

# The Stokes Theorem

## Multivariable Calculus

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- We can use the same method with polar co-ordinates to calculate the double integrals of some functions, as it is easier in situations with circular symmetry.

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- We can use line integrals to calculate the work done by a force along a specific path, among other things.

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- Curl measures the rotational behavior of a vector field, quantifying how much a vector field curls or circulates around a given point.

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- It allows us to calculate line integrals discussed earlier, by converting them into double integrals.



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- Through this theorem, line integrals can be evaluated using the simplest surface with boundary  $C$ .

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- Let  $S$  be a surface, and  $D$  be a segment small enough that it can be broken into square  $A$  (four sides listed below) . Using the green's theorem, if we compute the flux of this square:

$$\int_A (A_l + A_d + A_r + A_u) \cdot dr = \iint_A \text{curl } F \cdot N \, dS = \iint_A \text{curl } F \cdot dS$$

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- This basically equals:

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# Proving the Faraday's Theorem

Theorem: *The voltage change around a loop is proportional to the negative of the time rate of change of the magnetic flux through the loop.*  
Then, voltage  $V$  through a curve segment  $x$  is:

$$\Delta V \approx E \cdot \Delta x$$

Hence the change in voltage around the loop is:

$$\int_C E \cdot dx$$

Thank You!