

The operator ∇ : $T(x, y, z)$

$$\nabla T = \left(\hat{x} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) \checkmark \text{ gradient }$$

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



= vector operator

\vec{A} ,

$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$,
 $A \cdot B$,

$\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$

(i) On a scalar function T : $\vec{\nabla} T$ (The gradient of T)

(ii) On a vector function \vec{v} ; via dot product

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v}$ (the divergence)

(iii) " " \vec{v} ; via cross product

$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v}$ (the curl)

Gradient

Scalar function

$$T(x, y, z)$$

$$dT = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}\right) dx + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right) dy + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial z}\right) dz$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \hat{y} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \hat{z} \right) \cdot (dx \hat{x} + dy \hat{y} + dz \hat{z})$$

$$= (\bar{\nabla} T) \cdot d\vec{l}$$

where, $\bar{\nabla} T = \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \hat{y} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \hat{z}$

Geometrical interpretation : $\bar{\nabla} T$ has magnitude & direction

$$dT = \bar{\nabla} T \cdot d\bar{l} = |\bar{\nabla} T| |d\bar{l}| \cos \theta$$

θ angle between $\bar{\nabla} T$ & $d\bar{l}$

let say fix magnitude of $\frac{d\bar{l}}{ds}$

θ vary \rightarrow to find dT is maximum

$\theta = 0$ then $dT = \text{max}$



Slope of in that direction is the magnitude.

$$\underline{\nabla T = 0}, \quad dT = 0 \text{ for small displacement about } (x, y, z)$$

The divergence

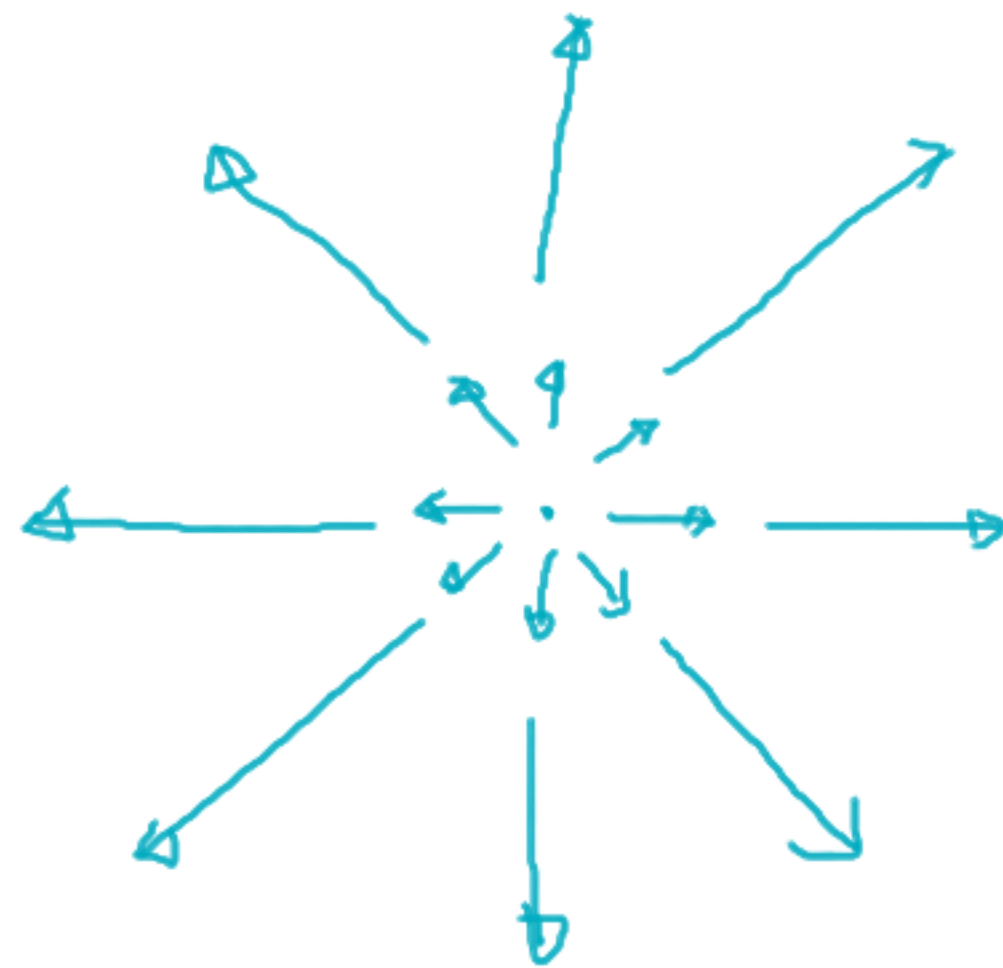
$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \vec{v} &= \left(\hat{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (v_x \hat{x} + v_y \hat{y} + v_z \hat{z}) \\ &= \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \end{aligned}$$

'diverge' \rightarrow spreads out

\vec{v} is spreading out from a point in question

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

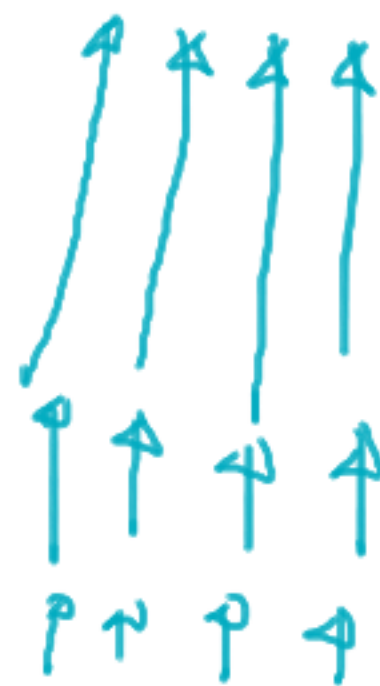
$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$



(+ve) divergence



Zero divergence



(+ve divergence)

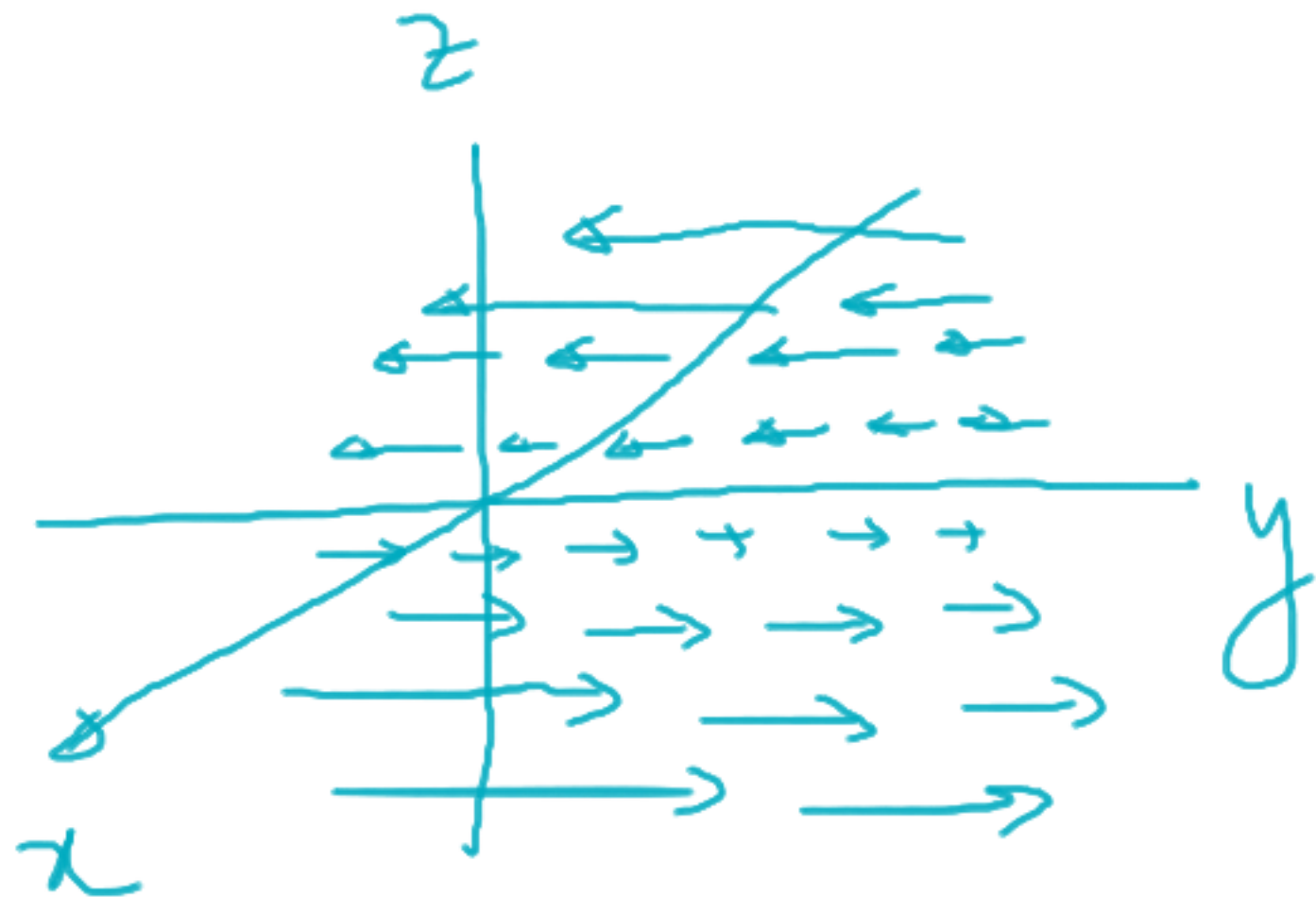
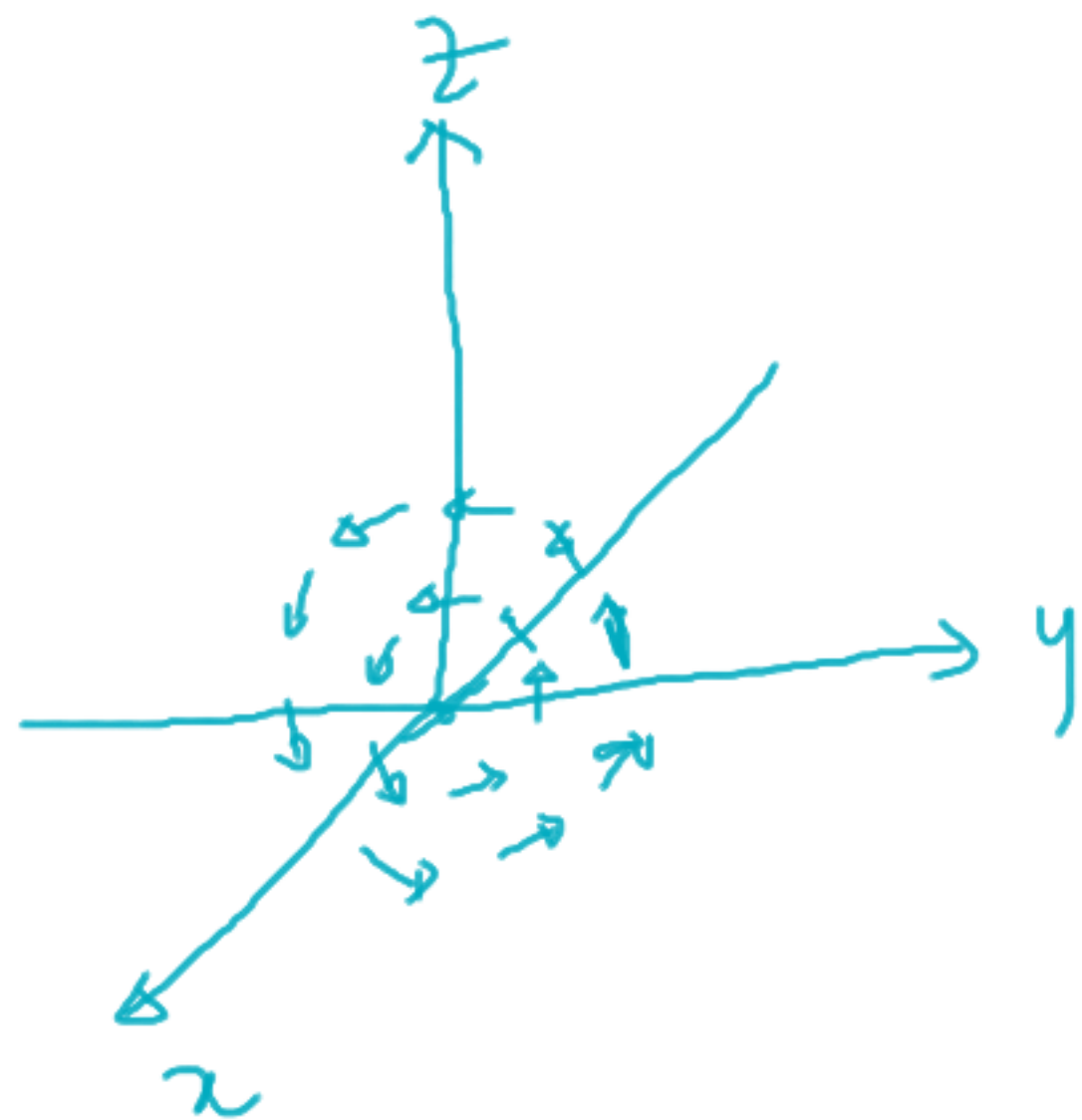
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The curl

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{x} \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} \right) - \hat{y} \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{z} \left(\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

The 'curl' now the \vec{v} curls around a point.



Integral calculus :

line (or path), integrals

Surface

Volume

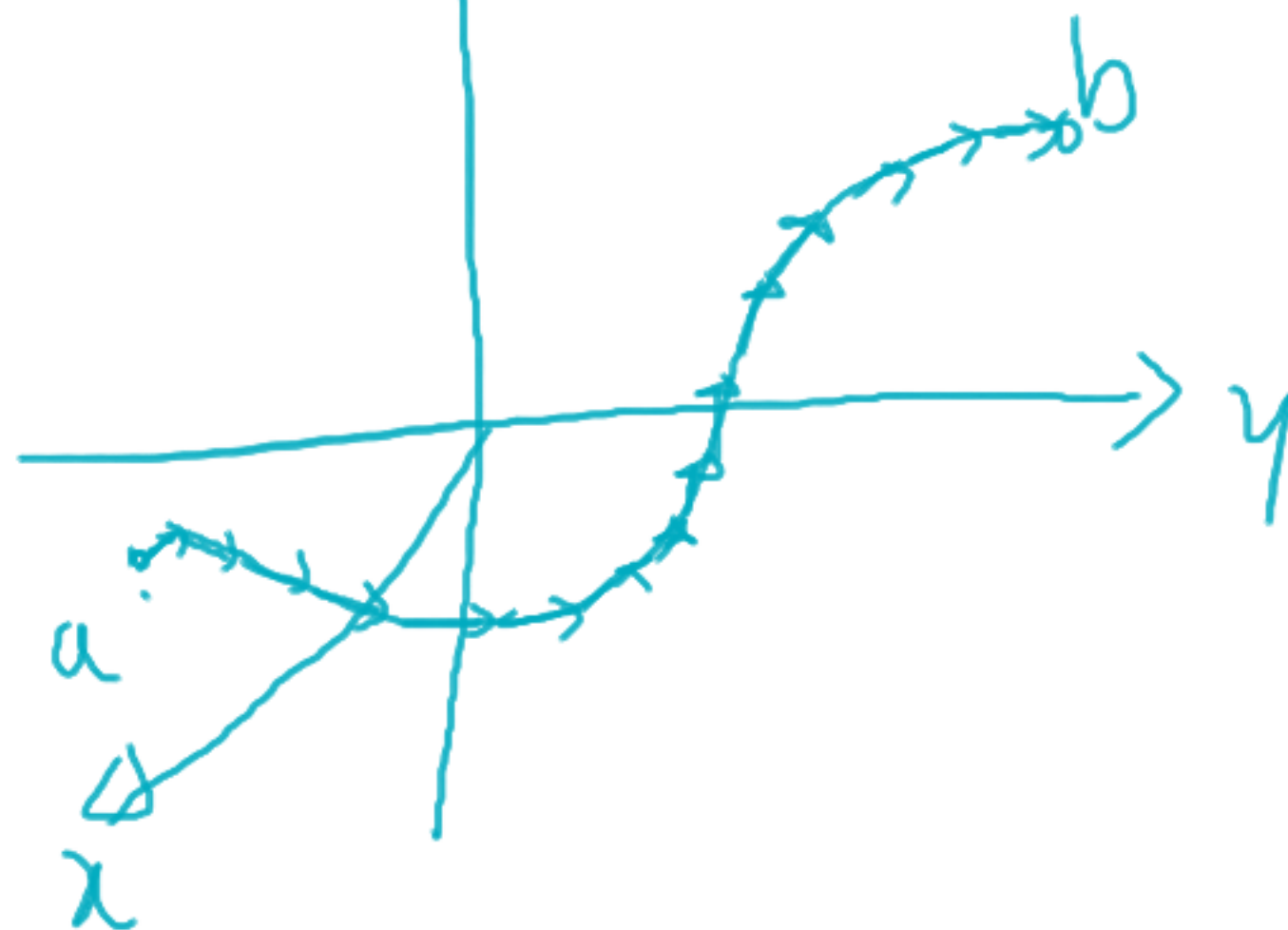
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(a) line integrals :

$$\int_a^b \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

closed path, $\oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l}$



$$\underline{W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{\ell}}$$

line