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§16.5: Div, Grad, Curl and all that (look, Google)

Let $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$.
 $f = f(x, y, z)$

The gradient of f is the vector field

$$\text{grad}(f) = \underline{\nabla} f = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right\rangle = \underbrace{\left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right\rangle}_{\text{gradient operator}} f$$

$\nabla = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right\rangle$ is the gradient operator: $\nabla: \text{functions} \rightarrow \text{vector fields}$

Let $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle p(x, y, z), a(x, y, z), R(x, y, z) \rangle$

$$\text{or } \vec{F} = \langle p, a, R \rangle.$$

Defn. The curl of $\vec{F}$ is the vector field defined by

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \text{curl}(\vec{F}) = \nabla \times \vec{F}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right\rangle \times \langle p, a, R \rangle$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ p & a & R \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial a}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial a}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right\rangle$$

Ex. $\vec{F} = \langle 1, x+y, xy-\sqrt{z} \rangle$

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ 1 & x+y & xy-\sqrt{z} \end{vmatrix} = \langle x, -y, 1 \rangle$$

Thm. Let f be function in $\mathbb{R}^3$ such that all second partials are continuous.

$$\text{Then } \text{curl}(\nabla f) = \vec{0}$$

In other words, if $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ is conservative, then $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{0}$.

Proof. $f, \nabla f = \langle \partial_x f, \partial_y f, \partial_z f \rangle$
Now take the curl:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{curl}(\nabla f) &= \nabla \times (\nabla f) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ \partial_x f & \partial_y f & \partial_z f \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \langle \partial_y \partial_z f - \partial_z \partial_y f, \partial_z \partial_x f - \partial_x \partial_z f, \partial_x \partial_y f - \partial_y \partial_x f \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Now by Clairaut's Thm, we get

$$= \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle = \vec{0}. \quad \square$$

Thm. If $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{0}$, then $\vec{F}$ is conservative!

$$\text{Together, } \text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow \vec{F} \text{ is conservative} \Leftrightarrow \vec{F} = \nabla f$$

Ex. $\vec{F} = \langle 2xy, x^2 + 2yz, y^2 \rangle$

$\nabla f = \langle \partial_x f, \partial_y f, \partial_z f \rangle$

Conservative? γ

Potential function?

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ 2xy & (x^2 + 2yz) & y^2 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 2y - 2y, 0 - 0, 2x - 2x \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle = \vec{0}$$

Conservative!

$$\int \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx = \int 2xy dx$$

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 y + \underline{C_1(y, z)}$$

$$f = \int x^2 + 2yz dy = x^2 y + y^2 z + \cancel{C_2(x, z)}$$

$$f = \int y^2 dz = y^2 z + \underline{C_3(x, y)}$$

So the potential function for this $\vec{F}$ is

$$\boxed{f(x, y, z) = x^2 y + y^2 z}$$

Ex. Let $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$. ^{2D} Is $\vec{F}$ conservative?

$$P = P(x, y)$$

$$Q = Q(x, y)$$

Extend $\vec{F}$ to $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q, 0 \rangle$

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ P & Q & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \left\langle -\frac{\partial Q}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial P}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right\rangle = \langle 0, 0, \underline{\underline{\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}}} \rangle$$

so $\vec{F}$ is conservative if ^{and} only if $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 0$,
or

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}.$$

This is the same criteria we found last week!

Defn. Let $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q, R \rangle$ be a smooth vector field on $\mathbb{R}^3$.
The divergence of $\vec{F}$ is the function defined by

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \langle \partial_x, \partial_y, \partial_z \rangle \cdot \langle P, Q, R \rangle$$

$$= \partial_x P + \partial_y Q + \partial_z R \quad \leftarrow \text{a function!}$$

Ex. $\vec{F} = \langle 1, x+y, xy-\sqrt{z} \rangle$ find $\operatorname{div}(\vec{F})$.

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = \partial_x(1) + \partial_y(x+y) + \partial_z(xy-\sqrt{z})$$

$$= 0 + 1 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{z}}$$

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = 1 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{z}}.$$

Thm. If $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q, R \rangle$ is ^{vector} field such that P, Q, R have continuous 2nd derivatives, then

$$\operatorname{div}(\operatorname{curl} \vec{F}) = 0$$

Proof. FTIS.

Start w/ $\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} = \left\langle \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right\rangle$, then
take div .

Defn. Let f be a smooth function in $\mathbb{R}^3$ w/ continuous 2nd derivatives. The Laplacian of f is the function defined by

$$\Delta f = \operatorname{div}(\operatorname{grad} f) = \nabla \cdot \nabla f = \nabla^2 f$$

$$f = f(x, y, z)$$

$$\nabla f = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right\rangle$$

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla f = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right\rangle$$

$$\boxed{\Delta f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}}$$

Defn. A function f is said to be harmonic if $\Delta f = 0$.

Ex. $f(x, y) = e^x \sin y$ is harmonic.

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \neq 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = e^x \sin y$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = e^x \sin y$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = e^x \cos y \quad + \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -e^x \sin y$$

$$\Delta f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Ex (FTIS) $\Delta f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$ in $\mathbb{R}^2$ in rectangular coords.

Write Δf in polar coords. ☺

Green's Theorem, Revisited

$\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ a vector field

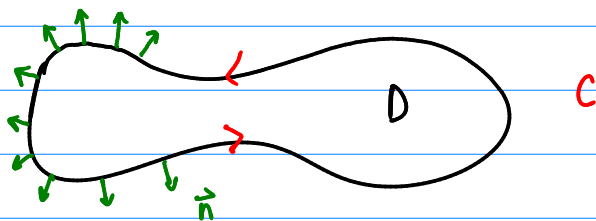
Domain D bounded by C , w/ $C: \vec{r}(t)$.

Thm. $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_D \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dA$

This thm can be rewritten in various forms:

1. $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_D (\text{curl } \vec{F}) \cdot \vec{k} dA$ w/ $\vec{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$.
and $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q, 0 \rangle$

2. The normal vector field along the boundary C is the unit vector field orthogonal to $\vec{T}$, pointing outward from the bounded region.



If $\vec{r} = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$, then $\vec{n}(t) = \frac{1}{\|\dot{\vec{r}}(t)\|} \langle \dot{y}(t), -\dot{x}(t) \rangle$

Green's Thm: $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} ds = \iint_D \text{div } \vec{F} dA$

Proof: $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$, $\vec{n} = \frac{1}{\|\dot{\vec{r}}\|} \langle \dot{y}, -\dot{x} \rangle$, $ds = \|\dot{\vec{r}}\| dt$

$$\int_C \langle P, Q \rangle \cdot \langle \dot{y}, -\dot{x} \rangle \frac{1}{\|\dot{\vec{r}}\|} \|\dot{\vec{r}}\| dt$$

$$= \int_C \underbrace{P \dot{y} dt}_{dy} - \underbrace{Q \dot{x} dt}_{dx} = \int_C (-Q) dx + P dy$$

$$= \int_C \langle -Q, P \rangle \cdot d\vec{r} \quad \text{and usual Green's Theorem applies!}$$

$$\stackrel{GT}{=} \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} \right) dA = \iint_D \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} dA$$

$$\boxed{\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} ds = \iint_D \operatorname{div} \vec{F} dA}$$

on F_{in} !

Green's Identities : Integration by Parts. NEXT.