## Thursday, April 11 \*\* Green's Theorem

Green's Theorem is a 2-dimensional version of the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus: it relates the (integral of) a vector field **F** on the boundary of a region *D* to the integral of a suitable *derivative* of **F** over the whole of *D*.

- 1. Let *D* be the unit square with vertices (0,0), (1,0), (0,1), and (1,1) and consider the vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle P(x, y), Q(x, y) \rangle = \langle xy, x + y \rangle$ . See below right for a plot.
  - (a) For the curve  $C = \partial D$  oriented counterclockwise, directly evaluate  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ . Hint: to speed things up, have each group member focus on one side of *C*.
  - (b) Now compute  $\iint_D \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dA$ .
  - (c) Check that Green's Theorem works in this example.



2. Compute the line integral of  $F(x, y) = \langle x^3, 4x \rangle$  along the path *C* shown at right against a grid of unit-sized squares. To save work, use Green's Theorem to relate this to a line integral over the vertical path joining *B* to *A*. Hint: Look at the region *D* bounded by these two paths. Check your answer with the instructor.



3. Consider the quarter circle *C* shown below and the vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle 2xe^y, x + x^2e^y \rangle$ . The goal of this problem is to compute the line integral  $I_0 = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ .



- (a) Parameterize *C* and start directly expanding out  $I_0$  into an ordinary integral in *t* until you are convinced that finding  $I_0$  this way will be a highly unpleasant experience.
- (b) Check that **F** is *not* conservative, so we can't use that trick directly to compute  $I_0$ .
- (c) Find a function f(x, y) such that  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{G} + \nabla f$ , where **G** is the vector field  $\langle 0, x \rangle$ .
- (d) Argue geometrically that **G** integrates to 0 along any line segment contained in either the *x*-axis or the *y*-axis.
- (e) Use part (d) with Green's Theorem to show that  $\int_C \mathbf{G} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 4\pi$ .
- (f) Combine parts (c–e) with the Fundamental Theorem of Line Integrals to evaluate  $I_0$ . Check your answer with the instructor.
- 4. Consider the shaded region *V* shown, bounded by a circle  $C_1$  of radius 5 and two smaller circles  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  of radius 1. Suppose  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle P, Q \rangle$  is a vector field where  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 2$  on *V*. Assuming in addition that  $\int_{C_2} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 3\pi$  and  $\int_{C_3} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 4\pi$ , compute  $\int_{C_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ . Check your answer with the instructor.



- 5. Suppose *D* is a region in the plane bounded by a closed curve *C*. Use Green's Theorem to show that both  $\int_C x \, dy$  and  $-\int_C y \, dx$  are equal to Area(*D*).
- 6. The curve satisfying  $x^3 + y^3 = 3xy$  is called the *Folium of Descartes* and is shown at right.
  - (a) Let *C* be the "bulb" part of this folium, more precisely, the part in the positive quadrant. Show that any line *y* = *tx* for *t* > 0 meets *C* in exactly two points, one of which is the origin. Use this fact to parameterize *C* by taking the slope *t* as the parameter.
  - (b) Use part (a) and Problem 5 to compute the area bounded by *C*. Check your answer with the instructor.

