

Stokes' and Gauss' Theorems

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Stokes' Theorem

Let S be a bounded, piecewise smooth oriented surface in \mathbb{R}^3 . Assume ∂S consists of simple closed curves oriented consistently with S . Let \mathbf{F} be a C^1 vector field. Then

$$\iint_S \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

Gauss' Theorem

Let W be a bounded solid region in \mathbb{R}^3 whose boundary ∂W consists of smooth, closed orientable surfaces, each oriented so that \mathbf{n} (unit normal) points **away** from W . Let \mathbf{F} be a class C^1 vector field. Then

$$\iint_{\partial W} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iiint_W \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV$$

Surface Independence

Let \mathbf{G} be a vector field defined on a region R in \mathbb{R}^3 . If either

(a) $\mathbf{G} = \text{curl } \mathbf{F}$ for some \mathbf{F} or

(b) $\text{div } \mathbf{G} = 0$ and R is all of \mathbb{R}^3 , then

$$\iint_{S_1} \mathbf{G} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iint_{S_2} \mathbf{G} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

whenever S_1 and S_2 are two oriented surfaces in R such that $\partial S_1 = \partial S_2$.

Path Independence and FT of line integrals

A vector field \mathbf{F} on a region in \mathbb{R}^n is the gradient of a some function if and only if, for any two paths C_1 and C_2 with the same endpoints

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