

Lecture 34: ~~Vector Calculus~~

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Green's Thm relates the curl (twisting effect) of a vector field on a domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ to the line integral of $\vec{F}$ along ∂S .

But all of this happened in $\mathbb{R}^2$. Place D in $\mathbb{R}^3$ as a surface (with boundary) and the idea's should still hold.... They do, and the result is attributed to Sir George Gabriel Stokes:

Stokes Thm Let S be a bounded piecewise smooth oriented surface in $\mathbb{R}^3$, where ∂S is a finite set of piecewise C^1 -closed curves each oriented consistently with respect to S .

For $\vec{F} \in C^1$ -vector field on S , we have

$$\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S} = \oint_{\partial S} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

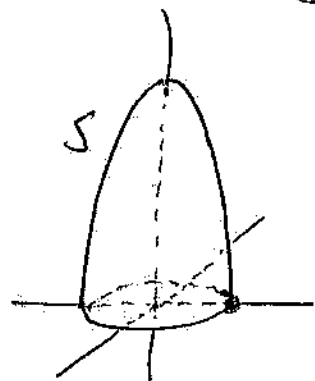
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Note: Again the aggregate twisting effect of $\vec{F}$ on S can be measured ~~by~~ along just the boundary via the vector line integral of $\vec{F}$ on ∂S .

ex. Let $f(x,y) = 9 - x^2 - y^2$ and define

$S = \text{graph}(f)$ on the domain $D = \{(x,y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 9\}$



Here $\partial S = \{(x,y,z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 9, z = 0\}$.

Verify Stokes Thm for the vector field

$$\vec{F} = (2z - y)\vec{i} + (x + z)\vec{j} + (3x - 2y)\vec{k}$$

Strategy: Calculate $\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S}$ and $\oint_{\partial S} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}$ separately and verify equality.

Solution: First, we calculate $\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S}$.

Here ~~the~~ S is parameterized by ~~the~~ (x,y) since it is the graph of $z = f(x,y) = 9 - x^2 - y^2$.

and oriented as such.

Solution (cont'd.)

$$\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_D (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot (\vec{T}_x \times \vec{T}_y) dx dy$$

In parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \nabla \times \vec{F} &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 2z-y & x+z & 3x-2y \end{vmatrix} = (-2-1)\vec{i} - (3-2)\vec{j} \\ &\quad + (1-(-1))\vec{k} \\ &= -3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \vec{T}_x \times \vec{T}_y &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & 0 & -2x \\ 0 & 1 & -2y \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2x\vec{i} + 2y\vec{j} + \vec{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S} &= \iint_D \left(\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) dx dy \\ &= \int_{-3}^3 \int_{-\sqrt{9-x^2}}^{\sqrt{9-x^2}} (-6x-2y+2) dy dx \\ &= \int_{-3}^3 \left(-6xy - y^2 + 2y \Big|_{-\sqrt{9-x^2}}^{\sqrt{9-x^2}} \right) dx \\ &= \int_{-3}^3 \left(-6x\sqrt{9-x^2} - 9 + x^2 + 2\sqrt{9-x^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (-6x(-\sqrt{9-x^2}) - 9 + x^2 + 2(-\sqrt{9-x^2})) \right) dx \\ &= \int_{-3}^3 -12x\sqrt{9-x^2} dx + \int_{-3}^3 4\sqrt{9-x^2} dx \end{aligned}$$

Solution (cont'd)

Here the first interval is 0 since $-12x\sqrt{1-x^2}$ is an odd function. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 3\cos u \\ dx &= -3\sin u \, du \\ x=3 \quad u=0 \\ x=-3 \quad u=\pi \end{aligned} \quad \int_{\pi}^0 4\sqrt{9-9\cos^2 u} (-3\sin u) \, du = \int_0^{\pi} 36\sin^2 u \, du$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} 36\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\cos 2u\right) \, du = 18\left(u - \frac{1}{2}\sin 2u\right)\Big|_0^{\pi}$$

$$= 18\pi.$$

Now we calculate $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$. Here $C = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 9\}$

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_C \vec{F}(\vec{c}(t)) \cdot \vec{c}'(t) \, dt \text{ where we parameterize}$$

$$C \text{ by } \vec{c}: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \vec{c}(t) = (3\cos t, 3\sin t, 0). \text{ Then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \vec{F}(3\cos t, 3\sin t, 0) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -3\sin t \\ 3\cos t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \, dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \begin{bmatrix} -3\sin t \\ 3\cos t \\ 9\cos t - 6\sin t \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -3\sin t \\ 3\cos t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \, dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (9\sin^2 t + 9\cos^2 t) \, dt = \int_0^{2\pi} 9 \, dt = 9t\Big|_0^{2\pi} = 18\pi. \end{aligned}$$

Q: Which way was easier?

Some notes

- ① Suppose the surface in $\mathbb{R}^3$ has no boundary (like S^2 , or $\mathbb{T}^2$, etc). Then Stokes Thm says that

$$\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S} = \oint_{\partial S} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0.$$

The aggregate twisting effect of $\vec{F}$ on a surface with no boundary in $\mathbb{R}^3$ is 0.

- ② For a surface with boundary, the aggregate twisting effect of a vector field on a surface in $\mathbb{R}^3$ can be recovered by its circulation along the boundary.

This is the same as Green's Thm, although both the surface and the vector field now reside in $\mathbb{R}^2$.

Recall that when $\vec{F} = \nabla f$, the line integral of $\vec{F}$ along a curve $\vec{r}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ was

$$\int_{\vec{r}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a)) \quad (\text{FTC})$$

The value of the integral depended only on the endpoints of the curve.

And if the curve is closed, then $\int_{\vec{r}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$!!!

Def. A vector field $\vec{F}$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$ is called conservative if $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ for $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Thm The Following are Equivalent: For $\vec{F}$ a vector field on $\mathbb{R}^3$

(a) $\vec{F}$ is conservative.

(b) For C a simple closed curve, $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$

(c) For any 2 oriented simple curves ~~with~~ C_1 and C_2 with the same endpoints,

$$\int_{C_1} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_{C_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

(d) $\nabla \times \vec{F} = \vec{0}$.

Notes ① Hence gradient vector fields are
irrotational, and irrotational vector fields
are gradient fields, on $\mathbb{R}^3$

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