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An important v. f.

$$\vec{F} = \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \hat{i} + \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \hat{j}$$

It satisfies the Component Test but is NOT conservative.

Let's see it.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \right) = \frac{-1}{x^2+y^2} - (-y) \frac{2y}{(x^2+y^2)^2} = \frac{-x^2+y^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2},$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right) = \frac{1}{x^2+y^2} - x \frac{(2x)}{(x^2+y^2)^2} = \frac{y^2-x^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2}.$$

$\therefore \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$ holds.

On the other hand, consider the curve

$$\vec{C}(t) = \cos t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j}, \quad t \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\vec{C}'(t) = -\sin t \hat{i} + \cos t \hat{j}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C M dx + N dy &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{-\sin t}{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t} (-\sin t) + \frac{\cos t}{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t} (\cos t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t) dt = 2\pi \end{aligned}$$

As $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 2\pi \neq 0$, \vec{F} is not conservative.

This \vec{F} is defined in \mathbb{R}^2 except at the origin.

View \vec{F} as

$$\frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \hat{i} + \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \hat{j} + 0 \hat{k},$$

a v.f. $\in \mathbb{R}^3$ except at the z-axis. We now have

$$M = \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}, N = \frac{x}{x^2+y^2}, P = 0.$$

$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$ already checked. $\frac{\partial M}{\partial z} = 0 = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial N}{\partial z} = 0 = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$ also hold.

We still have $\vec{C}(t) = \cos t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j} + 0 \hat{k}, t \in [0, 2\pi]$

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 2\pi \neq 0.$$

So \vec{F} is a v.f. in an open region in space satisfying the component test but is NOT conservative.

In Ex 8 I ask you to show the component Test is sufficient for \vec{F} being conservative if \vec{F} is smooth in the entire space \mathbb{R}^n .

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Green's Thm Let C be a simple, closed curve in the plane enclosing the region D . Suppose \vec{F} is a smooth v.f. in D . Then

$$\oint_C M dx + N dy = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA, \text{ where } C \text{ is oriented}$$

anticlockwise.

Pf - a special situation. Assume D can be described in 2 ways:

$$\mathcal{D} = \{(x, y) : f_1(x) \leq y \leq f_2(x), a \leq x \leq b\}, \text{ and}$$

$$= \{(x, y) : g_1(y) \leq x \leq g_2(y), c \leq y \leq d\}.$$

Then

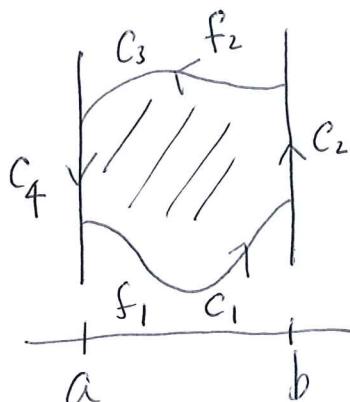
$$\iint_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dx dy = - \int_C M dx, \quad (1)$$

$$\iint_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} dx dy = \int_C N dy \quad (2)$$

Then $(1) + (2) \Rightarrow$ Green's theorem.

Pf of (1)

$$C = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + C_4,$$



$$C_1 \quad \vec{r}_1(x) = x \hat{i} + f_1(x) \hat{j}, \quad x \in [a, b],$$

$$\therefore \int_{C_1} M dx = \int_a^b M(x, f_1(x)) dx$$

$$C_2 \quad \vec{r}_2(x) = b \hat{i} + [(1-t)f_1(b) + t f_2(b)] \hat{j}, \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

$$\vec{r}'_2(x) = 0 \hat{i} + (f_1(b) + f_2(b)) \hat{j}$$

$$\int_{C_2} M dx = \int_0^1 M(b, (1-t)f_1(b) + t f_2(b)) 0 dt = 0$$

$$-C_3 : \vec{r}(x) = x \hat{i} + f_2(x) \hat{j}, \quad x \in [a, b],$$

$$\vec{r}'(x) = \hat{i} + f'_2(x) \hat{j}.$$

$$\int_{C_3} M dx = - \int_{-C_3} M dx = - \int_a^b M(x, f_2(x)) \hat{i} dx$$

$$-C_4 : \vec{r}(t) = a \hat{i} + [(1-t)f_1(a) + t f_2(a)] \hat{j}, \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = 0 \hat{i} + (-f_1(a) + f_2(a)) \hat{j},$$

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$$\int_M d\chi = - \int M(a, (1-t)f_1(a) + t f_2(a)) \cdot \vec{O} dt = 0$$

$$C_4 \quad -C_4$$

$$\therefore \oint_C M d\chi = \sum_{j=1}^4 \int_{C_j} M d\chi = \int_a^b M(x, f_1(x)) dx - \int_a^b M(x, f_2(x)) dx. \quad (3)$$

On the other hand,

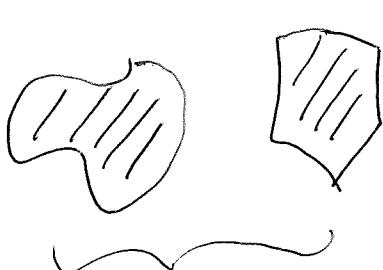
$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dA &= \int_a^b \int_{f_1(x)}^{f_2(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} M(x, y) dy dx \\ &= \int_a^b M(x, y) \Big|_{y=f_1(x)}^{y=f_2(x)} dx \\ &= \int_a^b M(x, f_2(x)) - M(x, f_1(x)) dx \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Comparing (3) and (4), we see that (1) holds.

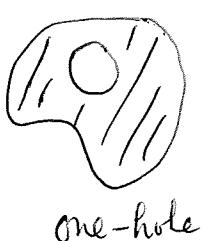
Similarly we can prove (2).

An important consequence of Green's theorem is this:

A region is simply-connected if it has no holes.



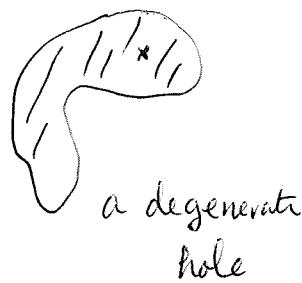
simply-connected.



one-hole



two-hole



a degenerate hole

Theorem Let \vec{F} be a smooth v.f. in a simply-connected region D . 5

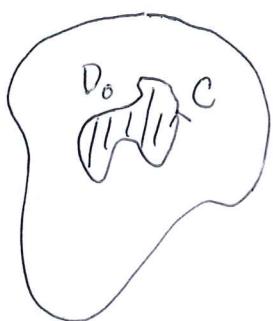
Then \vec{F} is conservative iff it passes the Component Test.

Pf \Rightarrow) When \vec{F} is conservative, the Component Test holds in any open region (not nec. simply-connected)

\Leftarrow) When D is simply-connected, let C be a simple closed curve in D enclosing D_0 , \vec{F} is well-defined in D_0 , so

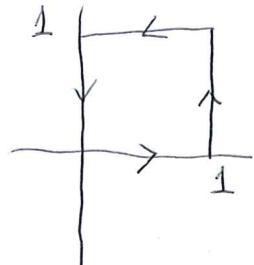
$$\oint_C M dx + N dy = \iint_{D_0} (N_x - M_y) dA = 0,$$

$\therefore \vec{F}$ is conservative.



Next, we use Green's theorem to simplify calculations.

e.g. Evaluate $\oint_C xy dy - y^2 dx$ when C is the square



Instead of doing 4 line integrals, we use

$$\oint_C xy dy - y^2 dx = \iint_D \frac{\partial}{\partial x} xy - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (-y^2) dA$$

$$= 3 \iint_D y dA$$

$$= 3 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 y dy dx$$

$$= 3/2 \#$$

Third, the area formula. Take $N = \frac{1}{2}x$ and $M = -\frac{1}{2}y$ ~ Green's theorem.

$$\iint_D \frac{1}{2} - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) dA = \oint_C \frac{1}{2}x dy - \frac{1}{2}y dx$$

$$\therefore \text{area of } D = \frac{1}{2} \oint_C x dy - y dx .$$

It is interesting to observe that the area can be found by just performing integration along its boundary.

We can rewrite Green's theorem in "flux form".

The original formula is

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D (N_x - M_y) dA &= \oint_C M dx + N dy \\ &= \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \quad (\text{the circulation of } \vec{F} \text{ around } C) \end{aligned}$$

Change $N \rightarrow M$, $M \rightarrow -N$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D (M_x + N_y) dA &= \oint_C -N dx + M dy \\ &= \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds \quad (\text{the out flux of } \vec{F} \text{ across } C) \end{aligned}$$

Note that for any C around a pt (x, y) ,



$$\frac{1}{|D|} \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \frac{1}{|D|} \iint_D (N_x - M_y) dA \rightarrow (N_x - M_y)(x, y)$$

as C shrinks to (x, y) . It suggests the term $N_x - M_y$ is some kind of density for the circulation. Call it the curl of \vec{F} at (x, y) , denote it by $\text{curl } \vec{F}$. Then Green's formula becomes

$$\iint_D \text{curl } \vec{F} \, dA = \oint_C M \, dx + N \, dy.$$

Similar, the density for the flux is $M_x + N_y$, call it the divergence of \vec{F} at (x, y) , denote by $\text{div } \vec{F}$. We've

$$\iint_D \text{div } \vec{F} \, dA = \oint_C -N \, dx + M \, dy.$$

e.g. Find the flux of $\vec{F} = 2e^{xy} \hat{i} + y^3 \hat{j}$ out of the square at $x = \pm 1, y = \pm 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Flux} &= \iint_D M_x + N_y \, dA = \iint_D (2y e^{xy} + 3y^2) \, dA \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 (2y e^{xy} + 3y^2) \, dx \, dy \\ &= 4 \# \end{aligned}$$