

A summary of the basic integral theorems of vector calculus.

Part One. $n = 2$.

Suppose

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

Green's Theorem. Suppose R is a bounded region in \mathbf{R}^2 with boundary C . Suppose \mathbf{T} is a unit tangent vector to C which points in the counterclockwise direction on the outer part of C and in the clockwise direction on the inner part of C . Then

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} ds = \iint_R \nabla \times \mathbf{F} dA.$$

$\nabla \times \mathbf{F}$ here is, by definition, the scalar $Q_x - P_y$.

Remark. This may also be written

$$\int_C P dx + Q dy = \iint_R Q_x - P_y dx dy$$

where C is oriented as before.

The Divergence Theorem. Suppose R is a bounded region in \mathbf{R}^2 with boundary C . Suppose \mathbf{n} is the outward pointing unit exterior normal to R along its boundary C . Then

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} ds = \iint_R \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dA.$$

Part Two. $n = 3$. Suppose

$$\mathbf{F} = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j} + R\mathbf{k}.$$

Stokes' Theorem. Suppose S is a surface in \mathbf{R}^3 with boundary C and unit normal \mathbf{n} . Suppose \mathbf{T} is the unit tangent field along C such that $\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{T}$ points into S . Then

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} ds = \iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{n} dA.$$

Remark. This may also be written

$$\int_C P dx + Q dy + R dz = \iint_S (R_y - Q_z) dy dz + (P_z - R_x) dz dx + (Q_x - P_y) dx dy$$

where S is oriented as before.

The Divergence Theorem. Suppose T is a bounded region in \mathbf{R}^3 with boundary S . Suppose \mathbf{n} is the outward pointing unit exterior normal to T along its boundary S . Then

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dA = \iiint_T \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV.$$