

**Theorem 275** (Green's Theorem) Let  $B$  be a closed plane region bounded by a simple curve  $C$ . If the vector field  $F(x, y) = P(x, y)i + Q(x, y)j$  is continuously differentiable (i.e.,  $P$  and  $Q$  have continuous first partial derivatives) if  $C$  is traversed in the counter-clockwise direction then

$$\begin{aligned}\oint_C F \cdot dr &= \int_C P(x, y) dx + Q(x, y) dy \\ &= \iint_B \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dx dy\end{aligned}$$

**Example 276** Evaluate  $I = \oint_C 2xy^3 dx + 4x^2y^2 dy$ , where  $C$  is the boundary of the region  $B$  bounded by the curve  $y = x^3$ , the line  $x = 1$  and  $x$ -axis. ( $C$  is directed in the positive direction)

**Solution 277**  $P(x, y) = 2xy^3$  and  $Q(x, y) = 4x^2y^2$ .  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 8xy^2 - 6xy^2 = 2xy^2$

$$\begin{aligned}I &= \oint_C 2xy^3 dx + 4x^2y^2 dy = \iint_B \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dx dy \\ &= \iint_B 2xy^2 dx dy = \int_0^1 \int_0^{x^3} 2xy^2 dx dy = \frac{2}{33}\end{aligned}$$

## 9.4 Applications of Line Integrals

### 9.4.1 Area

Let assume that  $B$  is a simple region in  $xy$ - plane and  $C$  is a boundary curve of  $B$  which is traversed in the counter clockwise direction. Then by using Green's Formula we get the area of region  $B$  bounded by closed curve  $C$  as

$$A = \int_C x dy = \iint_B dx dy$$

$$A = \int_C -y dx = \iint_B dx dy$$

If we sum these equations we find

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_C x dy - y dx$$

**Example 278** Find the area of a circle with radius  $a$  by using line integrals.

**Solution 279** Lets first write the parametric equation of circle.

$$C : r(t) = a \cos t i + a \sin t j, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2} \int_C x dy - y dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} [(a \cos t)(a \cos t) + (a \sin t)(a \sin t)] dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} a^2 dt = \pi a^2 \text{ units}^2 \end{aligned}$$

### 9.4.2 Length of a Curve

If  $C$  is a smooth curve and  $f$  is an integrable function defined on  $C$ , then the length of the curve is

$$L = \int_C dl.$$

**Example 280** Find the arclength of the following curve.

$$r(t) = ti + \frac{3}{2}t^2j + \frac{3}{2}t^3k, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2$$

**Solution 281**

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_C dl = \int_0^2 \|r'(t)\| dt \\ &= \int_0^2 \sqrt{1 + (3t)^2 + \left(\frac{9}{2}t^2\right)^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^2 \sqrt{\left(1 + \left(\frac{9}{2}t^2\right)\right)^2} dt = \int_0^2 \left(1 + \left(\frac{9}{2}t^2\right)\right) dt \\ &= \left(t + \frac{3}{2}t^3\right)_0^2 = 14 \text{ units} \end{aligned}$$

### 9.4.3 Mass and the center of a Mass

Let assume a wire on the curve  $C$ . If the density of this wire on the point  $(x, y, z)$   $\sigma(x, y, z)$  is continuous then the mass is

$$M = \int_C \sigma(x, y, z) dl.$$

The center of a mass of a wire given by

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{M} \int_C x \sigma(x, y, z) dl$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{M} \int_C y \sigma(x, y, z) dl$$

$$\bar{z} = \frac{1}{M} \int_C z \sigma(x, y, z) dl$$

**Example 282** Let assume a wire ring on a circle  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$  on  $xy$ -plane. If the density of this ring on the point  $(x, y)$  is  $\sigma(x, y) = |x| + \frac{a}{\pi}$ , then evaluate the mass and the coordinates of the center of mass of this ring.

**Solution 283** Since the wire on  $xy$ -plane  $\bar{z} = 0$ . The parametric equation of circle is

$$r(t) = a \cos t i + a \sin t j, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \int_C \sigma(x, y, z) dl = \int_C \left( |x| + \frac{a}{\pi} \right) dl = \int_0^{2\pi} \left( |a \cos t| + \frac{a}{\pi} \right) a dt \\ &= a \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int_0^{\pi/2} \left( a \cos t + \frac{a}{\pi} \right) dt + \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \left( -a \cos t + \frac{a}{\pi} \right) dt \\ + \int_{\pi}^{3\pi/2} \left( -a \cos t + \frac{a}{\pi} \right) dt + \int_{3\pi/2}^{2\pi} \left( a \cos t + \frac{a}{\pi} \right) dt \end{array} \right\} \\ &= 6a^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= \frac{1}{M} \int_C x \sigma(x, y, z) dl = \frac{1}{6a^2} \int_0^{2\pi} a^2 \cos t \left( |a \cos t| + \frac{a}{\pi} \right) dt \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y} &= \frac{1}{M} \int_C y \sigma(x, y, z) dl = \frac{1}{6a^2} \int_0^{2\pi} a^2 \sin t \left( |a \cos t| + \frac{a}{\pi} \right) dt \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

#### 9.4.4 Calculation of Work

Work done by a force  $F$  on an object moving along a curve  $C$  is described by the line integral

$$W = \int_C F \cdot dr$$

where  $dr$  is the unit tangent vector. If the force  $F$  given by

$$F(x, y, z) = P(x, y, z)i + Q(x, y, z)j + R(x, y, z)k$$

then the formula of work is given by

$$W = \int_C F \cdot dr = \int_C P(x, y, z) dx + Q(x, y, z) dy + R(x, y, z) dz$$

**Example 284** A particle is moving upwards under the influence of the force  $F$ ,

$$F(x, y, z) = -yzi + xzj + xyk$$

on the Helix curve

$$r(t) = \cos t i + \sin t j + tk.$$

Evaluate the work.

**Solution 285**

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \int_0^{2\pi} -yzdx + xzdy + xydz \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} [(-t \sin t (-\sin t)) + t \cos t (\cos t) + \cos t \sin t] dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (t + \cos t \sin t) dt \\ &= 2\pi^2 \end{aligned}$$