

HW 5 due Tues

Quiz 5 on Wed

Final Project due next Fri June 24.



Now: Chapter 6 (Vector Calculus)

Recall: Given vector field

$$\vec{F} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

and a curve $\vec{r} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, we define the "line integral"

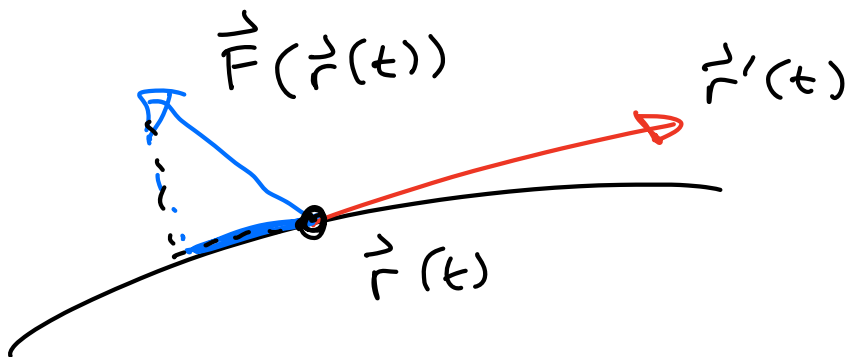
$$\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} = \int \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

= sum the component of \vec{F} along the curve

= "on average, how much does \vec{F} point in the direction of the curve?"

= 0 if $\vec{F} \perp$ curve
at every point

< 0 if \vec{F} points against the
curve.



here $\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) < 0$

Physics: \vec{F} force field.

$\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} =$ amount of KE
added to particle
by the field.
("speed")

Fund Thm Line Integrals:

IF $\vec{F} = \nabla F$ then

$$\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} = f(\text{end point}) - f(\text{start point})$$

Proof :

$$\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} = \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

$$= \int_a^b \nabla f(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

CHAIN RULE

$$= \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} [f(\vec{r}(t))] dt \quad \text{Calc I}$$

$$= f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a)) \quad \checkmark$$

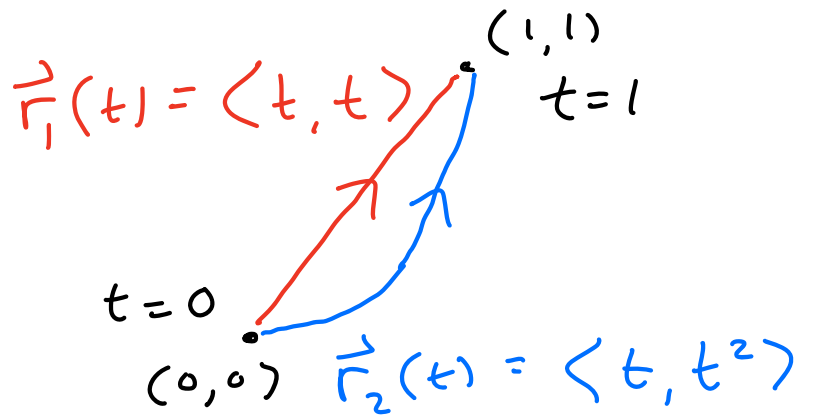
Consequence : IF $\vec{F} = \nabla F$ then

$\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F}$ only depends on

the endpoints, not on the shape of the curve.

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F} &= \nabla(xy + y) \\ &= \langle y, x + 1 \rangle\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}&\int_0^1 \vec{F}(\vec{r}_1(t)) \cdot \vec{r}_1'(t) dt \\ &= \int \langle t, t+1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 1 \rangle dt \\ &= \int (t + (t+1)) dt \\ &= \int (2t+1) dt \\ &= \left[2 \cdot \frac{t^2}{2} + t \right]_0^1 \\ &= 1 + 1 = 2.\end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^1 \vec{F}(\vec{r}_2(t)) \cdot \vec{r}_2'(t) dt$$

$$= \int \langle t^2, t+1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2t \rangle dt$$

$$= \int [t^2 + (t+1)(2t)] dt$$

$$= \int (t^2 + 2t^2 + 2t) dt$$

$$= \int (3t^2 + 2t) dt$$

$$= \left[3 \cdot \frac{t^3}{3} + 2 \cdot \frac{t^2}{2} \right]_0^1$$

$$= 1 + 1 = 2. \quad \text{SAME } \checkmark$$

In fact:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} &= f(\text{end point}) - f(\text{start}) \\ &= f(1,1) - f(0,0) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (1 \cdot 1 + 1) - (0 \cdot 0 + 0)$$

$$= 2.$$

That's why the two paths give the same answer.

Now let's change \vec{F} a little bit

$$\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle y, x+1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{G}(x, y) = \langle y, 2x+1 \rangle$$

Integrate \vec{G} along the two paths.

$$\int_0^1 \vec{G}(\vec{r}_1(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'_1(t) dt$$

t, t $1, 1$

$$= \int \langle t, 2t+1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 1 \rangle dt$$

$$= \int (t + (2t+1)) dt$$

$$= \int (3t + 1) dt$$

$$= \left(3 \cdot \frac{t^2}{2} + t \right)'_0$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} + 1 = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\int_0^1 \vec{G}(\vec{r}_2(t)) \cdot \vec{r}_2'(t) dt$$

$\langle t, t^2 \rangle$ $\langle 1, 2t \rangle$

$$= \int \langle t^2, 2t+1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2t \rangle dt$$

$$= \int (t^2 + (2t+1)(2t)) dt$$

$$= \int (t^2 + 4t^2 + 2t) dt$$

$$= \int (5t^2 + 2t) dt$$

$$= \left[5 \cdot \frac{t^3}{3} + 2 \cdot \frac{t^2}{2} \right]'_0$$

$$= \frac{5}{3} + 1 = \frac{8}{3} \neq \frac{5}{2}$$

NOT THE SAME!

Today we'll discuss what went wrong.

But first, Kinetic Energy.

Consider a moving particle $\vec{r}(t)$ with mass m . Define

$$KE(t) = \frac{1}{2} m \|\vec{r}'(t)\|^2$$

WHY?

Suppose force field \vec{F} acts on the particle, so $\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) = m \vec{r}''(t)$.

Compute $KE'(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned} KE(t) &= \frac{1}{2} m \|\vec{r}'(t)\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m \underbrace{\vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t)} \quad \smile \end{aligned}$$

Product Rule

$$\begin{aligned}
KE'(t) &= \frac{1}{2} m \left[\vec{r}''(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) + \vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}''(t) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} m \left[2 \vec{r}''(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) \right] \\
&= m \underbrace{\vec{r}''(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t)} \\
&= \underbrace{\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t)} .
\end{aligned}$$

What do we see?

$KE'(t)$ looks familiar!

$$KE(t) = \int \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F}_{\text{force}} &= KE(\text{end}) - KE(\text{start}) \\
&= \text{increase in KE}
\end{aligned}$$

Applies for ANY force field.

Now, assume \vec{F} is conservative:

$$\vec{F} = -\nabla F \text{ for some } f.$$

Then we also have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} &= \int -\nabla f \\ &= -\int \nabla f \\ &= -[f(\text{end}) - f(\text{start})] \\ &= f(\text{start}) - f(\text{end})\end{aligned}$$

Fund Thm Line Integrals

So let's define the potential energy

$$PE(t) = f(\vec{r}(t)).$$

Then combining the above equations:

$$\begin{aligned}KE(\text{end}) - KE(\text{start}) \\ = PE(\text{start}) - PE(\text{end}).\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}KE(\text{start}) + PE(\text{start}) \\ = KE(\text{end}) + PE(\text{end}).\end{aligned}$$

"Conservation of Mechanical Energy"

Energy is converted between

KE & PE but never destroyed.

This is why gradient vector

fields are called "conservative".



Example : Gravity near planet.

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle 0, 0, -mg \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(0) = \langle 0, 0, v \rangle \quad \text{up. } (v > 0)$$

$$m \vec{r}''(t) = \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t))$$

$$m \vec{r}''(t) = \langle 0, 0, -mg \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}''(t) = \langle 0, 0, -g \rangle \quad \text{constant.}$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 0, 0, -gt + v \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle 0, 0, -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + vt \rangle$$

$$KE(t) = \frac{1}{2} m \|\vec{r}'(t)\|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \left[0^2 + 0^2 + (-gt + v)^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \left[g^2 t^2 - 2gvt + v^2 \right]$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} m g^2 t^2 - m g v t} + \frac{1}{2} m v^2 .$$

Next: Observe that \vec{F} is conservative.

$$f(x, y, z) = m g z$$

$$-\nabla f = \langle 0, 0, -mg \rangle = \vec{F} .$$

Define

$$PE(t) = f(\vec{r}(t)) .$$

$$= f\left(0, 0, -\frac{1}{2} g t^2 + vt\right)$$

$$= m g \left(-\frac{1}{2} g t^2 + vt\right)$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{1}{2} m g^2 t^2 + m g v t}$$

Finally we have

$$KE(t) + PE(t) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}mv^2}_{\text{independent of } t}.$$

$$PE(\text{start}) = f(0,0,0) = 0$$

$$KE(\text{start}) = \frac{1}{2}m \|\vec{r}'(0)\|^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

When the projectile reaches max height we get $\|\vec{r}'(t)\| = 0$,
so $KE(\text{top}) = 0$.

$$PE(\text{top}) = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 - KE(\text{top})$$

$$PE(\text{top}) = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$\cancel{m}g z(\text{top}) = \frac{1}{2}\cancel{m}v^2$$

$$z(\text{top}) = \frac{1}{2g}v^2$$

This is the max height of the particle. Note: It is independent of mass!

UNITS :

$$g \sim \text{accel} \sim \text{m/s}^2$$

$$v \sim \text{velocity} \sim \text{m/s}$$

$$\frac{1}{2g} \cdot v^2 \sim \frac{1}{\text{m/s}^2} \cdot \left(\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^2 \sim \text{m}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{2g} v^2 \sim \text{length} \quad \checkmark$$



Back to Math.

Since $\vec{G} = \langle y, 2x+1 \rangle$ does not satisfy "independence of path", it cannot be a gradient vector field.

Is there an easier way to see this?

Theorem (Conservative Vector Fields).

Given vector field in \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle P(x, y), Q(x, y) \rangle$$

The following statements are equivalent.

- $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ for some $f(x, y)$

- $\int_{\text{Loop}} \vec{F} = 0$ for any loop

- "Cross-Partial Property"

$$P_y = Q_x$$

Check : $\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle y, x+1 \rangle$

$$P(x, y) = y$$

$$Q(x, y) = x+1$$

$$P_y = 1 \quad \downarrow \quad \text{SAME}$$

$$Q_x = 1$$

so \vec{F} is conservative.

But $\vec{G}(x, y) = \langle y, 2x+1 \rangle$

$$P_y = 1 \quad \downarrow \quad \text{NOT SAME}$$

$$Q_x = 2$$

so \vec{G} is not conservative.

3D Version : Given

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle P(x, y, z), Q(x, y, z), R(x, y, z) \rangle$$

The following are equivalent:

- $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ for some $f(x, y, z)$

- $\int_{\text{Loop}} \vec{F} = 0$ for any loop.

- $$\begin{cases} P_y = Q_x \\ P_z = R_x \\ Q_z = R_y \end{cases}$$
 "cross-partial property"

[In Higher Dimensions :

$$\vec{F}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \langle F_1(x_1, \dots, x_n), \dots, F_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rangle$$

Cross-Partial property says

$$\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial x_i} \text{ for all } i \neq j.$$

EASY TO CHECK 😊]

Example : P Q R

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle 3x^2z, z^2, x^3 + 2yz \rangle$$

Check cross partials :

$$P_y = 0 \text{ \& } Q_x = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$P_z = 3x^2 \text{ \& } R_x = 3x^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$Q_z = 2z \text{ \& } R_y = 2z \quad \checkmark$$

This guarantees that \vec{F} has an antiderivative scalar field.

How can we find it ?

TWO METHODS :

(1) Try really hard.

Looking for $f(x, y, z)$ such that

$$f_x(x, y, z) = 3x^2z$$

$$f_y(x, y, z) = z^2$$

$$f_z(x, y, z) = x^3 + 2yz$$

START :

$$f_y = z^2$$

$$f = z^2 y + g(x, z)$$

$$f_x = 3x^2 z$$

$$f_x = 0 + g_x$$

$$g_x = 3x^2 z$$

$$g = x^3 z + h(y, z)$$

Seems like we're going around
in circles!

(2) Use the Fund Thm:

If $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ then

$$\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} = f(\text{end}) - f(\text{start}).$$

(Independent of the shape of curve.)

TRICK: Fix some start point

$$\text{start} = (0, 0, 0)$$

Consider any path from $(0, 0, 0)$
to some point (a, b, c) .

$$\text{Say } \vec{r}(t) = (at, bt, ct) \\ t = 0 \text{ to } 1.$$

Then

$$\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F} = \underbrace{f(a, b, c)}_{\text{this is what we want to know}} - \underbrace{f(0, 0, 0)}_{\text{const.}}$$

So let's compute:

$$\int_0^1 \vec{F}(at, bt, ct) \cdot \langle a, b, c \rangle dt \\ = \int_0^1 \langle 3(a^2 t^2)(ct), (ct)^2, (at)^3 + 2(bt)(ct) \rangle \cdot \langle a, b, c \rangle dt.$$

$$= \int (3a^3 c t^3 + bc^2 t^2 + ca^3 t^3 + 2bc^2 t^2) dt$$

$$= 3a^3 c \frac{t^4}{4} + bc^2 \frac{t^3}{3} + ca^3 \frac{t^4}{4} + 2bc^2 \frac{t^3}{3} \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} a^3 c + \frac{b c^2}{3} + \frac{c a^3}{4} + \frac{2 b c^2}{3}$$

This is our desired $f(a, b, c)$.

In other words :

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{3}{4} x^3 z + \frac{1}{3} y z^2 + \frac{1}{4} x^3 z + \frac{2}{3} y z^2.$$

$$= x^3 z + y z^2$$

CHECK :

$$f(x, y, z) = x^3 z + y z^2$$

$$\nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y, f_z \rangle$$

$$= \langle 3x^2 z, z^2, x^3 + 2yz \rangle$$

$$= \vec{0} \quad \checkmark$$

It worked.

HW 5 will be posted tomorrow,
due Tuesday.



Review:

• To integrate a scalar field f
along an oriented curve C :

$$\int_C f ds = \int f(\vec{r}(t)) \|\vec{r}'(t)\| dt$$

Example: Let $f(x,y) = x$ be the
height of a wall above point (x,y) .

If the base of the wall is the
curve $y = x^2$ ($0 \leq x \leq 1$), find the
area of the wall.

To compute this we must parametrize
the curve:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, t^2 \rangle \text{ from } t=0 \text{ to } t=1.$$

Then :

$$\text{area of wall} = \int \text{area of skinny rectangle}$$

$$= \int F ds$$

↑ height ↓ length of base

$$= \int_0^1 f(\vec{r}(t)) \|\vec{r}'(t)\| dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 t \sqrt{1^2 + (2t)^2} dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 t \sqrt{1 + 4t^2} dt$$

$$\left[u = 1 + 4t^2, \quad du = 8t dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \int_1^5 \sqrt{u} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \right) \Big|_1^5$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{2}{3} \cdot 5^{3/2} - \frac{2}{3} \right)$$

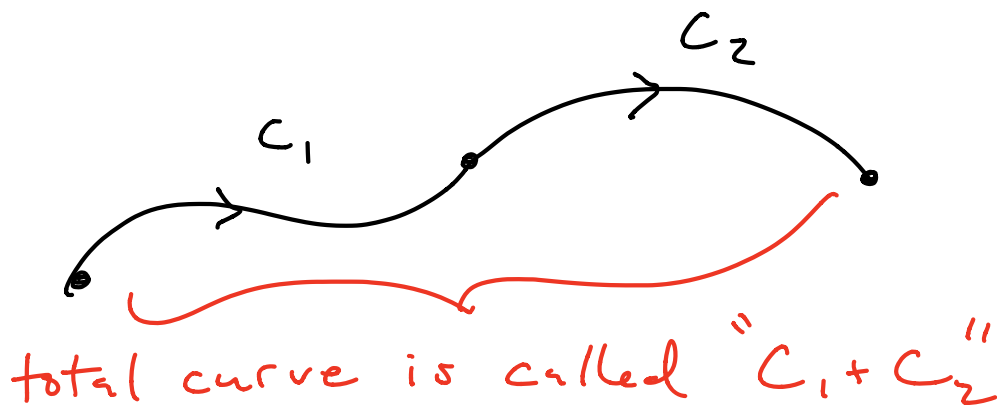
$$\approx 0.85$$

- To integrate a vector field \vec{F} along an oriented curve C :

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds = \int \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) \, dt$$

Example : Your increase in kinetic energy (KE) due to the force \vec{F} .

- Reversing & Concatenating Curves :
Curves can be "added & subtracted"



The reverse orientation of a curve C is called " $-C$ ".

Theorem:

$$\int_{C_1 + C_2} = \int_{C_1} + \int_{C_2}$$

$$\int_{-C} = - \int_C$$

$$\left[\text{Compare: } \int_a^b = - \int_b^a \right]$$

• Fundamental Theorem of Line Integrals:

$$\int_a^b \nabla f(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a))$$

[does not depend on the "shape" of the curve; only the endpoints.]

In particular, if you follow a loop
($\vec{r}(a) = \vec{r}(b)$) then

$$\int_{\text{loop}} \nabla f \cdot \vec{T} \, ds = 0$$

• Conservation of Energy:

If $\vec{F} = -\nabla f$ then we can think
of \vec{F} as a "force field" and f
as the "potential energy" (PE).

[The force is trying to decrease
your potential energy!]

Then

$$\int \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) \, dt = - [f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a))]$$

increase in KE = decrease in PE

In other words, the "total

mechanical energy" $KE + PE$
is conserved over time.

For this reason, a vector field
of the form $\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$ (or $-\nabla \phi$)
is called "conservative".

- Not all vector fields are conservative.

Example: Let $\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle -y, x \rangle$.

We will show that \vec{F} is not cons.
by finding a loop C such that

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds \neq 0$$

Here's the loop:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t \rangle, \quad t = 0 \text{ to } 2\pi$$

Then

$$\int \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = \int_0^{2\pi} \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle \cdot \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle dt$$

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

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} 1 dt = 2\pi \neq 0.$$

Conclusion: There is no function $f(x, y)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F} &= \nabla f \\ \langle -y, x \rangle &= \langle f_x, f_y \rangle. \end{aligned}$$



Conversely, if \vec{F} is any vector field satisfying

$$\int_{\text{loop}} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = 0$$

for every loop, then I claim that \vec{F} is conservative, i.e., there exists a scalar field f such that

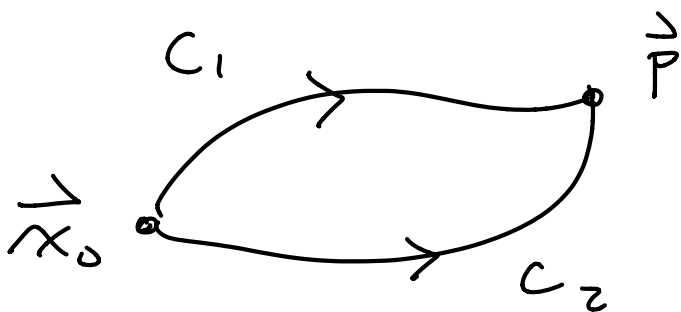
$$\vec{F} = \nabla f.$$

Idea: Fix an arbitrary basepoint \vec{x}_0 . Then for any point \vec{p} we define

$$f(\vec{p}) = \int_{\vec{x}_0}^{\vec{p}} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds,$$

where the integral is taken along any path from \vec{x}_0 to \vec{p} .

To see that this makes sense, consider two different paths



Then " $C_1 - C_2$ " is a loop so that

$$\int_{C_1 - C_2} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = 0$$

$$\int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds - \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = 0$$

$$\int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds \quad \checkmark$$

[Recall from Calc I:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_{x_0}^x f(t) dt = f(x).]$$



Unfortunately, it is very hard to check that $\int \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = 0$ around any loop. [There are infinitely many possible loops!]

It turns out there is an easier way to determine if a vector field is conservative.

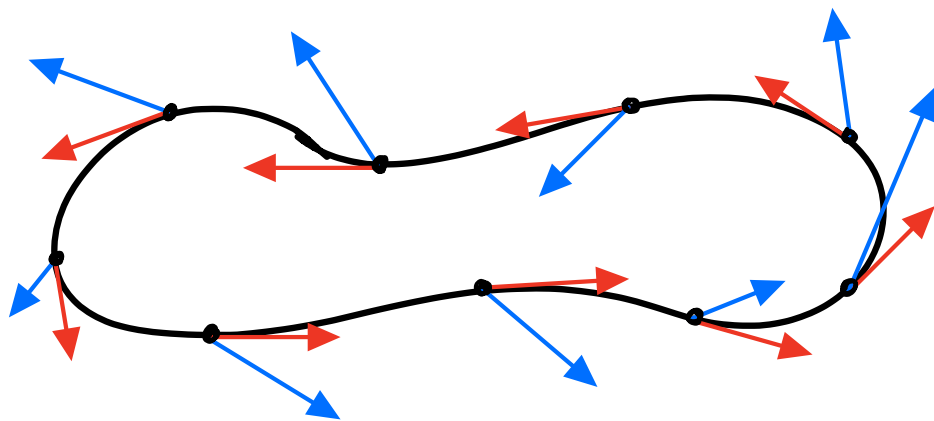
Idea: If $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ and f represents "height" then \vec{F} points "uphill".

If $\int_{\text{loop}} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds \neq 0$ (say > 0)

then this is a contradiction because you walked around a loop but you ended up "higher" than you started.

For a general field \vec{F} we get

$\int \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds > 0$ when \vec{F} (on average) points in the direction \vec{T} of the loop:



This "curling" of a vector field \vec{F} around a loop can be precisely measured by the "curl" $\nabla \times \vec{F}$.



[Warning: This concept is only defined in \mathbb{R}^3 , and partially in \mathbb{R}^2 .]

Given a vector field $\vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$,

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle P(x, y, z), Q(x, y, z), R(x, y, z) \rangle,$$

we define the "curl"

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \vec{F} &= \langle \partial_x, \partial_y, \partial_z \rangle \times \langle P, Q, R \rangle \\ &= \langle R_y - Q_z, P_z - R_x, Q_x - P_y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Theorem (Cross-Partial Property of Conservative Vector Fields):

• Given a vector field $\vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$,

\vec{F} is conservative $\iff \nabla \times \vec{F} = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$

$$\iff \begin{cases} R_y = Q_z \\ P_z = R_x \\ Q_x = P_y \end{cases}$$

• Given a vector field $\vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ written as $\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle P(x, y), Q(x, y) \rangle$,

\vec{F} is conservative $\iff Q_x = P_y$

Remarks: These criteria are very easy to check! 😊

Example: Prove that the vector field

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \left\langle \underset{P}{3x^2z}, \underset{Q}{z^2}, \underset{R}{x^3 + 2yz} \right\rangle$$

is conservative.

Proof: Check the "cross-partials"

$$R_y = 0 + 2z, \quad Q_z = 2z \quad \checkmark$$

$$P_z = 3x^2, \quad R_x = 3x^2 + 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$Q_x = 0, \quad P_y = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Done. 

This proves that an "antiderivative"
 $f(x, y, z)$ exists such that

$$\vec{F} = \nabla f$$

but it does not tell us how to find f .

In this case I can tell you that

$$f(x, y, z) = x^3 z + y z^2 + \text{constant}$$

because I planned it that way!

In general it is hard to find
antiderivatives.

HW5 is up ; due Tues.



Review :

- A vector field \vec{F} is called "conservative" if it is a gradient,

$$\vec{F} = \nabla f.$$

That is, if \vec{F} has an "antiderivative".

[Example : If $\vec{F} = -\nabla f$ is a conservative force field then the scalar field f is called "potential energy".]

- Given vector field $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q, R \rangle$ in 3D space we define the "curl"

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \vec{F} &= \langle \partial_x, \partial_y, \partial_z \rangle \times \langle P, Q, R \rangle \\ &= \langle R_y - Q_z, P_z - R_x, Q_x - P_y \rangle,\end{aligned}$$

which is also a vector field in 3D.

Given any 2D vector field

$\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ we can also define
the "curl" of \vec{F} ,

$$\text{curl}(\vec{F}) = Q_x - P_y,$$

which is a scalar field!

Remarks :

• We can think of $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ as
the shadow of $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q, 0 \rangle$, so

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \langle 0, 0, Q_x - P_y \rangle.$$

Idea : The curl of a 2D vector
field $\langle P, Q \rangle$ points "up" into
the z-direction.

• There is no concept of "curl"
outside of 2D & 3D space. //

- "Cross-Partial" Property of Conservative Vector Fields.

In \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$\vec{F} \text{ is cons. } \iff \nabla \times \vec{F} = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$$

vector

$$\iff \begin{cases} R_y = Q_z \\ P_z = R_x \\ Q_x = P_y \end{cases}$$

In \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$\vec{F} \text{ is cons. } \iff \text{curl}(\vec{F}) = 0$$

scalar

$$\iff Q_x = P_y$$

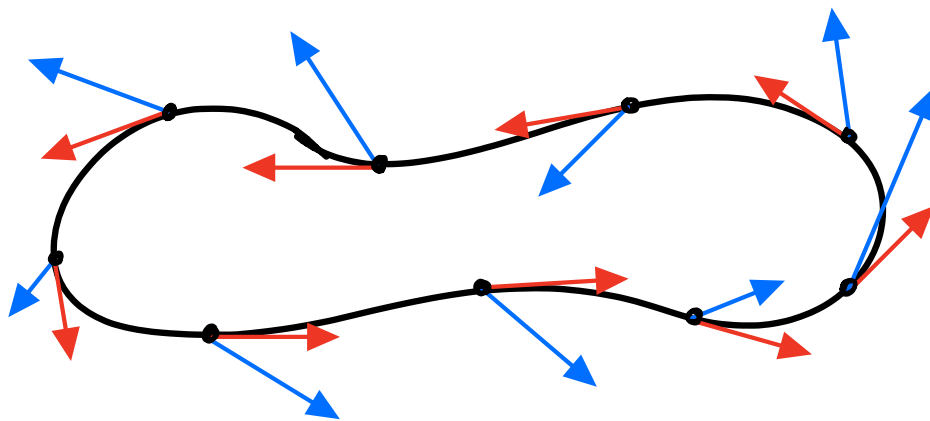
Intuition : If $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ then

$$\oint_{\text{loop}} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = 0 \text{ for any loop.}$$

If $\text{curl}(\vec{F}) \neq 0$ then we can find some loop C such that

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds > 0$$

Picture :



This vector field "curls" with the loop.

Example : $\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle -y, x \rangle$.

We saw that this vector field "curls" counterclockwise. And, indeed, we have

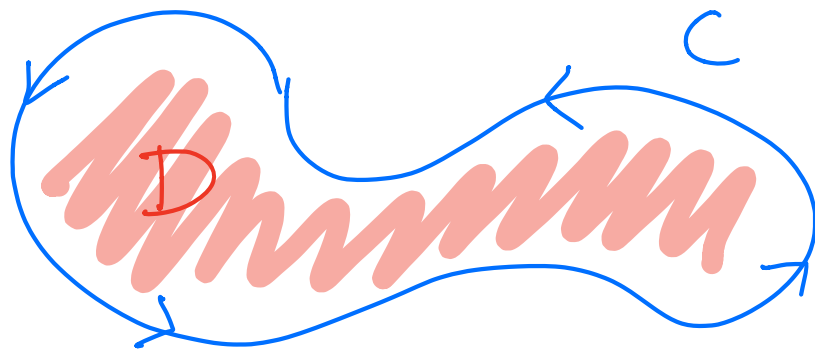
$$\begin{aligned} \text{curl}(\vec{F}) &= Q_x - P_y \\ &= \partial_x(x) - \partial_y(-y) \\ &= 1 + 1 = 2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

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The next theorem will make this intuition precise.

Green's Theorem:

Let C be a "simple closed curve" (no self-intersections), oriented counterclockwise. Let D be the interior 2D region:



[Mnemonic: Region D is always "to the left" of the curve C .]

If $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ is a 2D field defined at every point of D , then

$$\iint_D \text{curl}(\vec{F}) dA = \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds$$

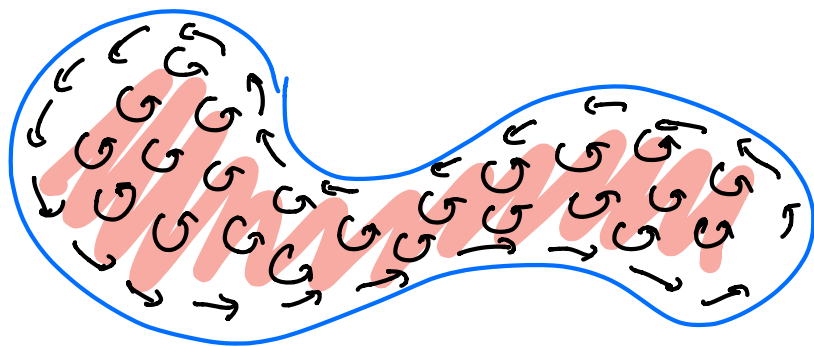
amount that \vec{F} is "curling" inside the loop

amount that \vec{F} points "along" the loop

This is the precise meaning of curl:

" $\text{curl}(\vec{F}) dA$ " = how much is \vec{F} pointing along a tiny c.c.w. loop?

The proof is hard, but here is the idea:



All the internal rotations cancel each other and all that's left is the circulation along the boundary.

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Some other notations :

$$\iint \text{curl}(\vec{F}) dA = \oint \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\iint (Q_x - P_y) dx dy = \oint \langle P, Q \rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt} \right\rangle dt$$

$$\iint (Q_x - P_y) dx dy = \oint P dx + Q dy$$

This is just a notation. It means exactly the same thing.

One more observation :

If $\text{curl}(\vec{F}) = 0$ everywhere, then for any loop C we have

$$\oint \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = \iint 0 dA = 0,$$

so that \vec{F} is conservative.

Thus the "cross-partial" property is proved ✓



As with any "Fundamental Theorem

of Calculus", Green's Theorem can be used to simplify computations.

Example: Let C be the c.c.w. oriented perimeter of the rectangle

$$0 \leq x \leq 2,$$

$$0 \leq y \leq 3.$$

Compute the circulation of the vector field $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle = \langle x^2y, y-3 \rangle$ around C .

To do this directly you need to parametrize all four sides of the rectangle and compute four line integrals. Instead, we will use Green's Theorem and integrate

the curl $Q_x - P_y = 0 - x^2$ *not conservative*

over the interior of the rectangle:

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = \iint_D \text{curl}(\vec{F}) dA$$

$$= \iint_D -x^2 dx dy$$

$$= \int_0^3 \int_0^2 -x^2 dx dy$$

$$= \int_0^3 -\frac{8}{3} dy$$

$$= 3 \left(-\frac{8}{3} \right) = -8.$$

The force drained 8 units of KE while you traveled ccw around the perimeter. Or, your airplane needed 8 gallons of fuel to oppose the wind $f(x,y) = \langle x^2y, y-3 \rangle$.

But be careful!

WARNING: Consider the field

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F}(x,y) &= \frac{1}{x^2+y^2} \langle -y, x \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}Q_x &= \partial_x \left(\frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{(x^2+y^2)(1) - x(2x)}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \\ &= (y^2 - x^2) / (x^2+y^2)^2\end{aligned}$$

and

$$P_y = \partial_y \left(\frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{(x^2 + y^2)(-1) - (-y)(2y)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$= (y^2 - x^2) / (x^2 + y^2)^2$$

$$= Q_x \quad (\text{surprise!})$$

So that $\text{curl}(\vec{F}) = Q_x - P_y = 0$.

However, I claim that

$$\oint_{\text{unit circle}} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds \neq 0.$$

To see this, we can use the standard parametrization:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t \rangle, \quad t = 0 \text{ to } 2\pi.$$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) = \frac{1}{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t} \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle$$

$$= \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{\vec{r}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} 1 dt \\ &= 2\pi \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

What went wrong?

Green's Theorem assumes that

$\text{curl}(\vec{F})$ exists at every point

inside the loop. But this field

$$\vec{F}(x,y) = \langle -y, x \rangle / (x^2 + y^2), \text{ and}$$

hence its curl, is not defined

at the origin. So Green's Theorem doesn't apply to this calculation.

Nevertheless, Green's Theorem does give us a simplification.

For any (simple, closed, ccw) loop C I claim that

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } C \text{ does not} \\ & \text{contain } (0,0) \\ 2\pi & \text{if } C \text{ contains } (0,0) \end{cases}$$

So this integral doesn't depend on the shape of the loop, but it does detect whether the loop goes around the origin. Strange!

I'll explain this next time ...

HW 5 due tomorrow.

Quiz 5 Wed.

Final Proj due Friday.



Last time we discussed the most basic form of Green's Theorem.

Today I'll present a more general form.

Green's Theorem :

Let D be a 2D region with "boundary curve" ∂D . If a vector field $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ is defined at every point of D , then

$$\iint_D \text{curl}(\vec{F}) \, dA = \oint_{\partial D} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds$$

$$\iint_D (Q_x - P_y) dx dy$$

$$= \oint_{\partial D} \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

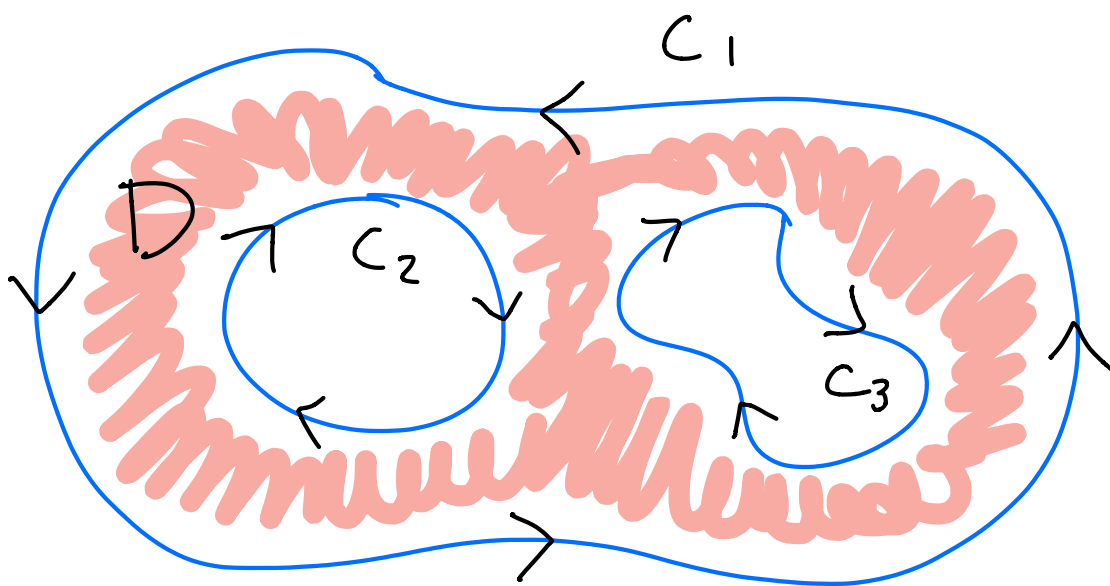
$$= \oint_{\partial D} \langle P, Q \rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt} \right\rangle dt$$

$$= \oint_{\partial D} P dx + Q dy$$

These are just different notations for the same idea:

$$\text{integral of } \text{curl}(\vec{F}) \text{ over } D = \text{circulation of } \vec{F} \text{ along } \partial D$$

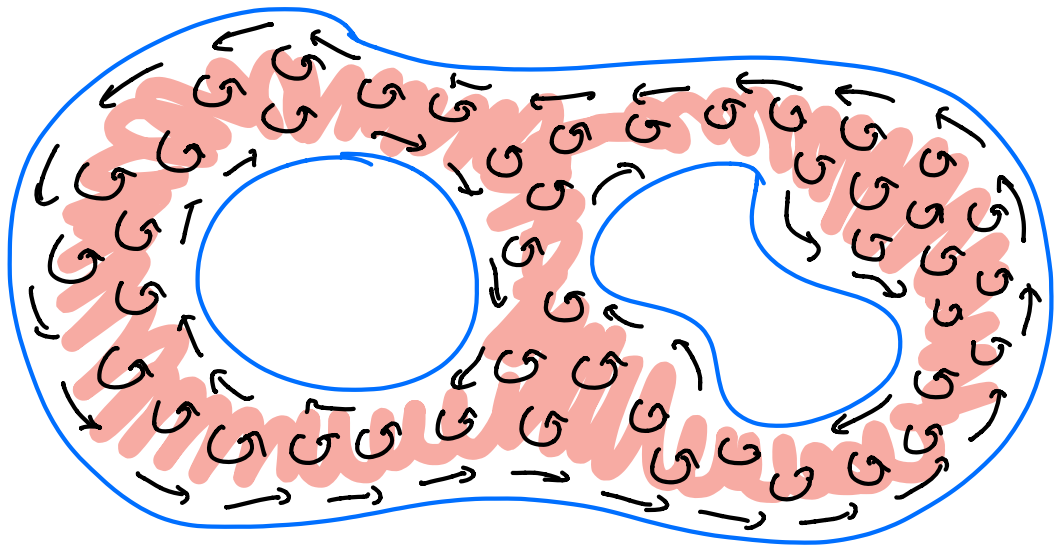
What makes this form more general is that the "boundary curve" ∂D is allowed to have multiple pieces:



In this picture, the boundary is the "sum" of three curves:

$$\partial D = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$

The only rule is that the curves are oriented so that the region D is always "to the left". Then the idea of the proof is the same as before:



The rotations in the interior cancel, leaving only the circulation along the boundary.



Example : Consider the vector field

$$\vec{F} = \left\langle \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right\rangle$$

We showed last time that

$$\text{curl}(\vec{F})(x,y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ \text{undefined} & \text{if } (x,y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$$

If C is a simple, connected, counterclockwise loop then I claim

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = \begin{cases} 2\pi & \text{if } C \text{ contains } (0,0) \\ 0 & \text{if } C \text{ does not} \\ & \text{contain } (0,0) \end{cases}$$

Proof: If C does not contain $(0,0)$ then $\text{curl}(\vec{F}) = 0$ at every point inside the loop, so Green's Theorem says

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = \iint_{\text{inside}} 0 dA = 0.$$

For the other statement, let C_1 & C_2 be any two loops containing $(0,0)$.

Here is a picture, assuming that the two loops do not intersect:



If D is the region between the curves then we must have

$$\partial D = C_1 - C_2$$

we need to reverse the orientation of C_2 so that D is always "to the left" of ∂D

Then since $\text{curl}(\vec{F}) = 0$ at every point of D , Green's Theorem says

$$0 = \iint_D \text{curl}(\vec{F}) dA$$

$$= \int_{C_1 - C_2} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds$$

$$= \int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds - \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds$$

and hence

$$\int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds = \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds$$

[If the curves C_1 & C_2 intersect then this is still true but the picture is more complicated.]

Thus we only need to compute the circulation around one specific curve that contains $(0,0)$. The easiest choice is the unit circle C :

$$\vec{F}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t \rangle,$$

$$\vec{F}'(t) = \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle,$$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) = \frac{1}{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t} \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle$$

$$= \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle,$$

so that


$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds = \int_0^{2\pi} \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) \, dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle \cdot \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle \, dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} (\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t) \, dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} 1 \, dt = 2\pi \quad \checkmark$$

That's pretty amazing! Today we will see what this result has to do with gravity & electromagnetism.



The "Flux Form" of Green's Theorem:

Given a vector field $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$,
we may consider the vector field

$$\vec{G} = \langle U, V \rangle = \langle -Q, P \rangle$$

[We rotated \vec{F} by 90° .] Let's
apply Green's Theorem to \vec{G} :

$$\iint_D (V_x - U_y) dx dy = \oint_{\partial D} U dx + V dy$$

$$\iint_D (P_x + Q_y) dx dy = \oint_{\partial D} -Q dx + P dy$$

$$\iint_D \nabla \cdot \langle P, Q \rangle dx dy = \int_{\partial D} \langle P, Q \rangle \cdot \langle dy, -dx \rangle$$

" $\iint_D \text{divergence} = \text{Flux across } \partial D$ "

WHAT ?



Given a vector field $\vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
we define a scalar field $\nabla \cdot \vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
called the "divergence of \vec{F} ":

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \vec{F} &= \langle \partial_{x_1}, \dots, \partial_{x_n} \rangle \cdot \langle P_1, \dots, P_n \rangle \\ &= \frac{dP_1}{dx_1} + \frac{dP_2}{dx_2} + \dots + \frac{dP_n}{dx_n} \end{aligned}$$

this is a scalar field

Sometimes we also write

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \text{"div}(\vec{F})\text{"}$$

Special Cases:

$$\bullet \quad \vec{F} = \langle P, Q, R \rangle$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = P_x + Q_y + R_z$$

$$\bullet \quad \vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = P_x + Q_y$$

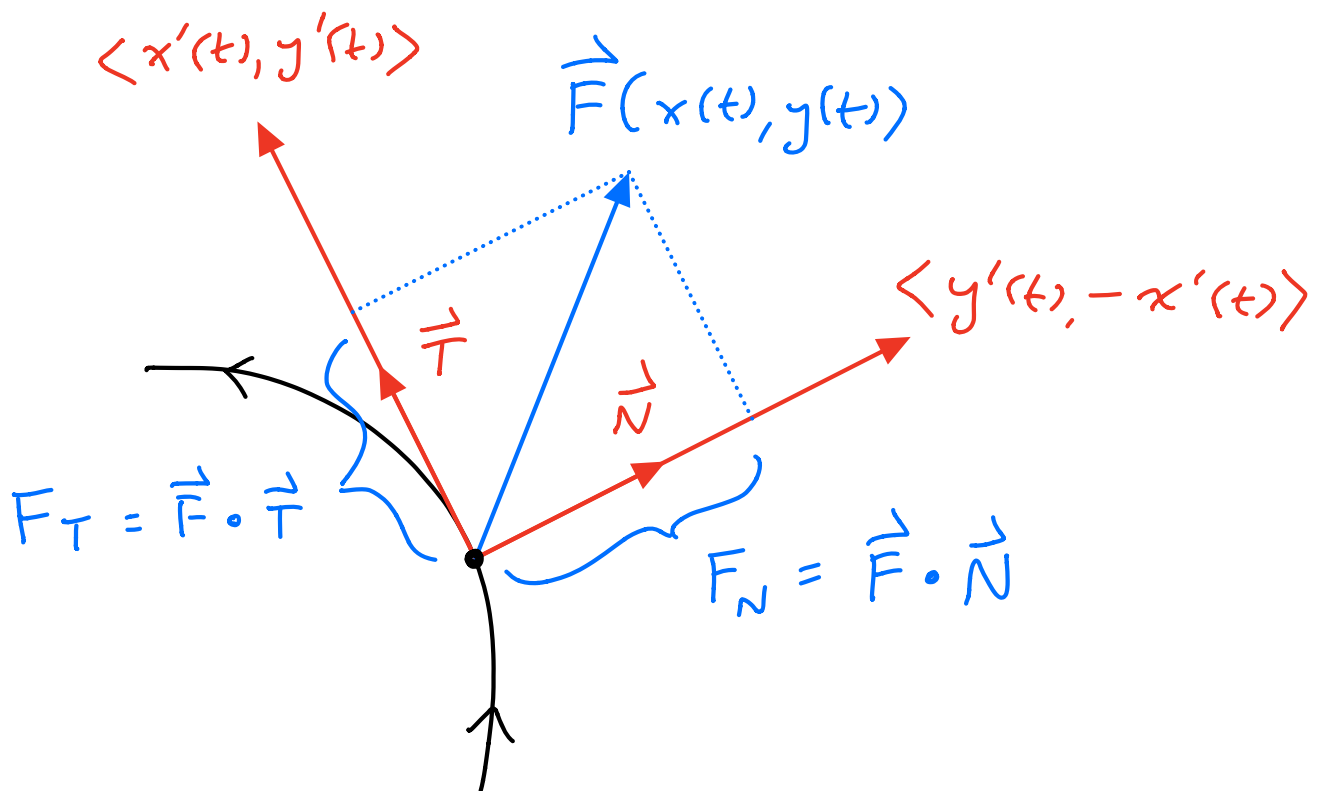
The flux form of Green's Theorem involves the divergence:

$$\iint_D \operatorname{div}(\vec{F}) dA = \int_{\partial D} \langle P, Q \rangle \cdot \langle dy, -dx \rangle$$

$$= \int_{\partial D} \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \left\langle \frac{dy}{dt}, -\frac{dx}{dt} \right\rangle dt$$

This is called the "flux of \vec{F} across the curve ∂D "

Picture :



Given a parametrized curve

$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$ we have a

velocity $\vec{r}'(t) = \langle x'(t), y'(t) \rangle$ &

a unit tangent vector

$$\vec{T}(\vec{r}(t)) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}.$$

To compute the circulation of a

vector field \vec{F} along $\vec{r}(t)$ we observe that the component of \vec{F} in the tangent direction is:

$$F_T = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T}$$

[See HW 5.1]

The integral of \vec{F} along $\vec{r}(t)$ is

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds = \int \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) \, dt$$

We also obtain a unit vector in the normal direction by rotating \vec{T} 90° clockwise. In terms of the parametrization:

$$\vec{N}(\vec{r}(t)) = \frac{\langle \vec{y}'(t), -x'(t) \rangle}{\| \langle \vec{y}'(t), -x'(t) \rangle \|}$$

And the component of \vec{F} in the normal direction is

$$F_N = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N}$$

We define the "flux of \vec{F} across the curve $\vec{r}(t)$ " as the integral of the normal component:

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} \, ds = \int \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \langle y'(t), -x'(t) \rangle \, dt$$

Meaning: How much is \vec{F} pointing perpendicular to (specifically, to the right of) the curve?

To understand the flux form of Green's Theorem, suppose that \vec{F} is the velocity field of a fluid (liquid or gas). Then

$$\iint_D \nabla \cdot \vec{F} \, dA = \int_{\partial D} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} \, ds$$

how much does
the fluid expand
in the region D ?

how much fluid
flows across the
boundary ∂D ?

That makes sense!

Examples of Divergence:

o Fluid Dynamics: If \vec{F} is the velocity field of a fluid then

$\nabla \cdot \vec{F}$ = infinitesimal amount
of expansion/contraction
at a point

We often assume that the flow
is "incompressible";

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 0.$$

[This is closely related to "conservation of mass" : no fluid is created or destroyed.]

- Gauss' Law for electric & gravitational forces.

- Let $\rho(x, y, z)$ be a distribution of charge and let $\vec{E} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the force exerted on a unit point charge by the charges ρ . Then

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho$$

- Let $\rho(x, y, z)$ be a distribution of mass and let $\vec{g} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the force exerted on a unit point mass by the masses ρ . Then

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{g} = -\rho$$

See HW 5.5 for a 2D example.

To apply these ideas in 3D we need to discuss "flux across a 2D surface in \mathbb{R}^3 ".

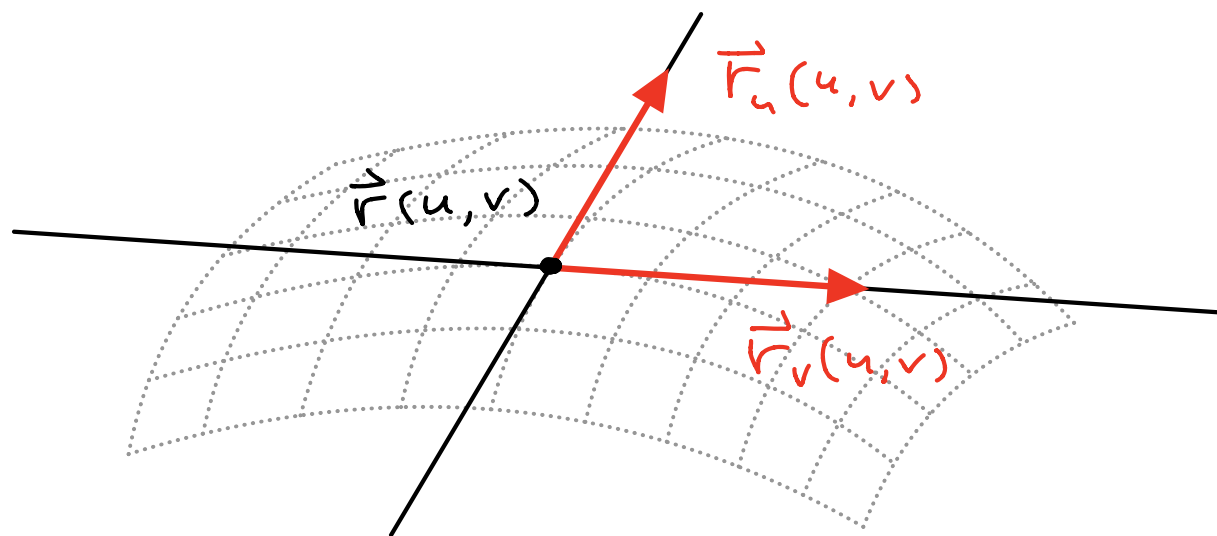


Goal: Integrate a scalar or vector field over a 2D surface in \mathbb{R}^3 .

How?

We must first parametrize the surface. We can think of a "parametrized surface in \mathbb{R}^3 " as a function $\vec{r}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$:

$$\vec{r}(u, v) = \langle x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v) \rangle.$$



At each point $\vec{r}(u, v)$ we have two basic "velocity vectors"

$$\vec{r}_u = \langle x_u, y_u, z_u \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_v = \langle x_v, y_v, z_v \rangle$$

The area of a tiny parallelogram near the point $\vec{r}(u, v)$ is the length of a cross product:

$$dS = \left\| \underbrace{(\vec{r}_u du)}_{\substack{\text{tiny piece} \\ \text{of area on the} \\ \text{surface}}} \times \underbrace{(\vec{r}_v dv)}_{\substack{\text{vectors generating a tiny} \\ \text{parallelogram on the surface}}} \right\|$$

tiny piece
of area on the
surface

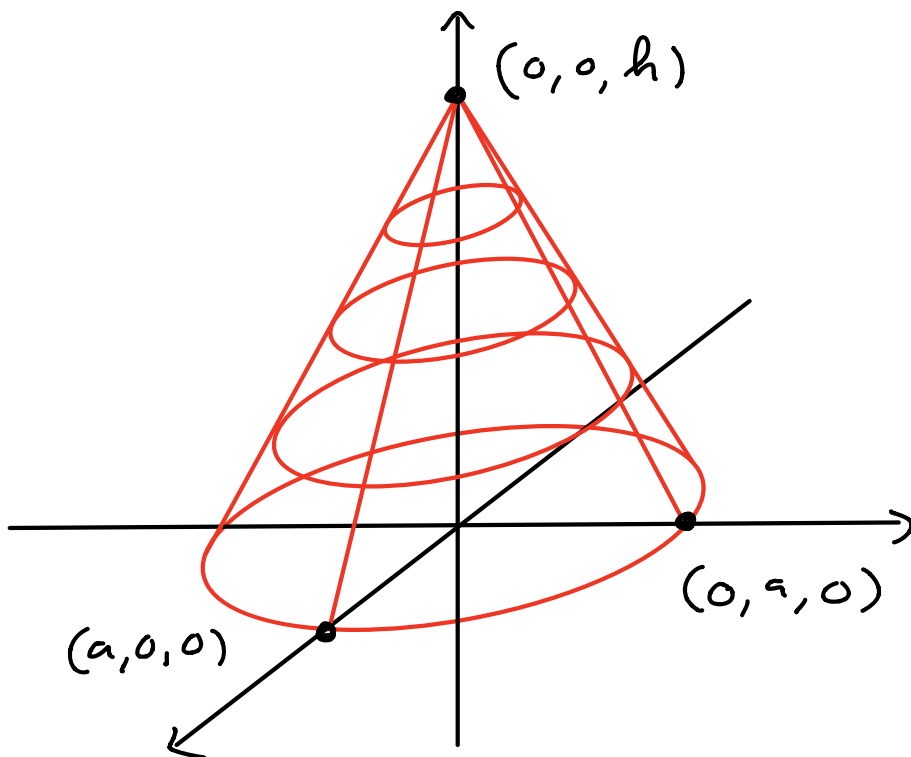
vectors generating a tiny
parallelogram on the surface

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

This is how we compute the surface area of a parametrized 2D surface in \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{surface area} &= \iint dS \\ &= \iint \|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v\| \, du \, dv \end{aligned}$$

Example: Surface area of a cone with height h & radius a :



To parametrize the surface it is convenient to use polar coordinates:

$$\vec{r}(r, \theta) = \left\langle r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, \frac{h}{a}(a-r) \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_r = \left\langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta, -h/a \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_\theta = \left\langle -r \sin \theta, r \cos \theta, 0 \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_r \times \vec{r}_\theta = \left\langle \frac{h}{a} r \cos \theta, \frac{h}{a} r \sin \theta, r \right\rangle$$

$$= r \left\langle \frac{h}{a} \cos \theta, \frac{h}{a} \sin \theta, 1 \right\rangle$$

$$\|\vec{r}_r \times \vec{r}_\theta\| = r \sqrt{\left(\frac{h}{a}\right)^2 + 1}$$

So the surface area is

$$\iint_{\text{cone}} dS = \iint \|\vec{r}_r \times \vec{r}_\theta\| dr d\theta$$

$$= \iint r \sqrt{\left(\frac{h}{a}\right)^2 + 1} dr d\theta$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{h}{a}\right)^2 + 1} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^a r dr$$

$$= 2\pi \cdot \frac{1}{2} a^2 \cdot \sqrt{\left(\frac{h}{a}\right)^2 + 1}$$

$$= \pi a \sqrt{h^2 + a^2}$$

[See page 764 of the textbook.]



Finally, let's check that our method gives the correct formula for the surface area of a sphere of radius a .

Let's use spherical coordinates:

$$\vec{r}(\theta, \varphi) = \langle a \cos \theta \sin \varphi, a \sin \theta \sin \varphi, a \cos \varphi \rangle$$

where $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$,

$$0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi.$$

$$\vec{r}_\theta = \langle -a \sin \theta \sin \varphi, a \cos \theta \sin \varphi, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_\varphi = \langle a \cos \theta \cos \varphi, a \sin \theta \cos \varphi, -a \sin \varphi \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_\theta \times \vec{r}_\varphi$$

$$= \langle -a^2 \cos \theta \sin^2 \varphi, a^2 \sin \theta \sin^2 \varphi, -a^2 \sin \varphi \cos \varphi \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{r}_\theta \times \vec{r}_\varphi\| = \text{computations}$$

$$= a^2 \sin \varphi.$$

So the surface area is

$$\iint_{\text{sphere}} dS = \iint \|\vec{r}_\theta \times \vec{r}_\varphi\| d\theta d\varphi$$

$$= \int \int a^2 \sin \varphi d\theta d\varphi$$

$$= a^2 \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^\pi \sin \varphi d\varphi$$

$$= a^2 \cdot 2\pi \cdot (-(-1) + 1)$$

$$= 4\pi a^2 \quad \checkmark$$

HW 5 due Tues.

(Note: New Problem!)



Recall the concept of a conservative vector field $\vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ in n -dimensional space. Write

$$\vec{F}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left\langle \begin{array}{l} F_1(x_1, \dots, x_n), \\ F_2(x_1, \dots, x_n), \\ \vdots \\ F_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{array} \right\rangle$$

The following statements are equivalent:

① $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ for some $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$
(i.e., $F_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f_{x_i}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$)

② $\oint_C \vec{F} = 0$ for any loop C .

[\oint means integral around closed loop]

$$\text{i.e. } \int_C \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt = 0$$

(3) Cross-Partial Property:

$$\frac{dF_i}{dx_j} = \frac{dF_j}{dx_i} \quad \text{for all } i \neq j.$$

A vector field satisfying these conditions is called "conservative".

Main Example:

Gravitational field, say force of gravity on a planet due to the sun. On HW 3 we saw

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) = \frac{\overset{\text{assume 1}}{-GMm}}{\|\vec{r}(t)\|^3} \vec{r}(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}(x, y, z) &= -\frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \langle x, y, z \rangle \\ &= \langle P, Q, R \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$$S_0 \quad P(x, y, z) = -x / (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}$$

One can check that cross-partial property is satisfied:

$$P_y = Q_x \quad \& \quad P_z = R_x \quad \& \quad Q_z = R_y.$$

Furthermore, one can show that

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = -\nabla F$$

$$\text{where } f(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$$

is called the gravitational potential.



Today we'll focus on 3D case:

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle P(x, y, z), Q(x, y, z), R(x, y, z) \rangle$$

$$\vec{F}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \langle F_1(x_1, x_2, x_3), F_2(x_1, x_2, x_3), F_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) \rangle$$

Consider the "nabla operator"

$$\nabla = \left\langle \frac{d}{dx}, \frac{d}{dy}, \frac{d}{dz} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{d}{dx_1}, \frac{d}{dx_2}, \frac{d}{dx_3} \right\rangle$$

[Warning: Not really a vector.]

Recall the gradient

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla F &= \left\langle \underbrace{\frac{d}{dx}, \frac{d}{dy}, \frac{d}{dz}}_{\text{"vector"}}, \underbrace{F}_{\text{scalar}} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{dF}{dx}, \frac{dF}{dy}, \frac{dF}{dz} \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

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Use a similar mnemonic to define the "curl" of \vec{F} :

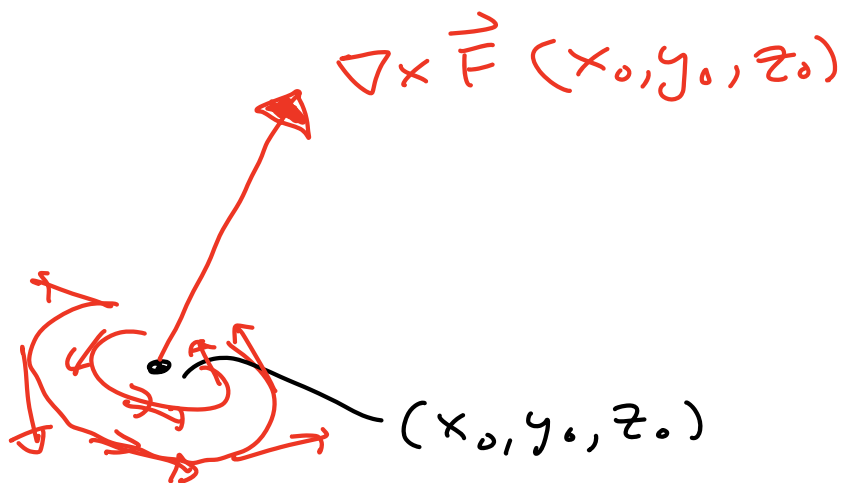
$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \vec{F} &= \left\langle \frac{d}{dx}, \frac{d}{dy}, \frac{d}{dz} \right\rangle \times \langle P, Q, R \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{dR}{dy} - \frac{dQ}{dz}, \frac{dP}{dz} - \frac{dR}{dx}, \frac{dQ}{dx} - \frac{dP}{dy} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle R_y - Q_z, P_z - R_x, Q_x - P_y \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

This is a vector field

$\vec{F} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \rightsquigarrow \nabla \times \vec{F} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$
vector field \rightsquigarrow another vector field.

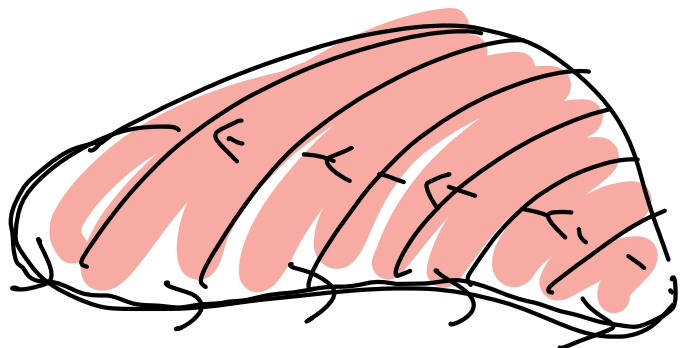
What does it mean?

It represents the amount & the direction of "rotation" in the vector field \vec{F} :



This intuition is based on a Theorem, called Stokes' Theorem.

$$\iint_{\text{2D surface in 3D}} \nabla \times \vec{F} = \int_{\text{boundary curve of the surface}} \vec{F}$$

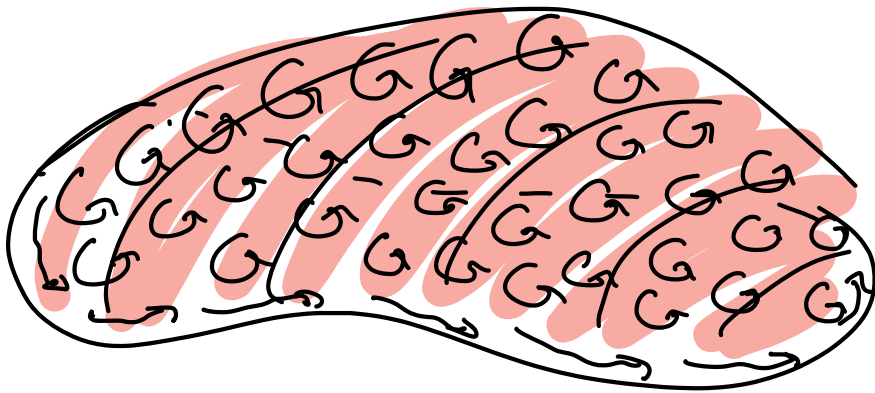


Boundary curve is oriented so surface is "to the left"

TWO QUESTIONS :

- How to define the integral of $\nabla \times \vec{F}$ over a surface?
- Why is it true?

Fake Proof :



All the little rotations cancel, except at the boundary.



How to define $\iint \nabla \times \vec{F}$?

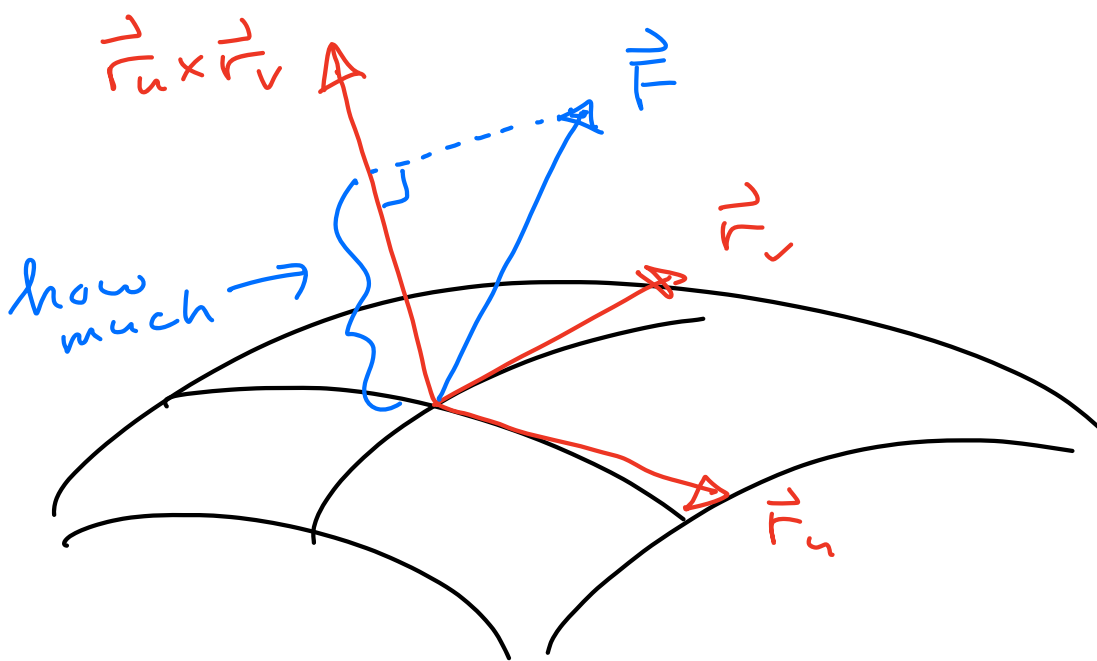
More generally we will define

\iint \vec{F} vector field.
surface in 3D

Recall: We already know how to integrate a scalar over a surface

$$\iint f(\vec{r}(u,v)) \underbrace{\|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v\|}_{\text{tiny area}} du dv$$

To define the integral of a vector field \vec{F} we will integrate the "normal component of \vec{F} ", which is a scalar measuring the amount of \vec{F} \perp to the surface.



$$\text{how much} = \frac{\vec{F} \cdot (\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v)}{\|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v\|}$$

So the definition of the integral is

$$\iint_{\text{surface}} \vec{F}$$

$$= \iint \left(\frac{\vec{F}(\vec{r}(u,v)) \cdot (\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v)}{\|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v\|} \right) \|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v\| du dv$$

scalar

tiny area

Some intuition:

\vec{F} = velocity field of a fluid
(of constant mass density)

Then $\iint_{\text{surface}} \vec{F}$ = rate of flow across
the surface

= volume / area / time,
(mass)

This is why $\iint_{\text{surface}} \vec{F}$ is often

called a "flux" integral

"flux" = "flow"

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In the case of Stokes' Theorem, we don't think of $\nabla \times \vec{F}$ as "velocity", but the math definition is the same, to be precise:

$\vec{r}(u, v)$ = parametrized surface

$\vec{r}(t)$ = parametrized boundary curve.

$$\iint_{\text{surface}} \nabla \times \vec{F} = \int_{\text{curve}} \vec{F}$$

$$\iint (\nabla \times \vec{F})(\vec{r}(u, v)) \cdot (\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v) \, du \, dv = \int \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) \, dt$$

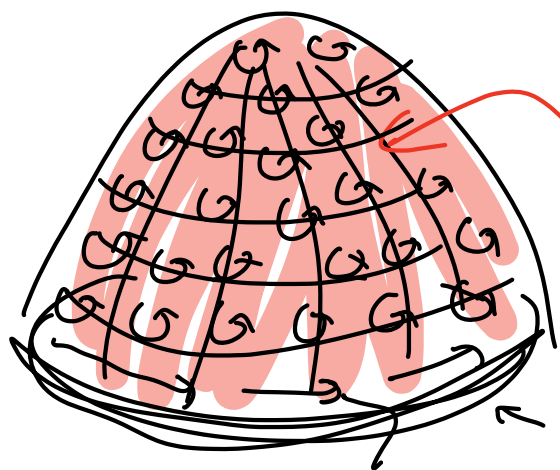
Example: Check Stokes' Theorem

for $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle -2y, 2x, x^2z \rangle$

over the surface $z = 1 - x^2 - y^2$

for $z \geq 0$:

$$u^2 = x^2 + y^2$$



parabolic dome

$$\vec{r}(u, v) =$$

$$\langle u \cos v, u \sin v, 1 - u^2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t, 0 \rangle$$

Summary:

$$\nabla_x \vec{F} = \langle 0, -2xz, 4 \rangle$$

$$\nabla_x \vec{F}(\vec{r}(u, v)) = \langle 0, -2u \cos v (1 - u^2), 4 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v = \langle 2u^2 \cos v, 2u^2 \sin v, u \rangle$$

$$\iint (\nabla_x \vec{F})(\vec{r}(u, v)) \cdot (\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v) \, du \, dv$$

$$= \int_{v=0}^{2\pi} \int_{u=0}^1 (4u - 4u^3 \cos v (1 - u^2)) \, du \, dv$$

$$= \dots = 4\pi$$

computer

Now integrate along boundary curve:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) &= \langle -2y, 2x, x^2z \rangle \\ &= \langle -2\sin t, 2\cos t, 0 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

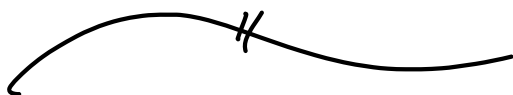
$$\int \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

$$= \int \langle -2\sin t, 2\cos t, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 0 \rangle dt$$

$$= \int (2\sin^2 t + 2\cos^2 t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} 2 dt = 4\pi \quad \checkmark$$

This way is easier!



Why do we care?

$$\text{Suppose } \nabla \times \vec{F} = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$$

i.e. suppose

$$\langle R_y - Q_z, P_z - R_x, Q_x - P_y \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$$

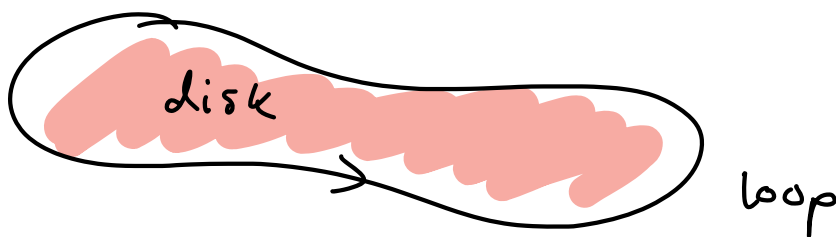
i.e. suppose

$$\begin{cases} R_y = Q_z \\ P_z = R_x \\ Q_x = P_y \end{cases}$$

Then from Stokes' Theorem we get

$$\oint_{\text{loop}} \vec{F} = 0.$$

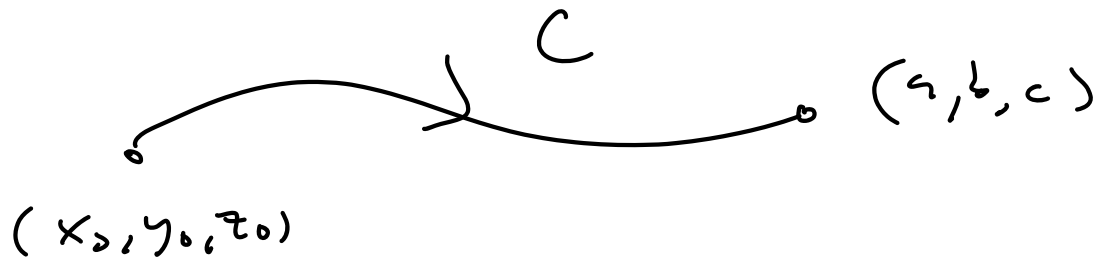
Indeed:



$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{\text{loop}} \vec{F} &= \iint_{\text{disk}} \nabla \times \vec{F} \\ &= \iint_{\text{disk}} \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then we can show that \vec{F} has an antiderivative: $\vec{F} = \nabla f$.

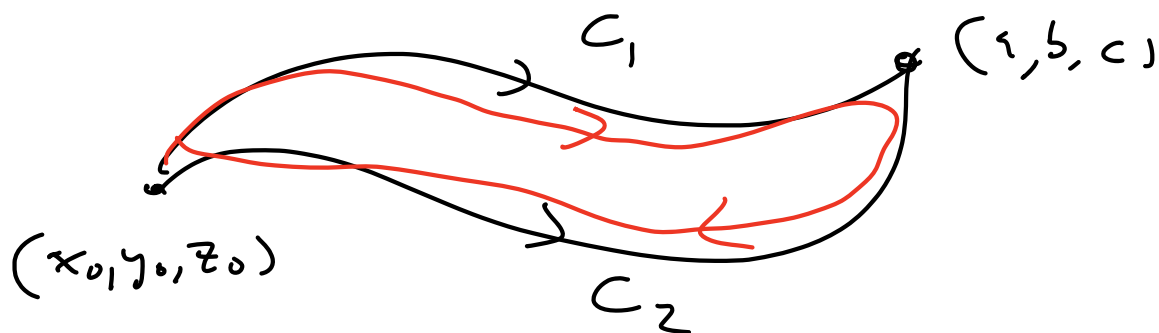
Idea: Want to define $F(a, b, c)$
for any point (a, b, c) . Fix a
basepoint (x_0, y_0, z_0) and choose
any curve



$$\text{Define } F(a, b, c) = \int_C \vec{F}$$

Then it will follow from Fund Thm
of line integrals that $\nabla F = \vec{F}$.

Only one problem. How do we
know that the curve C is
arbitrary? Take two curves:



Consider the loop " $C_1 - C_2$ "

Then

$$\int_{C_1} \vec{F} - \int_{C_2} \vec{F} = \int_{C_1 - C_2} \vec{F} = \bigcirc$$

this is a loop

$$\int_{C_1} \vec{F} = \int_{C_2} \vec{F}$$

so the path really doesn't matter.



That was fancy. Let's go to 2D.

$$\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle P(x, y), Q(x, y) \rangle.$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = ?$$

Makes no sense because cross product is a 3D concept.

But we can fake it:

$$\vec{F} = \langle P, Q, 0 \rangle$$

nothing happens in the z-direction.

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \langle 0, 0, Q_x - P_y \rangle$$

this tells you about rotation in the xy-plane.

Define the 2D curl:

$$\text{curl}(\vec{F}) = Q_x - P_y$$

$$\vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \rightsquigarrow \text{curl}(\vec{F}): \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

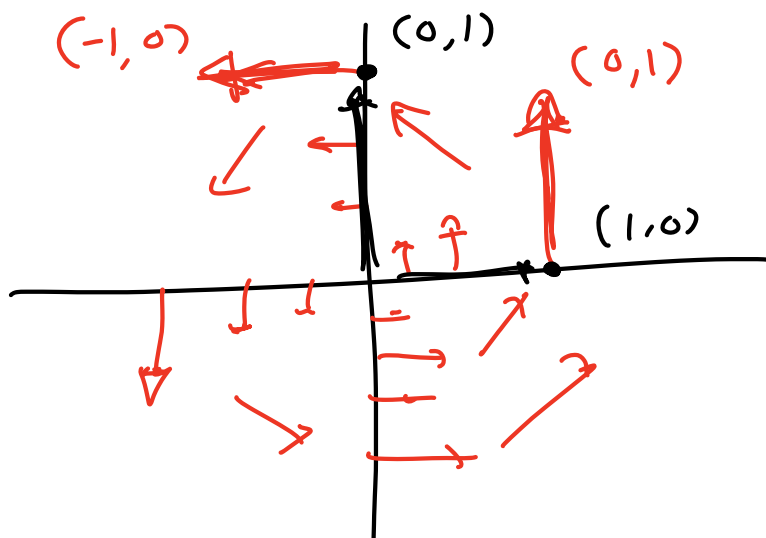
vector field

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scalar field.

Typical Example:

$$\vec{F} = \langle -y, x \rangle = \langle P, Q \rangle$$

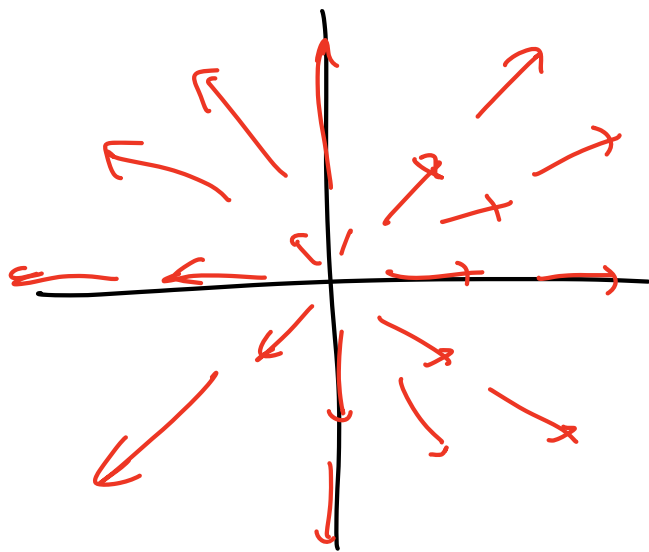


curl should be nonzero, because this field is rotating.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{curl}(\vec{F}) &= Q_x - P_y \\ &= 1 - (-1) = 2 > 0\end{aligned}$$

Indicates counterclockwise rotation.

Now consider $\vec{G} = \langle x, y \rangle = \langle P, Q \rangle$



$$\text{curl}(\vec{G}) = Q_x - P_y = 0 - 0 = 0$$

This field is not rotating.



Final Project due Fri: 11:59 PM
on Blackboard.



Bonus Lecture:

Stokes Theorem \rightarrow Green's Theorem
3D 2D.

$$\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle P(x, y), Q(x, y) \rangle.$$

$$\text{curl}(\vec{F}) = Q_x(x, y) - P_y(x, y).$$

[detects c.c.w. rotation]

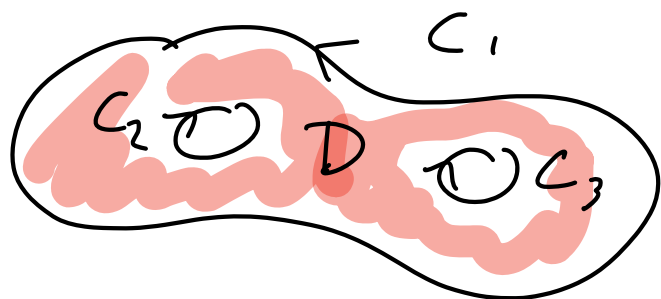
Green (special case of Stokes):

$$\iint_D \text{curl}(\vec{F}) = \int_{\partial D} \vec{F}$$

$$\iint (Q_x - P_y) dx dy = \int \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \circ \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

for parametrization $\vec{r}(t)$ of bdy curve.

The boundary curve can have multiple components:



$$\partial D = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$

[Rule: D is "to the left" of ∂D .]

Reason for notation:

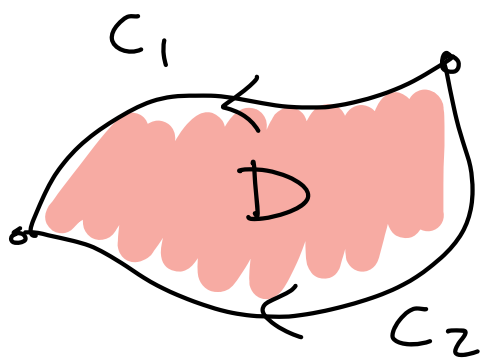
$$\int_{C_1 + C_2 + C_3} \vec{F} = \int_{C_1} \vec{F} + \int_{C_2} \vec{F} + \int_{C_3} \vec{F}$$

We can also reverse orientation:



$$\partial D = C_1 - C_2 + C_3$$

[C_2 is backwards: it has D "on the right"]



$$\partial D = C_1 - C_2$$

e.g. IF $\text{curl}(\vec{F}) = 0$ on D . Then

$$0 = \iint_D \text{curl}(\vec{F}) = \int_{C_1 - C_2} \vec{F}$$

$$= \int_{C_1} \vec{F} - \int_{C_2} \vec{F}$$

$$\implies \int_{C_1} \vec{F} = \int_{C_2} \vec{F}.$$

Summary:

$$\text{curl}(\vec{F}) = 0$$

$\implies \int_C \vec{F}$ only depends on endpoints of C , not the shape.



Example: $\vec{F}(x, y) = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} \langle -y, x \rangle$.

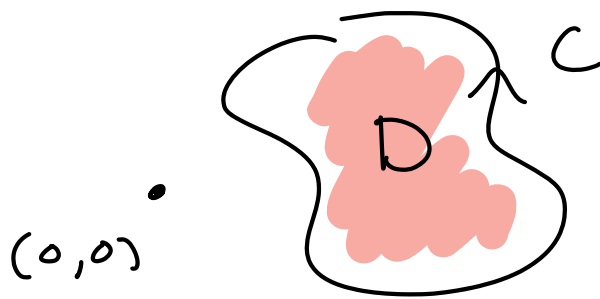
$$P = -y / (x^2 + y^2) \rightarrow P_y = (y^2 - x^2) / (x^2 + y^2)^2$$

$$Q = x / (x^2 + y^2) \rightarrow Q_x = (y^2 - x^2) / (x^2 + y^2)^2$$

$$\text{So } \text{curl}(\vec{F}) = Q_x - P_y = 0,$$

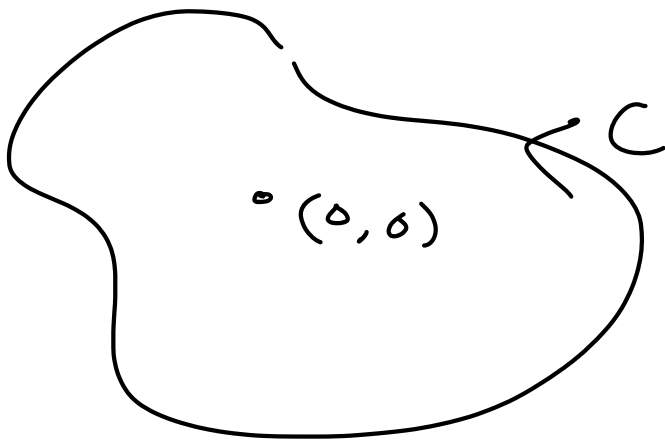
when it is defined. It's not

defined at $(0, 0)$. If a loop C
does not contain $(0, 0)$



$$\text{then } \int_C \vec{F} = \iint_D \text{curl}(\vec{F}) = \iint_D 0 = 0.$$

What about a loop that contains $(0, 0)$?



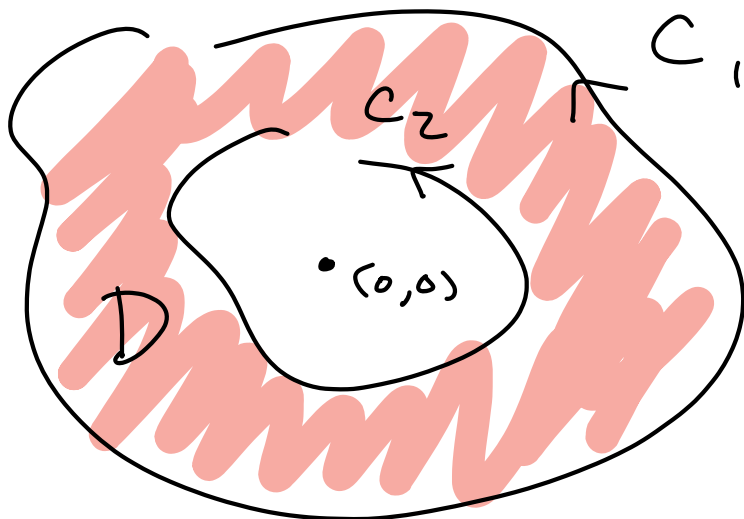
$$\int_C \vec{F} = ?$$

Claim: $\int_C \vec{F} = 2\pi$,

independent of the shape of C .

Proof has 2 steps:

① Any two such loops have the same integral:



$$\partial D = C_1 - C_2$$

$$0 = \iint_D \text{curl}(\vec{F}) = \int_{C_1 - C_2} \vec{F}$$

$$= \int_{C_1} \vec{F} - \int_{C_2} \vec{F}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{C_1} \vec{F} = \int_{C_2} \vec{F}.$$

(2) So pick the easiest curve.

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin t \rangle.$$

$$\int \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \left\langle \frac{-\sin t}{\cancel{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t}}, \frac{\cos t}{\cancel{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t}} \right\rangle \cdot \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle dt$$

$$= \int (\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} 1 dt = 2\pi \quad \checkmark$$

Summary : $\vec{F}(x,y) = \frac{1}{x^2+y^2} \langle -y, x \rangle.$

$$\oint_C \vec{F} = \begin{cases} 0 & C \text{ does not contain } (0,0) \\ 2\pi & C \text{ goes around } (0,0) \\ & \text{once in c.c.w. direction} \\ 2\pi k & C \text{ goes around } (0,0) \\ & k \text{ times in c.c.w. direction.} \end{cases}$$



Flux form of Green's Theorem.

Let $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$

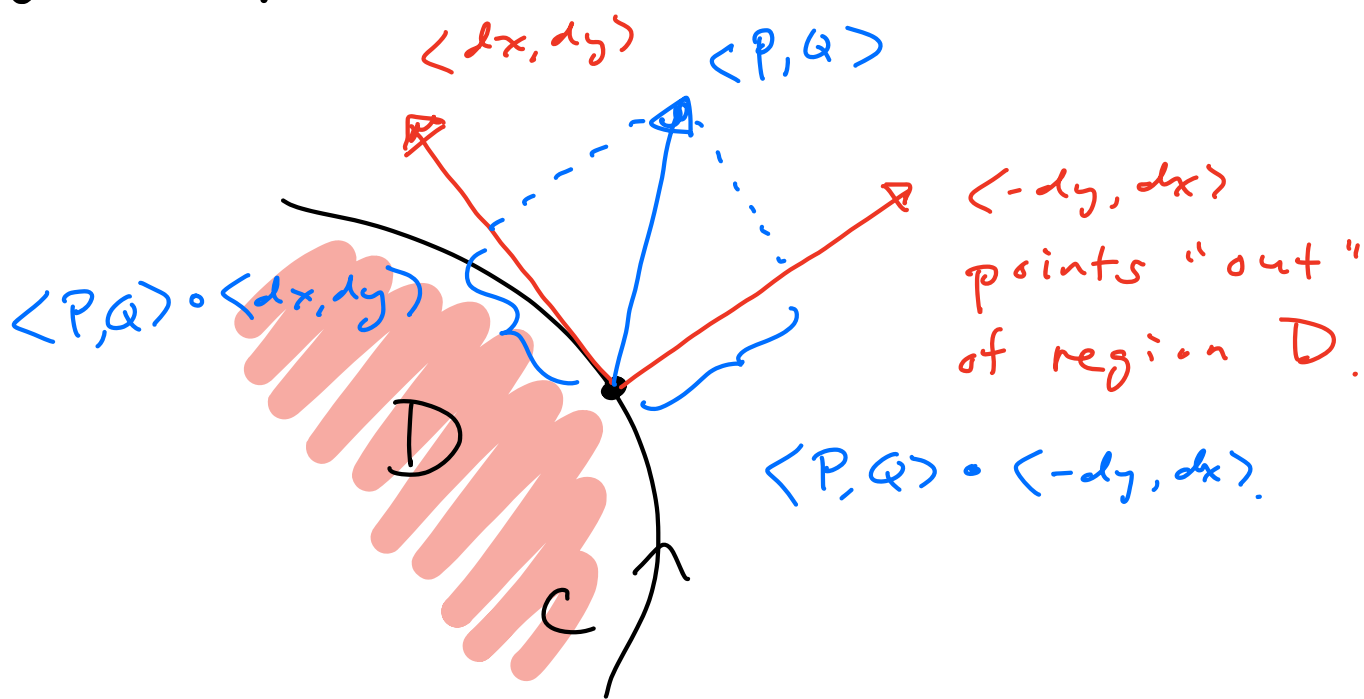
$\vec{G} = \langle u, v \rangle = \langle -Q, P \rangle.$

Apply Green to \vec{G} .

$$\iint_D (v_x - u_y) dx dy = \int_{\partial D} \langle u, v \rangle \cdot \langle dx, dy \rangle.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iint (P_x + Q_y) dx dy &= \int \langle -Q, P \rangle \cdot \langle dx, dy \rangle \\ &= \int \langle P, Q \rangle \cdot \langle -dy, dx \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

What?



so $\int_C \langle P, Q \rangle \cdot \langle -dy, dx \rangle$

measures how much the vector field $\langle P, Q \rangle$ points "out of" the region D. Called "Flux".

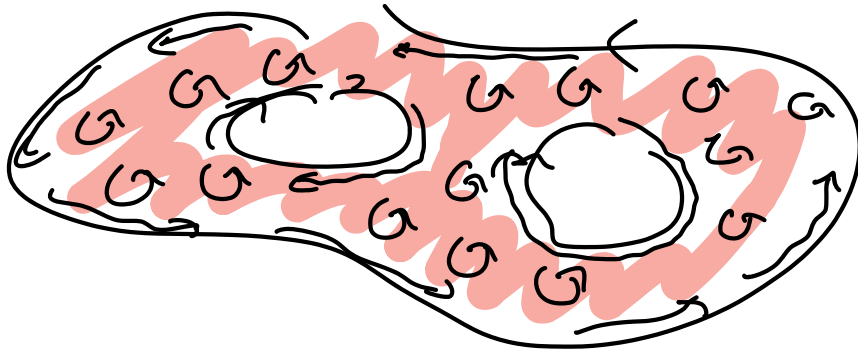
Cleaner Notation:

$$\iint_D (Q_x - P_y) dx dy = \int_{\partial D} \vec{F} \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{N}}{|\vec{N}|} \right)$$

amount of curling in D

amount \vec{F} points along ∂D .

little tangent vector

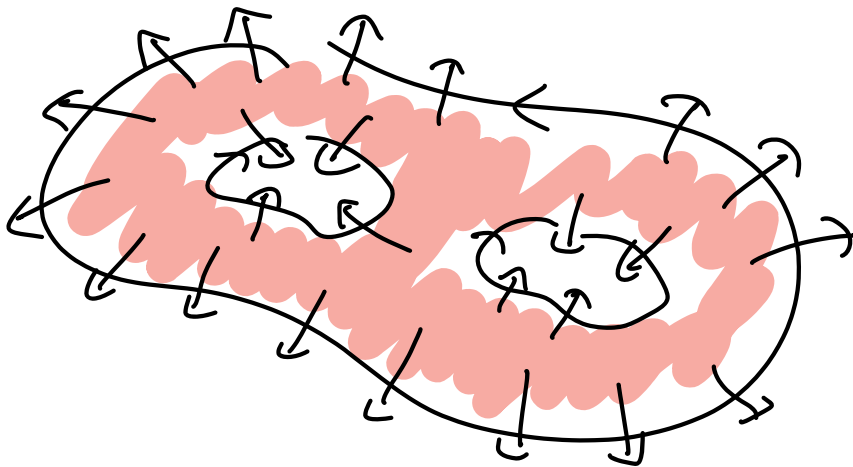


$$\iint_D (P_x + Q_y) dx dy = \int_{\partial D} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N}$$

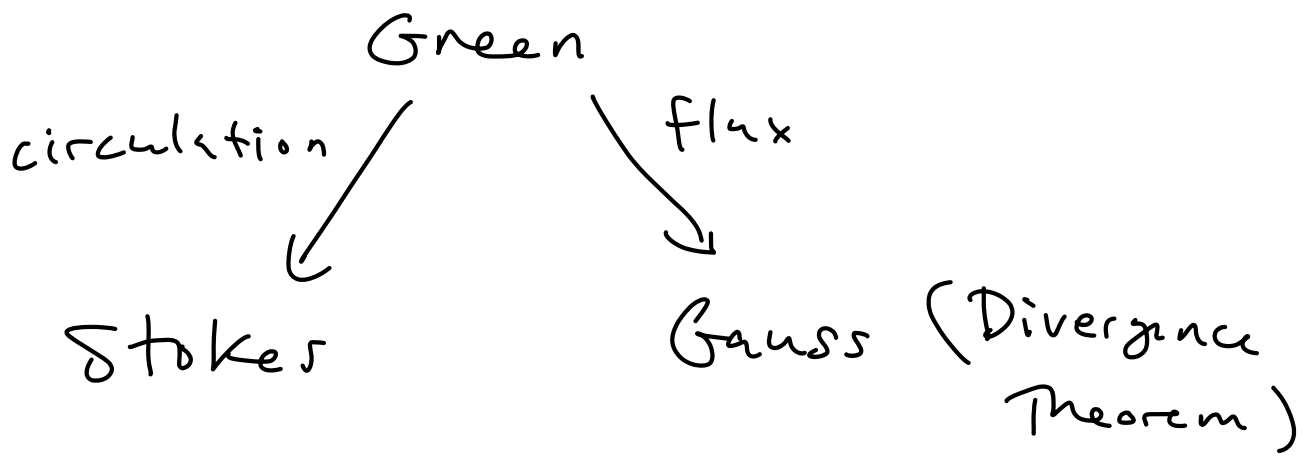
little normal vector.

amount that \vec{F} expands inside D

amount that \vec{F} flows across ∂D .



Moving from 2D to 3D: Green's Theorem becomes two different theorems.



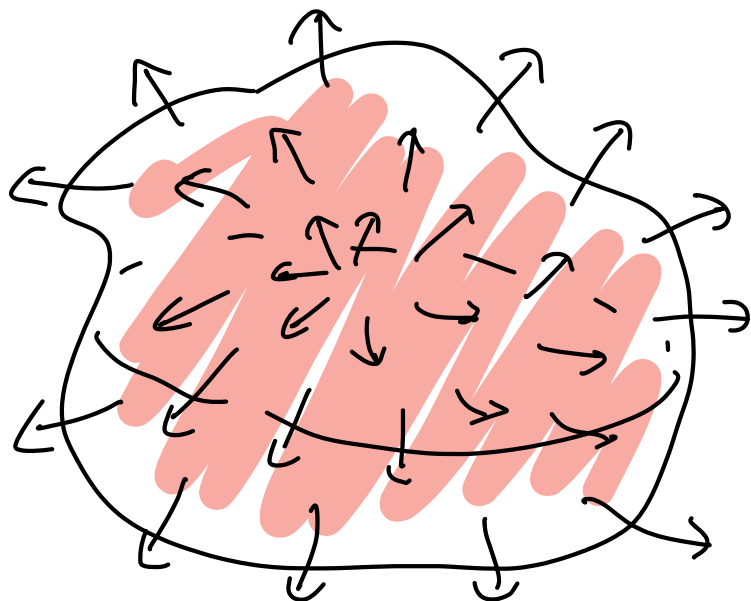
We've seen Stokes.

Now: Gauss' Theorem

$$\iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \iint_{\partial V} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N}$$

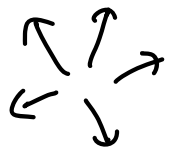
$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$
 expansion of \vec{F}
 in a volume V


 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$
 Flow of \vec{F} across
 boundary surface ∂V .



$$\nabla \cdot \langle P, Q, R \rangle = P_x + Q_y + R_z$$

Gauss tells us what this ↑
strange formula has to do with
"expansion/contraction".


$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} > 0$$


$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} < 0$$



Application to Gravity.

Let $\vec{F}(x, y, z)$ be the gravitational
force acting on a particle of mass
 m at point (x, y, z) , due to some
mass distribution $\rho(x, y, z)$.

Gauss' Law:

assume gravitational
constant = 1

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = -4\pi m \rho(x, y, z)$$

This is equivalent to (and more useful than) Newton's universal gravitation. It is particularly useful when dealing with a spherically symmetric density ρ .

Suppose

$$M = \text{total mass} = \iiint \rho \, dV$$

Suppose

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}) = \underbrace{F(r)}_{\text{some scalar function of } r = \|\vec{r}\|} \frac{\vec{r}}{\|\vec{r}\|}$$

some
scalar function
of $r = \|\vec{r}\|$

i.e. the force is the same in all directions, only depends on

the distance from $(0,0,0)$.

Then Divergence Theorem says

$$\iiint_{\text{ball radius } r} \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \iint_{\text{sphere radius } r} \underbrace{\vec{F} \cdot \vec{N}}_{\substack{\text{we can use} \\ \vec{N} = \frac{\vec{r}}{\|\vec{r}\|}}}}$$

$$\iiint -4\pi m \rho = \iint F(r)$$

$$-4\pi m (M_r) = F(r) (4\pi r^2)$$

how much mass inside ball of radius r .

surface area of sphere

this is the component of \vec{F} normal to surface of the sphere.

Three interesting Examples:

- Point particle at $(0,0,0)$ mass M .

$$F(r) = -Mm/r^2 \quad (\text{Newton}).$$

- Solid sphere radius R .

$$F(r) = \begin{cases} -Mm/r^2 & r \geq R \\ -\frac{Mm}{R^3} r & r < R \end{cases}$$

- Empty shell radius R with all mass M on its boundary

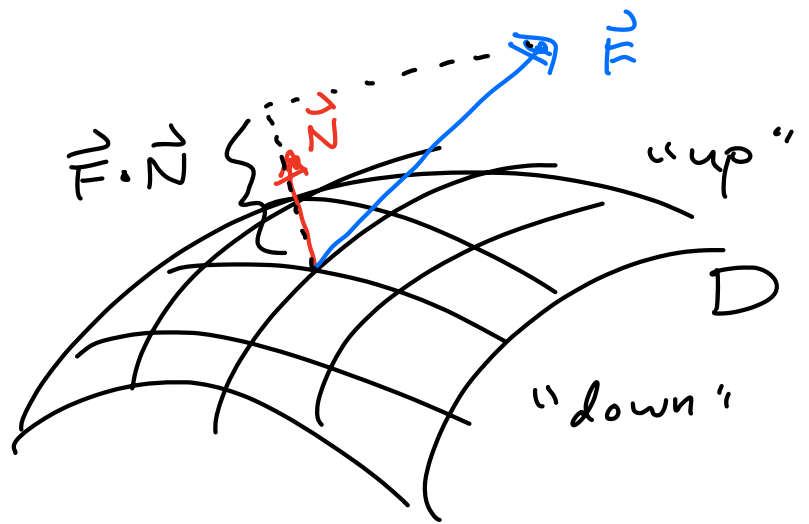
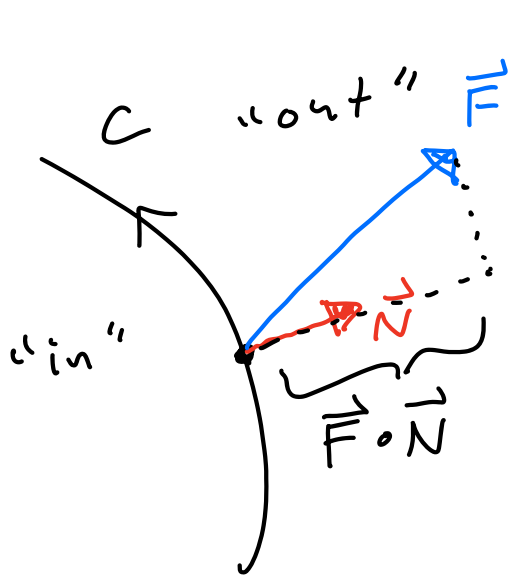
$$F(r) = \begin{cases} -Mm/r^2 & r \geq R \\ 0 & r < R. \end{cases}$$

Inside a massive spherical shell you feel no gravity.

Called "Newton's shell theorem", proved by him using complicated argument.

Gauss' Law & Divergence Thm make it "almost obvious" ;)

How to compute "Flux" across curves in \mathbb{R}^2 & surfaces in \mathbb{R}^3 :



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

$$\iint_D \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} \, dA$$

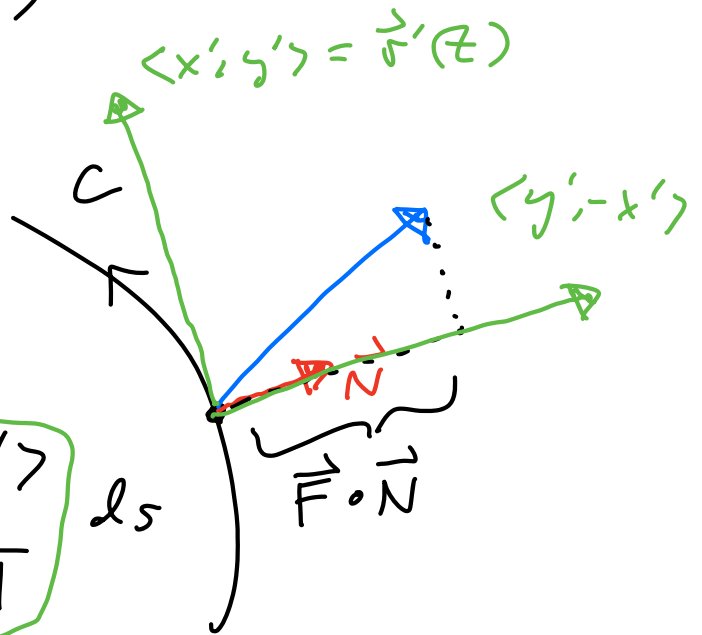
To compute = choose parametrizations

$$C: \vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$$

$$D: \vec{r}(u, v)$$

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

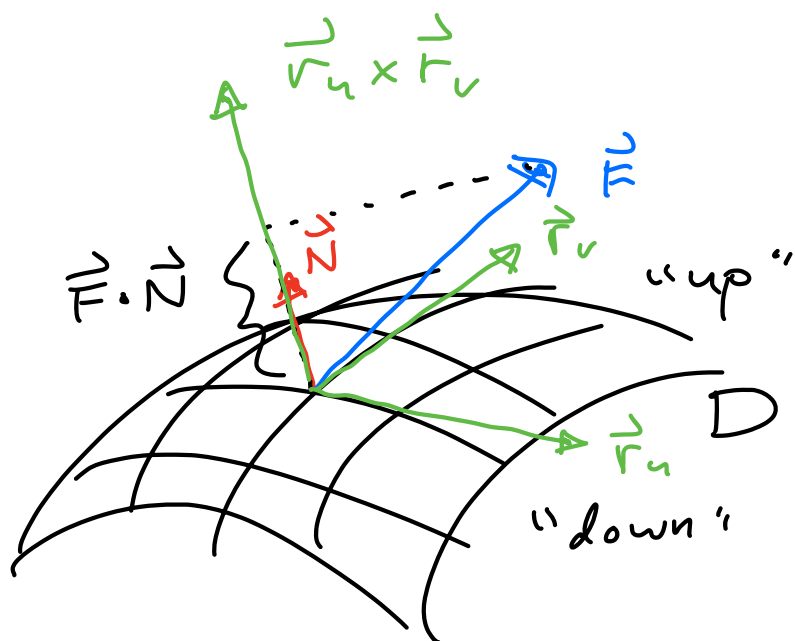
$$= \int \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \frac{\langle y', -x' \rangle}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|} \, ds$$



$$= \int \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \frac{\langle y', -x' \rangle}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|} \|\vec{r}'(t)\| dt$$

$$= \int \vec{F}(x(t), y(t)) \cdot \langle y'(t), -x'(t) \rangle dt$$

$$\iint_D \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} dA$$



$$= \iint \vec{F}(\vec{r}(u, v)) \cdot \frac{\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v}{\|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v\|} \|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v\| du dv$$

$$= \iint \vec{F}(\vec{r}(u, v)) \cdot (\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v) du dv$$



The Fundamental Theorems:

- Given 2D region D in \mathbb{R}^2 and a vector field $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$

Green:

$$\iint_D \underbrace{\text{curl}(\vec{F})}_{Q_x - P_y} dA = \int_{\partial D} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds$$

Line integral

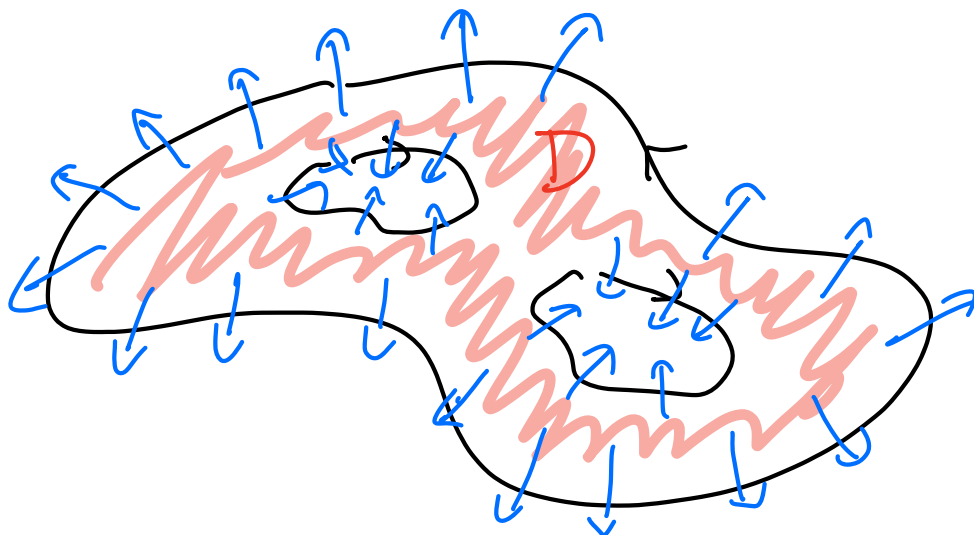
Green (Flux form):

$$\iint_D \underbrace{\text{div}(\vec{F})}_{P_x + Q_y} dA = \int_{\partial D} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} ds$$

expansion of \vec{F} inside D

Flow of \vec{F} across boundary

"Proof":



Think: \vec{F} = velocity field of a fluid. Then $\text{div}(\vec{F}) = \text{expansion}$.

In fluid mechanics we often assume $\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 0$ (incompressible).
 $\text{div}(\vec{F}) = 0$

Move into 3D:

Green \rightarrow Stokes

$$\iint_D (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \vec{N} dA = \int_{\partial D} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds.$$

"Proof": $\partial D = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$



NEW :

Flux Form
of Green



Divergence Thm
(Gauss' Theorem).

Let D solid 3D region in \mathbb{R}^3

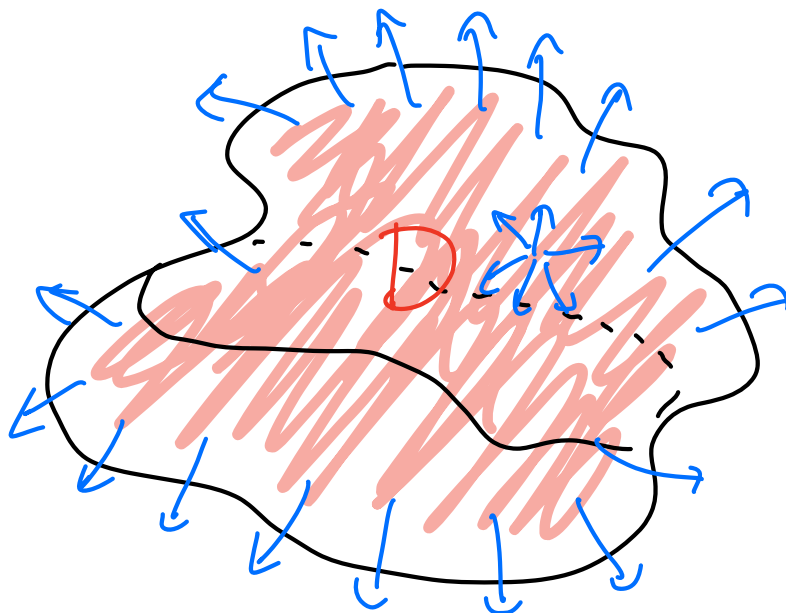
Let ∂D be oriented 2D boundary
surface.

$$\iiint_D \nabla \cdot \vec{F} \, dV = \iint_{\partial D} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} \, dA$$

"Proof": Expansion of fluid "inside"

D = Flow of \vec{F} "out" of region :

"Conservation of Mass"



Original Application: Gauss.

Let $\vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be gravitational force due to some mass density distribution $\rho: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, acting on a point particle of mass 1 sitting at point (x, y, z) .

Gauss:

$$\boxed{\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = -4\pi \rho}$$

assumed
 $G=1$

Implies Newton's law of gravitation, but Gauss is more useful!

General computations are "impossible".

Nice case: Distribution $\rho(x, y, z)$ is spherically symmetric:

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}) = F_r \frac{\vec{r}}{\|\vec{r}\|}$$

Write $M_r = \iiint_{\text{Ball of radius } r} \rho \, dV$
 = total mass inside ball radius r .

Three examples:

• point particle mass M $M_r = M \quad r > 0$.

• solid sphere radius R $M_r = \begin{cases} M & r > R \\ \frac{r^3}{R^3} M & r < R \end{cases}$

$$M_r = \frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} \cdot M = \frac{r^3}{R^3} M$$

ratio that we want

volume of full sphere

• hollow spherical shell $M_r = \begin{cases} M & r > R \\ 0 & r < R \end{cases}$



In general: Gauss says

$$\iiint_{\text{ball radius } r} \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \iint_{\text{ball radius } r} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} \, dA$$

$$\iiint -4\pi \rho = \iint F_r \frac{\vec{r}}{\|\vec{r}\|} \cdot \frac{\vec{r}}{\|\vec{r}\|} dA$$

$$-4\pi \underbrace{\iiint \rho}_{M_r} = F_r \underbrace{\iint 1 \, dA}_{4\pi r^2} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{surface} \\ \text{area sphere} \\ \text{radius } r \end{array}$$

$$-4\pi M_r = F_r 4\pi r^2$$

$$\boxed{F_r = -M_r / r^2}$$

True for any spherically symm. mass distribution.

o Point mass:

$$F_r = -M/r^2 \quad (\text{Newton})$$

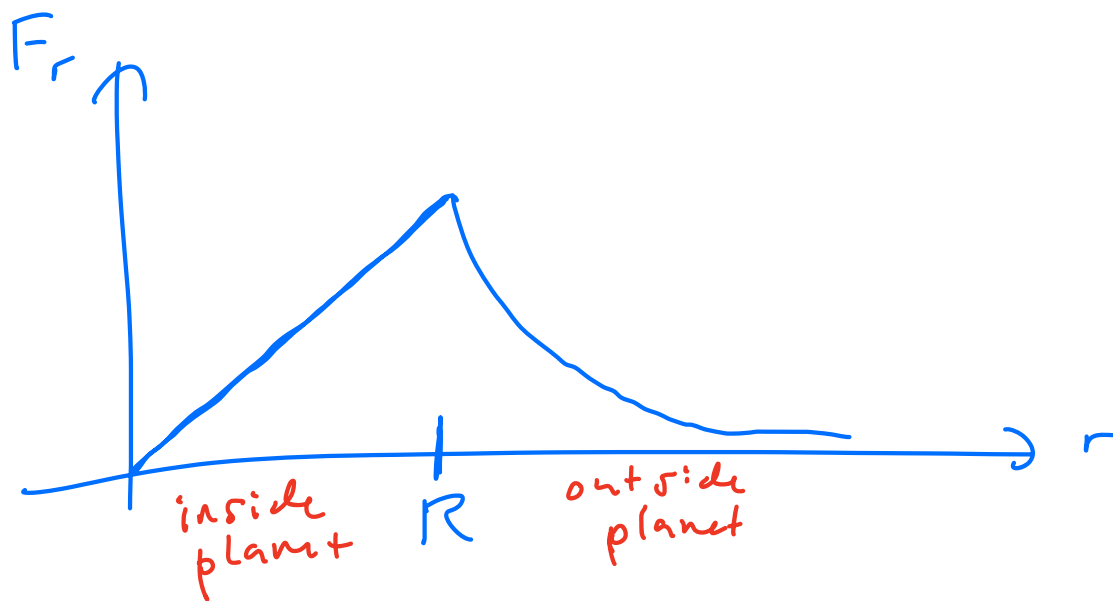
o Solid sphere (planet) radius R

$$F_r = -M/r^2 \quad r > 0$$

(if you are outside the planet, it acts on you like a point particle)

$$F_r = -\frac{r^3}{R^3} M / r^2$$

$$= -\frac{M}{R^3} \cdot r \quad \text{scaler like } r.$$



o Empty spherical shell:

$$F_r = \begin{cases} -M/r^2 & r > R \\ \text{O} & r < R \end{cases}$$

very interesting!

You feel NO GRAVITY inside of a massive spherical shell.