

## 16.4. Green's theorem

$F$  is <sup>(continuous)</sup> conservative  
vector field in  $\mathbb{R}^2$



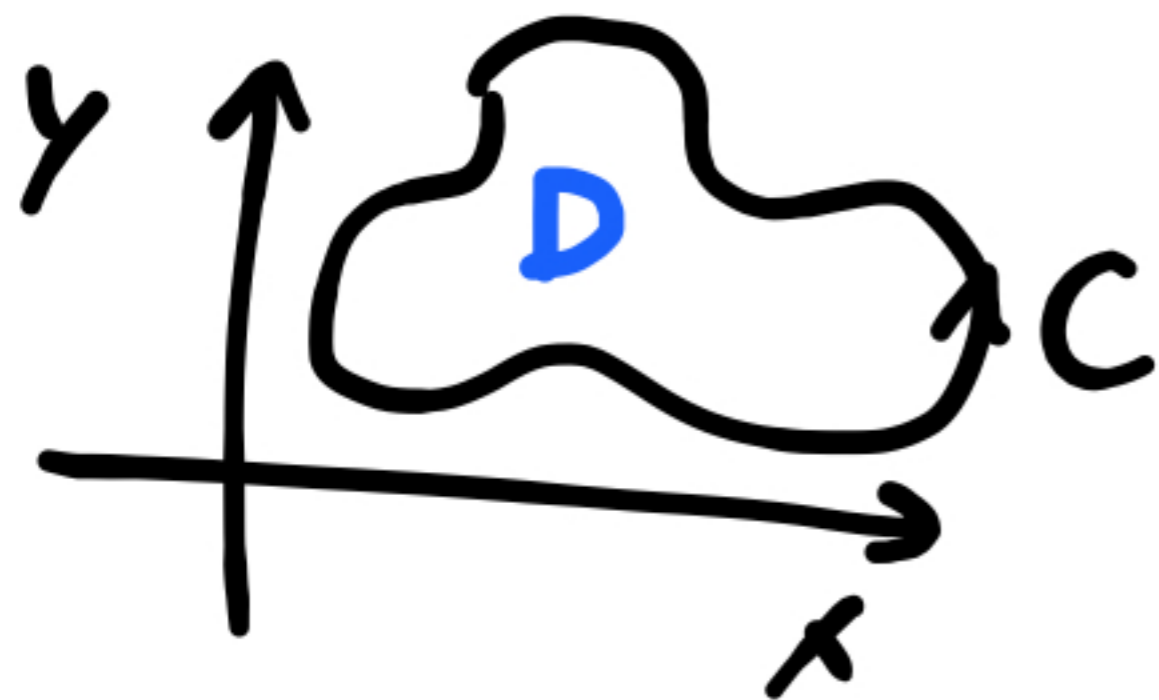
$$\int_C F \cdot dr = 0$$

for all  
closed loops  $C$ .

Then if  $F$  is not conservative,  
there should be some closed loop s.t.

$$\int_C F \cdot dr \neq 0.$$

If further  $F$  has continuous partials of its component functions, then  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \neq \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$   
(at least somewhere)



Question: Is there a relationship between line integral around  $C$  and a double integral over  $D$  bounded by  $C$ ?

Green's Theorem Let  $C$  be

positively oriented (= counterclockwise)  
(convention)

piecewise-smooth simple closed curve  $C$   
= no self-intersections  
and  $D$  be the region bounded by it.

Then

$$\int_C P dx + Q dy = \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

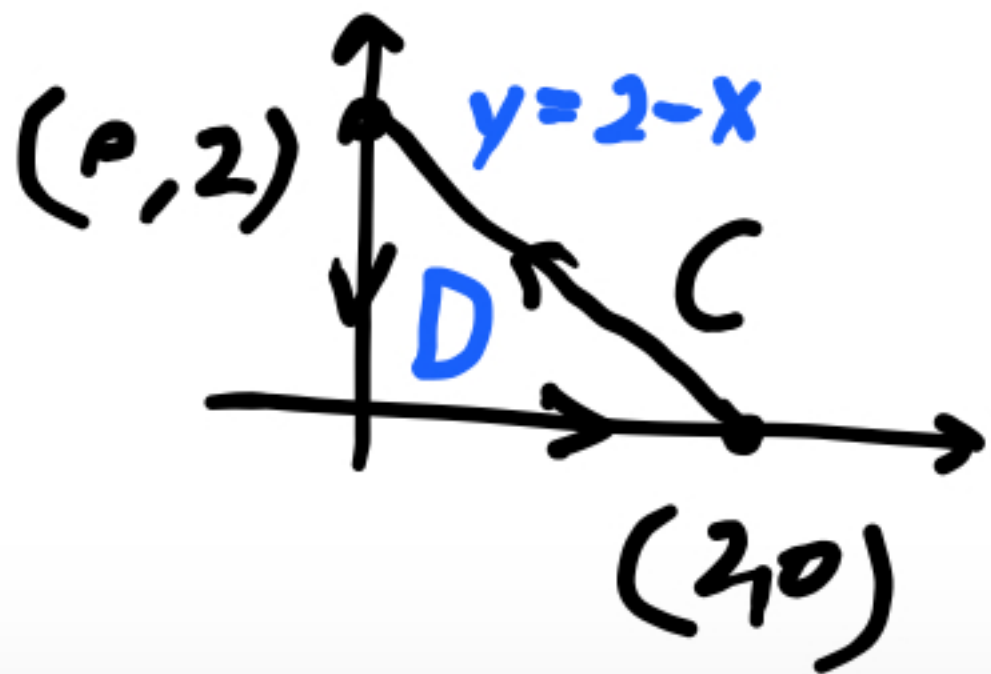
for  $\mathbf{F} = P\hat{i} + Q\hat{j}$

assuming  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$  are continuous.

Note if  $F$  is conservative, Green's theorem says  $0 = 0$ .

Remark Green's theorem "measures" the failure of the fundamental theorem for line integrals for non-conservative fields.

Example Find  $\int_C x^2 dx + xy^2 dy$  for



$$\int_C x^2 dx + xy^2 dy = \text{Green's}$$
$$= \iint \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA =$$

$$= \iint_D (y^2 - 0) \, dA \stackrel{\text{Fubini}}{=} \int_0^2 \int_0^{2-x} y^2 \, dy \, dx =$$

$$= \int_0^2 \left. \frac{y^3}{3} \right|_0^{2-x} dx = \int_0^2 \frac{(2-x)^3}{3} dx$$

$$= -\frac{(2-x)^4}{3 \cdot 4} \Big|_0^2 = \frac{2^4}{3 \cdot 4} = 4/3.$$

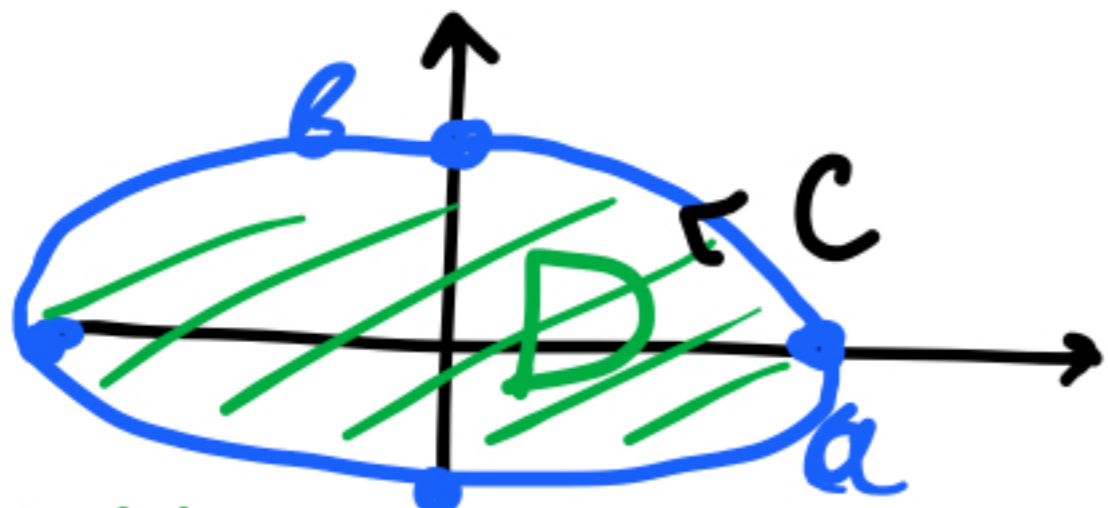
Example Find  $\oint_C (2y - x^x) dx + (x + \sqrt{y^{10} + y}) dy$ .

notation for pos. oriented s.c.c.

$$C: x^2 + y^2 = 4.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \oint_C \dots &= \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA = \\
 &= \iint_D (1 - 2) dA = \iint_D -1 dA = \\
 &= -1 \iint_D 1 dA = -1 \cdot \pi 2^2 = \\
 &= \boxed{-4\pi}
 \end{aligned}$$

Application Find the area enclosed by  
 ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ .



let's say  
 $P = y$   
 $Q = 2x$

$$\text{Area} = \iint_D \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}\right)} dA =$$

$$= \int_C P dx + Q dy =$$

$$= \int_C y dx + 2x dy =$$

$$\begin{cases} x = a \cos t \\ y = b \sin t \\ 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi \end{cases}$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} b \sin t \cdot (-a \sin t) dt + 2a \cos t \cdot b \cos t dt =$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} 2ab \cos^2 t - ab \sin^2 t dt$$

$$= ab \int_0^{2\pi} 2\cos^2 t - \sin^2 t dt =$$

Exercise

$$ab \int_0^{2\pi} 2 \cdot \frac{1 + \cos 2t}{2} - \frac{1 - \cos 2t}{2} dt =$$

$$= ab \int_0^{2\pi} 1 + \cos 2t - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\cos 2t}{2} dt =$$

$$= ab \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \cos 2t dt =$$

$$= ab \left[ \frac{t}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \sin 2t \right]_0^{2\pi} = \boxed{\pi ab}$$

