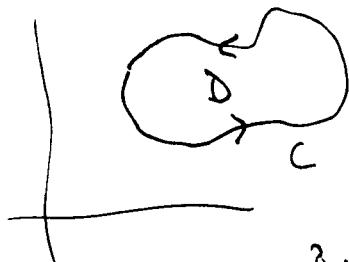


Notes on Green's Theorem {<sup>Ideas</sup> related to § 16.4, but not in the textbook.)}

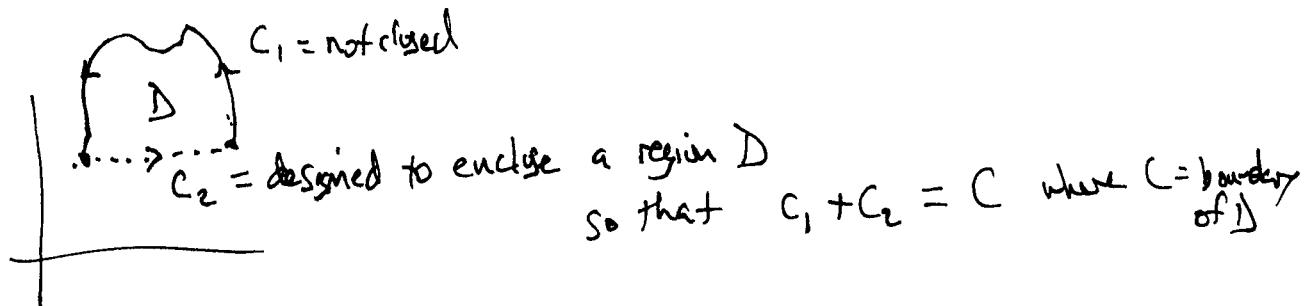


$$\int_C P dx + Q dy = \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

But  $C$  must be a closed curve.

Remark: You can extract information  $\int_{C_1} P dx + Q dy$

even when  $C_1$  is not closed



Then

$$\int_{C_1} P dx + Q dy + \int_{C_2} P dx + Q dy = \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

Maybe this is ugly

easy

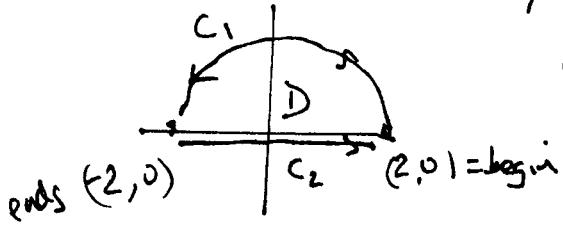
easy

$$\text{so } \int_{C_1} P dx + Q dy = \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA - \int_{C_2} P dx + Q dy$$

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$$\text{ex: } \int_{C_1} (xe^{-x^2/2} - y) dx + (ye^{-y^2/2} + x) dy$$

where  $C_1: \begin{cases} x = 2 \cos t \\ y = 2 \sin t \\ 0 \leq t \leq \pi \end{cases}$



Q: Is  $C$  closed? No

Q: Is  $\langle xe^{-x^2/2} - y, ye^{-y^2/2} + x \rangle$  conservative?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (ye^{-y^2/2} + x) \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xe^{-x^2/2} - y) \\ &= 1 - (-1) = 2 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hmm. It looks

like we must calculate

$$\int_{C_1} P dx + Q dy \text{ directly.}$$

But it gives rise to  
a horrible integral.

No,  $\langle P, Q \rangle$  is not conservative

but  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 2$  is a very  
simple function of two variables

Let's design a curve  $C_2$  to be the segment of the  $x$ -axis

from  $(-2,0)$  to  $(2,0)$

$$\text{There } \begin{cases} x = x & dx = 1 dx \\ y = 0 & dy = 0 \\ -2 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

because  $-x dx = d(-\frac{1}{2}x^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{C_2} (xe^{-x^2/2} - y) dx + (ye^{-y^2/2} + x) dy &= \int_{-2}^2 x e^{-x^2/2} dx = - \int_{-2}^2 e^{-x^2/2} d(-\frac{x^2}{2}) \\ &= - \left[ e^{-x^2/2} \right]_{-2}^2 = -e^{-2} + e^{-2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(3)

Also, this integral should be easy:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA &= \iint_D 2 dA = 2 \iint_D dA \\ &= 2 \left\{ \text{area of half-disk of radius 2} \right\} \\ &= 2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \pi 2^2 \right) = 4\pi \end{aligned}$$

ugly  
integral

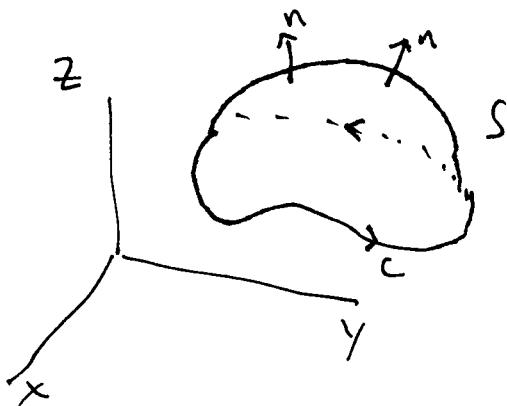
$$= \int_{C_1} P dx + Q dy = \int_{C_1} (x e^{-x^2/2} - y) dx + (y e^{-y^2/2} + x) dy$$

where  $C_1$  = semicircle

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Answer} &= \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA - \int_{C_2} P dx + Q dy \\ &= 4\pi - 0 = 4\pi \end{aligned}$$

(4)

## 16.8 Stokes' Theorem



Let  $S$  be a piecewise-smooth, oriented surface that is bounded by a simple closed curve  $C$ , with positive orientation (right-hand rule).

Let  $\vec{F}$  be a vector field [blah blah]

Then

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_S \operatorname{curl} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} dS$$

or  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = \iint_S \operatorname{curl} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} dS$

Remark: If  $S$  is a subset of the  $xy$ -plane, so  $\vec{n} = \vec{k}$ .

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

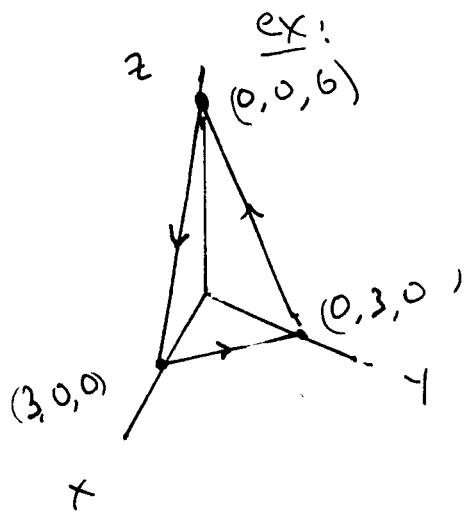
$$\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ P & Q & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (\text{something}) \hat{i} + (\text{something}) \hat{j} + \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \hat{k}$$

so that  $\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} = \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$

thus  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C P dx + Q dy = \iint_S \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA$

That is, Green's Theorem is a special case of Stokes' theorem.

(5)



$S$  is the portion of the plane . . . in the first octant with intercepts  $(3,0,0)$ ,  $(0,3,0)$ ,  $(0,0,6)$ .

That is  $\frac{x}{3} + \frac{y}{3} + \frac{z}{6} = 1$

or  $2x + 2y + z = 6$ ,

with upward normal.

Also, suppose  $C$  is the triangular boundary of  $S$  with positive orientation.

Find  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  where  $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle -y^2, z, x \rangle$

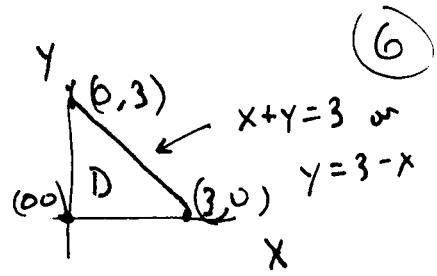
by instead using Stokes' Theorem and calculate a surface integral.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{curl } \vec{F} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ -y^2 & z & x \end{vmatrix} = \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \hat{i} \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{\partial(-y^2)}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} \right) \hat{j} \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(-y^2)}{\partial x} \right) \hat{k} \\ &= -\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2y \hat{k} = \langle -1, -1, 2y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Next set up  $\iint_S \text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_D \text{curl } \vec{F}(\vec{r}(u,v)) \cdot (\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v) du dv$

But, for convenience, we'll let  $(x, y)$  be the parameters for the plane  $S$ .

$$S : \begin{cases} x(x,y) = x \\ y(x,y) = y \\ z(x,y) = 6 - 2x - 2y \end{cases}$$



That is  $\vec{r}(x,y) = \langle x, y, 6 - 2x - 2y \rangle$

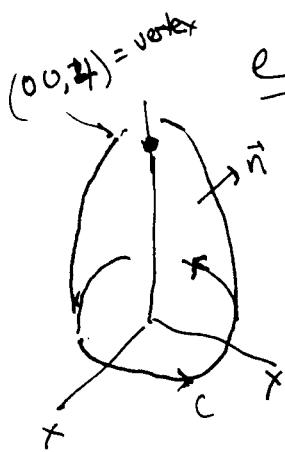
$$\vec{r}_x = \langle 1, 0, -2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_y = \langle 0, 1, -2 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_y) &= \langle 0 - (-2), 0 - (-2), 1 - 0 \rangle \\ &= \langle 2, 2, 1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\iint_D \operatorname{curl} \vec{F}(\vec{r}(x,y)) \cdot (\vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_y) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^3 \int_0^{3-x} \langle -1, -1, 2y \rangle \cdot \langle 2, 2, 1 \rangle dy dx \\ &= \int_0^3 \int_0^{3-x} (-2 - 2 + 2y) dy dx = \int_0^3 \int_0^{3-x} (2y - 4) dy dx \\ &= \int_0^3 [y^2 - 4y]_0^{3-x} dx = \int_0^3 [(3-x)^2 - 4(3-x)] dx \\ &= \int_0^3 (3-x) [3-x - 4] dx = \int_0^3 (x-3)(x+1) dx \\ &= \int_0^3 (x^2 - 2x - 3) dx = \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} - x^2 - 3x \right]_0^3 = 9 - 9 - 9 \\ &= \boxed{-9} \end{aligned}$$

(7)



Ex: For the surface  $S: \begin{cases} z = 4 - x^2 - y^2 \\ z \geq 0 \end{cases}$

So intersection with  $xy$ -plane is  $0 = 4 - x^2 - y^2$   
or  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$

Suppose

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

Find  $\iint_S \operatorname{curl} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}$  by instead using Stokes' Theorem  
to instead calculate a line integral:

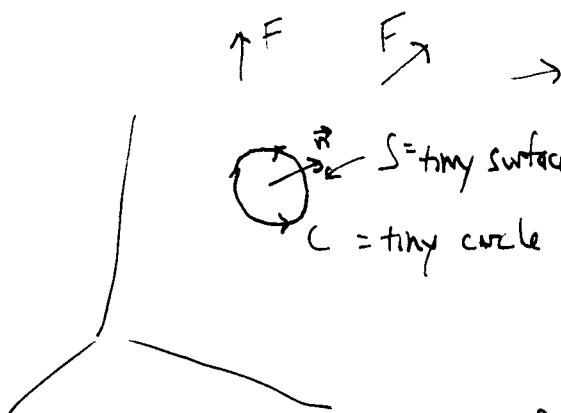
$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_C P dx + Q dy + R dz \stackrel{0}{=} 0 \text{ because } C \text{ lies in the plane } z=0.$$

$$C: \begin{cases} x = 2 \cos t \\ y = 2 \sin t \\ 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi \end{cases}$$

$$dy = 2 \cos t dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_C 2z \vec{dx} + x \vec{dy} + y^2 \vec{dz} \stackrel{0}{=} 0 \\ &= \int_C x dy = \int_0^{2\pi} (2 \cos t)(2 \cos t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} 4 \cos^2 t dt = \int_0^{2\pi} 4 \cdot \frac{1 + \cos 2t}{2} dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (2 + 2 \cos 2t) dt \\ &= 2 \int_0^{2\pi} dt + 2 \int_0^{2\pi} \cancel{\cos 2t} dt = 2(2\pi - 0) \\ &= 4\pi \end{aligned}$$

### Physical interpretation of $\operatorname{curl} \vec{F}$



Assume  $\operatorname{curl} F \approx \text{constant}$

on  $S$ , where  $S$  is so

small that it is a planar disk  
of radius  $a$ , with unit normal  $\vec{n}$ ,  
so that  $\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \approx \text{constant}$ .

By Stokes' Theorem,

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} dS = \iint_S \operatorname{curl} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} dS = (\operatorname{curl} F \cdot \vec{n}) \iint_S dS = (\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n}) \cdot (\text{area of } S)$$

$$= (\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n}) (\pi a^2)$$

So that

$$\boxed{\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \approx \frac{1}{\pi a^2} \int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} dS}, \text{ where } a \text{ is a small radius.}$$

The physical interpretation of this is that if  $\vec{F}$  represents fluid flow,

$\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n}$  represents the tendency of a paddlewheel, whose axis is aligned with the unit vector  $\vec{n}$ , to rotate counterclockwise about  $\vec{n}$ .

The direction of the vector  $\operatorname{curl} \vec{F}$  is that choice of vector  $\vec{n}$  which maximizes this counterclockwise rotational tendency.

