

7. Gauss Divergence Theorem

The surface integral of the normal component of a vector over a closed surface S is equal to the volume integral of the divergence of \vec{F} throughout the volume bounded by S .

$$\iint_S \vec{N} \cdot \vec{F} \, ds = \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} \, dv$$

where \vec{N} is the unit outward normal.

We shall accept this important theorem without proof.

Example 5 : Use Gauss's Divergence Theorem to evaluate $\iint_S \vec{N} \cdot \vec{F} ds$

where $\vec{F} = x^2\vec{i} + z\vec{j} + yz\vec{k}$ and S is the surface of the cube bounded by $x = 0, x = 1, y = 0, y = 1, z = 0, z = 1$.
(M.U. 2015)

Sol. : By the Gauss's Divergence Theorem $\iint_S \vec{N} \cdot \vec{F} ds = \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dV$

$$\text{But } \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(yz) = 2x + y$$

$$\therefore \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dV = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (2x + y) dx dy dz = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 [2xz + yz]_0^1 dx dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (2x + y) dx dy = \int_0^1 \left[2xy + \frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^1 dy = \int_0^1 \left(2x + \frac{1}{2} \right) dy$$

$$\therefore \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dV = \left[x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x \right]_0^1 = \frac{3}{2} \quad \therefore \iint_S \vec{N} \cdot \vec{F} ds = \frac{3}{2}$$

Example 6 : Use Gauss's Divergence Theorem to evaluate $\iint_S \vec{N} \cdot \vec{F} ds$ where

$\vec{F} = 4x\vec{i} + 3y\vec{j} - 2z\vec{k}$ and S is the surface bounded by $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0$ and $2x + 2y + z = 4$.
(M.U. 2014)

Sol. : By Divergence Theorem

$$\iint_S \vec{N} \cdot \vec{F} ds = \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dv$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{F} = 4x\vec{i} + 3y\vec{j} - 2z\vec{k} \quad \therefore \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 4 + 3 - 2 = 5$$

$$\text{Now, } \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dv = \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^{2-x} \int_{z=0}^{4-2x-2y} 5 dx dy dz$$

$$= \int_0^2 \int_0^{2-x} 5(4 - 2x - 2y) dx dy$$

$$= 5 \int_0^2 \left[4y - 2xy - y^2 \right]_0^{2-x} dx$$

$$= 5 \int_0^2 \left[4(2-x) - 2x(2-x) - (2-x)^2 \right] dx$$

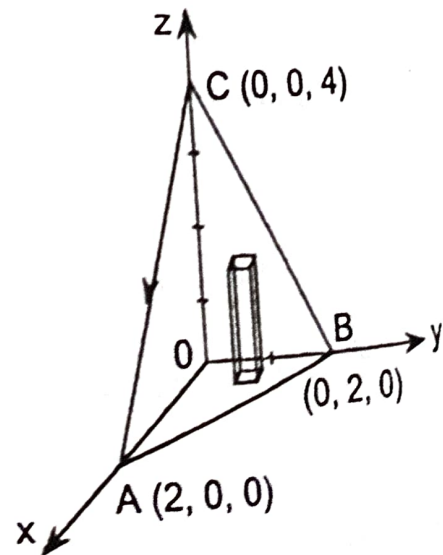


Fig. 4.30

$$= 5 \int_0^2 [4 - 4x + x^2] dx = 5 \left[4x - 2x^2 + \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^2 = 5 \left[8 - 8 + \frac{8}{3} \right] = \frac{40}{3}$$

$$\therefore \iint_S \vec{N} \cdot \vec{F} ds = \frac{40}{3}$$

Example 7 : Use Gauss's Divergence Theorem to evaluate $\iint_S \vec{N} \cdot \vec{F} ds$ where $\vec{F} = 4xi - 2y^2j + z^2k$ and S is the region bounded by $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, $z = 0$, $z = 3$. (M.U. 1992, 94, 98, 2001, 06, 15)

Sol. : By Divergence Theorem $\iint_S \vec{N} \cdot \vec{F} ds = \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dv$

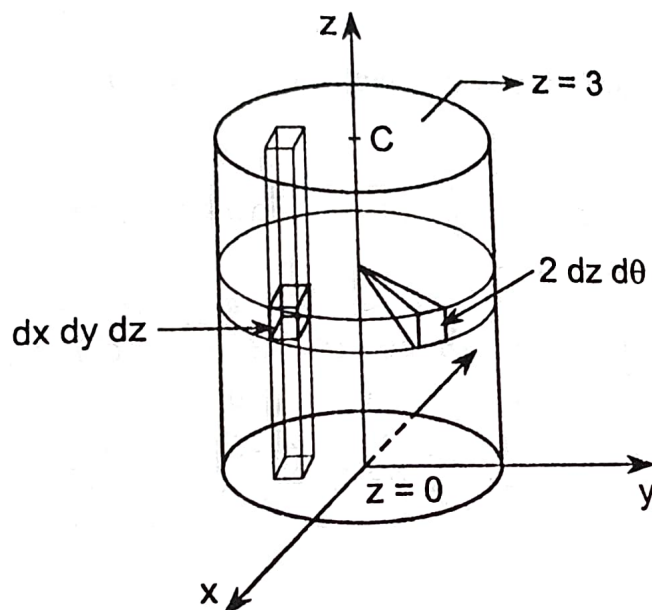


Fig. 4.31 (a)

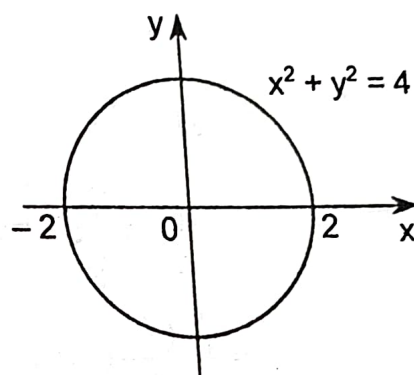


Fig. 4.31 (b)

Now, $\vec{F} = 4xi - 2y^2j + z^2k \quad \therefore \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 4 - 4y + 2z$

$$\therefore \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dv = \iiint_V (4 - 4y + 2z) dx dy dz$$

For the whole volume z varies from 0 to 3, y varies from $-\sqrt{4-x^2}$ to $+\sqrt{4-x^2}$ and x varies from -2 to 2 .

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dv &= \int_{x=-2}^2 \int_{y=-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_{z=0}^3 (4 - 4y + 2z) dx dy dz \\ &= \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \left[4z - 4yz + z^2 \right]_0^3 dx dy \\ &= \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} (12 - 12y + 9) dx dy = \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} (21 - 12y) dx dy \end{aligned}$$

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 $\therefore \int_{-a}^a 12y \, dy = 0$ as $12y$ is an odd function and $\int_{-a}^a 21 \, dy = 2 \times 21 \int_0^a dy$ as $21 \, dy$ is an even function.]

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} \, dv &= \int_{-2}^2 \int_0^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} 2 \times 21 \, dx \, dy = \int_{-2}^2 [42y]_0^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx \\ &= 42 \int_{-2}^2 \sqrt{4-x^2} \, dx = 42 \times 2 \int_0^2 \sqrt{4-x^2} \, dx \\ &= 84 \left[\frac{x}{2} \sqrt{4-x^2} + \frac{4}{2} \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{2} \right]_0^2 \\ &= 84 \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = 84\pi \end{aligned} \quad \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

Alternatively, changing to cylindrical polar coordinates, we put $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, $z = z$ and $dx \, dy \, dz = r \, dr \, d\theta \, dz$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} \, dv &= \iiint (4 - 4y + 2z) \, dx \, dy \, dz = \int_0^a \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^b (4 - 4r \sin \theta + 2z) r \, dr \, d\theta \, dz \\ &= 4 \int_0^a r \, dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^b dz - 4 \int_0^a r^2 \, dr \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \theta \, d\theta \int_0^b dz + 2 \int_0^a r \, dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^b z \, dz \\ &= 4 \cdot \frac{(a^2)}{2} (2\pi) (b) - 4 \cdot \frac{(a^3)}{2} [-\cos \theta]_0^{2\pi} b + 2 \cdot \frac{(a^2)}{2} (2\pi) \left(\frac{b^2}{2} \right) \\ &= 4\pi a^2 b + 0 + \pi a^2 b^2 \end{aligned}$$

Putting $a = 2$, $b = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} \, dv &= 4\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 3 + \pi \cdot 4 \cdot 9 = 84\pi. \\ \therefore \iint_S \vec{N} \cdot \vec{F} \, ds &= 84\pi. \end{aligned}$$

Example 8 : Use Gauss's Divergence Theorem to evaluate $\iint_S \vec{N} \cdot \vec{F} \, ds$

where $\vec{F} = 2xi + xyj + zk$ over the region bounded by the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, $z = 0$, $z = 6$.
 (M.U. 1996, 201)

Sol. : By Divergence Theorem $\iint_S \vec{N} \cdot \vec{F} \, ds = \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} \, dv$

Here, $\vec{F} = 2xi + xyj + zk$

$$\therefore \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(xy) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(z) = 2 + x + 1 = 3 + x$$

$$\therefore \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} \, dv = \iiint_V (3 + x) \, dv = \iiint_V (3 + x) \, dx \, dy \, dz$$

Now, to cover the whole volume bounded by the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, $z = 0$ and $z = 6$, z varies from 0 to 6, y varies from $-\sqrt{4 - x^2}$ to $\sqrt{4 - x^2}$, and x varies from -2 to 2 (as in the previous example).

$$\therefore \iiint_V (3 + x) dx dy dz = \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_0^6 (3 + x) dx dy dz$$

$$= \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} [3z + xz]_0^6 dx dy$$

$$= \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} (18 + 6x) dx dy$$

$$= \int_{-2}^2 [18y + 6xy]_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx$$

$$= \int_{-2}^2 \left[\left(18\sqrt{4-x^2} + 6x\sqrt{4-x^2} \right) - \left(-18\sqrt{4-x^2} - 6x\sqrt{4-x^2} \right) \right] dx$$

$$= \int_{-2}^2 \left(36\sqrt{4-x^2} + 12x\sqrt{4-x^2} \right) dx$$

$$= \left[36 \left\{ \frac{x}{2} \sqrt{4-x^2} + \frac{4}{2} \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{2} \right\} - 4(4-x^2)^{3/2} \right]_{-2}^2$$

$$= 36 \left\{ 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} + 2 \frac{\pi}{2} \right\} = 72\pi$$

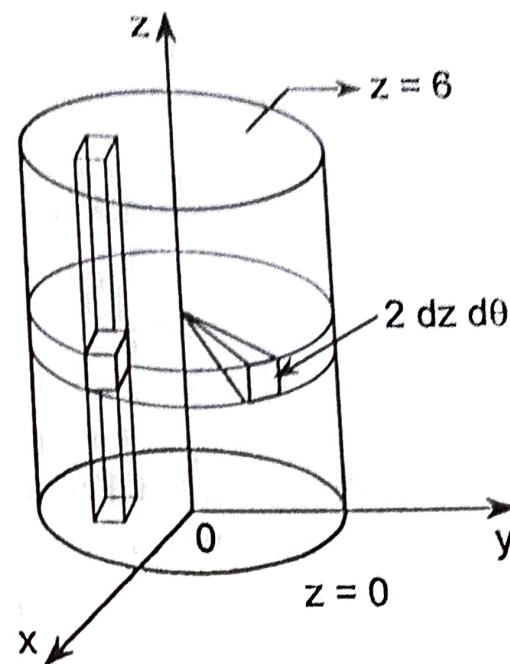


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