

# STOKES' THEOREM [SST 13.6]

- **COMPATIBLE ORIENTATIONS:**

The orientations of a surface  $S$  & its bounding Jordan curve  $C$  are said to be **compatible** if the positive direction on  $C$  is counterclockwise in relation to the outward normal vector  $\hat{\mathbf{N}}$  of the surface (see below figure).

- **STOKES' THEOREM:**

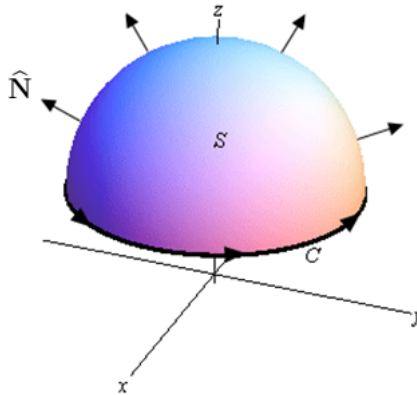
Let orientable surface  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  have the unit normal vector field  $\hat{\mathbf{N}}$ .

Moreover, let  $S$  be bounded by a Jordan curve  $C$  whose orientation is compatible with the orientation on  $S$ .

Let vector field  $\vec{\mathbf{F}} \in C^{(1,1,1)}(S)$ .

Then:

$$\oint_C \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{R}} = \iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{F}}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{N}} \, dS$$



- **STOKES' THEOREM (FTC FORM):**

Let orientable surface  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  have the unit normal vector field  $\hat{\mathbf{N}}$ .

Moreover, let the boundary of  $S$ , denoted by  $\partial S$ , be a Jordan curve  $C$  whose orientation is compatible with that of  $S$ .

Let vector field  $\vec{\mathbf{F}} \in C^{(1,1,1)}(S)$ .

Then:

$$\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{F}}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{N}} \, dS = \oint_{\partial S} \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{R}}$$

- **CHOOSING A SURFACE FOR A BOUNDARY JORDAN CURVE:**

JORDAN BOUNDARY CURVE	CANDIDATE SURFACE(S)
Circle	Paraboloid, Half-Sphere, Circular Cone, or Plane
Ellipse	Paraboloid, Half-Ellipsoid, Elliptic Cone, or Plane
Polygon	Plane
Intersection of Surfaces $S_1$ and $S_2$	$S_1$ or $S_2$

**EX 13.6.1:** Let curve  $C$  be the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  in the plane  $z = 1$  oriented CCW as viewed from above.

Use Stokes' Theorem to compute the line integral  $I = \oint_C (y \, dx + x \, dy + z \, dz)$ .

**EX 13.6.2:** Let curve  $C$  be the intersection of plane  $y + z = 2$  & cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  oriented CCW as viewed from above.

Use Stokes' Theorem to compute the line integral  $I = \oint_C (-y^2 dx + x dy + z^2 dz)$ .

**EX 13.6.3:** Let surface  $S$  be the portion of the cone  $z = -\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  with  $z \geq -2$  with upward unit normal  $\hat{\mathbf{N}}$ .

Let vector field  $\vec{\mathbf{F}}(x, y, z) = \langle yz, -xz, z^3 \rangle$ .

Use Stokes' Theorem to compute the surface integral  $I = \iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{F}}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{N}} \, dS$ .