vec{r}}(t)$: velocity

$|\vec{v}(t)|$: speed

$\vec{a}(t) = \dot{\vec{v}}(t) = \ddot{\vec{r}}(t)$: acceleration

Example: Circular motion in plane with constant angular velocity ω , given by:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} R \cos(\omega t) \\ R \sin(\omega t) \end{pmatrix}$$



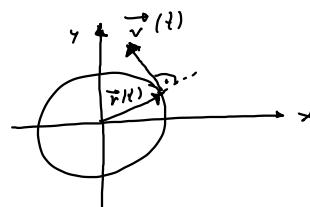
We confirm that the motion is on the circle by:

$$|\vec{r}(t)| = \sqrt{R^2 \cos^2(\omega t) + R^2 \sin^2(\omega t)} = R$$

The velocity is given by: $\vec{v}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -R\omega \sin(\omega t) \\ R\omega \cos(\omega t) \end{pmatrix}$

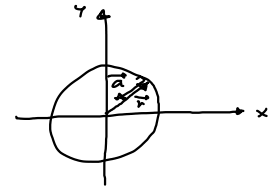
We have: $\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t) = -R^2 \cos(\dots) \sin(\dots) + R^2 \sin(\dots) \cos(\dots) = 0$,

i.e. $\vec{r}(t) \perp \vec{v}(t)$
(perpendicular)



Furthermore:

$$\vec{a}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -R\omega^2 \cos(\dots) \\ -R\omega^2 \sin(\dots) \end{pmatrix} = -\omega^2 \vec{r}(t)$$



Remark: $\vec{r} \perp \vec{v}$ can be shown, based only on $|\vec{r}(t)| = R$ with $R = \text{const.}$:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{d}{dt} R^2 = \frac{d}{dt} |\vec{r}(t)|^2 = \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t)) \\ &= \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t) + \vec{r}(t) \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t) \\ &= \vec{v}(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t) + \vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t) \\ &= 2 \vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t) \end{aligned}$$

and this computation is also valid in 3d (motion on sphere).

Integral

Def.: Let $\vec{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} f(t) \\ g(t) \\ h(t) \end{pmatrix}$, we define:

$$\int_a^b \vec{r}(t) dt = \begin{pmatrix} \int_a^b f(t) dt \\ \int_a^b g(t) dt \\ \int_a^b h(t) dt \end{pmatrix}$$

and similarly for the indefinite integral:

$$\int \vec{r}(t) dt = \vec{R}(t) + \vec{C},$$

where $\vec{C}$ is a constant vector and $\dot{\vec{R}}(t) = \vec{r}(t)$ (i.e. $\vec{R}(t)$ is an antiderivative of $\vec{r}(t)$).

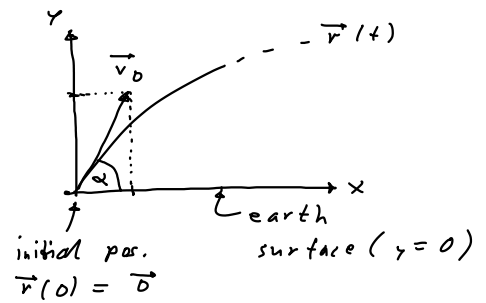
Examples:

$$\int \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) \\ 1 \\ -2t \end{pmatrix} dt = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(t) \\ t \\ -t^2 \end{pmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \end{pmatrix}}_{=\vec{C}}$$

$$\int_0^{\pi} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) \\ 1 \\ -2t \end{pmatrix} dt = \left. \begin{pmatrix} \sin(t) \\ t \\ -t^2 \end{pmatrix} \right|_0^{\pi} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \pi \\ -\pi^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Physical application : Projectile Motion

An object is fired at some angle α from an initial position. Under the influence of gravity (close to the earth's surface).



We choose coord. s.t. :

- motion in x - y -plane
- earth surface : $y=0$
- initial pos. : $\vec{r}(0) = \vec{0}$

Initial velocity in this plane : $\vec{v}(0) = \vec{v}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} v_0 \cos(\alpha) \\ v_0 \sin(\alpha) \end{pmatrix}$,

where $v_0 = |\vec{v}_0|$ is the initial speed.

The physical situation is governed by Newton's law of motion :

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a}, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \vec{F} = m\ddot{\vec{r}}, \quad \text{where} \quad \vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -mg \end{pmatrix}$$

mass $\uparrow$ grav. cond.

$$\rightarrow m\ddot{\vec{r}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -mg \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \ddot{\vec{r}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -g \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{\vec{r}}(t) = \int \ddot{\vec{r}}(t) dt = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -gt \end{pmatrix} + \vec{v}_0$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = \int \dot{\vec{r}}(t) dt = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 \end{pmatrix} + \vec{v}_0 t + \vec{r}_0$$

I.e.

$$\underline{\vec{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} v_0 \cos(\alpha) t \\ v_0 \sin(\alpha) t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix}}$$

From $x(t) = v_0 \cos(\alpha) t \rightarrow t = \frac{x}{v_0 \cos(\alpha)}$.

This in $y(t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= v_0 \sin(\alpha) t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \\ &= \frac{v_0 \sin(\alpha)}{v_0 \cos(\alpha)} x - \frac{1}{2} g \frac{1}{v_0^2 \cos^2(\alpha)} x^2 \\ &= \tan(\alpha) x - \frac{g}{2 v_0^2 \cos^2(\alpha)} x^2, \end{aligned}$$

which is of the form : $y = ax^2 + bx + c$,

i.e. the trace of $\vec{r}(t)$ is a parabola in the x - y -plane.

Arc Length

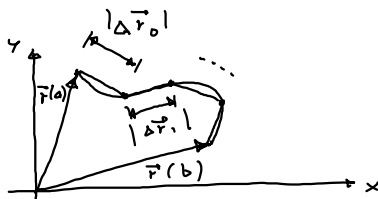
Let $\vec{r}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$
 $t \mapsto \vec{r}(t)$

Def.:

$L = \int_a^b |\dot{\vec{r}}(t)| dt$ is called the arc length of the curve $\vec{r}(t)$.

Interpretation

We give an interpretation of the above definition of arc length by computing the arc length of a curve approximately, using a polygon made up of n segments:



The arc length of the polygon is :

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_n &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\Delta \vec{r}_i| = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left| \vec{r}(t_{i+1}) - \vec{r}(t_i) \right| \\
 &\quad \leftarrow \text{Taylor expansion} \\
 &\quad \vec{r}(t_i) + \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t_i)(t_{i+1} - t_i) + O((t_{i+1} - t_i)^2) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t_i)(t_{i+1} - t_i) + O((t_{i+1} - t_i)^2) \right| \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t_i) \Delta t_i + O(\Delta t_i^2) \right| \\
 \Delta t_i &= \frac{b-a}{n} \rightarrow \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t_i) + O(\Delta t_i) \right| \\
 &\leq \underbrace{\frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t_i) \right|}_{\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t) \right| dt} + \underbrace{\frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |O(\Delta t_i)|}_{\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0} \leq C(b-a)
 \end{aligned}$$

I.e. the limit of the arc length of the polygon coincides with our above definition.

Arc length parameter:

Def.: Let $\vec{r}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a curve.

The arc length parameter is the function:

$$s(t) = \int_a^t |\dot{\vec{r}}(\tau)| d\tau$$

Remarks: (i) We have $s(a) = 0$
 $s(b) = L$, i.e.

(ii) $s(t)$ is the arc length of the curve:

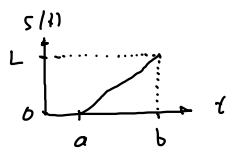
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}: [a, t] &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ \tau &\mapsto \vec{r}(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Kinematically: $s(t)$ is the length of the trajectory travelled between $t=0$ and t (compare to $\vec{r}(t)$: position).

(iv) We have $\frac{ds}{dt}(t) = |\dot{\vec{r}}(t)| = |\vec{v}(t)|$: speed.

Reparametrization by arc length

Let us assume: $\dot{s}(t) = |\vec{v}(t)| > 0$.



→ $s(t)$ monotonically increasing:

→ $s(t)$ invertible, i.e. $t(s)$ exists.

→ We can use s as curve parameter:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\vec{r}}: [0, L] &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ s &\mapsto \tilde{\vec{r}}(s) = \vec{r}(t(s)) \end{aligned}$$

Remarks: (i) The traces of $\vec{r}$ and $\tilde{\vec{r}}$ are the same.

(ii) Any monotonically increasing function of t can be used for reparametrizing a curve (see also the invariance of the line integral under reparametrization below).

Example:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) \\ \sin(t) \\ t \end{pmatrix}; \quad I = [0, b]$$

$$s(t) = \int_0^t |\dot{\vec{r}}(\tau)| d\tau = \int_0^t \sqrt{2} d\tau = t\sqrt{2} \rightarrow t(s) = \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$|\dot{\vec{r}}(\tau)| = \sqrt{\sin^2(\tau) + \cos^2(\tau) + 1} = \sqrt{2}$

$$\rightarrow \tilde{\vec{r}}(s) = \vec{r}(t(s)) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \\ \sin\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \\ \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Line integrals of scalar and vector fields

Scalar fields

Def.: A scalar field ϕ is a function:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi: \mathbb{R}^3 &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (x, y, z) &\longmapsto \phi(x, y, z)\end{aligned}$$

Examples: - Temperature in a room.

- Gravitational potential

(i) close to earth surface: $\phi(x, y, z) = gz$

(ii) in general: $\phi(x, y, z) = \frac{GM}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$

- Electrical potential $\phi(x, y, z)$

- Density of a gas $\rho(x, y, z)$

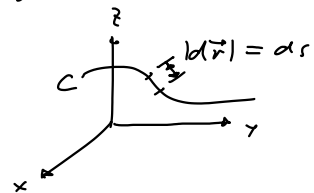
Line integral of scalar fields

Def.: Let $\vec{r}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a curve with trace C and let $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a scalar field. Then, the line integral of f over C is:

$$\int_C f \, ds = \int_a^b f(\vec{r}(t)) |\dot{\vec{r}}(t)| \, dt$$

Remark: The appearance of $|\dot{\vec{r}}(t)|$ can be intuitively understood by the formal cancellation:

$$|\dot{\vec{r}}(t)| \, dt = \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t) \right| dt = |d\vec{r}| = ds$$



Examples:

(i) $f \equiv 1 \rightarrow \int_C f \, ds = \int_a^b |\dot{\vec{r}}(t)| \, dt = L$ (arc length)

(ii) $f = \rho$, with ρ defined only along the curve and $\rho(x, y, z)$ = mass per unit length of the curve $\rightarrow$

$$\int_C \underbrace{\rho}_{=dm} \underbrace{ds}_{\text{Length element}} = \int_a^b \rho(\vec{r}(t)) |\dot{\vec{r}}(t)| \, dt = \text{Mass}$$

Mass element

Vector fields

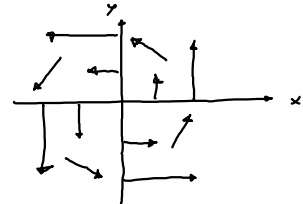
Def: A vector field is a function:

$$\vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$
$$(x, y, z) \mapsto \vec{F}(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} F_1(x, y, z) \\ F_2(x, y, z) \\ F_3(x, y, z) \end{pmatrix},$$

where F_1, F_2, F_3 are scalar fields.

Example: Velocity vector field of solid rotation around z -axis:

$$\vec{F} = \omega \begin{pmatrix} -y \\ x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\text{We see: } |\vec{F}| = \omega \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \omega r$$

$\vec{F} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0$, i.e. ω is the angular frequency and $\vec{F}$ points in circumferential direction.

Gradient (of scalar field)

Let $\phi: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a scalar field.

We define:

$$\vec{\nabla} \phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}$$

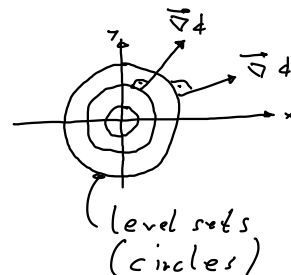
to be the gradient of ϕ (at (x, y, z))

We recall the following properties of the gradient:

- (i) $\vec{\nabla} \phi$ is perpendicular to the level sets of ϕ .
- (ii) $\vec{\nabla} \phi$ points in the direction of the steepest increase of ϕ .

Example: $\phi(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$

$$\rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \phi = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{pmatrix}$$



We see: $\vec{\nabla} \phi$ assigns to any point (x, y, z) the vector $\vec{\nabla} \phi(x, y, z) \rightarrow$ it is a vector field.

Def.: A vector field $\vec{F}$ is called a gradient field if there exists a scalar field $\phi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, such that: $\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$.

If $\vec{F}$ is a gradient field, then the corresponding ϕ is called a potential function for $\vec{F}$.

Example: $\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \end{pmatrix}$ is a gradient field with potential function $\phi(x, y) = xy$.

Line integrals of vector fields

Def.: Let $\vec{r}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a curve with trace C and let $\vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a vector field. Then the line integral of $\vec{F}$ over C is:

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds,$$

where $\vec{T}$ is the unit tangent vector of $\vec{r}(t)$,

i.e.
$$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\dot{\vec{r}}(t)}{|\dot{\vec{r}}(t)|}.$$

I.e. the line integral is given by:

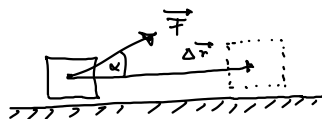
$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds = \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{T}(t) |\dot{\vec{r}}(t)| \, dt = \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}(t) \, dt \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{use this} \\ \text{for computation} \end{array} \right)$$

$\uparrow$
 Def. of line
 integral of
 scalar field

$$= \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{good} \\ \text{notation} \end{array} \right)$$

Interpretation (in terms of mechanical work):

A body is displaced $\Delta \vec{r}$ with acting force $\vec{F}$:



The mechanical work done on the body by the force $\vec{F}$

is:

$$\Delta W = |\vec{F}| \cos(\alpha) |\Delta \vec{r}| = |\vec{F}| |\Delta \vec{r}| \frac{\vec{F} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}}{|\vec{F}| |\Delta \vec{r}|} = \vec{F} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}$$

Infinitesimally: $dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$

$$\longrightarrow W = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

Example: Work done by magnetic field on charged particle:

Lorentz force:

$$\vec{F} = q \vec{v} \times \vec{B}, \quad \text{where: } q: \text{Particle charge}$$

$$\vec{v}: \text{Particle velocity}$$

$$\vec{B}: \text{Magnetic field}$$

$$\rightarrow W = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_a^b \vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} dt = \int_a^b \underbrace{q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{v}}_{=0} dt = 0$$

I.e. the magnetic field does not do any work on the particle!

(Remark: $\vec{v}$ changes, but not $|\vec{v}|$
 $\rightarrow$ Kinetic energy, $E_{kin} = \frac{m|\vec{v}|^2}{2}$ is constant)

Proposition: The line integrals of scalar and vector fields are invariant of reparametrization.

Proof:

Let $\vec{r}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3; t \mapsto \vec{r}(t)$ be a curve.

Let $u = u(t)$ be an increasing function of t

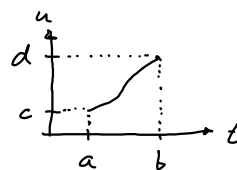
$\rightarrow$ the inverse function $t(u)$ exists.

We define the reparametrized curve $\tilde{\vec{r}}(u)$ as follows:

$$\tilde{\vec{r}}: [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$u \mapsto \tilde{\vec{r}}(u) = \vec{r}(t(u)), \quad \text{where } c = u(a)$$

$$d = u(b)$$



$\rightarrow \vec{r}, \tilde{\vec{r}}$ have the same trace: C

We have:

$$\int_C \phi ds = \int_a^b \phi(\vec{r}(t)) \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t) \right| dt$$

$$\xrightarrow{t=t(u)} \int_{c=u(a)}^{d=u(b)} \phi(\vec{r}(t(u))) \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t(u)) \right| \frac{dt}{du}(u) du = \int_c^d \phi(\tilde{\vec{r}}(u)) \left| \frac{d\tilde{\vec{r}}}{du}(u) \right| du$$

$$\stackrel{\frac{dt}{du} > 0}{=} \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t(u)) \frac{dt}{du}(u) \right| = \left| \frac{d}{du} \vec{r}(t(u)) \right| = \left| \frac{d\tilde{\vec{r}}}{du}(u) \right|$$

The underlined expressions being therefore equal shows the independence. The same argument holds for line integrals of vector fields. $\square$

Physical interpretation:

If $\vec{r}(t)$ describes a motion through space, where a force field $\vec{F}$ is acting on the body, then the mechanical work done by the force field on the body does not depend how (with respect to time) the curve is traced out.

Example: $\vec{r}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$
 $t \mapsto \vec{r}(t)$

$$\tilde{\vec{r}}: \left[\frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}\right] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$t \mapsto \tilde{\vec{r}}(t) = \vec{r}(2t)$$

$\vec{r}, \tilde{\vec{r}}$ have the same trace, but $\tilde{\vec{r}}(t)$ is twice as fast!

$$W = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds \text{ is the same for } \vec{r} \text{ \& \; } \tilde{\vec{r}}.$$

Remark: The independence on parametrization is the reason why in the definitions

$$\int_C ds \quad ; \quad \int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds$$

the actual curve $(\vec{r}, \tilde{\vec{r}}, \dots)$ does not show up!

Dependence on orientation:

The reparametrization in the above proposition considers only changes in parameters by monotonically increasing functions.

In contrast to this, let us consider the two curves:

$$\vec{r}: [0, e] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$t \mapsto \vec{r}(t)$$

$$\tilde{\vec{r}}: [0, e] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$u \mapsto \tilde{\vec{r}}(u) = \vec{r}(e-u)$$

These two curves possess the same trace but while the initial point of $\vec{r}$ corresponds to the final point of $\tilde{\vec{r}}$ and vice versa: $\vec{r}(0) = \tilde{\vec{r}}(e)$; $\vec{r}(e) = \tilde{\vec{r}}(0)$.

We say that these curves are of opposite orientation.

We investigate the behavior of line integrals under the change of orientation:

Scalar fields:

$$|\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{r}}}(u)| = \left| \frac{d}{du} \tilde{\mathbf{r}}(u) \right| = \left| \frac{d}{du} \mathbf{r}(e-u) \right| = \left| \dot{\mathbf{r}}(e-u) (-1) \right| = |\dot{\mathbf{r}}(e-u)|$$

We have:

$$\int_{C^-} \phi ds = \int_0^e \phi(\tilde{\mathbf{r}}(u)) |\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{r}}}(u)| du = \int_0^e \phi(\mathbf{r}(e-u)) |\dot{\mathbf{r}}(e-u)| du$$

(Notation for opposite orientation w.r.t. C)

$$\begin{aligned} & \xrightarrow[t=e-u]{\frac{dt}{du} = -1} - \int_e^0 \phi(\mathbf{r}(t)) |\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t)| dt \\ &= \int_0^e \phi(\mathbf{r}(t)) |\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t)| dt = \int_C \phi ds \end{aligned}$$

Vector fields:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{r}}(u) &= -\dot{\mathbf{r}}(e-u) \\ \int_{C^-} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_0^e \vec{F}(\tilde{\mathbf{r}}(u)) \cdot \dot{\tilde{\mathbf{r}}}(u) du = - \int_0^e \vec{F}(\mathbf{r}(e-u)) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}(e-u) du \\ &= - \int_e^0 \vec{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t) dt \\ &= - \int_0^e \vec{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t) dt = - \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \end{aligned}$$

I.e. we found:

$$\boxed{\int_C \phi ds = \int_{C^-} \phi ds \quad ; \quad \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = - \int_{C^-} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}}$$

Fundamental Theorem of Line Integrals

Definition: A set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is called a domain, if:

(i) it is open: At every point in Ω we can draw a circle containing only points in Ω .

(ii) and connected: Between every pair of points in Ω there is a curve lying completely in Ω .

Theorem: Let $\vec{F}$ be a vector field defined in a domain Ω .

The following statements are equivalent:

(i) $\vec{F}$ is a gradient field.

(ii) $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ is path independent.

(iii) $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$ for any closed curve.

Proof (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii)

By assumption: $\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$

Let now $\vec{r}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be any curve connecting two given points A, B .

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t) dt \\ \vec{F} = \nabla \phi; \vec{r}(t) &= \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \int_a^b \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}(\vec{r}(t)) \right) \cdot \left(\frac{dx}{dt}(t) \right) dt \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}(\vec{r}(t)) \right) \cdot \left(\frac{dy}{dt}(t) \right) dt \\ &= \int_a^b \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}(\vec{r}(t)) \frac{dx}{dt}(t) + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}(\vec{r}(t)) \frac{dy}{dt}(t) \right) dt \\ &= \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} \phi(\vec{r}(t)) dt = \phi(\vec{r}(b)) - \phi(\vec{r}(a)) \\ &= \phi|_{\text{at } B} - \phi|_{\text{at } A} \end{aligned}$$

The last expression depends only on the points A, B but not on the curve connecting them, this proves (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii).

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i)

In order to show that from (ii) it follows that $\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$, we have to construct the potential function ϕ . We pick (and fix) a point A in Ω and for any point B in Ω with coordinates (x, y) we set:

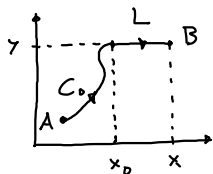
$$\phi(x, y) = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r},$$



where C is an arbitrary curve connecting A, B . Because Ω is connected and $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ is path independent (by assumption (ii)), $\phi(x, y)$ is well defined.

What we now show is that indeed $\vec{\nabla} \phi = \vec{F}$.

For this we consider the following curve C which connects A to B :



I.e. C is made up of C_0 and L , where L is parallel to the x -axis (it is always possible to choose such a curve because Ω is a domain).

$$\rightarrow \phi(x, y) = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \underbrace{\int_{C_0} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}}_{\text{does not depend on } x!} + \int_L \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

L can be given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}: [x_0, x] &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ t &\mapsto \vec{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ y \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{It follows that: } \dot{\vec{r}}(t) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_L \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{x_0}^x \begin{pmatrix} F_1(t, y) \\ F_2(t, y) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} dt \\ &= \int_{x_0}^x F_1(t, y) dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{I.e. } \phi(x, y) = \int_{C_0} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_{x_0}^x F_1(t, y) dt$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}(x, y) = F_1(x, y)$$

Similarly, but choosing a curve C which contains a part parallel to the y -axis, we obtain:

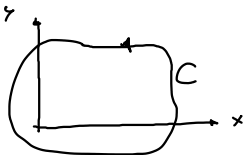
$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}(x, y) = F_2(x, y)$$

I.e. we have shown: $\vec{\nabla} \phi = \vec{F}$.

(ii) $\Leftrightarrow$ (iii) is left as an exercise. □

Green's Theorem

Definition: Let $\vec{r}(t)$ be a closed, non self intersecting curve in $\mathbb{R}^2$. We call $\vec{r}(t)$ positively oriented if $\vec{r}(t)$ moves in a counterclockwise direction (as t increases):

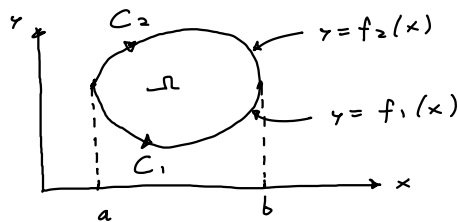


Theorem (Green): Let C be a positively oriented curve in $\mathbb{R}^2$ enclosing a region Ω . Let $\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix}$ be a vector field. Then:

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

Proof: The proof is in three stages of increasing complexity of the shape of Ω .

(i) The region Ω is of type: Any line parallel the x - or y -axis has at most two points in common with C :



The boundary of such a region can be given in terms of two graphs of functions:

$$y = f_1(x) ; \quad y = f_2(x)$$

Corresponding curves: $\vec{r}_1(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ f_1(x) \end{pmatrix} ; x \in [a, b]$

$$\vec{r}_2(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ f_2(x) \end{pmatrix} ; x \in [a, b]$$

$$\rightarrow \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} - \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} ,$$

where we made use of the orientation property of the line integral of vector fields: $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = - \int_{C^-} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$.

Let now in a first step: $\vec{F}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \int_C \vec{F}_1 \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_{C_1} \vec{F}_1 \cdot d\vec{r} - \int_{C_2} \vec{F}_1 \cdot d\vec{r} \\ &= \int_a^b \vec{F}_1(\vec{r}_1(x)) \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt}(x) dx - \int_a^b \vec{F}_1(\vec{r}_2(t)) \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt}(x) dx \\ \left. \begin{aligned} \vec{F}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} M \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{r}_1(x) &= \begin{pmatrix} x \\ f_1(x) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \int_a^b M(x, f_1(x)) dx - \int_a^b M(x, f_2(x)) dx \\ &= \int_a^b \left(M(x, f_1(x)) - M(x, f_2(x)) \right) dx \\ &= \int_{f_2(x)}^{f_1(x)} \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}(x, y) dy \\ &= \int_a^b \int_{f_2(x)}^{f_1(x)} \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}(x, y) dy dx \\ &= - \int_a^b \int_{f_1(x)}^{f_2(x)} \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}(x, y) dy dx = \iint_{\Omega} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}(x, y) dA \end{aligned}$$

I.e., we found:

$$\text{if } \vec{F}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \int_C \vec{F}_1 \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_{\Omega} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dA$$

it follows similarly (but describing the boundary of Ω with two graphs of functions of $x = g_1(y)$; $x = g_2(y)$) that:

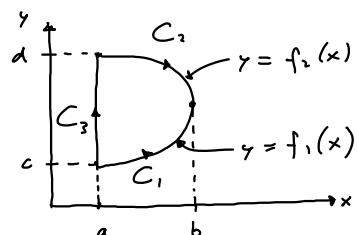
$$\text{if } \vec{F}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ N \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \int_C \vec{F}_2 \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_{\Omega} \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} dA$$

For a general $\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix}$, we have $\vec{F} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_C (\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2) \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C \vec{F}_1 \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_C \vec{F}_2 \cdot d\vec{r} \\ &= \iint_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the thm. for the first type of region Ω .

(ii) The region Ω is of type:



I.e. part of the boundary of Ω is parallel to one of the axes.

We have:

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} - \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} - \int_{C_3} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} ,$$

where $\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2$ are given as in (i) and

$$\vec{r}_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ t \end{pmatrix} ; \quad t \in [c, d]$$

Hence $\dot{\vec{r}}_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and, restricting again to the case

$\vec{F}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, we have:

$$\int_{C_3} \vec{F}_1 \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_c^d \begin{pmatrix} M(\vec{r}_2(t)) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} dt = 0 ,$$

$$\text{which implies : } \int_C \vec{F}_1 \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_{\Omega} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dA .$$

Using the reasoning as in (i), for $\vec{F}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ N \end{pmatrix}$ we

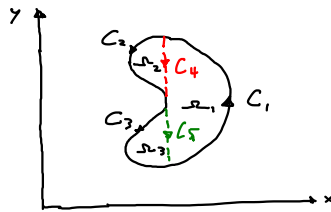
obtain:

$$\int_C \vec{F}_2 \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_{\Omega} \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} dA$$

So if $\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2$, then:

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA .$$

(iii) Ω is of type:



The idea is to split Ω into $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3$, each of which is of type (ii).

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_{C_3} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \\
 &= \underbrace{\int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_{C_4} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_{C_5} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}}_{\int_{\partial\Omega_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}} + \underbrace{\int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} - \int_{C_4} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}}_{\int_{\partial\Omega_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}} + \underbrace{\int_{C_3} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} - \int_{C_5} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}}_{\int_{\partial\Omega_3} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}} \\
 &= \int_{\partial\Omega_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_{\partial\Omega_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_{\partial\Omega_3} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \\
 &= \iint_{\Omega_1} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA + \iint_{\Omega_2} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA + \iint_{\Omega_3} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA \\
 &= \iint_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Application to gradient fields

Definition: A domain Ω is called simply connected, if every closed curve in Ω encloses only points in Ω :



simply
connected



not simply
connected

Theorem: Let Ω be a simply connected domain. Let $\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix}$ be a vectorfield defined in Ω . Then, the following are equivalent:

(i) $\vec{F}$ is a gradient field,

(ii) $\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 0$ in Ω .

Proof: (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii)

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F} = \nabla \phi &\rightarrow M = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} ; N = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y \partial x} = 0.\end{aligned}$$

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i)

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ in } \Omega$$

$\rightarrow$ For any closed loop C :



$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int \int_D \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA = 0$$

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Therefore, by the fundamental theorem of line integrals $\rightarrow$ there exists ϕ such that $\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$ $\square$

Example: Let: $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^2$; $\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 4x - y \\ e^y - 2y - x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{We have: } \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = -1 - (-1) = 0$$

$\rightarrow$ There exists ϕ , such that $\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$.

How to find ϕ :

$\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$ with the above vector field is:

$$1 + 4x - y = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad (1)$$

$$e^y - 2y - x = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \quad (2)$$

$$(1) \rightarrow \phi(x, y) = x + 2x^2 - xy + f(y)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}(x, y) = -x + f'(y) \stackrel{(2)}{=} e^y - 2y - x$$

$$\rightarrow f'(y) = e^y - 2y \quad \leftarrow \text{constant}$$

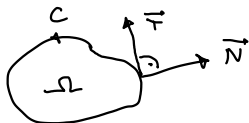
$$\rightarrow f(y) = e^y - y^2 + C$$

$$\rightarrow \underline{\underline{\phi(x, y) = x + 2x^2 - xy + e^y - y^2 + C}}$$

Alternative form of Green's theorem

Derivation: Let $\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix}$; $\vec{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -N \\ M \end{pmatrix}$

In the following we denote by $\vec{T} = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \end{pmatrix}$ the unit tangent vector to C and by $\vec{N} = \begin{pmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \end{pmatrix}$ the unit outward pointing normal vector to C :



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then: } \iint_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \right) dA &= \int_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} \\
 &\quad \uparrow \text{Green with } \vec{A} \\
 &= \int_C \vec{A} \cdot \vec{T} ds \\
 &= \int_C \begin{pmatrix} -N \\ M \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \end{pmatrix} ds \\
 &= \int_C (-NT_1 + MT_2) ds \\
 &= \int_C (MN_1 + NN_2) ds \\
 \vec{N} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \vec{T} = \begin{pmatrix} T_2 \\ -T_1 \end{pmatrix} &\longrightarrow \int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} ds = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{N} \\
 &= \int_C \vec{F} \cdot \underbrace{\vec{N}}_{= d\vec{N} \text{ (Notation)}} ds = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{N}
 \end{aligned}$$

I.e. we find:

$$\boxed{\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{N} = \iint_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \right) dA}$$

Remarks: (i) This form is called the normal form of Green's theorem, while

$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA$
is called the tangential form.

(ii) For any vector field $\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{pmatrix}$, the expression

$\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y}$ is called divergence of $\vec{F}$ and

can formally be written using $\vec{\nabla} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$ as $\boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}}$

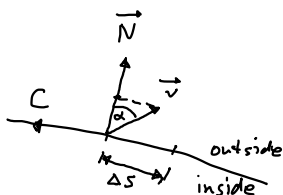
(iii) $\vec{\nabla} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$ is called nabla operator.

(Recall the notation for the gradient: $\vec{\nabla} \phi$).

Interpretation of $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{N}$:

Let $\vec{F} = \vec{v}$ be the velocity vector field of a two-dimensional, incompressible fluid flow (e.g. water in a shallow river).

We consider a small part of C in which we assume the velocity $\vec{v}$ being constant (This assumption will make sense once we consider an infinitesimal part of C):



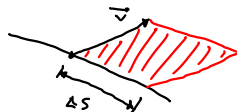
Then, the component of $\vec{v}$ which is normal to C is:

$$v_{\perp} = |\vec{v}| \cos(\alpha) = |\vec{v}| \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{N}}{|\vec{v}| |\vec{N}|} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{N}.$$

($v_{\perp} > 0$ if $\vec{v}$ points outward, $v_{\perp} < 0$ if $\vec{v}$ points inward).

Then, the amount of fluid flowing out of $\mathcal{R}$ through the part of C under consideration in unit time is:

$$v_{\perp} \Delta s = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{N} \Delta s = //$$



We call this the outflux through the part of C . The outflux through an infinitesimally small part of C is then $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{N} \Delta s$. Hence the total outflux out of $\mathcal{R}$ is:

$$\int_C \vec{v} \cdot \vec{N} \Delta s = \int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{N},$$

which is the left hand side of Green's thm. in normal form. Remark: $\int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{N} < 0$ corresponds to influx.

Interpretation of divergence

Let $f(x, y) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v}$

The Taylor expansion of $f(x, y)$ at $(x_0, y_0) \in \Omega$ is:

$$f(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0) + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_0 \Delta x + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_0 \Delta y + O((\Delta x)^2, (\Delta y)^2, \Delta x \Delta y),$$

where we use the notation: $\Delta x = x - x_0$.

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_0 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0).$$

Using now Green's theorem (normal form), together with the above interpretation of $\int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{N}$ as outward flux, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{outward flux}}{\text{area of } \Omega} &= \frac{\int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{N}}{\iint_{\Omega} dA} \stackrel{\text{Green}}{=} \frac{\iint_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} dA}{\iint_{\Omega} dA} = \frac{\iint_{\Omega} f(x, y) dA}{\iint_{\Omega} dA} \\ &= \frac{\iint_{\Omega} \left(f(x_0, y_0) + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_0 \Delta x + \dots \right) dA}{\iint_{\Omega} dA} \\ &= f(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_0 \iint_{\Omega} \Delta x dA}{\iint_{\Omega} dA} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Now, since:

$$\left| \frac{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_0 \iint_{\Omega} \Delta x dA}{\iint_{\Omega} dA} \right| \leq \frac{\left| \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_0 \right| |\Omega| \iint_{\Omega} dA}{\iint_{\Omega} dA}$$

$$= \left| \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_0 \right| |\Omega| \xrightarrow{\text{as } |\Omega| \rightarrow 0} 0$$

where $|\Omega|$ is the (one-dimensional) size of Ω :



and the limit $|\Omega| \rightarrow 0$ is understood such that $(x_0, y_0) \in \Omega$ while taking this limit.

Putting things together, we obtain:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v}(x_0, y_0) = f(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{|\Omega| \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{outward flux}}{\text{area of } \Omega}$$

I.e. $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v}$ can be interpreted as a source density (flux per unit area).

The overall interpretation of the normal form of Green's theorem can therefore be given as:

$\underbrace{\int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{N}}_{\substack{\text{total} \\ \text{outward} \\ \text{flux}}}$	$= \underbrace{\iint_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} dA}_{\substack{\text{total} \\ \text{source} \\ \text{strength}}}$
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Applications:

(i) Gauss's Law in 2D

Gauss's law (one of Maxwell's equations) is:

$$\boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}}$$

where $\vec{E}$ is the electric field, ρ the charge density and ϵ_0 the permittivity of vacuum. Let Q be the total charge in some region $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, i.e.:

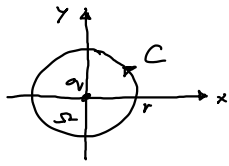
$$Q = \iint_{\Omega} \rho dA.$$

$$\text{Then: } \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} = \underbrace{\iint_{\Omega} \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} dA}_{\text{Gauss}} = \underbrace{\iint_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} dA}_{\text{Green}} = \underbrace{\int_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{N}}_C.$$

I.e. the outflux of the electric field $\vec{E}$ out of a region Ω is equal to the total charge in Ω .

We use this to derive Coulomb's law in two dimensions.

To do this we consider a point charge q sitting at the origin and a circle C with radius r and center at the origin:



$$\vec{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} r \cos(t) \\ r \sin(t) \end{pmatrix}; \quad t \in [0, 2\pi].$$

At any point $\vec{r}(t)$, the unit normal and tangential vectors are:

$$\vec{T} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin(t) \\ \cos(t) \end{pmatrix}; \quad \vec{N} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) \\ \sin(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

We have:

$$\frac{q}{\epsilon_0} = \iint_{\Sigma} \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} dA = \underbrace{\iint_{\Sigma} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} dA}_{\text{Gauss}} = \underbrace{\int_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{N}}_{\text{Green}} = \int_C \vec{E} \cdot \vec{N} ds$$

Now, because of the symmetry of the physical problem, we assume:

$$(i) \quad \vec{E} \parallel \vec{N}$$

(ii) $|\vec{E}|$ independent on the position on the circle.

Therefore:

$$\int_C \vec{E} \cdot \vec{N} ds = \int_C \overset{=1}{|\vec{E}| |\vec{N}|} ds = \int_C |\vec{E}| ds = |\vec{E}| \int_C ds = |\vec{E}| 2\pi r$$

(i)

Together with $\frac{q}{\epsilon_0} = \int_C \vec{E} \cdot \vec{N} ds$ we obtain:

$$|\vec{E}| = \frac{q}{2\pi r \epsilon_0}$$

I.e., using (i): $\vec{E}(x, y) = \frac{q}{2\pi \epsilon_0 (x^2 + y^2)} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

The force acting on another charge q_2 is then:

$$\vec{F} = \vec{E} q_2 = \frac{q_1 q_2}{2\pi \epsilon_0 (x^2 + y^2)} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

I.e. in absolute value:

$$|\vec{F}| = \frac{q_1 q_2}{2\pi \epsilon_0 \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \frac{q_1 q_2}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r}$$

Remark: The $\frac{1}{r}$ dependency is directly related to the fact that we study a two-dimensional problem. We are going to revisit this problem in three dimensions and find there the well known $\frac{1}{r^2}$ dependency from the classical Coulomb's law.

(ii) Gauss's Law for magnetism

Another one of Maxwell's equations is:

$$\boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0,}$$

where $\vec{B}$ is the magnetic field (more precise: the magnetic flux density).

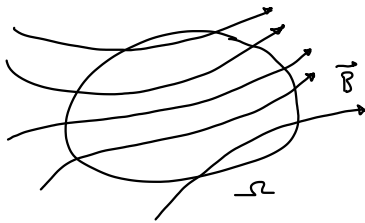
Using Green's theorem, we obtain from this:

$$\int_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{N} = 0,$$

i.e. the total magnetic flux out of a region is always zero. Or put differently:

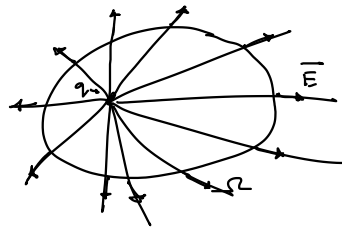
There don't exist any sources for the magnetic field. This is in contrast to the electric field $\vec{E}$, where the sources are the charges.

Magnetic field lines :



$$\int_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{N} = 0$$

Electric field lines :



$$\int_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{N} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

(iii) Continuity Equation

We consider the flow of a compressible fluid described by the density ρ (a scalar field) and the fluid velocity $\vec{v}$ (a vector field), both depending on space (x, y) and time t .

The fluid mass in a region Ω at time t is:

$$M(t) = \int_{\Omega} \rho(t, x, y) dA$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{rate of change} \\ \text{of mass in } \Omega \end{array} = \frac{dM}{dt}(t) = \iint_{\Omega} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}(t, x, y) dA$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{outflux} \\ \text{through } \partial\Omega \\ \uparrow \\ \text{boundary} \\ \text{of } \Omega \end{array} = \int_{\partial\Omega} (\rho \vec{v}) \cdot d\vec{N} = \iint_{\Omega} \underbrace{(\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{v}))}_{\text{Green}}(t, x, y) dA$$

Conservation of mass requires :

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{rate of change} \\ \text{of mass in } \Omega \end{array} = - \begin{array}{l} \text{outflux} \\ \text{through } \partial\Omega \end{array}$$

$$\text{I.e.} \quad \iint_{\Omega} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}(t, x, y) dA = - \iint_{\Omega} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{v}))(t, x, y) dA$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \iint_{\mathcal{R}} \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}(\tau, x, y) + (\nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}))(\tau, x, y) \right) dA = 0$$

Since this has to hold for arbitrary $\mathcal{R}$,
we conclude:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}(\tau, x, y) + (\nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}))(\tau, x, y) = 0$$

i.e. (leaving away the arguments):

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Continuity} \\ \text{equation} \end{array}$$

Interpretation of the tangential form of Green's theorem

We recall the tangential form:

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_{\mathcal{R}} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

For the interpretation we again think of the vector field $\vec{F}$ being the velocity vector field of a two-dimensional incompressible fluid flow.

We define the circulation of $\vec{F}$ around C as: $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$.

The interpretation of this quantity is that it sums up the tangential component of $\vec{F}$ around C .

Thus:

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} > 0 : \text{net counter clockwise motion} \quad \curvearrowright$$

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} < 0 : \text{net clockwise motion} \quad \curvearrowleft$$

Definition: The quantity $\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}$ is called the curl density of the vector field $\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix}$.

The interpretation of the curl density is now given, using the tangential form of Green's theorem: (this is analogous to the interpretation of the divergence $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}$ using the normal form of Green's theorem).

$$\left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right)(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{|\mathcal{R}| \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{circulation around } \mathcal{R}}{\text{Area of } \mathcal{R}}$$

I.e. the curl density is the circulation density:

How much the fluid is rotating at this point.

Remarks: (i) We already gave an interpretation of $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ in the case where $\vec{F}$ is a force field: mechanical work.

However, in this case there is no direct intuitive description what the curl density should be and for conservative force fields it vanishes anyway.

(ii) A deeper understanding of divergence and curl density of vector fields can be obtained by looking at typical examples of vector fields, see the respective problem set.

Surfaces

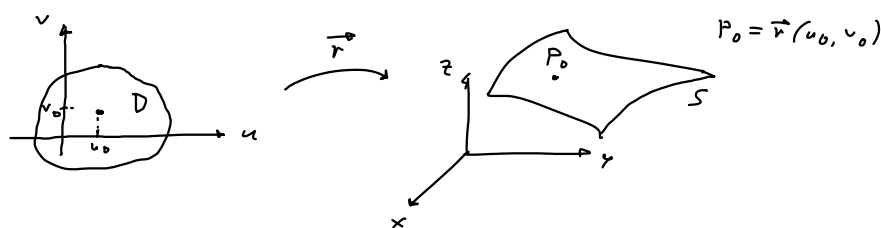
Def. A parametric representation of a surface

is a function: $\vec{r}: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$
 $(u,v) \mapsto \vec{r}(u,v) = \begin{pmatrix} f(u,v) \\ g(u,v) \\ h(u,v) \end{pmatrix}$,

where f, g, h are real valued functions, $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$.

The set: $S = \{ \vec{r}(u,v) : (u,v) \in D \}$

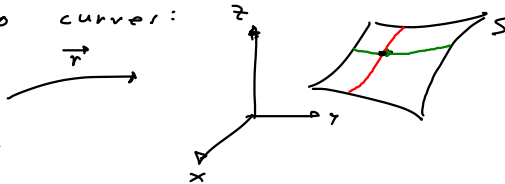
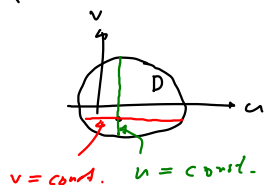
is called the surface.



Remarks: (i) u, v : parameters

(ii) D : parameter domain

(iii) Relation to curves:

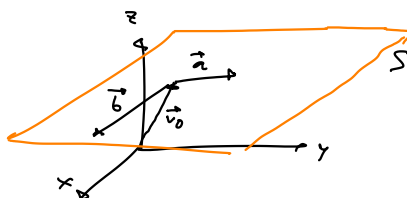


I.e. it is
2-D extension
of curve.

Examples:

(i) $\vec{r}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$(u,v) \mapsto \vec{r}(u,v) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}}_{=\vec{v}_0} + u \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{=\vec{a}} + v \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 17 \\ \sqrt{2} \\ -u \end{pmatrix}}_{=\vec{b}}$$

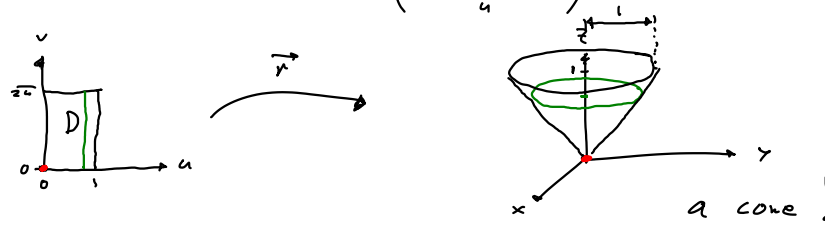


A plane

$$\left(\text{In general: } \vec{r}(u,v) = \vec{v}_0 + u\vec{a} + v\vec{b} \right)$$

$$(ii) \quad \vec{r}: [0,1] \times [0,2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$(u,v) \mapsto \vec{r}(u,v) = \begin{pmatrix} u \cos(v) \\ u \sin(v) \\ u \end{pmatrix}$$

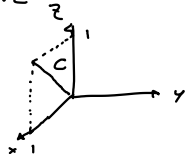


Rem.: Usually we use r, φ as parameters:

$$\vec{r}(r, \varphi) = \begin{pmatrix} r \cos(\varphi) \\ r \sin(\varphi) \\ r \end{pmatrix}$$

(iii) Surfaces of revolution:

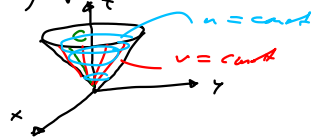
Take a curve in $x-z$ -plane: $\vec{r}: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$u \mapsto \vec{r}(u) = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ 0 \\ u \end{pmatrix}$$


Then rotate around z -axis: ($v \in [0, 2\pi]$)

$$\vec{r}(u,v) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(v) & -\sin(v) & 0 \\ \sin(v) & \cos(v) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ 0 \\ u \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u \cos(v) \\ u \sin(v) \\ u \end{pmatrix}$$

again our cone:

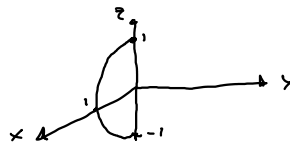


(iv) Sphere:

Consider the curve in $x-z$ -plane:

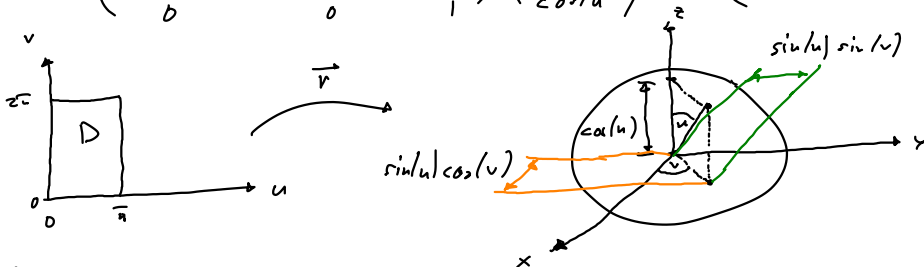
$$\vec{r}: [0,\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$u \mapsto \vec{r}(u) = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(u) \\ 0 \\ \cos(u) \end{pmatrix}$$



rotation: ($v \in [0, 2\pi]$)

$$\vec{r}(u,v) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(v) & -\sin(v) & 0 \\ \sin(v) & \cos(v) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sin(u) \\ 0 \\ \cos(u) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(u) \cos(v) \\ \sin(u) \sin(v) \\ \cos(u) \end{pmatrix}$$



Rem.:

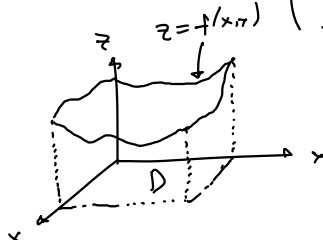
$$\vec{r}(\theta, \varphi) = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\theta) \cos(\varphi) \\ \sin(\theta) \sin(\varphi) \\ \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

θ : polar angle
 φ : azimuthal angle

(v) Graphs: Let $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

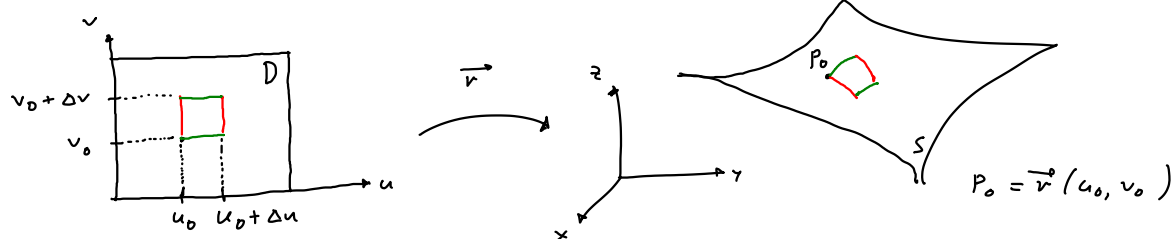
$$(x, y) \mapsto z = f(x, y)$$

Then: $\vec{r}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ f(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$ is a surface: the graph of f .

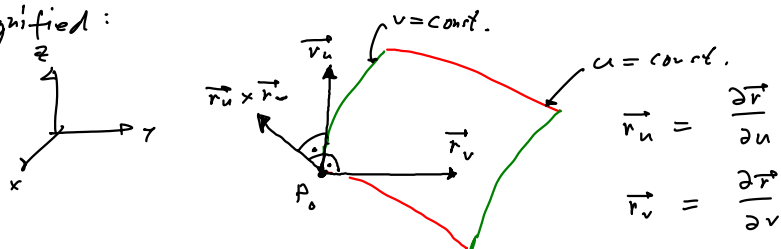


(everything in one picture!)

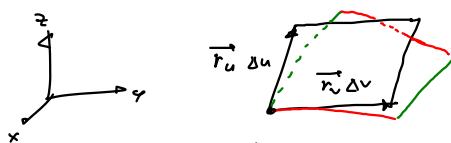
Surface Area



Patch magnified:



Approx. of patch element by parallelogram:



→ Area of patch element:

$$\Delta A \approx |\vec{r}_u du \times \vec{r}_v dv|$$

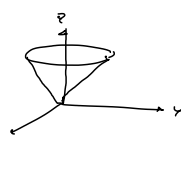
$$= |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| \Delta u \Delta v$$

→ Total area $\approx \sum |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| \Delta u \Delta v$

→ Area:

$$A = \iint_D |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| du dv$$

Example: Surface area of a cone:

$$\vec{r}(u,v) = \begin{pmatrix} u \cos(v) \\ u \sin(v) \\ u \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} \vec{r}_u &= \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(v) \\ \sin(v) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{r}_v &= \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial v} = \begin{pmatrix} -u \sin(v) \\ u \cos(v) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$


$$\rightarrow |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| = \left| \begin{pmatrix} \cos(v) \\ \sin(v) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -u \sin(v) \\ u \cos(v) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right| = \left| \begin{pmatrix} -u \cos(v) \\ -u \sin(v) \\ u \cos^2(v) + u \sin^2(v) \end{pmatrix} \right|$$

$$= u\sqrt{2}$$

$$\rightarrow A = \iint_D |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| du dv = \int_{v=0}^{2\pi} \int_{u=0}^1 \sqrt{2} u du dv = \dots = \sqrt{2} \pi$$

Surface integrals

(i) of scalar functions

Def: Let $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a scalar field.

Then the surface integral of f over S is:

$$\iint_S f dS = \iint_D f(\vec{r}(u,v)) |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| du dv$$

Ex: $f = \rho$ with ρ defined only on the surface S and: $\rho(x,y,z)$: mass per unit area.

$$\rightarrow \iint_S \rho dS = \iint_D \rho(\vec{r}(u,v)) |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| du dv = \text{Mass.}$$

(ii) of vector fields:

Def: Let $\vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a vector field.

Then the surface integral of $\vec{F}$ over S is:

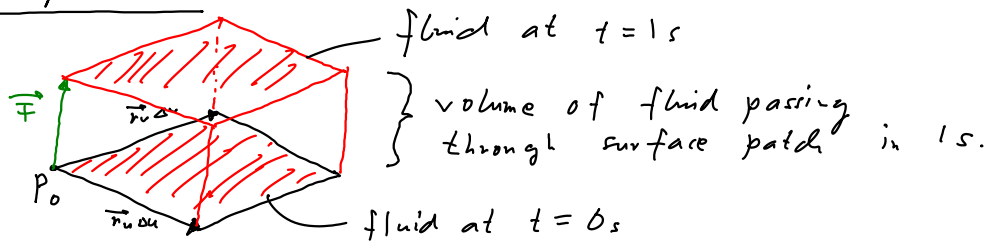
$$\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_S \underbrace{\vec{F} \cdot \vec{N}}_{\substack{\text{surf. int. of the} \\ \text{scalar field } \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N}}} dS,$$

where $\vec{N}$ is the unit normal vector to S .

We have: $\vec{N} = \frac{\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v}{|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v|}$

$$\begin{aligned} \longrightarrow \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} &= \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} dS \\ &= \iint_D \vec{F} \cdot \frac{\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v}{|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v|} |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| du dv \\ &= \iint_D \vec{F} \cdot (\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v) du dv \end{aligned}$$

Interpretation:



Let $\vec{F}$ be velocity field $|\vec{F}| = 17$ i.e. at P_0 ,
the fluid speed is 17 m/s

$\longrightarrow$ Fluid passing through patch in 1s:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \text{Flux} &= \vec{F} \cdot (\vec{r}_u \Delta u \times \vec{r}_v \Delta v) \\ &= \vec{F} \cdot (\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v) \Delta u \Delta v \end{aligned}$$

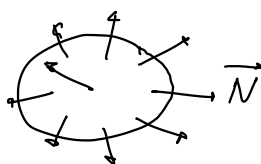
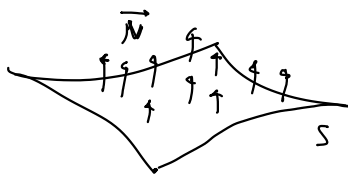
$\longrightarrow$ total flux: $\iint_D \vec{F} \cdot (\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v) \Delta u \Delta v$

I.e.

$$\boxed{\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \text{Flux}}$$

Remark: Orientation

We call a surface S orientable (or two-sided) if
it is possible to define a field $\vec{N}$ of unit normal
vectors that varies continuously with position.

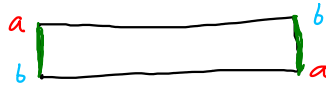


Convention: For closed
surface (e.g.
sphere) we take
 $\vec{N}$ to point
outward.

Example:

Non orientable surface:

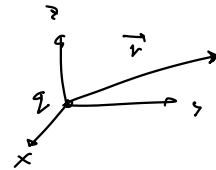
Möbius strip: piece of paper:



glue green on green with corners a-a, b-b together.

Example: Flux of electric field
of point charge q through
sphere of radius R :

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|^3} ; \quad \vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\text{Flux} = \iint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$= \iint_S \vec{E} \cdot \vec{N} ds$$

$$= \iint_S |\vec{E}| ds$$

$$= \iint_S \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} ds = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \underbrace{\iint_S ds}_{= 4\pi R^2} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$



Stokes Theorem

Curl of a vector field

We saw: curl density of 2D-vector field:

$$\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} : \text{measures how much vector field rotates (counter clock wise)}$$

In 3D:

$$\text{Let: } \vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ (no z-component)} \\ \& \ M = M(x, y), \ N = N(x, y)$$

→ Amount of how this vector field rotates is $\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}$

Axis of rotation is the z-axis.

Written as a vector:

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

Example: solid rotation in 3D:

$$\vec{F} = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} \begin{pmatrix} -y \\ x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{curl } \vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

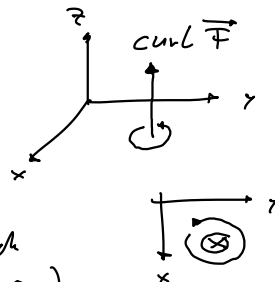
magnitude: how much it rotates

direction:

axis of rotation
(if you look down
on the x-y-plane

it rotates counter clock

wise if $\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} > 0$)



Generalization to arbitrary vector fields:

Definition: Let $\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \\ P \end{pmatrix}$

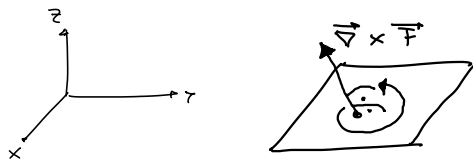
we define the curl of the vector field $\vec{F}$ as:

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial M}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

with $\vec{\nabla} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \underline{\text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}}$

interpretation stays the same:

- direction of $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}$: axis of rotation
- magnitude of $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}$: how much it rotates



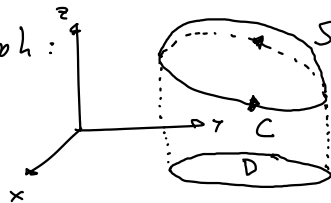
Stokes Theorem

Statement:

$$\boxed{\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_S (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{s}} \quad (*)$$

Proof: Restrict to case where S is a graph:

Surface S : $\vec{r}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ f(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$



$$\rightarrow \vec{r}_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix}; \quad \vec{r}_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_y = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ -\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ Q \\ R \end{pmatrix}$$

$\rightarrow$ r.h.s. of (*):

$$\int_S (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_D (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) \cdot (\vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_y) dx dy$$

$$= \int_D \left(\left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \right) \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) + \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \right) \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) + \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \right) dx dy$$

Curve C: $\vec{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix}; \quad t \in [a, b]$

$\rightarrow$ L.h.s. of (*):

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_a^b \begin{pmatrix} P(\vec{r}(t)) \\ Q(\dots) \\ R(\dots) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \overbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) \\ \dot{z}(t) \end{pmatrix}}^{\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t)} dt$$

$$= \int_a^b \left(P(\vec{r}(t)) \dot{x}(t) + Q(\dots) \dot{y}(t) + R(\dots) \dot{z}(t) \right) dt$$

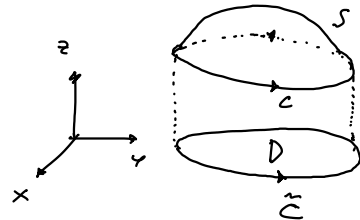
$$\stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \int_a^b \left(\left(P + R \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) \dot{x} + \left(Q + R \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) \dot{y} \right) dt$$

$$\left[\dot{z}(t) = \frac{dz}{dt}(t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x(t), y(t)) \frac{dx}{dt}(t) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\dots) \frac{dy}{dt}(t) \right]$$

$$\left[z(t) = f(x(t), y(t)) \text{ (Gauss!)} \right]$$

$$= \int_a^b \begin{pmatrix} P + R \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ Q + R \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} dt$$

$$= \int_{\tilde{C}} \begin{pmatrix} P + R \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ Q + R \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \cdot d\tilde{\vec{r}}$$



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

Green: $\int_C \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dx dy$

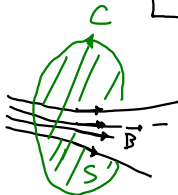
$$Q(x, y, f(x, y))$$

$$\downarrow \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + R \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - R \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} \right) dx dy$$

$$= \iint_D (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S} \quad \square$$

Application: Faraday's law of induction

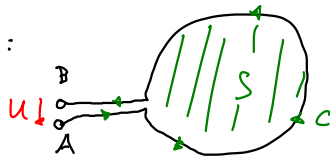
$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad (\text{One of Maxwell's eqn.})$$



integrating this over surface S yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{E}) \cdot d\vec{S} &= \iint_S \left(- \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot d\vec{S} \\ &= - \frac{d}{dt} \underbrace{\iint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S}}_{=: \Phi(t) : \text{magnetic flux through } S} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Stokes}}{=} \int_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} \end{aligned}$$

If C is made into:



then, since $\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}}{q}$ (force / charge)

$\rightarrow \int_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r}$ is work per charge to bring charge from A to B .

Since voltage = work per charge

→ $\int_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r}$ is the voltage difference from A to B: $\mathcal{U}$

I. e. Faraday's Law is:

$$\mathcal{U} = \int_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} = - \frac{d}{dt} \iint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = - \frac{d\Phi}{dt}$$

I. e. induced voltage in loop is equal to the change in magnetic flux!

Other Application:

Ampere's Law

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \left(\underbrace{\vec{J}}_{\substack{\text{current} \\ \text{density}}} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \quad (\text{Maxwell eqn.})$$

not due to Ampere

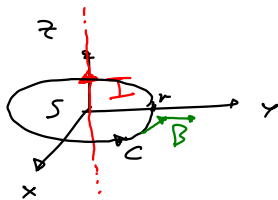
Assumption: time indep. → $\frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = 0$

$$\rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

Integrating over S :

$$\underbrace{\iint_S (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \cdot d\vec{s}}_{\substack{\text{Stokes} \\ // \\ S}} = \underbrace{\iint_S \mu_0 \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s}}_{\substack{\text{current} \\ \text{through} \\ \text{surface } S}} = \mu_0 I$$
$$\underbrace{\int_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}}_{\substack{\text{circulation of } \vec{B} \\ \text{around } C}}$$

Example: Wire along z -axis:



Assumption: $\vec{B}$ - field points in circumferential direction

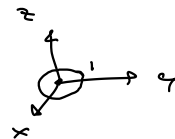
then:
$$\int_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{r} = |\vec{B}| 2\pi r \stackrel{\text{Ampere}}{=} \mu_0 I$$

$$\rightarrow |\vec{B}| = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

Computational Ex.

$$\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} z \\ x \\ y \end{pmatrix};$$

We compute work around unit circle in x - y -plane at origin.



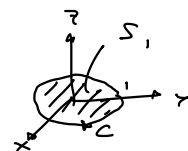
We do this in three different ways:

(i) direct:
$$W = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t) dt$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) \\ \sin(t) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \cos(t) \\ \sin(t) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -\sin(t) \\ \cos(t) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2(t) dt = \underline{\pi}$$

(ii) Stokes on unit disk: $\vec{r}(u,v) = \begin{pmatrix} u \cos(v) \\ u \sin(v) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 $(u,v) \in [0,1] \times [0,2\pi]$

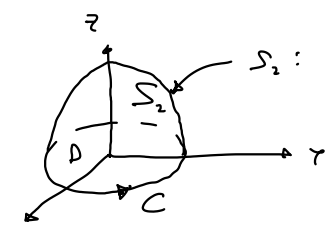


$$W = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_{S_1} (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ u \end{pmatrix} du dv = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 u du dv = \underline{\underline{\pi}}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial v} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(v) \\ \sin(v) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -u \sin(v) \\ u \cos(v) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ u \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \\ 2z \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} z \\ x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right)$$

(iii) Stokes on paraboloid



$$S_2: z = 1 - x^2 - y^2$$

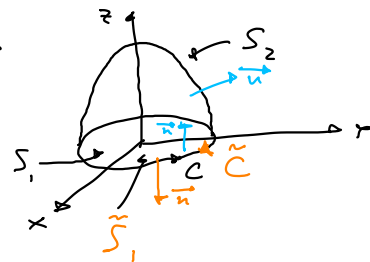
$$\vec{r}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 - x^2 - y^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2x \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_{S_2} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S} \\ &= \iint_D \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} dx dy \\ &= \iint_D (2x + 2y + 1) dx dy \\ &= \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^1 (2r \cos(\varphi) + 2r \sin(\varphi) + 1) r dr d\varphi \\ &= \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} \left(\underbrace{\frac{2}{3} (\cos(\varphi) + \sin(\varphi))}_{\rightarrow 0} + \frac{1}{2} \right) d\varphi = \underline{\underline{\pi}} \end{aligned}$$

The previous computation tells us:

$$\iint_{S_1} (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_{S_2} (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{s}$$



I.e. with $\vec{G} = \nabla \times \vec{F}$, then:

$$\iint_{S_1} \vec{G} \cdot d\vec{s} = \iint_{S_2} \vec{G} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

We have: $\iint_{\tilde{S}_1} \vec{G} \cdot d\vec{s} = - \iint_{S_1} \vec{G} \cdot d\vec{s} = - \iint_{S_2} \vec{G} \cdot d\vec{s}$

$$\longrightarrow \boxed{\iint_S \vec{G} \cdot d\vec{s} = \iint_{S_2} \vec{G} \cdot d\vec{s} + \iint_{\tilde{S}_1} \vec{G} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0}$$

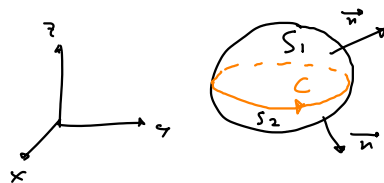
I.e. $\boxed{\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{s} = 0 \text{ for any closed surface}}$

What we found holds in general:

Theorem:

$$\boxed{\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{s} = 0 \text{ for any closed surface } S}$$

Proof:



Idea: Pick closed curve C which lies in S .

Then: $S = S_1 \cup S_2$

We have:
(by Stokes)

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_{S_1} (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = - \iint_{S_2} (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{s}$$

due to orientation of S_2 and C .

→

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S} &= \iint_{S_1} (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_{S_2} (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S} \\ &= \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} - \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0 \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Rough interpretation: Flux of $\vec{G} = \nabla \times \vec{F}$ through closed surface S is zero!

I.e. 'what flows in flows out',
Like for conserved quantity.

With interpretation of divergence
as source strength, we expect:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{G} = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{F}) = 0.$$

this is true! (see ex.).

Application to gradient fields:

Thm. Let $\vec{F}$ be defined in a simply connected region.

The following are equivalent:

(i) $\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$ for some potential ϕ

(ii) $\nabla \times \vec{F} = \vec{0}$

(have seen this in 2D on Oct. 5)

Proof:

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Computation: $\nabla \times \vec{F} = \nabla \times \nabla \phi = \vec{0}$
(see ex.)

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): $\nabla \times \vec{F} = \vec{0} \longrightarrow \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$
↑ closed loop ↑ surface whose boundary is C .

fund. thm.
of line int.

→ there exists potential ϕ , s.t. $\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$.

□

Application :

Electrostatics : Maxwell's eqns : $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$ (Gauss) (1)

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad (\text{Faraday}) \quad (2)$$

If static : $\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \vec{0}$

$$(2) \longrightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \vec{0} \longrightarrow \underline{\vec{E} = \vec{\nabla} \phi}$$

$$\text{this in (1)} \longrightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

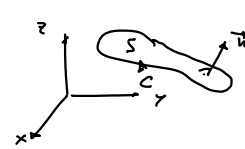
$$\text{I.e.} \quad \underline{\Delta \phi = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}} \quad (\text{Poisson's eqn.}).$$

Divergence Theorem

Overview:

Green, tang.  $\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix}$

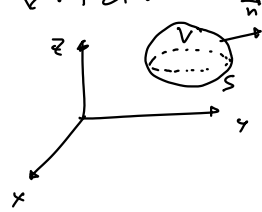
$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA \longrightarrow$$

Stokes: 

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S}$$

Green, normal:

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{N} = \iint_R \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \right)}_{= \nabla \cdot \vec{F}} dA \longrightarrow$$

Divergence thm. (Gauss) 

$$\int_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dV$$

Divergence thm.

$$\int_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dV$$

where:

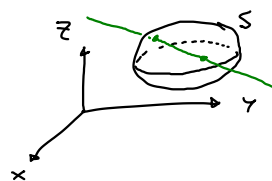
$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \\ P \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial z}$$

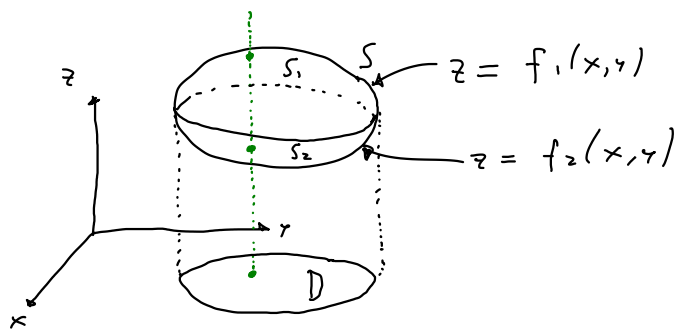
is called the divergence of $\vec{F}$

Proof:

(i) S convex:

Def.: Closed surface S is convex if any straight line meeting it does so in at most two points.





$$\text{Let } \vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \\ P \end{pmatrix}; \vec{F}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \vec{F}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ N \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \vec{F}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ P \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\longrightarrow \vec{F} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \vec{F}_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_V \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} dV &= \int_{\underbrace{x=\dots}_{D}} \int_{\underbrace{y=\dots}_{D}} \int_{z=f_2(x,y)}^{f_1(x,y)} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z}(x, y, z) dz dy dx \\ &= \iint_D \left(P(x, y, f_1(x, y)) - P(x, y, f_2(x, y)) \right) dx dy \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Upper surface: } z = f_1(x, y) &\longrightarrow \vec{r}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ f_1(x, y) \end{pmatrix} \\ &\longrightarrow \vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} \\ -\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\longrightarrow \iint_{S_1} \vec{F}_3 \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_D \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ P \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} \\ -\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} dx dy = \iint_D P \, dx dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} \longrightarrow \iint_{\substack{S \\ = \\ S_1 \cup S_2}} \vec{F}_3 \cdot d\vec{S} &= \iint_D \left(P(x, y, f_1(x, y)) - P(x, y, f_2(x, y)) \right) dx dy \\ &= \iiint_V \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} dV = \iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}_3 dV \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for $\vec{F}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} M \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$; $\vec{F}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ N \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ but there,
integrate w.r.t. x, y first respectively:

$$\iint_S \vec{F}_1 \cdot d\vec{S} = \iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}_1 dV$$

$$\iint_S \vec{F}_2 \cdot d\vec{S} = \iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}_2 dV$$

$$\begin{aligned} \longrightarrow \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \iint_S \vec{F}_i \cdot d\vec{S} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}_i dV = \iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} dV \end{aligned}$$

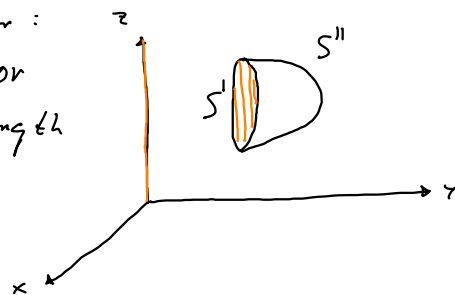
$\downarrow$ div. thm. for S convex.

(ii) S semi-convex

Def:

S is called semi-convex, if $x-y-z$ -axes
can be chosen, s.t. any line parallel to one
of the axes and meeting S either:

- (i) does so in at most two points or
- (ii) has a portion of finite length
in common with S .



Argument as above: $\iint_{S''} \vec{F}_3 \cdot d\vec{S} = \iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}_3 dV$

But: $\iint_{S'} \vec{F}_3 \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$ (because: $\vec{F}_3 \cdot (\underbrace{\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v}_{\text{perpendicular to } S'}) = 0$)

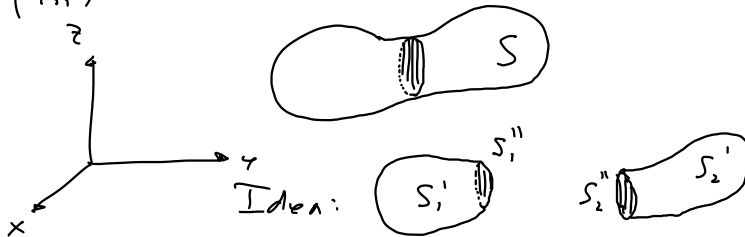
$$\longrightarrow \iint_S \vec{F}_3 \cdot d\vec{S} = \underbrace{\iint_{S'} \dots}_{=0} + \iint_{S''} \dots = \iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}_3 dV$$

Other directions need no modification.

$$\longrightarrow \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} dV$$

$\downarrow$ S semi-convex.

(iii)



not convex or semi-convex?

both semi-convex!

$$S_1 = S_1' \cup S_1''$$

$$S_2 = S_2' \cup S_2''$$

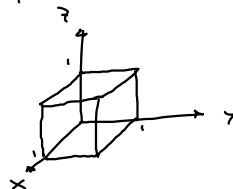
$$S = S_1' \cup S_2'$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} dV} &= \iiint_{V_1} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} dV + \iiint_{V_2} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} dV \\ &= \iint_{S_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_{S_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} \\ &= \iint_{S_1'} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_{S_1''} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_{S_2'} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_{S_2''} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} \\ &= \iint_{S_1'} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_{S_2'} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \boxed{\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}} \\ &\quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \\ &\quad \iint_{S_1''} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = - \iint_{S_2''} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} \quad \quad \quad S = S_1' \cup S_2' \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Ex:

Flux of $\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} xy \\ yz \\ xz \end{pmatrix}$ through surface of cube: $[0, 1]^3$



div. thm.

$$\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = \iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} dV = \iiint_V (x+y+z) dV$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xy) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(yz) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(xz) = y + z + x$$

$$= \int_{z=0}^1 \int_{y=0}^1 \int_{x=0}^1 (x+y+z) dx dy dz = \dots = \underline{\underline{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

Ex: Gauss's Law [did this in 2D on Oct. 20]

$$\boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}} \quad (\text{one of Maxwell's eqn.})$$

$$\iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} dV = \iiint_V \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} dV = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} Q \quad \text{total charge in } V$$

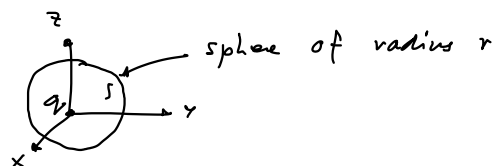
// div. thm.

$$\iint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Flux of electric } \vec{E} \\ \text{field through surface } S \end{array}$$

Gauss's Law!

Ex:

Point charge q at origin:



Gauss

$$\underline{\underline{\frac{q}{\epsilon_0}}} = \iiint_V \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} dV \stackrel{\text{Gauss}}{\downarrow} \iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} dV \stackrel{\text{div. thm.}}{=} \iint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \iint_S |\vec{E}| \vec{N} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$\vec{E}$ has to point radially (by symmetry)

$$= |\vec{E}| \underbrace{\iint_S \vec{N} \cdot d\vec{s}}_{= 4\pi r^2}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{4\pi r^2 |\vec{E}|}} \longrightarrow |\vec{E}| = \frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$\vec{E} \text{ radially} \rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \quad ; \quad r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Force on charge Q : $\vec{F} = Q\vec{E}$

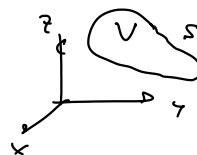
$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} \vec{F} = \frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \\ |\vec{F}| = \frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \end{cases} \quad \text{Coulomb's law!}$$

Remark:

Div. thm. works in any dimension!

$n=3$:

$$\iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} \, dV = \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} \quad (\text{Gauss})$$



$n=2$:

$$\iint_{\Omega} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \right)}_{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} \text{ in } 2D} \, dV = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{N} \quad (\text{Green})$$



$n=1$:

$$\int_a^b \frac{df}{dx} \, dx = f(b) - f(a)$$

(Fund. thm. of calculus)

