

Section 16.4

Definition: The positive orientation of a simple closed curve C refers to a single counterclockwise traversal of C .

Notation: The notation

$$\oint P dx + Q dy$$

is sometimes used to indicate that the line integral is calculated using the positive orientation of the closed curve C .

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 P and Q have continuous partial derivatives on an open region that contains D , then

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

Exercise 1. Use Green's Theorem to evaluate $\oint_C 5xy dx + x^3 dy$, where C is the closed curve consisting of the graphs of $y = x^2$ and $y = 2x$ between the points $(0,0)$ and $(2,4)$. (Swok Sec 18.4 Ex 1)

Exercise 2. Use Green's Theorem to evaluate the line integral

$$\oint_C 2xy dx + (x^2 + y^2) dy$$

if C is the ellipse $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$. (Swok Sec 18.4 Ex 2)

Exercise 3. Evaluate $\oint_C (4 + e^{\sqrt{x}}) dx + (\sin y + 3x^2) dy$ if C is the boundary of the region R between quarter-circles of radii a and b and segments on the x - and y - axes. (Swok Sec 18.4 Ex 3)

Class Exercise 1. Evaluate the line integral by two methods: (a) directly and (b) using Green's Theorem. (#2,4)

- (i) $\oint xy dx + x^2 dy$, where C is the rectangle with vertices $(0,0)$, $(3,0)$, $(3,1)$, and $(0,1)$.
- (ii) $\oint x^2y^2 dx + xy dy$, C consists of the arc of the parabola $y = x^2$ from $(0,0)$ to $(1,1)$ and the line segments from $(1,1)$ to $(0,1)$ and from $(0,1)$ to $(0,0)$

Class Exercise 2. Use Green's Theorem to evaluate the line integral along the given positively oriented curve. (#6,8, 10)

- (a) $\int_C \cos y dx + x^2 \sin y dy$, C is the rectangle with vertices $(0,0)$, $(5,0)$, $(5,2)$, $(0,2)$
- (b) $\int_C y^4 dx + 2xy^3 dy$, C is the ellipse $x^2 + 2y^2 = 2$
- (c) $\int_C (1 - y^3) dx + (x^3 + e^{y^2}) dy$, C is the boundary of the region between the circles $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 9$

Extension of Green's Theorem: Green's Theorem can be extended to apply to regions with holes. That boundary would then consist of two simple closed curves. Let's call one simple closed curve C_1 and the other simple closed curve C_2 . We assume that these boundary curves are oriented so that the region is always on the left as the curve C is traversed. Thus the positive direction is counterclockwise for the outer curve C_1 but clockwise for the inner curve C_2 .

Exercise 4. If \vec{F} is defined by $\vec{F}(x, y) = (-yi + x\vec{j})/(x^2 + y^2)$, show that $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 2\pi$ for every positively oriented simple closed path that encloses the origin. (Stew Sec 16.4 Ex 5)

Class Exercise 3. Use Green's Theorem to evaluate $\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$. (#12,14)

- (a) $\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle e^{-x} + y^2, e^{-y} + x^2 \rangle$, C consists of the arc of the curve $y = \cos x$ from $(-\pi/2, 0)$ to $(\pi/2, 0)$ and the line segment from $(\pi/2, 0)$ to $(-\pi/2, 0)$
- (b) $\vec{F}(x, y) = \langle \sqrt{x^2 + 1}, \tan^{-1}x \rangle$, C is the triangle from $(0,0)$ to $(1,1)$ to $(0,1)$ to $(0,0)$

Definition: A region is a simple region if it is both type I and type II.

Formula for the area of D :

$$A = \oint x dy = - \oint y dx = \frac{1}{2} \oint x dy - y dx.$$

Exercise 5. Find the area enclosed by the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$. (Stew Sec 16.4 Ex 3)

Homework: 1, 3, 5, 11, 15, 19, 23, 25