

## 16.4 Green's Theorem

## Orientation of Simple Closed Curves:

- The positive orientation of a simple closed curve is obtained by traversing it once counterclockwise.
- If a region has one or more holes, its boundary will consist of two or more simple curves.



Region is to the left of direction curves are traced.

## Green's Theorem:

$C$  is a positively oriented smooth, simple closed curve.

$D$  is the region enclosed by  $C$ . If  $P$  &  $Q$  have continuous partial derivatives on an open region, that contains  $D$ , then

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

$\int_C P dx + Q dy = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ , so Green's Theorem says:

$$\iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}.$$

If  $\vec{F}$  is conservative,  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$ , so  $\iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA = 0$ .

and  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$  ( $C$  is closed.)

## Proof:

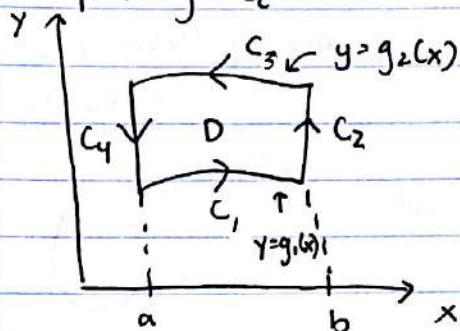
- A region is simple if it is type I and type II.

Case I:  $D$  is simple. It can be desc. as  $D = \{(x, y) \mid a \leq x \leq b, g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x)\}$

$$\text{So, } \iint_D \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dA = \int_a^b \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}(x, y) dy dx$$

$$= \int_a^b [P(x, g_2(x)) - P(x, g_1(x))] dx.$$

Computing  $\int_C P dx$ :  $C = C_1 \cup C_2 \cup C_3 \cup C_4$



$$\text{so } \int_C P dx = \int_{C_1} P dx + \int_{C_2} P dx + \int_{C_3} P dx + \int_{C_4} P dx$$

on  $C_2$  and  $C_4$ ,  $x$  is constant, so

$$\int_{C_2} P dx = \int_{C_4} P dx = 0.$$

$C_1$ :  $x=x$ ,  $y=g_1(x)$ ,  $a \leq x \leq b$ .  $\therefore$

$$\int_{C_1} P dx = \int_a^b P(x, g_1(x)) dx$$

$C_3$ :  $x=x$ ,  $y=g_2(x)$ ,  $a \leq x \leq b$ .  $\therefore$

$$\int_{C_3} P dx = \int_a^b P(x, g_2(x)) dx$$

Therefore:  $-\int_{C_3} P dx = -\int_a^b P(x, g_2(x)) dx$ .

$$\text{so } \int_C P dx = \int_a^b P(x, g_1(x)) dx - \int_a^b P(x, g_2(x)) dx.$$

$$\text{Thus } \int_C P dx = -\iint_D \frac{dP}{dy} dA$$

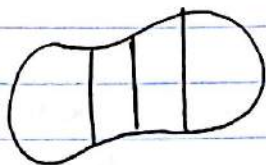
Do the same for  $D$  as a type II region to get:

$$\int_C Q dy = \iint_D \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} dA.$$

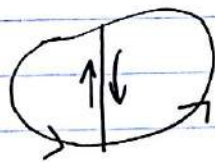
Add together and ...

$$\int_C P dx + Q dy = \iint_D \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dA \quad \checkmark$$

Case 2:  $D$  can be decomposed to a finite union of non-overlapping simple regions by drawing suitable lines or arcs.



You can apply Case 1 to each simple region.



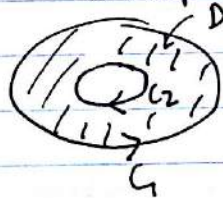
intersections cancel out.

Case 3:  $D$  is any region enclosed by a simple closed curve. Then approx  $D$  by regions  $D_i$ , use a limit.

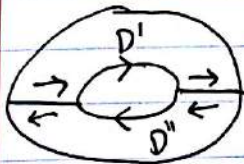
Green's Theorem for regions w/holes:

This applies, as long as you define the boundary correctly.

For example:



$D$  can be decomposed into two regions, each enclosed by a simple curve.



Since the intersections cancel out, Green's theorem works.

Application: Areas

$A(D) = \iint_D 1 \, dA$ . So, if  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 1$ , then  $A(D) =$

$$\iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA = \int_C P \, dx + Q \, dy.$$

$$A(D) = \int_C x \, dy = - \int_C y \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_C x \, dy - y \, dx.$$