

## 10 Integral Theorems in $\mathbb{R}^2$

The aim of Sections 10 and 11 is the generalization of the fundamental theorem of calculus

$$\int_a^b f'(x) dx = f(b) - f(a)$$

and of integration by parts

$$\int_a^b u'v dx = - \int_a^b uv' dx + uv|_a^b$$

to multidimensional integrals. Here the question arises which (partial) differential operator will replace  $\frac{d}{dx}$  and which boundary terms will replace  $uv|_a^b$ .

### Definition

- (1) A mapping  $F : B \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is called a *vector field*.
- (2) Let  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be open and let  $F : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a  $C^1$ -vector field. Then the vector field

$$\operatorname{rot} F : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \quad \operatorname{rot} F(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_2 F_3 - \partial_3 F_2 \\ \partial_3 F_1 - \partial_1 F_3 \\ \partial_1 F_2 - \partial_2 F_1 \end{pmatrix} (x),$$

is called the *rotation* or *curl* of  $F$ .

- (3) Let  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be open and let  $F : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a  $C^1$ -vector field. Then the (scalar-valued) *rotation* or curl is defined by

$$\operatorname{rot} F(x) = \partial_1 F_2(x) - \partial_2 F_1(x).$$

Note that in this case  $\operatorname{rot} F$  equals the third component of  $\operatorname{rot} \tilde{F}$ , the rotation of the  $3D$ -vector field

$$\tilde{F}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (F_1(x_1, x_2), F_2(x_1, x_2), 0)^T.$$

### Examples

- (1) Vector fields occur e.g. as velocity fields in hydrodynamics, as displacement vectors of elastic bodies, as force fields in the theory of electromagnetism and of gravitation.
- (2) For

$$\omega = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad F(x) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_2 x_3 - \omega_3 x_2 \\ \omega_3 x_1 - \omega_1 x_3 \\ \omega_1 x_2 - \omega_2 x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

we get  $\operatorname{rot} F \equiv \omega$ . The velocity field  $F$  describes a *rigid body rotation* around the axis  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^3$  with angular velocity  $\frac{1}{2}|\omega|$ ,  $|\cdot| = \|\cdot\|_2$ .

- (3) Define the vector field  $F$  by the scalar  $C^2$ -potential function  $\varphi : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , i.e.,  $F(x) = \nabla\varphi(x)$ . Then  $\text{rot } F(x) \equiv 0$ ; in other words,

gradient fields are irrotational, in short:  $\text{rot grad} = 0$ .

- (4) The vector field  $F(x, y) = \frac{\omega}{2}(-y, x)^T$ ,  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$  describes a two-dimensional vortex around the origin with angular velocity  $\frac{\omega}{2}$ . Here  $\text{rot } F = \omega$ . For every disc  $B_r(0)$ ,  $r > 0$ , where  $\partial B_r(0)$  will be considered in the mathematically positive sense,

$$\int_{B_r(0)} \text{rot } F \, dx = \omega\pi r^2 = \int_{\partial B_r(0)} F \cdot dx .$$

It holds even for every compact rectangle  $R \subset \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\int_R \text{rot } F \, dx = \int_{\partial R} F \cdot dx .$$

**Definition** A function  $\varphi : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a *function of bounded variation* (in short: *BV-function*,  $\varphi \in BV[a, b]$ .) provided there exists a constant  $M \geq 0$  such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |\varphi(t_k) - \varphi(t_{k-1})| \leq M$$

for every partition  $P : a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = b$  of  $[a, b]$ . In this case

$$V(\varphi) = \sup_P \sum_{k=1}^n |\varphi(t_k) - \varphi(t_{k-1})|$$

is called the *total variation* of  $\varphi$  on  $[a, b]$ .

**Remark** Obviously the Mean Value Theorem shows that  $C^1[a, b] \subset BV[a, b]$ , but note that

$$C[a, b] \not\subset BV[a, b] \not\subset C[a, b] .$$

The function  $\varphi : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is of bounded variation iff the curve  $\gamma(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ \varphi(t) \end{pmatrix}$  is rectifiable; here, in contrast to the definition of paths, we do not require that a curve is continuous.

**Definition** A set  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is called a *BV-projected domain*, provided there exist continuous functions  $\varphi_1 \leq \varphi_2 \in BV[a, b]$  and  $\psi_1 \leq \psi_2 \in BV[c, d]$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : a \leq x \leq b, \varphi_1(x) \leq y \leq \varphi_2(x)\} \\ &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : c \leq y \leq d, \psi_1(y) \leq x \leq \psi_2(y)\} . \end{aligned}$$

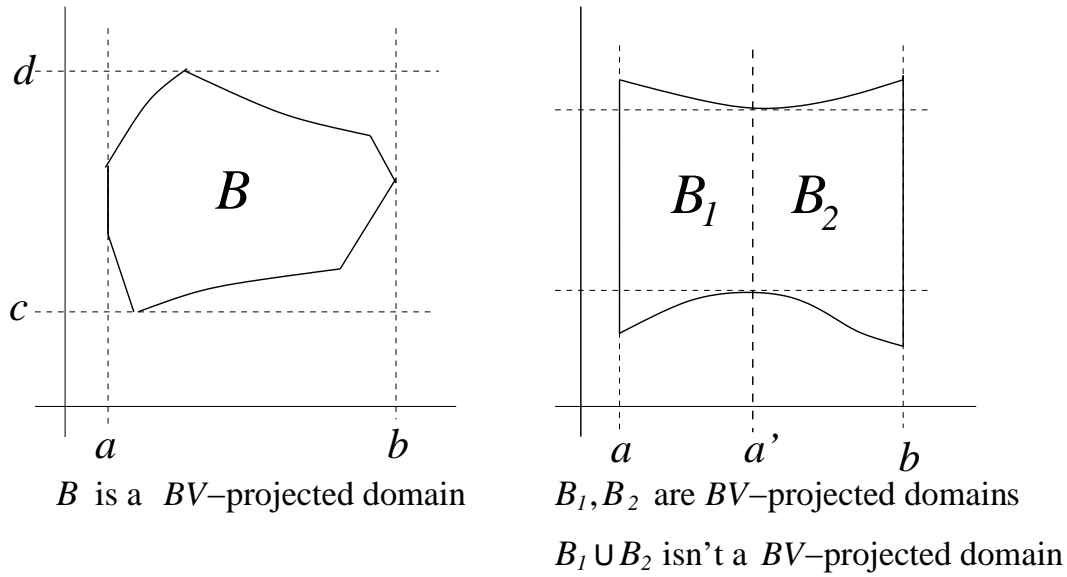


Fig. 10.1  $BV$ -projected domains

**Main Theorem 10.1 (Green's Theorem)** *Let  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be a  $BV$ -projected domain and let  $\gamma = \partial B$  be the positively oriented boundary of  $B$ , i.e., the closed curve  $\gamma$  will be considered in the mathematically positive sense. Then for every  $C^1$ -vector field  $F$  defined on an open set  $G \supset B$*

$$\boxed{\int_B \operatorname{rot} F(x) \, dx = \int_\gamma F(x) \cdot dx .}$$

**Proof** In a first step consider  $F(x) = \begin{pmatrix} P(x) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  yielding  $\operatorname{rot} F(x) = -\partial_2 P(x)$ . Since  $B$  is a  $BV$ -projected domain (with respect to the  $x$ -axis), we write  $\gamma = \partial B$  in the form  $\gamma = \gamma_1 \cup \gamma_2 \cup \gamma_3 \cup \gamma_4$  using the rectifiable curves

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1(t) &= \begin{pmatrix} t \\ \varphi_1(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad t \in [a, b]; & \gamma_2(t) &= \begin{pmatrix} b \\ \varphi_1(b) + t(\varphi_2(b) - \varphi_1(b)) \end{pmatrix}, \quad t \in [0, 1]; \\ \gamma_3^-(t) &= \begin{pmatrix} t \\ \varphi_2(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad t \in [a, b]; & \gamma_4^-(t) &= \begin{pmatrix} a \\ \varphi_1(a) + t(\varphi_2(a) - \varphi_1(a)) \end{pmatrix}, \quad t \in [0, 1]. \end{aligned}$$

Here the notation  $\gamma_3^-, \gamma_4^-$  means that the curves  $\gamma_3, \gamma_4$  originate from  $\gamma_3^-, \gamma_4^-$  by reversing the orientation, s. Fig. 10.2.

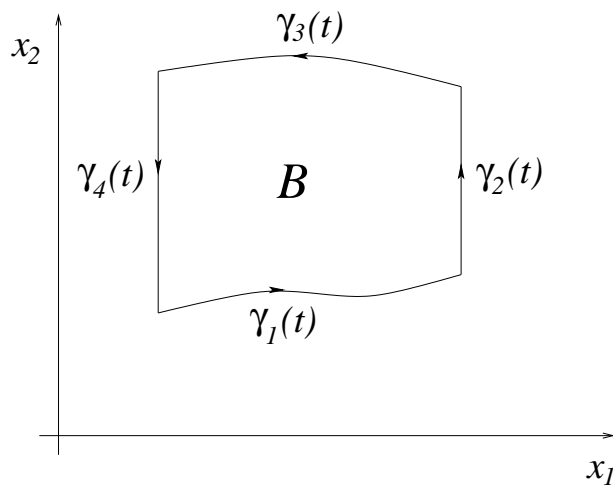


Fig. 10.2 The projected domain  $B$

Now Theorem 8.14 and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus yield

$$\begin{aligned} \int_B -\partial_2 P(x) dx &= \int_a^b \left( \int_{\varphi_1(x_1)}^{\varphi_2(x_1)} -\partial_2 P(x_1, x_2) dx_2 \right) dx_1 \\ &= \int_a^b (P(x_1, \varphi_1(x_1)) - P(x_1, \varphi_2(x_1))) dx_1 . \end{aligned}$$

For the first part of the right hand side we get that

$$\int_a^b P(t, \varphi_1(t)) dt = \int_{\gamma_1} \begin{pmatrix} P \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot dx ,$$

since for every partition  $P : a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = b$  the Riemann sum

$$\sum_k \begin{pmatrix} P(t_k, \varphi_1(t_k)) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} t_k - t_{k-1} \\ \varphi_1(t_k) - \varphi_1(t_{k-1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

approximating  $\int_{\gamma_1} (P, 0)^T \cdot dx$  is a Riemann sum of  $\int_a^b P(t, \varphi_1(t)) dt$  as well. Analogously

$$- \int_a^b P(t, \varphi_2(t)) dt = \int_{\gamma_3} (P, 0)^T \cdot dx .$$

Since  $\int_{\gamma_2} (P, 0)^T \cdot dx$  and  $\int_{\gamma_4} (P, 0)^T \cdot dx$  vanish, we get for  $F = (P, 0)^T$  that

$$\int_B \text{rot } F dx = \int_{\gamma} F \cdot dx .$$

Analogously we prove the assertion for the vector field  $F(x) = (0, Q(x))^T$  using that  $B$  is a  $BV$ -projected domain w.r.t. the  $y$ -axis. Now the Theorem is completely proved. ■

## Remarks

- (1) The meaning of Green's Theorem becomes evident when considering the projected domain  $B$  as a union  $B = \bigcup_i Q_i$  of many small non-overlapping squares  $Q_i$ . Replacing  $F(x)$  on  $Q_i$  by its linear approximation  $F(x) = F_i + a_i x + b_i x^\perp$  with constant  $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x^\perp = (-x_2, x_1)^T$ , we get that

$$\int_{Q_i} \operatorname{rot} F \, dx = \int_{Q_i} 2b_i \, dx = \int_{\partial Q_i} F \cdot dx ,$$

since  $F_i + a_i x = \nabla(F_i \cdot x + \frac{a_i}{2}|x|^2)$  has a potential function; consequently  $\operatorname{rot}(F_i + a_i x) = 0$  and  $\int_{\partial Q_i} (F_i + a_i x) \cdot dx = 0$ . Passing from  $Q_i$  to a neighboring square  $Q_j$  the integrals of the tangential parts of  $F$  along  $\partial Q_i \cap \partial Q_j$  vanish due to the opposite orientations of the boundaries and the continuity of  $F$ :

$$\int_{\partial Q_i \cap \partial Q_j} F|_{Q_i} \cdot dx + \int_{\partial Q_i \cap \partial Q_j} F|_{Q_j} \cdot dx = 0 .$$

Hence

$$\int_{Q_i \cup Q_j} \operatorname{rot} F \, dx \doteq \int_{\partial(Q_i \cup Q_j)} F \cdot dx$$

and, summing up, even  $\int_B \operatorname{rot} F \, dx = \int_{\partial B} F \cdot dx$ . Here the first integral yields the overall vorticity integrated on  $B$  and the second integral yields the tangential flux of  $F$  along  $\partial B$ .

- (2) For  $F = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ Q \end{pmatrix}$  Green's Theorem may also be written in the form

$$\int_B (\partial_x Q - \partial_y P) \, d(x, y) = \int_{\partial B} (P \, dx + Q \, dy) .$$

- (3) Let  $P(x, y) = -y$ ,  $Q(x, y) = x$  such that  $\operatorname{rot}(P, Q)^T = 2$ . Then Green's Theorem yields for a  $BV$ -projected domain  $B$  the formula

$$\boxed{|B| = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial B} (x \, dy - y \, dx)}$$

computing the area  $|B|$  of  $B$  by a line integral on  $\partial B$ .

**Corollary 10.2** Let  $G \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be open and let  $F : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a  $C^1$ -vector field. Suppose that the set  $B \subset G$  can be written as the union of two non-overlapping  $BV$ -projected domains with just one joint boundary component. Then

$$\int_B \operatorname{rot} F(x) \, dx = \int_\gamma F(x) \cdot dx ,$$

where  $\gamma = \partial B$  denotes the positively oriented boundary of  $B$ .

**Supplement:** The assertion also holds when  $B$  is the union of finitely many non-overlapping sets  $B_1, \dots, B_N$  such that every  $B_j$  is a  $BV$ -projected domain w.r.t. some Euclidean coordinate system obtained by a suitable rotation if necessary and such that  $B_j$  and  $B_{j+1}$  have just one joint boundary component for every  $1 \leq j \leq N - 1$ ; furthermore  $B_N$  and  $B_1$  are supposed to be disjoint.

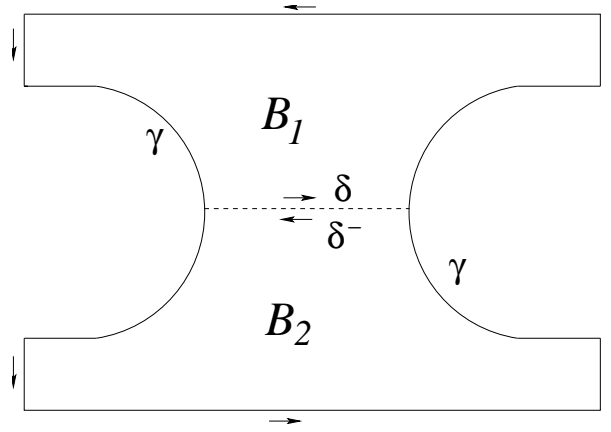


Fig. 10.3 Non-overlapping  $BV$ -projected domains

**Proof** Let  $\delta = \partial B_1 \cap \partial B_2$  be the joint, rectifiable boundary component of the decomposition of  $B = B_1 \cup B_2$  into  $BV$ -projected domains  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ . By Theorem 10.1 and Corollary 8.7

$$\begin{aligned} \int_B \operatorname{rot} F \, dx &= \int_{B_1} \operatorname{rot} F \, dx + \int_{B_2} \operatorname{rot} F \, dx \\ &= \int_{\partial B_1} F \cdot dx + \int_{\partial B_2} F \cdot dx . \end{aligned}$$

Since the sum of the line integrals  $\int_\delta F \cdot dx$  and  $\int_{\delta^-} F \cdot dx$  vanishes, we are left with the line integral  $\int_{\partial B} F \cdot dx$ . ■

### Definition

(1) Let  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be open and let  $F : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a  $C^1$ -vector field. Then

$$\operatorname{div} F : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R} , \quad \operatorname{div} F(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_i F_i(x)$$

(in short:  $\operatorname{div} F = \nabla \cdot F$ ) is called the *divergence* of  $F$ .

- (2) Let  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be a  $BV$ -projected domain, the positively oriented boundary  $\gamma = \partial B$  of which may be written as a piecewise  $C^1$ -path. If  $\gamma$  is continuously differentiable at  $t$ , we define the *exterior normal vector*  $N(t) = (\gamma'_2(t), -\gamma'_1(t))$  pointing outward, and, if  $\gamma'(t) \neq 0$ , the *exterior normal unit vector*

$$n(t) = \frac{N(t)}{|N(t)|};$$

as usual  $|\cdot| = \|\cdot\|_2$ .

### Remark

- (1) The divergence denotes the magnitude of a source or sink of a velocity field or of a force field. The velocity field  $F(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{x}{|x|^2}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ , describes a solenoidal, i.e. divergence-free flow in  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  with a source of magnitude 1 at the origin. The same assertion holds for the vector field  $F(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{x}{|x|^3}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$ .
- (2) A vector field of type  $F(x) = \text{rot } A(x)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is solenoidal, in short:

$$\text{div rot} = 0;$$

here the vector field  $A(x)$  is called a *vector potential* of  $F$ .

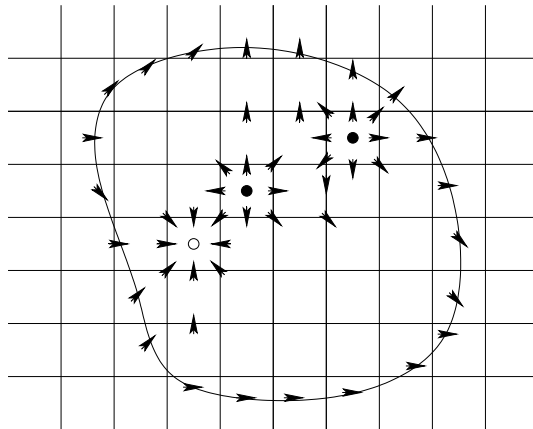


Fig. 10.4 Vector field with source, sink and flux on the boundary

**Main Theorem 10.3 (Gauss' Theorem in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ )** Let  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be a BV-projected domain the positively oriented boundary  $\gamma = \partial B$  of which is a piecewise regular  $C^1$ -path. Then for a  $C^1$ -vector field  $F : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined on an open set  $G \supset B$

$$\boxed{\int_B \operatorname{div} F(x) dx = \int_{\partial B} F(x) \cdot n(x) d\sigma(x),}$$

where, using a parameterization of  $\gamma$  on  $[a, b]$ ,

$$\int_{\partial B} F \cdot n d\sigma := \int_a^b F(\gamma(t)) \cdot n(\gamma(t)) |\gamma'(t)| dt.$$

**Remark**

- (1) The proof will show that Theorem 10.3 holds under similar assumptions as 10.1 or 10.2.
- (2) The new "line integral"  $\int_{\gamma} F \cdot n d\sigma$  is also written in the form  $\int_{\gamma} F \cdot n do$  or  $\int_{\gamma} F \cdot n dS$  using the area- or curve length element  $do = d\sigma = dS = |\gamma'(t)| dt$ .
- (3) In Gauß' Theorem  $\int_B \operatorname{div} F dx$  yields the overall magnitude of the source (or sink)  $\operatorname{div} F$  of  $F$  integrated on  $B$  while  $\int_{\partial B} F \cdot n d\sigma$  denotes the outward net flux of  $F$  through  $\partial B$ .

**Proof** For  $\tilde{F}(x) = (-F_2(x), F_1(x))^T$

$$\operatorname{rot} \tilde{F} = \partial_1 \tilde{F}_2 - \partial_2 \tilde{F}_1 = \partial_1 F_1 + \partial_2 F_2 = \operatorname{div} F.$$

Then 10.1 or 10.2 yield

$$\begin{aligned} \int_B \operatorname{div} F dx &= \int_B \operatorname{rot} \tilde{F} dx = \int_{\gamma} \tilde{F} \cdot dx = \int_a^b \tilde{F}(\gamma(t)) \cdot \gamma'(t) dt \\ &= \int_a^b (-F_2 \cdot \gamma'_1 + F_1 \cdot \gamma'_2) dt = \int_a^b F \cdot N dt \\ &= \int_a^b F \cdot n |\gamma'| dt = \int_{\partial B} F \cdot n d\sigma. \end{aligned}$$

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## 11 Integral Theorems in $\mathbb{R}^3$

Before generalizing Green's and Gauß' Theorem to three dimensions we define area and surface integrals in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Definition** Let  $K \neq \emptyset$  be a compact Jordan-measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , let  $G \supset K$  be open and let  $\phi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a  $C^1$ -map. Then

$$S = \{\phi(u) : u \in K\}$$

is called a *parametric surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with parametrization  $(\phi, K)$  and domain of parameters  $K$* . If for every parameter  $u \in G$  the functional matrix

$$D\phi(u) = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_1\phi_1 & \partial_2\phi_1 \\ \partial_1\phi_2 & \partial_2\phi_2 \\ \partial_1\phi_3 & \partial_2\phi_3 \end{pmatrix} (u)$$

has rank 2, i.e., the column vectors of  $D\phi(u)$  are linearly independent, the parametrization is called *regular* or *non-degenerate* at  $u \in G$ .

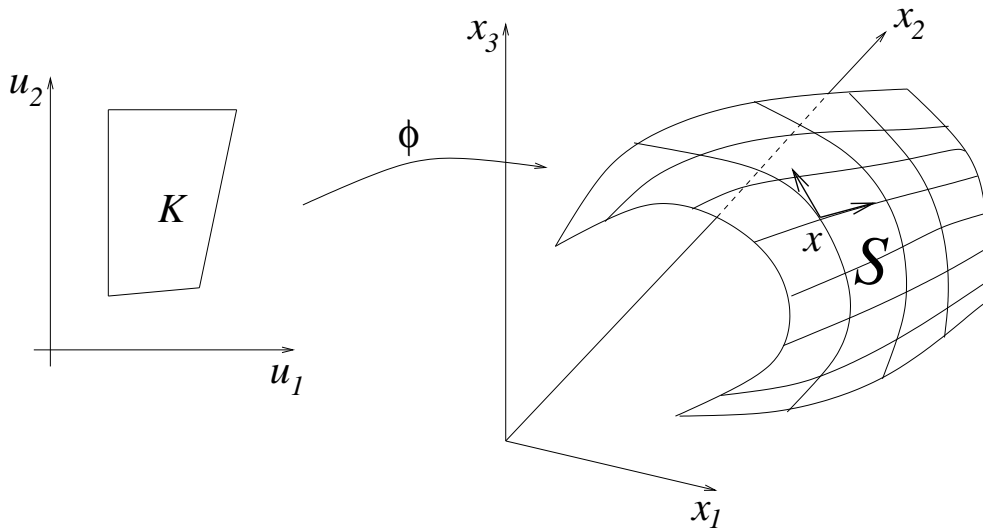


Fig. 11.1 A domain of parameters in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

**Remark** The condition on the rank of  $D\phi$  guarantees that at every point  $x = \phi(u)$  of the parametric surface  $S$  two linearly independent tangential vectors, namely  $\partial_1\phi(u)$  and  $\partial_2\phi(u)$ , exist. Using the vector product of  $\partial_1\phi$  and  $\partial_2\phi$  we will define the normal vector at  $x$ .

The *vector product*, also called *wedge product* or *exterior product*,

$$\wedge : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \quad x, y \longmapsto x \wedge y = \begin{pmatrix} x_2y_3 - x_3y_2 \\ x_3y_1 - x_1y_3 \\ x_1y_2 - x_2y_1 \end{pmatrix},$$

has the following properties (for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ):

- (i)  $x \wedge y = -y \wedge x, x \wedge x = 0$
- (ii)  $(\lambda x) \wedge y = x \wedge (\lambda y) = \lambda(x \wedge y)$
- (iii)  $x \wedge (y + z) = x \wedge y + x \wedge z, (x + y) \wedge z = x \wedge z + y \wedge z$
- (iv)  $|x \wedge y| = |x||y| \sin \angle(x, y)$

Since  $|y| \sin \angle(x, y)$  is the height of the parallelogram spanned by the vectors  $x$  and  $y$ , the Euclidean length  $|x \wedge y|$  of  $x \wedge y$  is the area of this parallelogram.

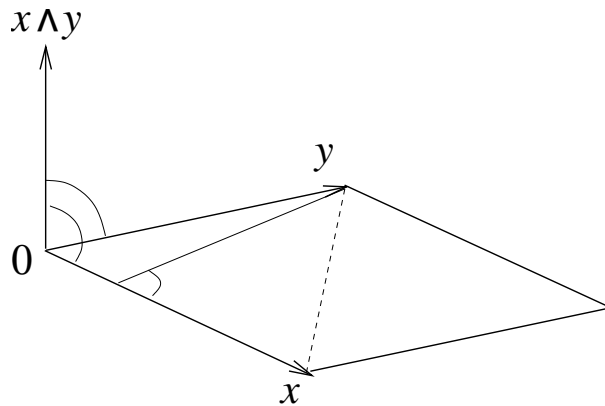


Fig. 11.2 The vector product

Hence  $\frac{1}{2}|x \wedge y|$  is the area of the triangle with vertices  $0, x$  and  $y$ .

- (v)  $x \wedge y = 0 \Leftrightarrow x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent
- (vi)  $\langle x, x \wedge y \rangle = \langle y, x \wedge y \rangle = 0$

The vector  $x \wedge y$  is orthogonal to  $x$  and  $y$ . Furthermore, every vector orthogonal to  $x$  and  $y$  is a scalar multiple of  $x \wedge y$ .

**Definition** Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a parametric surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with parametrization  $(\phi, K)$ ,  $\phi \in C^1(G)$ ,  $G \supset K$  open. Then we define at  $x = \phi(u) \in S$  the tangential vectors  $\partial_1 \phi(u)$  and  $\partial_2 \phi(u)$  as well as the *normal vector*

$$N(u) = \partial_1 \phi(u) \wedge \partial_2 \phi(u)$$

and the *normal unit vector*

$$n(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{N(u)}{|N(u)|} & , \text{ falls } N(u) \neq 0 \\ 0 & , \text{ falls } N(u) = 0. \end{cases}$$

## Examples

- (1) Let  $f \in C^1(G)$  and let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  denote the surface given as the graph of  $f$ , i.e.,  $S = \{\phi(u) : u \in K\}$  with  $\phi(u) = (u_1, u_2, f(u))^T$ . Then

$$D\phi(u) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \partial_1 f & \partial_2 f \end{pmatrix}$$

has rang 2 at every  $u \in K$  and

$$N(u) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \partial_1 f \end{pmatrix} \wedge \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \partial_2 f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\partial_1 f \\ -\partial_2 f \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (2) The unit sphere  $\partial U_1(0)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  may be parameterized over  $K = [0, 2\pi] \times [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}] \subset G = \mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$\phi(u) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos u_1 \cos u_2 \\ \sin u_1 \cos u_2 \\ \sin u_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$D\phi(u) = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin u_1 \cos u_2 & -\cos u_1 \sin u_2 \\ \cos u_1 \cos u_2 & -\sin u_1 \sin u_2 \\ 0 & \cos u_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad N(u) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos u_1 \cos^2 u_2 \\ \sin u_1 \cos^2 u_2 \\ \sin u_2 \cos u_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

yielding  $N = \cos u_2 \cdot \phi(u_1, u_2)$  and  $|N| = \cos u_2$ . Evidently  $N$  is parallel to the vector  $\phi$ ; however, the unit sphere is degenerate at the north and south pole ( $u_2 = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $u_2 = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ , resp.) for this parametrization.

**Remark** Given a parametric surface  $S$  with parametrization  $(\phi, K)$  and a point  $x = \phi(u)$  on  $S$  the parallelogram

$$P = \{\phi(u) + s_1 \partial_1 \phi(u) + s_2 \partial_2 \phi(u) : 0 \leq s_1 \leq \varepsilon_1, 0 \leq s_2 \leq \varepsilon_2\}$$

linearly approximating  $S$  at  $x$  has the area

$$|\varepsilon_1 \partial_1 \phi(u) \wedge \varepsilon_2 \partial_2 \phi(u)| = \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 |N(u)|.$$

Therefore, the term

$$d\sigma(u) = |N(u)| du$$

is called *surface element* in the definition of surface integrals below.

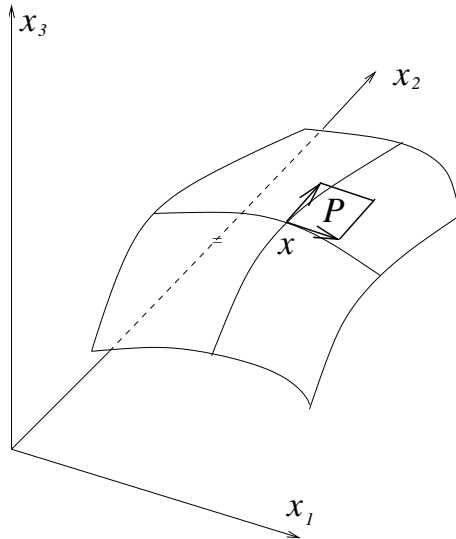


Fig. 11.3 Approximating parallelogram

**Definition** Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a parametric surface with parametrization  $(\phi, K)$  and let  $f : \phi(K) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous. Then

$$\int_S f \, do := \int_K f(\phi(u)) |N(u)| \, du$$

is called the *surface integral of  $f$  on the surface  $S$* . For  $f \equiv 1$

$$|S| = \int_S 1 \, do = \int_K |N(u)| \, du$$

is called the *area* of  $S$ .

Since a surface  $S$  has different parametrizations, we have to show that the previous definition of  $\int_S f \, do$  is independent of the parametrization (cf. the analogous result for the arc length and for line integrals).

**Lemma 11.1** Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a surface with parametrizations  $(\phi, K)$ ,  $G \supset K$  open, and  $(\phi', K')$ ,  $G' \supset K'$  open, and let  $g : G' \rightarrow G$  be an injective  $C^1$ -map with  $g(K') = K$  and  $\phi'(s) = \phi(g(s))$  on  $G'$ . The normal vectors are denoted by  $N(u)$  at  $u \in K$  and by  $N'(s)$  at  $s \in K'$ . Moreover, let  $\det Dg$  be either strictly positive or strictly negative on  $G'$ . Then

$$\int_K f(\phi(u)) |N(u)| \, du = \int_{K'} f(\phi'(s)) |N'(s)| \, ds.$$

**Proof** Since

$$\partial_1 \phi' = \partial_1 \phi \cdot \partial_1 g_1 + \partial_2 \phi \cdot \partial_1 g_2 ,$$

$$\partial_2 \phi' = \partial_1 \phi \cdot \partial_2 g_1 + \partial_2 \phi \cdot \partial_2 g_2 ,$$

the normal vector  $N'(s)$  at  $x = \phi'(s) = \phi(u)$ ,  $u = g(s)$ , equals

$$\begin{aligned} N'(s) &= \partial_1 \phi' \wedge \partial_2 \phi' \\ &= (\partial_1 g_1)(\partial_2 g_1) \underbrace{\partial_1 \phi \wedge \partial_1 \phi}_{=0} + (\partial_1 g_1)(\partial_2 g_2) \underbrace{\partial_1 \phi \wedge \partial_2 \phi}_{=N(u)} \\ &\quad + (\partial_1 g_2)(\partial_2 g_1) \underbrace{\partial_2 \phi \wedge \partial_1 \phi}_{=-N(u)} + (\partial_1 g_2)(\partial_2 g_2) \underbrace{\partial_2 \phi \wedge \partial_2 \phi}_{=0} \\ &= (\partial_1 g_1 \cdot \partial_2 g_2 - \partial_1 g_2 \cdot \partial_2 g_1) N(u) , \end{aligned}$$

hence  $|N'(s)| = |\det Dg(s)| |N(u)|$ . Then by the Change of Variable Formula

$$\begin{aligned} \int_K f(\phi(u)) |N(u)| du &= \int_{K'} f(\phi(g(s))) |\det Dg(s)| |N(g(s))| ds \\ &= \int_{K'} f(\phi'(s)) |N'(s)| ds . \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example** Consider the parametrization of the unit sphere  $S = \partial U_1(0)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  as above. Since  $K = [0, 2\pi] \times [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  and  $|N(u)| = \cos u_2$ ,

$$|\partial U_1(0)| = \int_K \cos u_2 du = \int_0^{2\pi} du_1 \cdot \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos u_2 du_2 = 4\pi .$$

Analogously we get that  $|\partial U_R(0)| = 4\pi R^3$ .

**Main Theorem 11.2 (Stokes' Integral Theorem in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ )** Let  $G \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be open and let  $K \subset G$  be a BV-projected domain the boundary  $\partial K$  of which has a piecewise  $C^1$ -parametrization  $\gamma$ . Furthermore, let  $\phi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a  $C^2$ -map and let  $S = \{\phi(u) : u \in K\}$  be a parametric surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , the 'boundary' of which is defined by  $\partial S = \phi(\partial K)$ .

If  $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is a  $C^1$ -vector field on an open set  $U$  containing  $S$ , then

$$\boxed{\int_S \text{rot } F \cdot n \, do = \int_{\partial S} F \cdot dx .}$$

Using parametrizations Stokes' Integral Theorem reads as follows:

$$\int_K \text{rot } F(\phi(u)) \cdot N(u) \, du = \int_{\phi(\gamma)} F \cdot dx .$$

**Proof** Consider a vector field  $F = (P, 0, 0)^T$ ; the proof for  $F = (0, Q, 0)^T$  and  $F = (0, 0, R)^T$  will follow the same line.

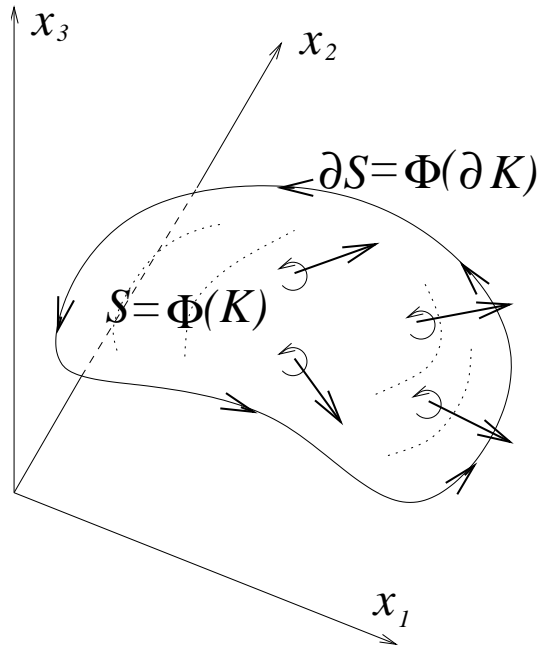


Fig. 11.4 Concerning Stokes' Integral Theorem

First the line integral  $\int_{\partial S} F \cdot dx = \int_{\phi(\gamma)} F \cdot dx$  along the path  $\phi(\gamma) \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  will be rewritten as a line integral along the path  $\gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . Given a piecewise  $C^1$ -parametrization  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow \partial K$  of  $\partial K$  we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\phi(\gamma)} \begin{pmatrix} P \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot dx &= \int_0^1 P(\phi(\gamma(t))) (\phi_1 \circ \gamma)'(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (P \circ \phi)(\gamma(t)) (\partial_1 \phi_1 \cdot \gamma'_1 + \partial_2 \phi_1 \cdot \gamma'_2)(t) dt \\ &= \int_{\gamma} P \circ \phi \begin{pmatrix} \partial_1 \phi_1 \\ \partial_2 \phi_1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot dx \end{aligned}$$

and, using Green's 10.1, that

$$\int_{\gamma} (P \circ \phi) \nabla \phi_1 \cdot dx = \int_K \text{rot}((P \circ \phi) \nabla \phi_1) du .$$

By the definition of the 'scalar' rotation in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{rot}((P \circ \phi)\nabla\phi_1) &= \partial_1((P \circ \phi)\partial_2\phi_1) - \partial_2((P \circ \phi)\partial_1\phi_1) \\
&= (\partial_1(P \circ \phi))\partial_2\phi_1 - (\partial_2(P \circ \phi))\partial_1\phi_1 + (P \circ \phi) \underbrace{[\partial_1\partial_2\phi_1 - \partial_2\partial_1\phi_1]}_{=0} \\
&= (\partial_1P \cdot \partial_1\phi_1 + \partial_2P \cdot \partial_1\phi_2 + \partial_3P \cdot \partial_1\phi_3)\partial_2\phi_1 \\
&\quad - (\partial_1P \cdot \partial_2\phi_1 + \partial_2P \cdot \partial_2\phi_2 + \partial_3P \cdot \partial_2\phi_3)\partial_1\phi_1 \\
&= \partial_2P \underbrace{(\partial_1\phi_2 \cdot \partial_2\phi_1 - \partial_1\phi_1 \cdot \partial_2\phi_2)}_{=-N_3} + \partial_3P \underbrace{(\partial_1\phi_3 \cdot \partial_2\phi_1 - \partial_2\phi_3 \cdot \partial_1\phi_1)}_{=-N_2},
\end{aligned}$$

since  $\phi_1 \in C^2$  and  $N = \partial_1\phi \wedge \partial_2\phi$ . Now the identity  $\operatorname{rot}F = (0, \partial_3P, -\partial_2P)^T$  yields

$$\operatorname{rot}((P \circ \phi)\nabla\phi_1) = ((\operatorname{rot}F) \circ \phi) \cdot N.$$

Summarizing we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\partial S} F \cdot dx &= \int_{\gamma} (P \circ \phi)\nabla\phi_1 dx &= \int_K \operatorname{rot}((P \circ \phi)\nabla\phi_1) du \\
&= \int_K ((\operatorname{rot}F) \circ \phi) \cdot N du &= \int_S \operatorname{rot}F \cdot n do.
\end{aligned}$$

□

### Definition

- (1) A compact set  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is called  $C^1$ -projected domain w.r.t. the  $x_1x_2$ -plane iff there exist a compact set  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $C^1$ -functions  $\varphi_1 \leq \varphi_2$  on an open set containing  $K$  such that

$$V = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x', x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x' \in K, \varphi_1(x') \leq x_3 \leq \varphi_2(x')\}$$

and  $\partial K$  is parametrized by a piecewise  $C^1$ -path. Analogously we define  $C^1$ -projected domains w.r.t. the  $x_2x_3$ - and the  $x_1x_3$ -plane.

- (2) The compact set  $V$  is called  $C^1$ -projected domain iff  $V$  is a  $C^1$ -projected domain w.r.t. the  $x_1x_2$ -, the  $x_2x_3$ - and the  $x_1x_3$ -plane.

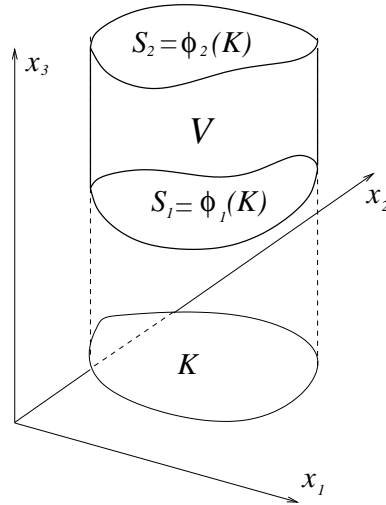


Fig. 11.5 A  $C^1$ -projected domain w.r.t. the  $x_1x_2$ -plane

**Remark** In (1) the 'upper lid'  $S_2 = \phi_2(K)$  defines a regular  $C^1$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with parametrization

$$\phi_2 : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \quad u = x' \mapsto \phi_2(x') = (x', \varphi_2(x')) .$$

The normal vector  $N(x') = (-\partial_1\varphi_2, -\partial_2\varphi_2, 1)^T$  defines the exterior normal unit vector

$$n(x') = \frac{N(x')}{|N(x')|}$$

w.r.t.  $V$ . However, for the 'lower lid'  $S_1 = \phi_1(K)$  the exterior normal unit vector (w.r.t.  $V$ ) is  $n(x') = -N(x')/|N(x')|$ .

**Main Theorem 11.3 (Gauss' Divergence Theorem in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ )** Let  $V$  be a  $C^1$ -projected domain in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $F$  be a  $C^1$ -vector field on an open set containing  $V$ . Then

$$\boxed{\int_V \operatorname{div} F \, dx = \int_{\partial V} F \cdot n \, do .}$$

**Proof** Consider  $F = (0, 0, R)^T$ . Since  $\operatorname{div} F = \partial_3 R$ , by 8.14

$$\begin{aligned} \int_V \operatorname{div} F \, dx &= \int_K \left( \int_{\varphi_1(x')}^{\varphi_2(x')} \partial_3 R(x', x_3) \, dx_3 \right) dx' \\ &= \int_K (R(x', \varphi_2(x')) - R(x', \varphi_1(x'))) \, dx' . \end{aligned}$$



On the upper lid  $S_2 = \phi_2(K)$  we have  $F \cdot N = R N_3 = R$ . Thus

$$\int_K R(x', \varphi_2(x')) dx' = \int_K F \cdot N dx' = \int_{S_2} F \cdot n do;$$

analogously

$$- \int_K R(x', \varphi_1(x')) dx' = \int_{S_1} F \cdot n do.$$

On the remaining part of the boundary  $\partial V \setminus S_1 \setminus S_2$ , i.e., on

$$S_3 = \{(x', x_3) : x' \in \partial K, \varphi_1(x') \leq x_3 \leq \varphi_2(x')\},$$

the exterior normal unit vector  $n$  exists (except for finitely many segments  $\{x'\} \times [\varphi_1(x'), \varphi_2(x')]$  with  $x' \in \partial K$ , where the parametrization of  $\partial K$  is not differentiable). Since  $n_3 = 0$  for  $x \in S_3$ , we see that  $F \cdot n = R n_3 = 0$  on  $S_3$ .

Summarizing we get that

$$\int_V \operatorname{div} F dx = \sum_{j=1}^3 \int_{S_j} F \cdot n do = \int_{\partial V} F \cdot n do.$$

An analogous proof will be used when  $F = (P, 0, 0)$  and when  $F = (0, Q, 0)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 11.4** (*Integration by parts in  $\mathbb{R}^3$* ) Let  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a  $C^1$ -projected domain and let  $u, v$  be  $C^1$ -functions on an open set containing  $V$ . Then for  $i = 1, 2, 3$

$$\boxed{\int_V u \partial_i v dx = - \int_V (\partial_i u) v dx + \int_{\partial V} u v n_i do.}$$

**Proof** Applying Theorem 11.3 to the vector field  $F(x) := u v e_i$  we get the assertion, since  $\operatorname{div} F = u \partial_i v + (\partial_i u) v$  and  $F \cdot n = u v n_i$ .  $\square$

### Remarks

- (1) Theorem 11.3 and Corollary 11.4 hold under weaker assumptions on  $V$ : The compact set  $V$  can be written as the union of finitely many non-overlapping  $C^1$ -projected domains. The lids of these projected domains are assumed to be 'piecewise  $C^1$ ' only.
- (2) An essentially weaker assumptions on  $V$  has a *local* character: At every point  $x \in \partial V$  there exists a neighborhood  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  such that – after a suitable rotation of the coordinate system –  $U \cap \partial V$  may be written as graph of a Lipschitz continuous function. In this case the normal vector exists only 'almost everywhere'.
- (3) Theorem 11.3 and Corollary 11.4 hold for every space dimension  $n \geq 2$ .