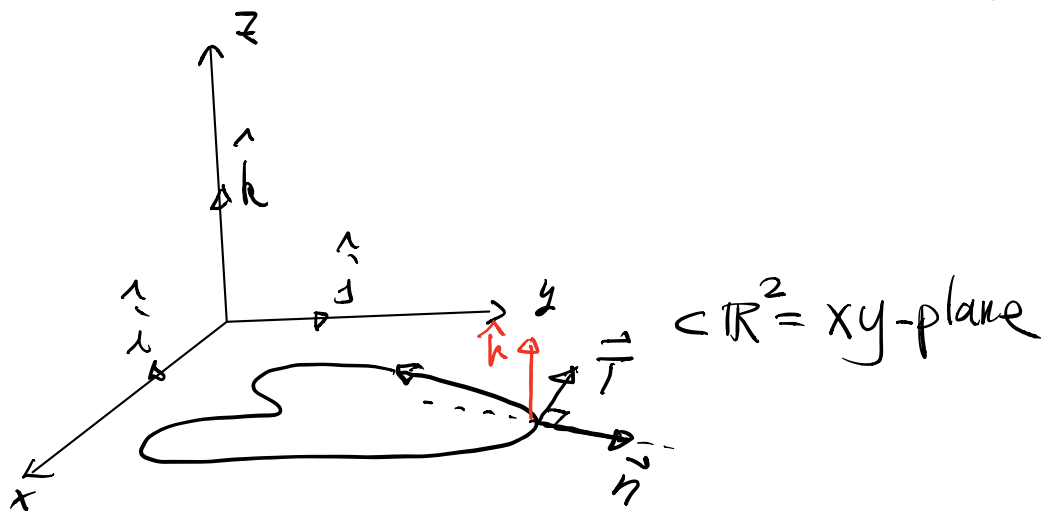


(3)  $\vec{F}$  = velocity of fluid

$C$  = oriented plane curve ( $C \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ )  
parametrized by

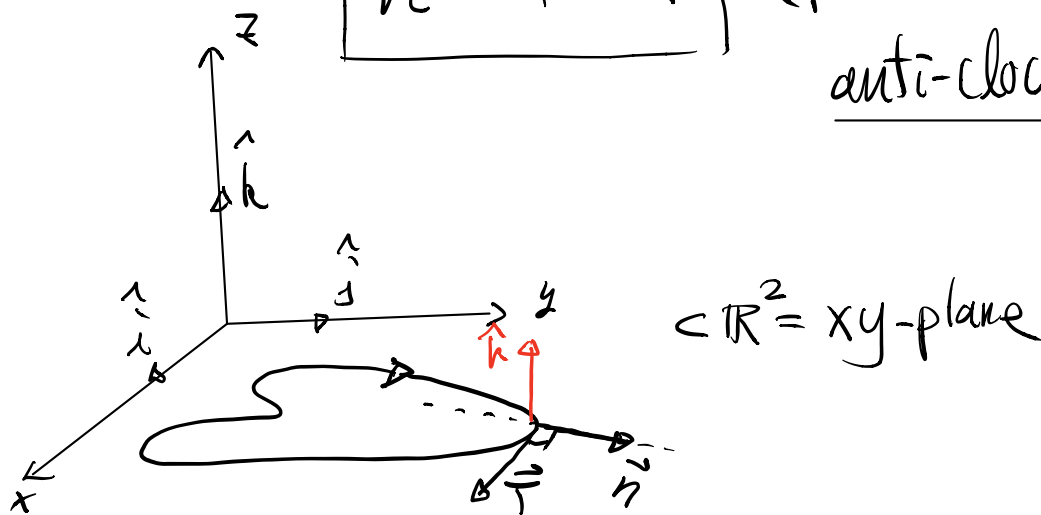
$$\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j}$$

$\vec{n}$  (or  $\hat{n}$ ) = outward-pointing unit normal  
vector to the curve  $C$



$$\vec{n} = \vec{T} \times \hat{k}$$

(provided  $C$  is of  
anti-clockwise orientation)



$$\vec{n} = -\vec{T} \times \hat{k}$$

(provided  $C$  is of  
clockwise orientation)

Formula for  $\vec{n}$  (with the parametrization  
 $\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j}$ )

Recall  $\vec{T} = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} = \frac{x'(t)\hat{i} + y'(t)\hat{j}}{|\vec{r}'(t)|}$

$$\left( = \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} = \frac{dx}{ds}\hat{i} + \frac{dy}{ds}\hat{j} \right)$$

(where  $s = \text{arc-length parameter}$   
and  $ds = |\vec{r}'(t)| dt$ )

Anti-clockwise:

$$\vec{n} = \vec{T} \times \hat{k} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{dx}{ds} & \frac{dy}{ds} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{dy}{ds}\hat{i} - \frac{dx}{ds}\hat{j}$$

$$= \frac{y'(t)\hat{i} - x'(t)\hat{j}}{|\vec{r}'(t)|}$$

Clockwise:

$$\vec{n} = -\vec{T} \times \hat{k} = -\frac{dy}{ds}\hat{i} + \frac{dx}{ds}\hat{j}$$

Flux of  $\vec{F}$  across  $C \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds$  (Amount of fluid getting out of the closed curve  $C$ )

If  $\vec{F} = M(x,y)\hat{i} + N(x,y)\hat{j}$

and  $\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j}$  is anti-clockwise parametrization of  $C$ .

Then

Flux of  $\vec{F}$  across  $C$

$$= \oint_C (M\hat{i} + N\hat{j}) \cdot \left( \frac{dy}{ds}\hat{i} - \frac{dx}{ds}\hat{j} \right) ds$$

$$= \oint_C M dy - N dx$$

" $\oint$ " means the curve is closed and in anti-clockwise orientation.

Similarly, " $\oint$ " means the curve is closed and in clockwise orientation.

Remark: We usually refer the anti-clockwise orientation as the positive orientation of a closed curve in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (wrt the "orientation" of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ )

eg 40 Let  $\vec{F} = (x-y)\hat{i} + x\hat{j}$

$$C: x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

Find the flow (anti-clockwise) along  $C$  and flux across  $C$ .

Soln: Let  $\vec{r}(t) = \cos t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ .

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{"} \\ x(t) \\ \text{"} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{"} \\ y(t) \\ \text{"} \end{array} \right)$$

Then flow =  $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds$  (Recall  $\vec{T} ds = d\vec{r}$ )

$$= \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} [(\cos t - \sin t)\hat{i} + \cos t \hat{j}] \cdot [-\sin t \hat{i} + \cos t \hat{j}] dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} (-\cos t \sin t + 1) dt = 2\pi \quad (\text{check!})$$

$$\text{Flux} = \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds$$

$$= \oint_C M \, dy - N \, dx$$

$$= \oint_C [( \cos t - \sin t ) \cos t - \cos t ( -\sin t )] \, dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 t \, dt = \pi$$

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$$x = \cos t$$

$$y = \sin t$$

$$M = \cos t - \sin t$$

$$N = \cos t$$

Remark: If  $C$  is an oriented curve, denote by  $-C$  the oriented curve with opposite orientation.

If  $f$  is a scalar function

$$\boxed{\int_C f \, ds = \int_{-C} f \, ds}$$

as "ds" is not oriented, just means "length"

If  $\vec{F}$  is a vector field

$$\boxed{\int_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T}_C \, ds = - \int_{-C} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T}_{-C} \, ds}$$

Hence  $\vec{T}_C =$  unit tangent vector of  $C$

$\vec{T}_{-C} =$  unit tangent vector of  $-C$ .

$$\& \boxed{\vec{T}_C = -\vec{T}_{-C}}$$

But for flux

$$\text{Flux} = \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds = \oint_{-C} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds$$

same outward pointing unit normal vector.

$\therefore$  Flux doesn't depend on the orientation of  $C$ .