Green's Theorem

Calculus III

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Jordan Curves



Definition

A **Jordan curve** is a piecewise smooth closed curve that does not intersect itself.

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Positively Oriented Boundary Curves



Positively Oriented Boundary Curve Γ Region D is always on the left of the curve Γ

Negatively Oriented Boundary Curves



Negatively Oriented Boundary Curve Γ Region D is always on the right of the curve Γ

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Multiply-Connected Regions

Green's Theorem (for Simply-Connected Regions)



Theorem

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Let's prove Green's Theorem for a **simply-connected** region *D*.

The proof uses the technique of **bootstrapping**, meaning several simpler cases are proven, and then more general (complicated) cases are proven by expressing them in terms of the simpler cases.

Here's how bootstrapping will proceed with proving Green's Theorem:

- Prove Green's Theorem for rectangular regions.
- **2** Prove Green's Theorem for regions that are **both V-Simple & H-Simple**.
- Prove Green's Theorem for any simply-connected region.

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Parameterize subpaths $\Gamma_1, \ldots, \Gamma_4$:

$$\Gamma_{1}: \vec{\mathbf{R}}_{1}(t) = \langle t, c \rangle \text{ for } t \in [a, b] \implies d\vec{\mathbf{R}}_{1}(t) = \langle 1, 0 \rangle dt \implies dy = 0$$

$$\Gamma_{2}: \vec{\mathbf{R}}_{2}(t) = \langle b, t \rangle \text{ for } t \in [c, d] \implies d\vec{\mathbf{R}}_{2}(t) = \langle 0, 1 \rangle dt \implies dx = 0$$

$$-\Gamma_{3}: \vec{\mathbf{R}}_{3}(t) = \langle t, d \rangle \text{ for } t \in [a, b] \implies d\vec{\mathbf{R}}_{3}(t) = \langle 1, 0 \rangle dt \implies dy = 0$$

$$-\Gamma_{4}: \vec{\mathbf{R}}_{4}(t) = \langle a, t \rangle \text{ for } t \in [c, d] \implies d\vec{\mathbf{R}}_{4}(t) = \langle 0, 1 \rangle dt \implies dx = 0$$

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$$y = d$$

$$(a, d)$$

$$\Gamma_{4} \qquad D \qquad \Gamma_{2}$$

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$$(b, c)$$

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_{1} \cup \Gamma_{2} \cup \Gamma_{3} \cup \Gamma_{4}$$

$$I_{1} = \iint_{D} \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dA = \int_{a}^{b} \int_{c}^{d} \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dy dx = \int_{a}^{b} \left[M(x, y) \right]_{y=c}^{y=d} dx$$

$$F_{\Xi}^{TC} \int_{a}^{b} \left[M(x, d) - M(x, c) \right] dx = \int_{a}^{b} M(t, d) dt - \int_{a}^{b} M(t, c) dt$$

$$= \int_{-\Gamma_{3}} M dx - \int_{\Gamma_{1}} M dx = - \int_{\Gamma_{3}} M dx - \int_{\Gamma_{1}} M dx = - \oint_{\Gamma} M dx$$

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$$F = \int_{c}^{d} \left[N(b, y) - N(a, y) \right] dy = \int_{c}^{d} N(b, t) dt - \int_{c}^{d} N(a, t) dt$$

$$= \int_{\Gamma_{2}} N dy - \int_{-\Gamma_{4}} N dy = \int_{\Gamma_{2}} N dy + \int_{\Gamma_{4}} N dy = \oint_{\Gamma} N dy$$

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$$\downarrow \qquad \Pi_{3}$$

$$(a, c) \qquad y = c$$

$$(b, c)$$

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_{1} \cup \Gamma_{2} \cup \Gamma_{3} \cup \Gamma_{4}$$

$$\therefore \iint_{D} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA = \iint_{D} \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} dA - \iint_{D} \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dA$$
$$= \oint_{\Gamma} N \, dy - \left(-\oint_{\Gamma} M \, dx \right) = \oint_{\Gamma} (M \, dx + N \, dy)$$
QED

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$$y = g_{2}(x) \qquad \Gamma_{2} \qquad (b,d)$$

$$x = h_{2}(y) \qquad D \qquad y = g_{1}(x)$$

$$(a,c) \qquad \Gamma_{1} \qquad \downarrow$$

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$$I_{1} = \iint_{D} \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dA = \int_{a}^{b} \int_{g_{1}(x)}^{g_{2}(x)} \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dy dx = \int_{a}^{b} \left[M(x,y) \right]_{y=g_{1}(x)}^{y=g_{2}(x)} dx$$

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where Γ_k is the positively-oriented path enclosing only subregion D_k .

Subdivide region *D* into rectangular and/or (V & H)-simple subregions.

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Observe that the line integral along a **blue arrow** exactly cancels with the same line integral along the **red arrow** pointing in the opposite direction.

What remains is the line integral along the **black arrows**: $\oint_{\Gamma} (M \, dx + N \, dy)$.

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$$\int_{\Gamma} (M \, dx + N \, dy) = \sum_{k=1}^{4} \oint_{\Gamma_{k}} (M \, dx + N \, dy)$$

=
$$\sum_{k=1}^{4} \iint_{D_{k}} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) \, dA = \iint_{D} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) \, dA \qquad \Box$$

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$$\oint_{\Gamma} \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{R}} = \iint_{D} (\nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{F}}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}} \, dA$$

Fin.