

Volume Integral

Introduction:

Let \vec{F} be a vector point function and volume V enclosed by a closed surface.

The volume integral = $\iiint_V \vec{F} \, dv$

Example 15. If $\vec{F} = 2z\hat{i} - x\hat{j} + y\hat{k}$, evaluate $\iiint_V \vec{F} \, dv$ where, v is the region bounded by the surfaces

$$x = 0, y = 0, x = 2, y = 4, z = x^2, z = 2.$$

Solution. $\iiint_V \vec{F} \, dv = \iiint (2z\hat{i} - x\hat{j} + y\hat{k}) \, dx \, dy \, dz$

$$= \int_0^2 dx \int_0^4 dy \int_{x^2}^2 (2z\hat{i} - x\hat{j} + y\hat{k}) \, dz = \int_0^2 dx \int_0^4 dy [z^2\hat{i} - xz\hat{j} + yzk]_{x^2}^2$$

$$= \int_0^2 dx \int_0^4 dy [4\hat{i} - 2x\hat{j} + 2y\hat{k} - x^4\hat{i} + x^3\hat{j} - x^2y\hat{k}]$$

$$= \int_0^2 dx \left[4y\hat{i} - 2xy\hat{j} + y^2\hat{k} - x^4y\hat{i} + x^3y\hat{j} - \frac{x^2y^2}{2}\hat{k} \right]_0^4$$

$$= \int_0^2 (16\hat{i} - 8x\hat{j} + 16\hat{k} - 4x^4\hat{i} + 4x^3\hat{j} - 8x^2\hat{k}) \, dx$$

$$= \left[16x\hat{i} - 4x^2\hat{j} + 16x\hat{k} - \frac{4x^5}{5}\hat{i} + x^4\hat{j} - \frac{8x^3}{3}\hat{k} \right]_0^2$$

$$= 32\hat{i} - 16\hat{j} + 32\hat{k} - \frac{128}{5}\hat{i} + 16\hat{j} - \frac{64}{3}\hat{k} = \frac{32\hat{i}}{5} + \frac{32\hat{k}}{3} = \frac{32}{15}(3\hat{i} + 5\hat{k})$$

Ans.

Ex. 7.8.3 If $F = (2x^2 - 3z)i - 2xyj - 4xk$, evaluate $\iiint_V \nabla \cdot F dv$ where V is the closed region bounded by the planes $x = 0$, $y = 0$, $z = 0$ and $2x + 2y + z = 4$.

Sol: $\nabla \cdot F = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2x^2 - 3z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2xy) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(4x) = 4x - 2x = 2x$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \iiint_V \nabla \cdot F dv &= \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^{2-x} \int_{z=0}^{4-2x-2y} 2x dz dy dx = \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^{2-x} [2x dz] dy dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^{2-x} 2xz dy dx = \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^{2-x} 2x(4-2x-2y) dy dx = \int_{x=0}^2 [8x - 4x^2 - 4xy] dy dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^2 [8xy - 4x^2y - 2xy^2]_{y=0}^{2-x} dx = \int_{x=0}^2 [8x(2-x) - 4x^2(2-x) - 2x(2-x)^2] dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^2 (8x - 8x^2 + 2x^3) dx = \left(4x^2 - \frac{8x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^4}{4}\right)_0^2 = 16 - \frac{64}{3} + 8 = \frac{8}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 7.8.4 Evaluate $\iiint_V (\nabla \cdot A) dv$ over the region bounded by $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, $z = 0$ and $z = 3$, where $A = 4xi - 2y^2j + z^2k$.

Sol: $\nabla \cdot A = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(4x) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2y^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(z^2) = 4 - 4y + 2z$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \iiint_V (\nabla \cdot A) dv &= \iiint_V (4 - 4y + 2z) dv = \int_{x=-2}^2 \int_{y=-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_{z=0}^3 (4 - 4y + 2z) dz dy dx \\ &= \int_{x=-2}^2 \int_{y=-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \left[(4z - 4yz + z^2) \right]_0^3 dy dx = \int_{x=-2}^2 \int_{y=-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} (21 - 12y) dy dx \\ &= \int_{x=-2}^2 \left[21y - 6y^2 \right]_{y=-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx = \int_{x=-2}^2 42\sqrt{4-x^2} dx = 84 \int_0^2 \sqrt{4-x^2} dx \\ &= 84 \left[\frac{x}{2} \sqrt{4-x^2} + 2 \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right]_0^2 = 84 \left[0 + 2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - 0 \right] = 84\pi \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 7.8.5 Evaluate $\iiint_V \phi dv$ taken over the rectangular parallelepiped $0 \leq x < a$, $0 \leq y < b$,
 $0 \leq z < c$ and $\phi = 2(x + y + z)$

Sol:
$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_V \phi dv &= \iiint_V 2(x + y + z) dv = \int_{x=0}^a \int_{y=0}^b \left[\int_{z=0}^c 2(x + y + z) dz \right] dy dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^a \int_{y=0}^b \left[2xz + 2yz + z^2 \right]_{z=0}^c dy dx = \int_{x=0}^a \int_{y=0}^b (2cx + 2cy + c^2) dy dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^a \left[2cxy + cy^2 + c^2 y \right]_{y=0}^b dx = \int_{x=0}^a (2bcx + cb^2 + c^2 b) dx = bcx^2 + (b^2c + bc^2)x \Big|_0^a \\ &= a^2bc + a(b^2c + bc^2) = abc(a + b + c) \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 7.8.6 If $\phi = 4y + 2xz$, evaluate $\iiint_V \phi dv$ over the region in the first octant bounded by
 $x^2 + y^2 = 9$, $z = 0$, $z = 2$.

Sol:
$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_V \phi dv &= \iiint_V (4y + 2xz) dv \\ &= \int_{x=0}^3 \int_{y=0}^{\sqrt{9-x^2}} \left[\int_{z=0}^2 (2xz + 4y) dz \right] dy dx = \int_0^3 \int_0^{\sqrt{9-x^2}} (4yz + xz^2) \Big|_0^2 dy dx \\ &= \int_0^3 \left[\int_0^{\sqrt{9-x^2}} (8y + 4x) dy \right] dx = \int_0^3 (4y^2 + 4xy) \Big|_0^{\sqrt{9-x^2}} dx \\ &= \int_0^3 [4(9 - x^2) + 4x\sqrt{9 - x^2}] dx = 108 \end{aligned}$$

Example for practice purpose

1. If $\vec{F} = (2x^2 - 3z)\hat{i} - 2xy\hat{j} - 4x\hat{k}$, then evaluate $\iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dV$, where V is bounded by the plane $x = 0$, $y = 0$, $z = 0$ and $2x + 2y + z = 4$. **Ans.** $\frac{8}{3}$

2. Evaluate $\iiint_V \phi dV$, where $\phi = 45x^2y$ and V is the closed region bounded by the planes $4x + 2y + z = 8$, $x = 0$, $y = 0$, $z = 0$ **Ans.** 128

3. If $\vec{F} = (2x^2 - 3z)\hat{i} - 2xy\hat{j} - 4x\hat{k}$, then evaluate $\iiint_V \nabla \times \vec{F} dV$, where V is the closed region bounded by the planes $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0$ and $2x + 2y + z = 4$. **Ans.** $\frac{8}{3}(\hat{j} - \hat{k})$
4. Evaluate $\iiint_V (2x + y) dV$, where V is closed region bounded by the cylinder $z = 4 - x^2$ and the planes $x = 0, y = 0, y = 2$ and $z = 0$. **Ans.** $\frac{80}{3}$
5. If $\vec{F} = 2xz\hat{i} - x\hat{j} + y^2\hat{k}$, evaluate $\iiint_V \vec{F} dV$ over the region bounded by the surfaces $x = 0, y = 0, y = 6$ and $z = x^2, z = 4$. **Ans.** $(16\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 48\hat{k})$