

SUMMARY. We review the fundamental theorem of line integrals, Green's theorem, Stokes theorem and Gauss theorem. These four results generalize the fundamental theorem of calculus and are all of the form

$$\int_R dF = \int_{dR} F, \text{ where } dR \text{ is the boundary of } R \text{ and } dF \text{ is a derivative of } F.$$

## INTEGRATION.

**Line integral:**  $\int_\gamma F \cdot ds = \int_a^b F(r(t)) \cdot r'(t) dt$

**Surface integral**  $\int \int_S f dS = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(X(u, v)) |X_u(u, v) \times X_v(u, v)| dudv$

**Flux integral:**  $\int \int_S F \cdot dS = \int_a^b \int_c^d F(X(u, v)) \cdot X_u(u, v) \times X_v(u, v) dudv$

**Double integral:**  $\int \int_R f dA = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dx dy.$

**Triple integral:**  $\int \int \int_R f dV = \int_a^b \int_c^d \int_o^p f(x, y, z) dx dy dz.$

**Area**  $\int \int_R 1 dA = \int \int_R 1 dx dy$

**Surface area**  $\int \int 1 dS = \int \int |X_u \times X_v| dudv$

**Volume**  $\int \int \int_B 1 dV = \int \int \int 1 dx dy dz$

## DIFFERENTIATION.

**Derivative:**  $f'(t) = \dot{f}(t) = d/dt f(t).$

**Partial derivative:**  $U_x(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x}(x, y, z).$

**Gradient:**  $\text{grad}(U) = (U_x, U_y, U_z)$

**Curl in 2D:**  $\text{curl}(F) = \text{curl}((P, Q)) = Q_x - P_y$

**Curl in 3D:**  $\text{curl}(F) = \text{curl}(P, Q, R) = (R_y - Q_z, P_z - R_x, Q_x - P_y)$

**Div:**  $\text{div}(F) = \text{div}(P, Q, R) = P_x + Q_y + R_z.$

## IDENTITIES.

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

$$\text{curl}(\text{grad}(U)) = (0, 0, 0)$$

LINE INTEGRAL THEOREM. If  $\gamma : t \mapsto r(t), t \in [a, b]$  is a curve and  $U$  is a function either in 3D or the plane. Then

$$\int_\gamma \nabla U \cdot ds = U(r(b)) - U(r(a))$$

where  $\nabla U = \text{grad}(U)$  is the gradient of  $U$ .

## CONSEQUENCES.

- 1) If the curve is closed, then the line integral  $\int_\gamma \nabla U \cdot ds$  is zero.
- 2) If  $F = \nabla U$ , the line integral between two points  $P$  and  $Q$  does not depend on the chosen path.

## REMARKS.

1) The theorem holds in any dimension. In one dimension, it reduces to the **fundamental theorem of calculus**

$$\int_a^b U'(x) dx = U(b) - U(a)$$

2) The theorem justifies the name **conservative** for gradient vector fields.

3) In physics,  $U$  is the **potential energy** and  $\nabla U$  a **force**. The theorem says that for such forces we have **energy conservation**.

PROBLEM. Let  $U(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^4 + z$ . Find the line integral of the vector field  $F(x, y, z) = \nabla U(x, y, z)$  along the path  $r(t) = (\cos(5t), \sin(2t), t^2)$  from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 2\pi$ .

SOLUTION.  $r(0) = (1, 0, 0)$  and  $r(2\pi) = (1, 0, 4\pi^2)$  and  $U(r(0)) = 1$  and  $U(r(2\pi)) = 1 + 4\pi^2$ . Applying the fundamental theorem gives  $\int_\gamma \nabla U \cdot ds = U(r(2\pi)) - U(r(0)) = 4\pi^2$ .

GREEN'S THEOREM. If  $R$  is a region with boundary  $\gamma$  and  $F = (P, Q)$  is a vector field, then

$$\iint_R \text{curl}(F) dA = \int_\gamma F \cdot ds$$

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

## REMARKS.

1) The theorem can be used to calculate two dimensional integrals by a one dimensional integral along a curve. Sometimes, however, it is used to evaluate line integrals by evaluating 2D integrals.

2) The curve is oriented in such a way that the region is to your left.

3) The region has to have piecewise smooth boundaries (i.e. it should not look like the Mandelbrot set).

4) If  $\gamma : t \mapsto r(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ , the line integral is  $\int_a^b (P(x(t), y(t)), Q(x(t), y(t))) \cdot (x'(t), y'(t)) dt$ .

5) Green's theorem was found by George Green (1793-1841) in 1827 and by Michel Ostogradski (1801-1861).

**CONSEQUENCES.**

- 1) If  $\text{curl}(F) = 0$  everywhere in space or the plane, then the line integral along a closed curve is zero. If two curves connect two points then the line integral along those curves agrees.
- 2) Taking  $F(x, y) = (-y, 0)$  gives an **area formula**  $\text{Area}(R) = \int -y \, dx$ . Similarly  $\text{Area}(A) = \int x \, dy$ .

**PROBLEM.** Find the line integral of the vector field  $F(x, y) = (x^4 + \sin(x) + y, x + y^3)$  along the path  $r(t) = (\cos(t), 5 \sin(t) + \log(1 + \sin(t)))$ , where  $t$  runs from  $t = 0$  to  $t = \pi$ .

**SOLUTION.**  $\text{curl}(F) = 0$  implies that the line integral depends only on the end points  $(0, 1), (0, -1)$  of the path. Take the simpler path  $r(t) = (-t, 0), t = [-1, 1]$ , which has velocity  $r'(t) = (-1, 0)$ . The line integral is  $\int_{-1}^1 (t^4 - \sin(t), -t) \cdot (-1, 0) \, dt = -t^5/5|_{-1}^1 = -2/5$ .

**REMARK.** We could also find a potential  $U(x, y) = x^5/5 - \cos(x) + xy + y^5/4$ . It has the property that  $\text{grad}(U) = F$ . Again, we get  $U(0, -1) - U(0, 1) = -1/5 - 1/5 = -2/5$ .

**STOKES THEOREM.** If  $S$  is a surface in space with boundary  $\gamma$  and  $F$  is a vector field, then

$$\int \int_S \text{curl}(F) \cdot dS = \int_{\gamma} F \cdot ds$$

**REMARKS.**

- 1) Stokes theorem reduces to Greens theorem if  $F$  is  $z$  independent and  $S$  is contained in the  $z$ -plane.
- 2) The orientation of  $\gamma$  is such that if you walk along  $\gamma$  and have your head in the direction, where the normal vector  $X_u \times X_v$  of  $S$  points, then you have the surface to your left.
- 3) Stokes theorem was found by André Ampère (1775-1836) in 1825. It was rediscovered by George Stokes (1819-1903).

**CONSEQUENCES.**

- 1) The flux of the curl of a vector field does not depend on the surface  $S$ , only on the boundary of  $S$ . This is analogue to the fact that the line integral of a gradient field only depends on the end points of the curve.
- 2) The flux of the curl through a closed surface like the sphere is zero: the boundary of such a surface is empty.

**PROBLEM.** Compute the line integral of  $F(x, y, z) = (x^3 + xy, y, z)$  along the polygonal path  $\gamma$  connecting the points  $(0, 0, 0), (2, 0, 0), (2, 1, 0), (0, 1, 0)$ .

**SOLUTION.** The path  $\gamma$  bounds a surface  $S : X(u, v) = (u, v, 0)$  parameterized by  $R = [0, 2] \times [0, 1]$ . By Stokes theorem, the line integral is equal to the flux of  $\text{curl}(F)(x, y, z) = (0, 0, -x)$  through  $S$ . The normal vector of  $S$  is  $X_u \times X_v = (1, 0, 0) \times (0, 1, 0) = (0, 0, 1)$  so that  $\int \int_S \text{curl}(F) \, dS = \int_0^2 \int_0^1 (0, 0, -u) \cdot (0, 0, 1) \, dudv = \int_0^2 \int_0^1 -u \, dudv = -2$ .

**GAUSS THEOREM.** If  $S$  is the boundary of a region  $B$  in space with boundary  $S$  and  $F$  is a vector field, then

$$\int \int \int_B \text{div}(F) \, dV = \int \int_S F \cdot dS$$

where  $\text{div}(F)$  is the divergence of  $F$ .

**REMARKS.**

- 1) Gauss theorem is also called **divergence theorem**.
- 2) Gauss theorem is helpful to determine the flux of vector fields through surfaces.
- 3) Gauss theorem was discovered in 1764 by Joseph Louis Lagrange (1736-1813), later it was rediscovered by Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777-1855) and by George Green.

**CONSEQUENCES.**

- 1) For divergence free vector fields  $F$ , the flux through a closed surface is zero. Such fields  $F$  are also called **incompressible** or **source free**.

**PROBLEM.** Compute the flux of the vector field  $F(x, y, z) = (-x, y, z^2)$  through the boundary  $S$  of the rectangular box  $[0, 3] \times [-1, 2] \times [1, 2]$ .

**SOLUTION.** By Gauss theorem, the flux is equal to the triple integral of  $\text{div}(F) = 2z$  over the box:  $\int_0^3 \int_{-1}^2 \int_1^2 2z \, dx \, dy \, dz = (3 - 0)(2 - (-1))(4 - 1) = 27$ .