

The Integral Theorems of Vector Analysis

1. The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

THEOREM 24.1. Suppose f is a function that's differentiable on the interval $[a, b]$. Then

$$\int_a^b \frac{df}{dx} dx = f(b) - f(a)$$

As we saw in Chapter 7, this theorem has the following generalization to line integrals over paths.

THEOREM 24.2. Suppose $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function that differentiable at every point along the path $\sigma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$. Then

$$\int_{\sigma} \nabla f \cdot ds = f(\sigma(b)) - f(\sigma(a))$$

2. Green's and Stokes' Theorem

THEOREM 24.3. (**Green's Theorem.**) Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be any region of the plane that is both Type I and Type II and let ∂D denote its boundary (oriented counter-clockwise). If $\mathbf{F} = (F_x, F_y, 0)$ is a C^1 vector field on D (regarded now as a surface in \mathbb{R}^3), then

$$\int_D (\nabla \times \mathbf{F})_z dA = \int_{\partial D} \mathbf{F} \cdot ds$$

THEOREM 24.4. (**Stokes' Theorem.**) Let S be an oriented surface defined by a one-to-one parameterization $\Phi : D \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$. Let ∂S denote the oriented boundary of S and let \mathbf{F} be a C^1 vector field on S . Then

$$\int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F})_z \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{\partial S} \mathbf{F} \cdot ds$$

3. Gauss' Theorem

THEOREM 24.5. Let W be an elementary region in \mathbb{R}^3 , and let ∂W denote the oriented closed surface that bounds W . Then if \mathbf{F} is any smooth vector field on W

$$\int_W (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}) dV = \int_{\partial W} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

4. The Fundamental Idea

REMARK 24.6. Note that each of these theorems can be thought of as relating the integral of a "derivative" of a function over a region to a sum over the values of the function on the boundary of that region.

5. Application to Maxwell's Equations

Recall the differential form of Maxwell's Equations

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \rho(\mathbf{x}) && \text{(Gauss' Law)} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 && \text{(Gauss' Law for Magnetic Field)} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} && \text{(Faraday's Law)} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}) && \text{(Ampere's Law)}\end{aligned}$$

If we integrate the differential form of Gauss' Law over a volume W then Gauss' Theorem yields the integral form of Gauss's Law:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\partial W} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} &= \int_W (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) dV \\ &= \int_W \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \rho(\mathbf{x}) dV \\ &= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, integrating the divergence of the magnetic field over a volume W yields

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\partial W} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} &= \int_W (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) dV \\ &= \int_{\partial W} 0 dV \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

which is the integral form of Gauss' Law for Magnetic Fields.

If we integrate the differential form of Faraday's Law over a surface S we obtain from Stokes' Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\partial S} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} &= \int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \\ &= \int_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}\end{aligned}$$

which is the integral form of Faraday's Law.

Similarly if we integrate the differential form of Ampere's Law over a surface S we obtain from Stokes' Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\partial S} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} &= \int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \\ &= \int_S \left(\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}) \right) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \\ &= \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \mu_0 I\end{aligned}$$

which is the integral form of Faraday's Law.

We thus arrive at the following integral formulation of Maxwell's Equations

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\partial W} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} &= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \\ \int_{\partial W} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} &= 0 \\ \int_{\partial S} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \\ \int_{\partial S} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} &= \mu_o\epsilon_o \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \mu_o I\end{aligned}$$