

## 4.4 Curl

$\nabla = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$  del or nabla differential operator

$F = (P, Q, R)$  vector field in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\text{curl}(F) = \nabla \times F = \det \begin{pmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ P & Q & R \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{curl}(F) = \left( \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right)$$

If  $F(x, y) = (P(x, y), Q(x, y))$  is a vector field in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  
extend  $F$  to a vector field in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$F(x, y, z) = (P(x, y), Q(x, y), 0)$$

Then  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} = 0$ ,  $R = 0$ , so

$$\text{curl}(F) = \left( 0, 0, \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\text{curl}(F) \cdot k = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \quad \text{called scalar curl of } F$$

Green's Thm

$$\iint_D \text{curl}(F) \cdot k \, dA = \int_{\partial D^+} F \cdot d\vec{s}$$

Examples of Curl

$$F(x, y, z) = (xy, -\sin z, 1)$$

$$\text{curl}(F) = \det \begin{pmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ xy & -\sin z & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 - (-\cos z) & -(0 - 0) & 0 - x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{curl}(F) = (\cos z, 0, -x) \quad /2$$

Geometric Interpretation of Curl:  $F =$  vector field

$\text{curl } F =$  vector field which points in direction of the axis of which

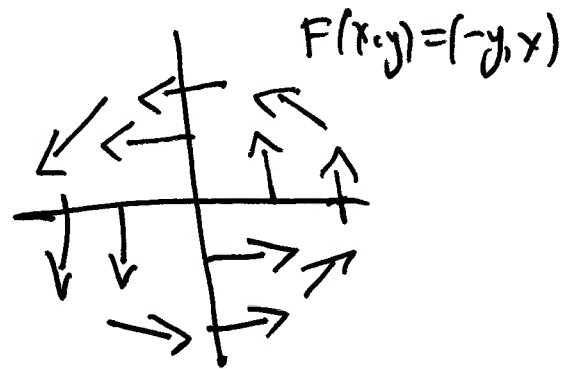
$F$  is rotating around at a point  
(twice the angular velocity of a rigid body that rotates as  $F$  does)

### Examples

(1)  $F(x, y, z) = (-y, x, 0)$

$$\text{curl}(F) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ -y & x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (0, -0 + 0, 1 - -1) = (0, 0, 2)$$



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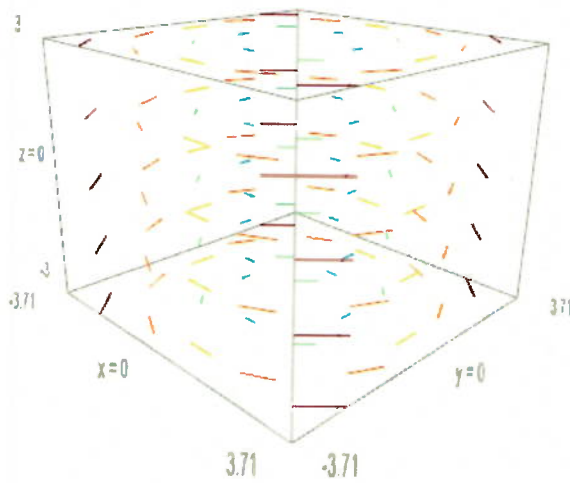
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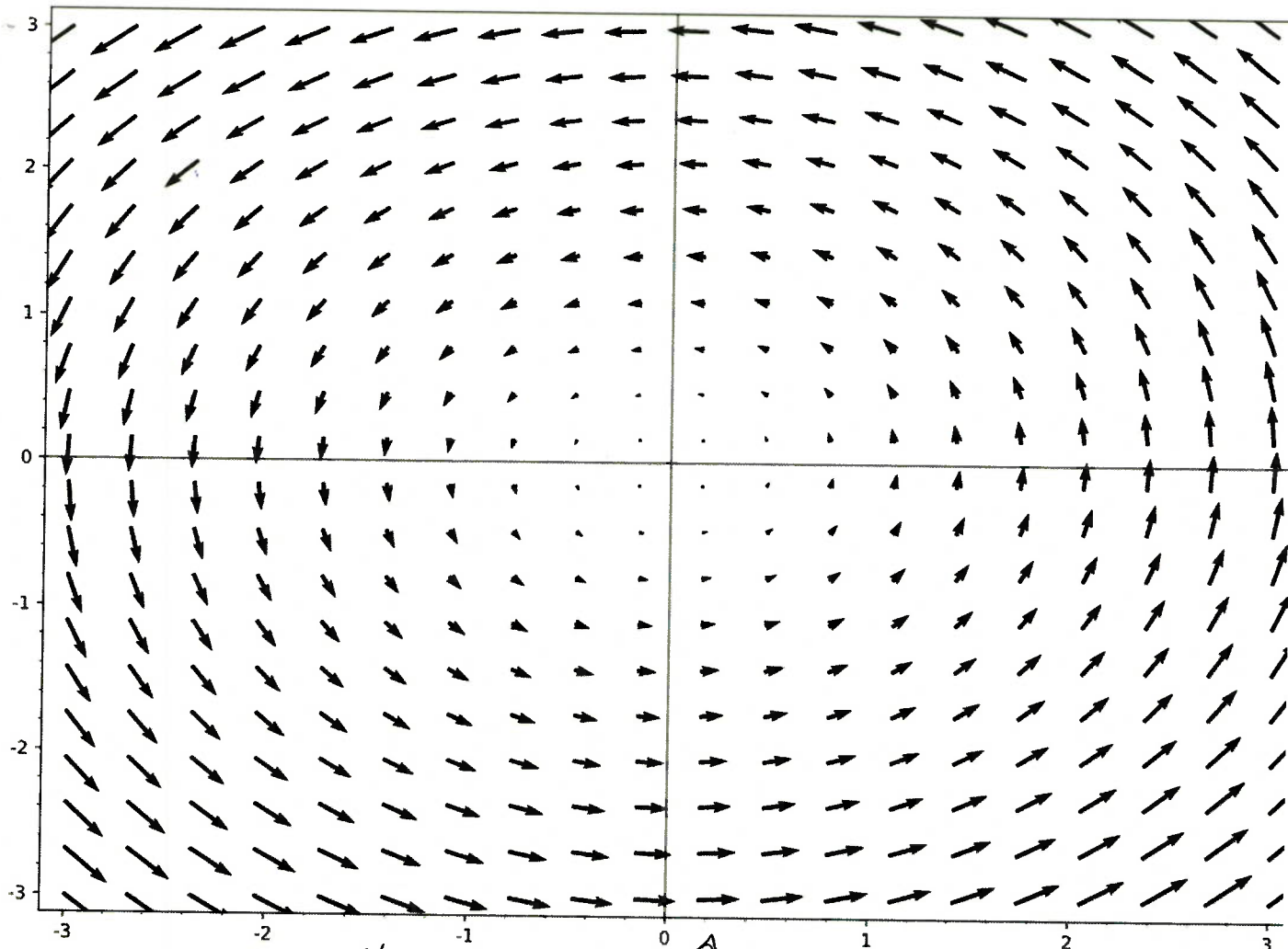
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1 x,y,z = var('x y z')
2 plot_vector_field3d((-y, x, 0), (x,-3,3), (y,-3,3), (z, -3, 3), figsize = 10)
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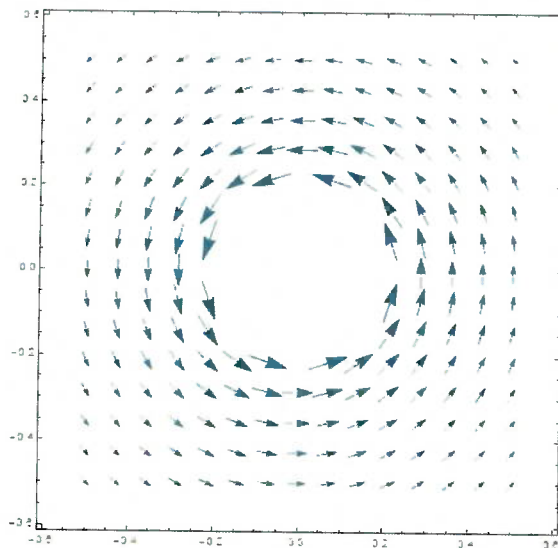


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$F(x,y) = (-y, x)$  ↗



$F(x,y) = \left( \frac{y}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{-x}{x^2+y^2} \right)$

↖ ~~Doesn't~~  
doesn't model  
rotation

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$$(2) \quad F(x, y, z) = (1, 2, 3)$$

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

$$(3) \quad F(x, y, z) = (x, y, z)$$

$$\text{curl}(F) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x & y & z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (0 - 0, -(0 - 0), 0 - 0)$$

$$= (0, 0, 0)$$

$$(4) \quad F(x, y, z) = \left( \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}, \frac{-x}{x^2 + y^2}, 0 \right)$$

$$\text{curl}(F) = \det \begin{pmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} & \frac{-x}{x^2+y^2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (0-0, -(0-0), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{-x}{x^2+y^2} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} \right))$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{-x}{x^2+y^2} \right) = \frac{(x^2+y^2) \cdot (-1) - (-x) \cdot (2x)}{(x^2+y^2)^2} = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2}$$

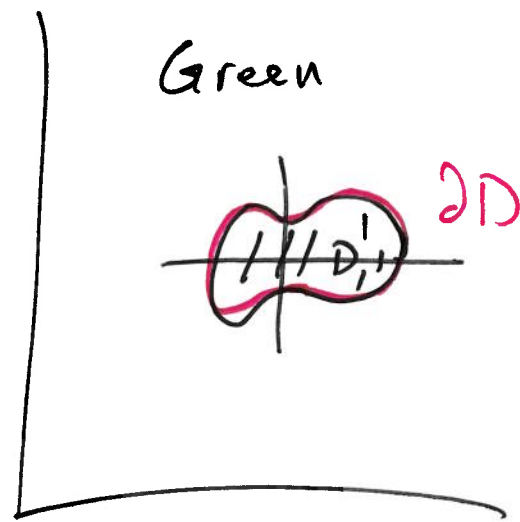
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} \right) = \frac{(x^2+y^2) \cdot (1) - y \cdot (2y)}{(x^2+y^2)^2} = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2}$$

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

## §. 2 Stokes Theorem

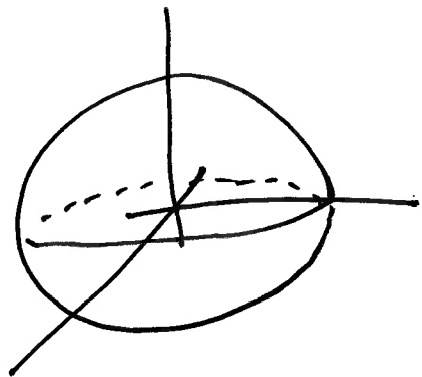
$S = \text{surface in } \mathbb{R}^3$

$\partial S = \text{boundary of } S$   
(curve that bounds  $S$ )



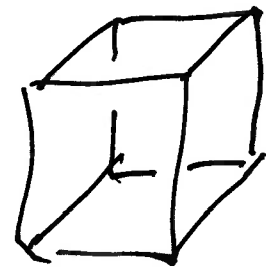
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①  $S = \text{sphere } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$



$\partial S = \text{nothing}$ , sphere has  
no boundary

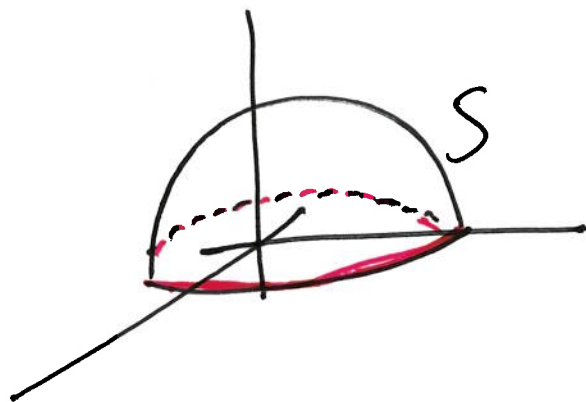
②  $S = \text{box} = [0,1] \times [0,1] \times [0,1]$   
surface of



$\partial S = \text{nothing}$   
no boundary

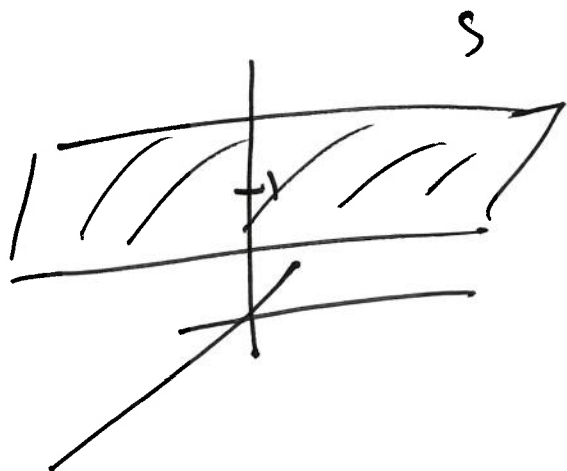


(3)  $S = \text{hemisphere } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1, z \geq 0$



$\partial S = \text{circle } x^2 + y^2 = 1, z = 0$

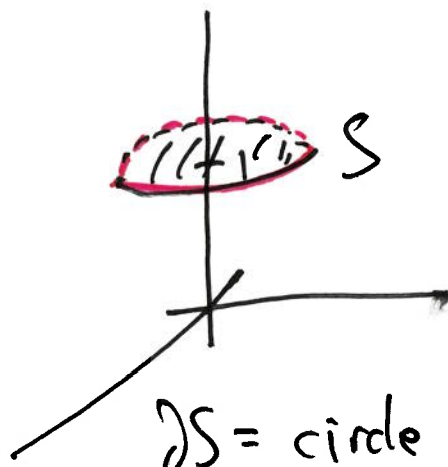
(4)  $S = \text{plane } z = 1$



$\partial S = \text{nothing}$

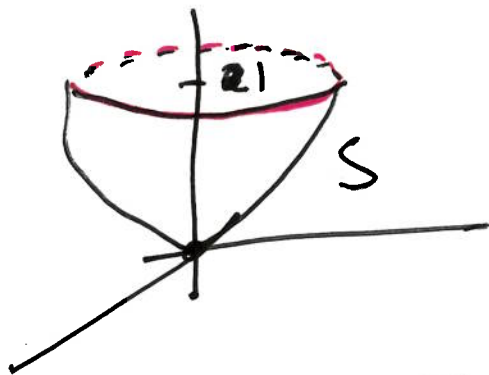
no boundary because goes forever in every direction

(5)  $S = \text{disk } z = 1, x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$



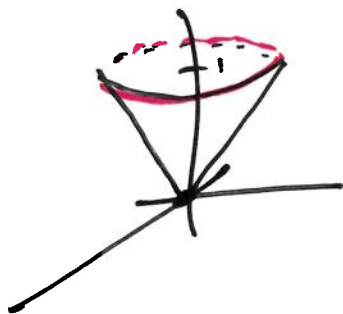
$\partial S = \text{circle } x^2 + y^2 = 1, z = 1$

(6)  $S = \text{graph of } z = x^2 + y^2, x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$



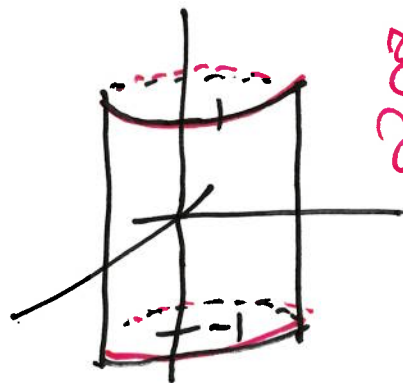
$\partial S: x^2 + y^2 = 1, z = 1$

(7)  $S = \text{cone } z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$



$\partial S: x^2 + y^2 = 1, z = 1$

(8)  $S = \text{cylinder}$   
 $x^2 + y^2 = 1$   
 $-1 \leq z \leq 1$



~~$\partial S:$~~   
 $\partial S: x^2 + y^2 = 1, z = 1$   
 and  
 $x^2 + y^2 = 1, z = -1$

## Stokes Theorem Preliminary Version

$S$  = surface,  $\partial S$  = boundary of  $S$ ,  $F$  = vector field in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\iint_S \text{curl}(F) \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_{\partial S} F \cdot d\vec{s}$$

Question: What's missing / wrong? What's the issue?

Answer: Both integrals are oriented integrals. (The orientations of  $S$  and  $\partial S$  matter.) We must give  $S$  and  $\partial S$  compatible orientations in order for equality to be true.

## Compatible Orientation

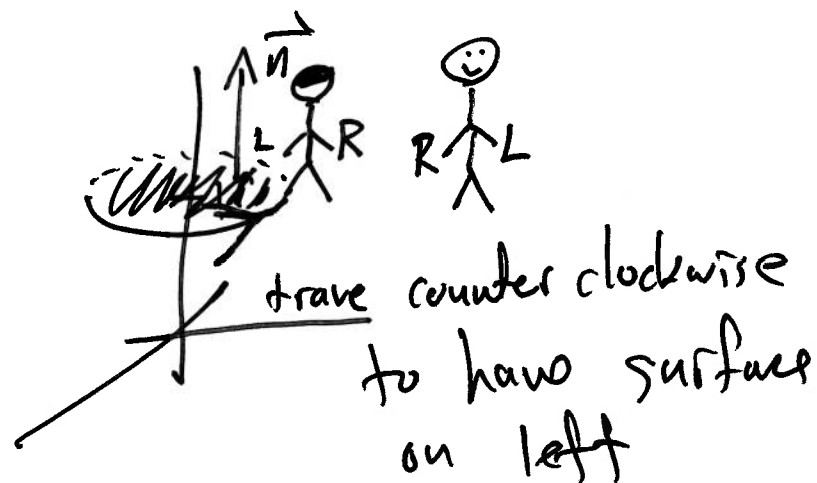
$S^+$  = oriented surface,  $\partial S$  = boundary of  $S$

Compatible orientation of  $\partial S$ : Give  $\partial S$  the orientation that if you are walking on  $\partial S$  with your head pointing in same direction of normal vector to  $S^+$ , then  $S$  is on your left.

$\partial S^+ = \partial S$  with compatible orientation.

### Example

$$S^+ = \{z=1, x^2+y^2 \leq 1\}$$
$$\vec{n} = (0, 0, 1)$$



$S^+$

$$z=1 \quad x^2+y^2 \leq 1$$

$$\vec{n} = (0, 0, -1)$$

