Section 16.4: Green's Theorem

What We'll Learn In Section 16.4

- 1. Green's Theorem
- 2. Green's Theorem in Reverse
- 3. Extended Version of Green's Theorem

<u>Def</u>: Let C be a curve in \mathbb{R}^2 .

1. C is simple if it doesn't cross itself (except

possibly at the endpoints of the curve)

2. C is <u>closed</u> if the endpoints of the curve are the

same.



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Negative orientation

Green's Theorem

Let C be a positively oriented, piecewise-smooth, simple closed curve in the plane and let D be the region bounded by C. If Pand Q have continuous partial derivatives on an open region that contains D, then

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

Green's Theorem

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Notes:

- 1) The left side (above) is the same as $\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ where $\vec{F} = \langle P(x,y), Q(x,y) \rangle$
- 2) The notation $\oint Pdx + Qdy$ means you are integrating along a simple closed curve that is positively oriented

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3) ∂D stands for the boundary of region D (i.e. the curve C) and so Green's Theorem can be written as...

$$\iint\limits_{D} \left(rac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - rac{\partial P}{\partial y}
ight) \, dA = \int_{\partial D} P \; dx + Q \; dy$$

<u>Ex 1</u>: Evaluate $\int_C x^4 dx + xy dy$, where *C* is the triangular curve consisting of the line segments from (0,0) to (1,0), from (1,0) to (0,1), and from (0,1) to (0,0).

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1. Green's Theorem <u>Ex 2</u>: Evaluate $\oint_C (3y - e^{\sin x}) dx + (7x + \sqrt{y^4 + 1}) dy$, where *C* is the

circle $x^2 + y^2 = 9$.

$$\iint\limits_{D} \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \, dA \; = \; \int_{C} P \; dx + Q \; dy$$

• For instance, if it is known that P(x, y) = Q(x, y) = 0on the curve *C*, then Green's Theorem gives

$$\iint\limits_{D} \left(rac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - rac{\partial P}{\partial y}
ight) \, dA = \int_{C} P \; dx + Q \; dy = 0$$

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- Using the fact that $\iint_{D} 1 \ dA = A(D)$, we can use Green's Theorem to compute areas by doing line integrals!
- There are many choices for *P* and *Q*...

$$\iint\limits_{D} \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \, dA \; = \; \int_{C} P \; dx + Q \; dy$$

 P(x,y) = 0 P(x,y) = -y P(x,y) = -0.5y

 Q(x,y) = x Q(x,y) = 0 Q(x,y) = 0.5x

This gives many different formulas for the area of D...

$$A=\oint_C x\ dy=-\oint_C y\ dx=rac{1}{2}\oint_C x\ dy-y\ dx$$

<u>Ex 3</u>: Use Green's Theorem (in reverse) to find the area enclosed by the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1.$

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$$\iint\limits_D \left(rac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - rac{\partial P}{\partial y}
ight) \, dA = \int_{C_1} P \; dx + Q \; dy + \int_{C_2} P \; dx + Q \; dy = \int_C \; P \; dx + Q \; dy$$

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3. Extended Version of Green's Theorem <u>Ex 5</u>: If $\vec{F} = \langle -\frac{y}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \rangle$, show that $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 2\pi$ for every positively oriented simple closed path that encloses the origin.