

Fri: HW by 5pm

Tues: Read

### Divergence theorem

Surface integrals are defined by:

1) specifying a vector field  $\vec{v}$

2) specifying a surface  $\rightarrow$  can use a two-parameter parametrization

$\rightarrow$  construct area vectors  $d\vec{a}$  perpendicular to surface.

Then we can integrate over the entire surface to obtain

$$\int_{\text{surface}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

Strictly if we parameterize the surface with two parameters, say  $s, t$ .

$$\int \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = \left\{ \left\{ V_x(x(s,t), y(s,t), z(s,t)) \left[ \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right] \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + V_y \left[ \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} \right] + V_z \left[ \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \right] \right\} ds dt \right.$$

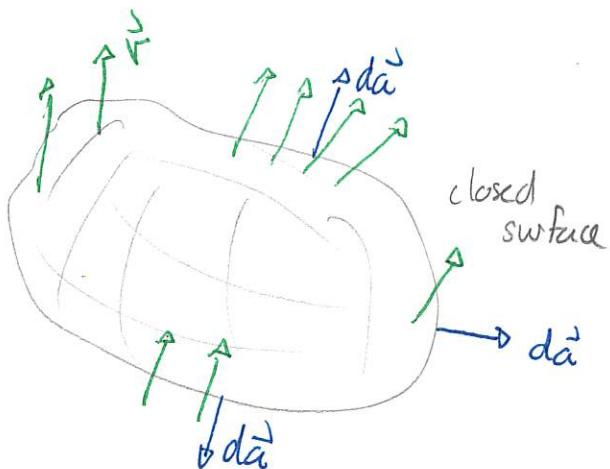
Alternatively, if for example  $x, y$  are appropriate parameters and the surface is described by  $z = h(x, y)$  then use

$$d\vec{a} = - \left[ \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \hat{y} - \hat{z} \right] dx dy$$

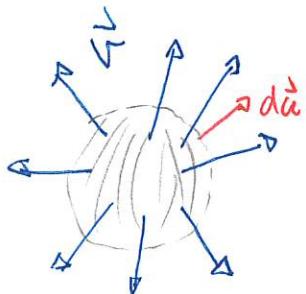
We often integrate over a closed surface. In that case the notation for the surface integral is

$$\oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

and we arrange for  $d\vec{a}$  to point outwards.



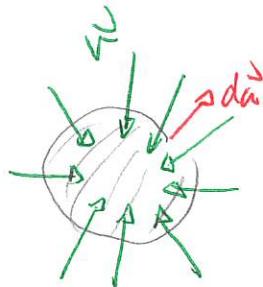
We will encounter vector fields that diverge or converge on a source or sink



$$\vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} > 0$$

everywhere

$$\Rightarrow \oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} > 0$$



$$\vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} < 0$$

everywhere

$$\Rightarrow \oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} < 0$$

Notice

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} > 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} < 0$$

In general such closed surface integrals are related to divergences via the divergence theorem.

For any closed surface  $S$  which bounds a region  $V$

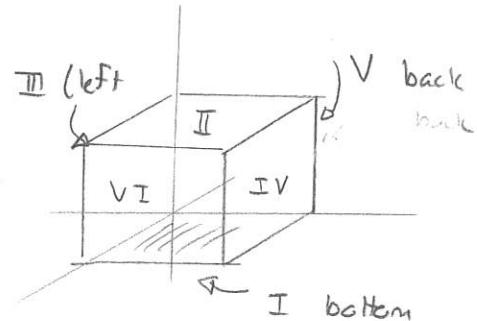
$$\oint_S \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} dV$$

## 1 Divergence theorem

Let  $\mathbf{v} = x^2y^2\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  and verify the divergence theorem over the cube that bounds  $0 \leq x, y, z \leq a$ .

Answer: Surface integral  $\rightarrow$  there are six sides

Side	x	y	z	$d\vec{a}$	$\vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a}$
I	$0 \rightarrow a$	$0 \rightarrow a$	0	$-dx dy \hat{z}$	$-0$
II	$a \rightarrow 0$	$0 \rightarrow a$	$a$	$dx dy \hat{z}$	$> 0$
III	$0 \rightarrow a$	0	$0 \rightarrow a$	$-dx dz \hat{y}$	$0 dx dz = 0$
IV	$0 \rightarrow a$	$a$	$0 \rightarrow a$	$dx dz \hat{y}$	$x^2 a^2 dx dz$
V	0	$0 \rightarrow a$	$0 \rightarrow a$	$-dy dz \hat{x}$	0
VI	$a$	$0 \rightarrow a$	$0 \rightarrow a$	$dy dz \hat{x}$	0



$$\text{So } \int \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_0^a dx \int_0^a dz \ x^2 a^2 = a^2 \int_0^a x^2 dx \int_0^a dz = \frac{a^2 a^3}{3} a = \frac{a^6}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{a^6}{3}$$

They match

$$\text{Volume integral requires } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} = 2y x^2$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq x \leq a \\ 0 \leq y \leq a \\ 0 \leq z \leq a \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow dz = dx dy dz$$

$$\int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} da = \int_0^a dx \int_0^a dy \int_0^a dz 2y x^2 = 2 \int_0^a x^2 dx \int_0^a y dy \int_0^a dz = 2 \frac{a^3}{3} \frac{a^2}{2} \cdot a = \frac{a^6}{3}$$

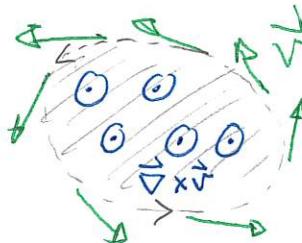
## Stokes theorem

Now consider a line integral of a circling field. Suppose that the path circles in the same sense as the field and completes the loop.

We aim to evaluate

$$\oint \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

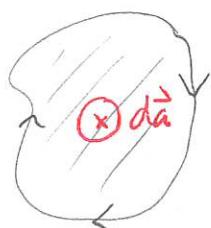
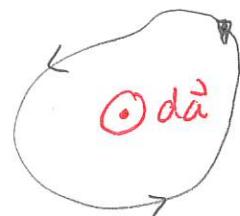
Such fields are not the gradient of a function  
and we cannot use the fundamental theorem for gradients.



The origin of this is  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V} \neq 0$ . We can see that for the surface enclosed by the loop

$$\int \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{a} \neq 0$$

Stokes' theorem provides an exact relationship. First we provide an area vector convention related to the loop direction. Then



Let  $S$  be any surface with a boundary loop. Then

$$\int_S \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{a} = \oint_L \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

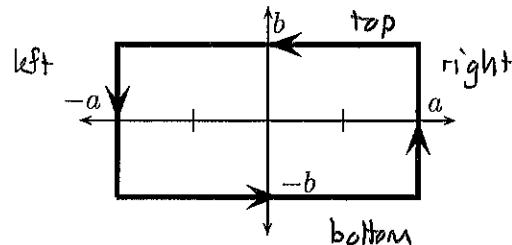
surface                      loop

right hand rule.

## 2 Stokes' theorem, 1

Let

$$\mathbf{v} = -\frac{y}{2}\hat{x} + \frac{x}{2}\hat{y}$$



- a) Determine  $\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  around the loop.
- b) Determine  $\int \nabla \times \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$  for the flat surface enclosed by the loop. Verify Stokes' theorem.

Answer:

$$\oint_{\text{loop}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_{\text{right}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_{\text{top}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_{\text{left}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_{\text{bottom}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Right edge

$$\begin{aligned} & \left. \begin{array}{l} x=a \\ -b \leq y \leq b \end{array} \right\} d\vec{l} = dy \hat{y} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = \left( -\frac{y}{2} \hat{x} + \frac{a}{2} \hat{y} \right) \cdot \hat{y} dy \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad = \frac{a}{2} dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\text{right}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = \frac{a}{2} \int_{-b}^b dy = ab$$

Top edge

$$\underbrace{\int \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l}}_{\leftarrow} = - \underbrace{\int \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l}}_{\rightarrow} \quad \text{So evaluate } \int_{\rightarrow} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Here

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y=b \\ -a \leq x \leq a \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow d\vec{l} = dx \hat{x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{b}{2} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\rightarrow} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{b}{2} \int_{-a}^a dx = -ab \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_{\rightarrow} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = ab$$

left edge

$$\int \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \int \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

↓                      ↑

then for ↑

$$\begin{array}{c} x = -a \\ -b \leq y \leq b \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} d\vec{l} = dy \hat{y} \\ \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{a}{2} dy \end{array} \right.$$

$$\int \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_{-b}^b -\frac{a}{2} dy = -ab \Rightarrow \int \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = \boxed{ab}$$

Bottom

$$\begin{array}{c} y = -b \\ -a \leq x \leq a \end{array} \Rightarrow d\vec{l} = +\frac{b}{2} dx$$

$$\int \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = \frac{b}{2} \int_{-a}^a dx = \boxed{ab}$$

$$\text{Thus } \oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = 4ab.$$

$$b) \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ -y/2 & x/2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{z}$$

For the integral

$$\begin{array}{c} -a \leq x \leq a \\ -b \leq y \leq b \end{array} \Rightarrow d\vec{a} = dx dy \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = dx dy$$

$$\int \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_{-a}^a dx \int_{-b}^b dy = 2ab \Rightarrow \int \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = 4ab$$

MATCHES!

## Cylindrical co-ordinates

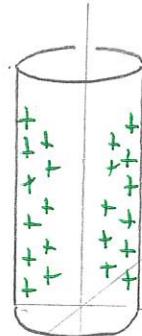
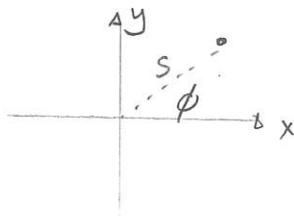
There will be physical situations which are symmetrical under rotations about one axis. For example, consider charge distributed on a cylinder with axle along the  $z$ -axis.

It will be less convenient to use Cartesian co-ordinates than co-ordinates adapted to a cylindrical situation. These are defined via:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= s \cos \phi \\y &= s \sin \phi \\z &= z\end{aligned}$$

with  $0 \leq s \leq \infty$

$0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$



charge only  
depends on the  
radial distance.

These are equivalent to

$$s = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\phi = \arctan(y/x)$$

$$z = z$$

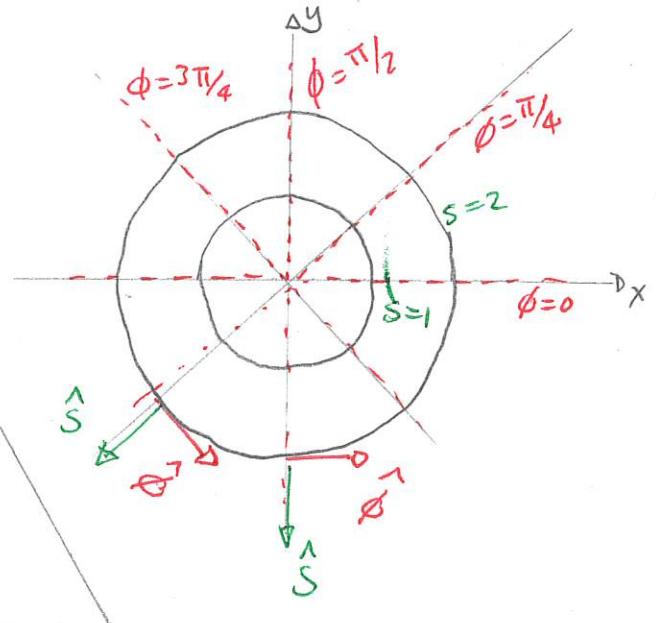
These will result in:

- 1) special co-ordinate systems and unit vectors for cylindrical co-ordinates
- 2) cylindrical line elements
- 3) cylindrical area elements
- 4) cylindrical volume elements
- 5) cylindrical versions of gradients, divergences and curls, ...

We can envision a co-ordinate grid in the x-y plane. The unit vectors are:

$\hat{s}$  = tangent to lines where  $\phi$  is constant in direction of increasing  $s$

$\hat{\phi}$  = tangent to lines where  $s$  is constant in direction of increasing  $\phi$



Note that these vectors vary from one location to another, unlike Cartesian basis vectors. One can relate these to Cartesian basis vectors by geometry and trigonometry.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{s} &= \cos\phi \hat{x} + \sin\phi \hat{y} \\ \hat{\phi} &= -\sin\phi \hat{x} + \cos\phi \hat{y} \\ \hat{z} &= \hat{z}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x} &= \cos\phi \hat{s} - \sin\phi \hat{\phi} \\ \hat{y} &= \sin\phi \hat{s} + \cos\phi \hat{\phi} \\ \hat{z} &= \hat{z}\end{aligned}$$

They satisfy

$\hat{s} \cdot \hat{s} = 1$	$\hat{s} \cdot \hat{\phi} = 0$	$\hat{s} \times \hat{\phi} = \hat{z}$
$\hat{\phi} \cdot \hat{\phi} = 1$	$\hat{s} \cdot \hat{z} = 0$	$\hat{\phi} \times \hat{z} = \hat{s}$
$\hat{z} \cdot \hat{z} = 1$	$\hat{\phi} \cdot \hat{z} = 0$	$\hat{z} \times \hat{s} = \hat{\phi}$

Any vector can be expressed as

$$\vec{V} = V_s(s, \phi, z) \hat{s} + V_\phi(s, \phi, z) \hat{\phi} + V_z(s, \phi, z) \hat{z}$$

Now consider calculus on such vectors. The line element transforms as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{dl} &= dx \hat{x} + dy \hat{y} + dz \hat{z} \\
 &= \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} ds + \frac{\partial x}{\partial \phi} d\phi + \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} dz \right) \hat{x} \\
 &\quad + \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} ds + \frac{\partial y}{\partial \phi} d\phi + \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} dz \right) \hat{y} \\
 &\quad + \dots \\
 &= [\cos\phi ds + s \sin\phi d\phi] [\cos\phi \hat{s} - \sin\phi \hat{\phi}] \\
 &\quad [\sin\phi ds + s \cos\phi d\phi] [\sin\phi \hat{s} + \cos\phi \hat{\phi}] + dz \hat{z} \\
 &= ds \hat{s} + s d\phi \hat{\phi} + dz \hat{z}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

line element  $(\vec{dl} = ds \hat{s} + s d\phi \hat{\phi} + dz \hat{z})$

surface elements

$$z = \text{constant} \quad d\vec{a} = \pm s ds d\phi \hat{z}$$

$$s = \text{constant} \quad d\vec{a} = s d\phi dz \hat{s}$$

$$\phi = \text{constant} \quad d\vec{a} = ds dz \hat{\phi}$$

volume element

$$d\tau = s ds d\phi dz$$

## Gradient, divergence and curl

It may seem that

$$\vec{\nabla} g = \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} \hat{s} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$$

These are not true since the position dependent basis vectors must be included in the differentiation. We can chain calculus together to get.

$$\vec{\nabla} g = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \hat{y} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \hat{z}$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} \frac{\partial s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right) \hat{x} + \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} \frac{\partial s}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right) \hat{y} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \hat{z}$$

$$= \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} \left[ \frac{\partial s}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial s}{\partial y} \hat{y} \right] + \frac{\partial g}{\partial \phi} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \hat{y} \right) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \hat{z}$$

$$= \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} \left[ \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \hat{x} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \hat{y} \right] + \dots$$

$$= \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} \left[ \frac{s}{s} \cos \phi \hat{x} + \frac{s}{s} \sin \phi \hat{y} \right] + \dots$$

$$= \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} \hat{s} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} g = \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} \hat{s} + \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (s v_s) + \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$$

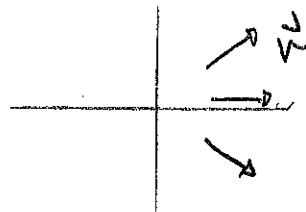
etc...

### 3 Divergence theorem, cylindrical coordinates

Consider  $\mathbf{v} = \hat{s}$ .

- Do you expect  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$  to be zero or not?
- Show that the divergence theorem is valid for a cylinder with axis along the  $z$ -axis, radius  $R$  and height  $h$ .

Answer a) In the  $x$ - $y$  plane it appears that  $\nabla \cdot \hat{s}$  diverges.



$$\nabla \cdot \hat{s} = \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (s V_s) + \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial V_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } V_s &= 1 \\ V_\phi &= 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla \cdot \hat{s} = \frac{1}{s} \\ V_z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) } \oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = \underbrace{\int_{\text{curved surface}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a}}_{\text{here } d\vec{a} = \pm s ds d\phi \hat{z}} + \underbrace{\int_{\text{top}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a}}_{\text{here } d\vec{a} = \pm s ds d\phi \hat{z}} + \underbrace{\int_{\text{bottom}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a}}_{\text{here } d\vec{a} = \pm s ds d\phi \hat{z}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$$

$$0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi \Rightarrow d\vec{a} = s d\phi d\vec{z} \hat{s}$$

$$0 \leq z \leq h \quad = R d\phi d\vec{z} \hat{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^h dz R = 2\pi R h$$

$$\text{Then } \int \nabla \cdot \vec{v} dz = \int_0^h \frac{1}{s} dz = \int_0^h dz \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^R s ds \frac{1}{s} = 2\pi R h$$

$$dz = s ds d\phi dz$$

MATCH!