

Q-2) let  $\mathbf{F} = \left( \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^4}, \frac{4y^3}{x^2 + y^4} \right)$ . Evaluate  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} ds$ , where  $C$  is the circle of radius  $R$  centered at the origin. Beware here that the Green's theorem does not hold since  $\mathbf{F}$  is not defined at the origin. Observe that in this problem  $M_y = N_x$  for the vector field  $\mathbf{F} = (M, N)$ . Suppose you have the task of providing such vector fields on demand. How would you construct such vector fields without much effort? How did I *invent* the above vector field?

**Solution:** Let  $R_\epsilon$  be the rectangle formed by the lines  $x = \pm\epsilon$  and  $y = \pm\epsilon$  where  $\epsilon > 0$  is small enough that the rectangle  $R_\epsilon$  totally lies inside  $C$ . Then Green's theorem applies to the region bounded by  $C$  and  $R_\epsilon$  and since  $M_y = N_x$ , where  $\mathbf{F} = (M, N)$ , we must have

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} ds = \int_{R_\epsilon} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} ds$$

where  $R_\epsilon$  is positively oriented. But using the obvious parametrization for each side of  $R_\epsilon$ , we find that  $\int_{R_\epsilon} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} ds = 0$  since on each side we are integrating an odd function on  $[-1, 1]$ . This gives

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} ds = 0.$$

To generate such vector fields, start with any function and calculate its gradient. For example the above vector field is the gradient of  $\ln(x^2 + y^4)$ . If the function is not defined at the origin, then its gradient also fails to be defined there.