

GREEN'S THEOREM IN THE PLANE

Both work integrals & flux integrals dealt with line integrals of the form

$$\int_C (M dx + N dy)$$

In fact, when C is a closed

curve C we can



(for "sufficiently differentiable")

vector fields

$$\vec{F} = M\vec{i} + N\vec{j}$$

express the line integrals as a double integral over the region R enclosed by C



This is known as GREEN'S THEOREM

Example

$$\vec{F} = (x-y)\vec{i} + x\vec{j}$$

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds$$

Flux leaving circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

Using $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds$ we find $\text{Flux} = \pi$

Let us use the divergence form

$$\text{div } \vec{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x-y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}x = 1$$

$$\text{Flux} = \int_R \text{div } \vec{F} \, dA$$

$$= \int_R dA$$

$$= \text{Area} \quad \text{unit disc}$$

$$= \pi$$

Notice, divergence is opposite to the gradient

gradient: function $\mapsto$ vector field

divergence: vector field $\mapsto$ function

Hence total flux

$$\text{Flux} = \int_R dA \operatorname{div} \vec{F}$$

Now we have two expressions

for the flux

$$\text{Flux} = \int_R dA \operatorname{div} \vec{F}$$

$$\text{Flux} = \int_{C=\partial R} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds$$

GREEN'S THEOREM SAYS THESE ARE EQUAL

$$\int_{C=\partial R} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds = \int_R dA \operatorname{div} \vec{F}$$

Obtaining Green's theorem

from FAUXES

Recall if $\vec{F} = M\vec{i} + N\vec{j}$ is a velocity flow field



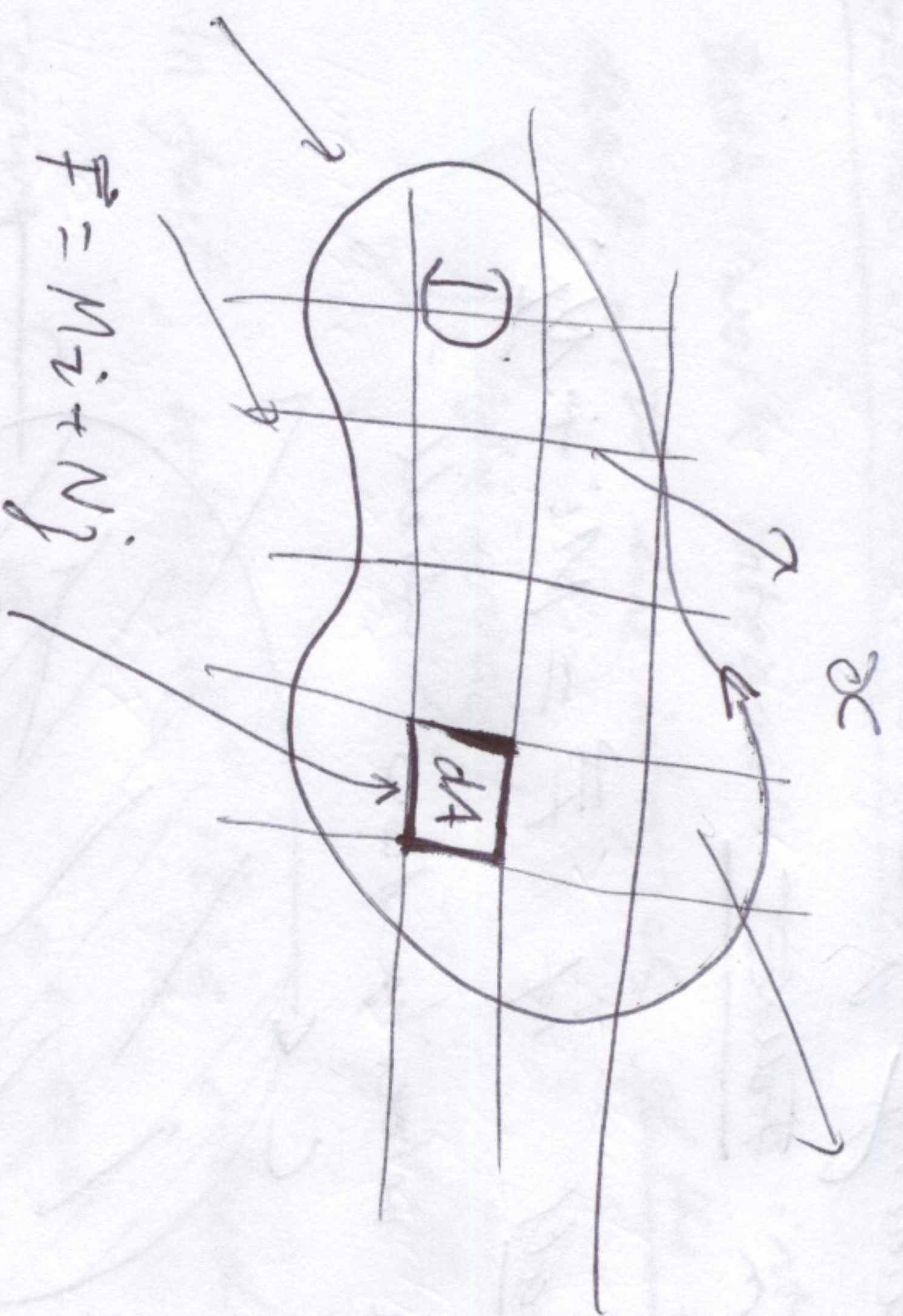
the rate at which fluid leaves the region R is given by the

flux

$$\text{Flux} = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds = \oint_C (M dx - N dy)$$

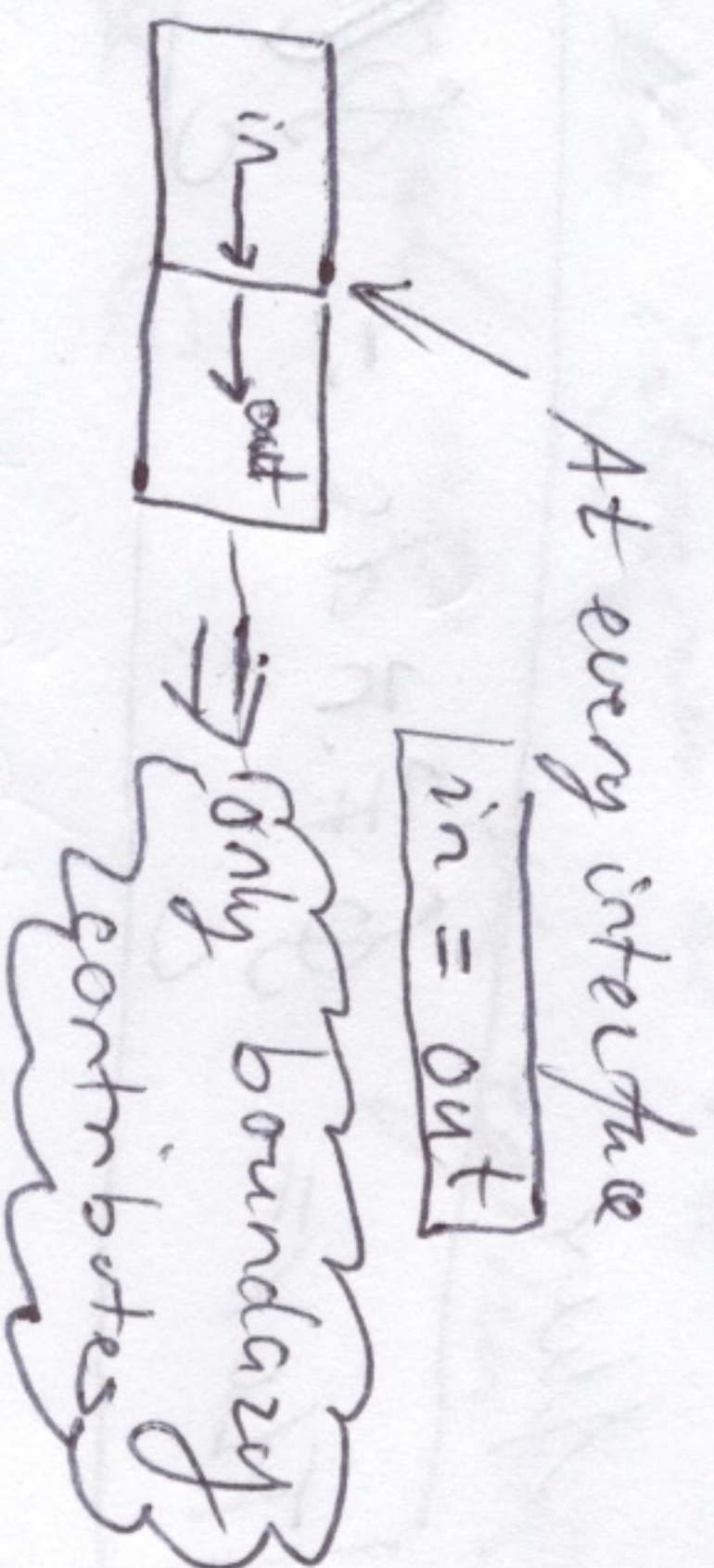
Now break R into many

smaller regions:

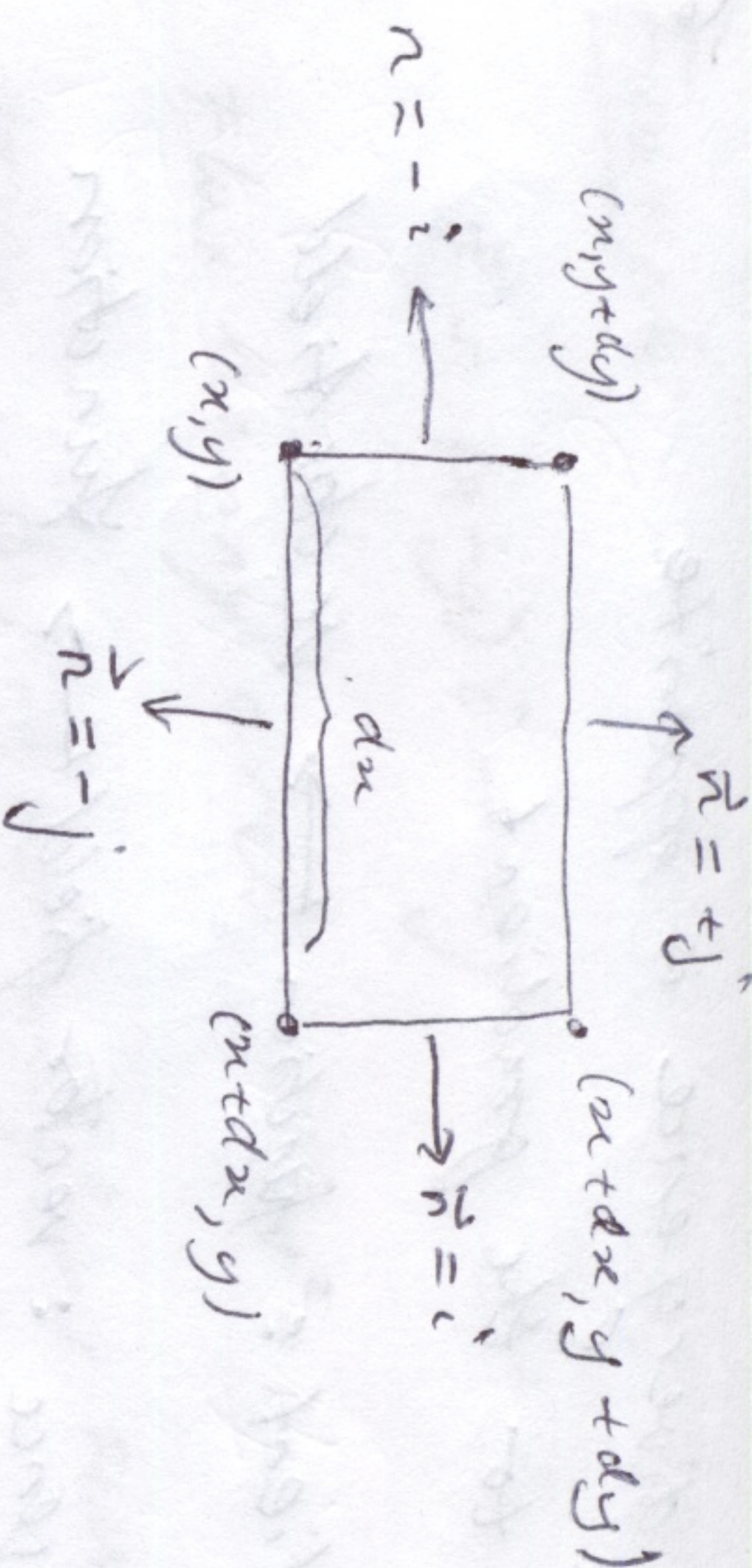


Add up fluid leaving all these which will give total amount of fluid leaving D .

Notice



Must now compute fluid leaving dA ,
i.e. Infinitesimal flux



Bottom edge $\vec{F}(x, y) \cdot (-\vec{j}) \cdot dx = -N(x, y) dx$

Top edge $\vec{F}(x, y+dy) \cdot (\vec{j}) \cdot dx = +N(x, y+dy) dx$

Left edge $\vec{F}(x, y) \cdot (-\vec{i}) dy = -M(x, y) dy$

Right edge $\vec{F}(x+dx, y) \cdot (\vec{i}) dy = +M(x+dx, y) dy$

Total $dx [N(x, y+dy) - N(x, y)]$
 $+ dy [M(x+dx, y) - M(x, y)]$

$\approx dx dy \left[\frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \right] = dA \times \text{Flux density}$

Define

$\text{div } \vec{F} \equiv \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y}$

divergence / flux density of $\vec{F}$

You can apply Green's theorem to work integrals by remembering

$$\oint \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = \oint_C (M dx + N dy)$$

which is the same as the flux

result when $M \mapsto T_N$

$N \mapsto -M$

$$\Rightarrow \oint \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = \int_R dA \left[\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right]$$

A vector field

$$\vec{F} = M\vec{i} + N\vec{j} + P\vec{k}$$

in $\mathbb{R}^3$ (with its canonical metric) determines a differential form

$$M dx + N dy + P dz$$

if $\vec{F}$ is conservative

$$\vec{F} = \nabla \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \vec{k}$$

then we call the differential form

$$M dx + N dy + P dz$$

$$= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} dz$$

$$= d\phi(x, y, z)$$

EXACT

You test for exactness of differential

forms just as for whether $\vec{F}$ is conservative by looking at higher partial derivatives.