

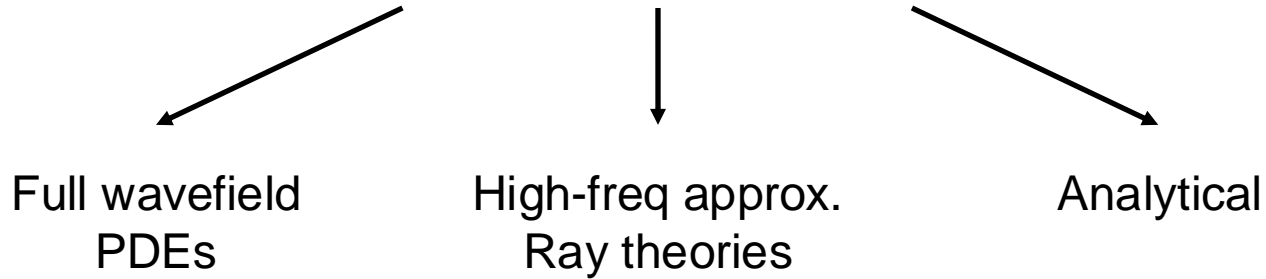
2. Grad-div-curl recap

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ERSE 210 Seismology

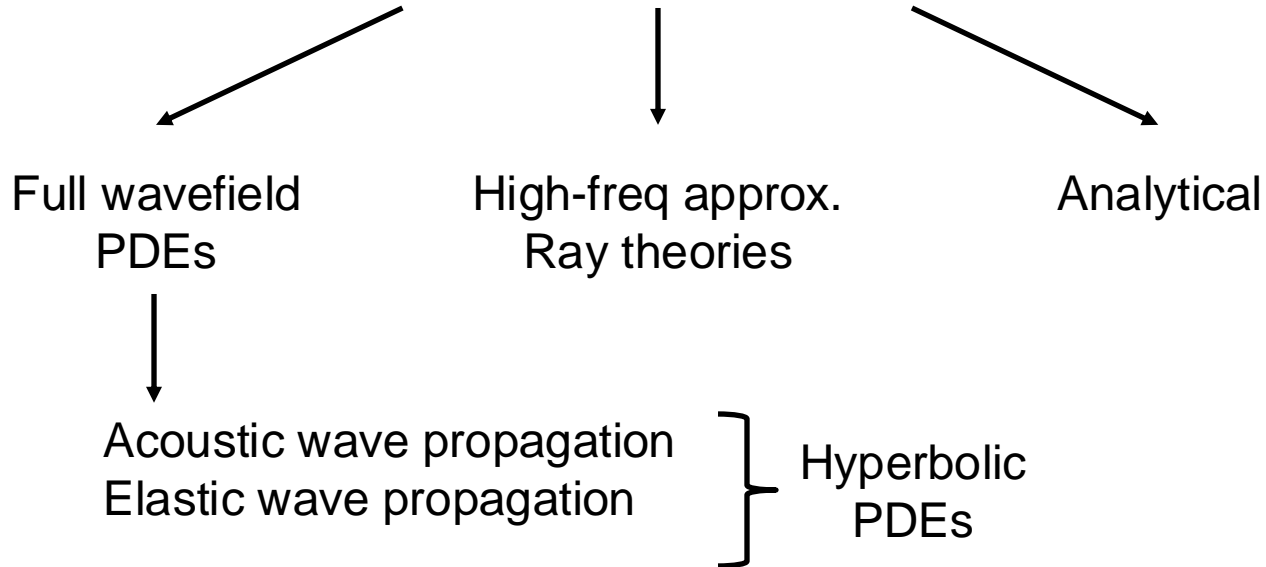
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Wave equation(s)

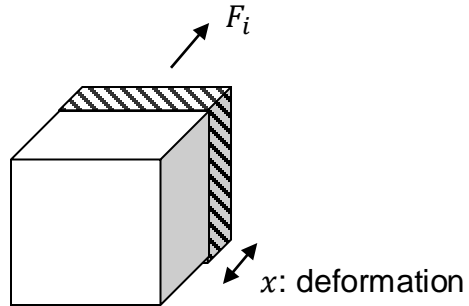
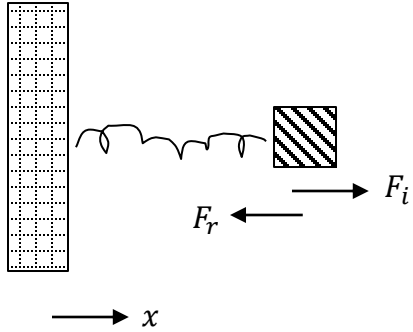
- **Principle of Inertia (aka Equation of motion)**

Links variations in time and space of **deformations** with **stresses** → generates movement in first place

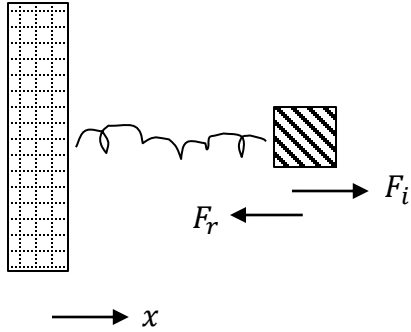
- **Hooke's law (aka Deformation equation)**

Links **stresses** and **deformations** → acts as contrasting force to initial movement, leading to oscillations

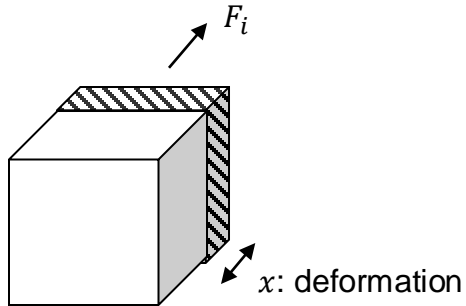
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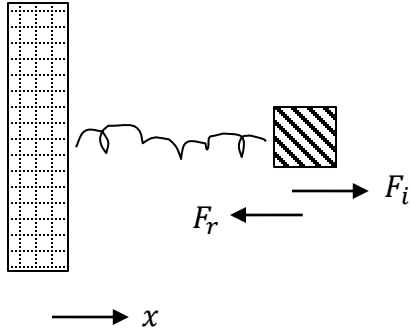
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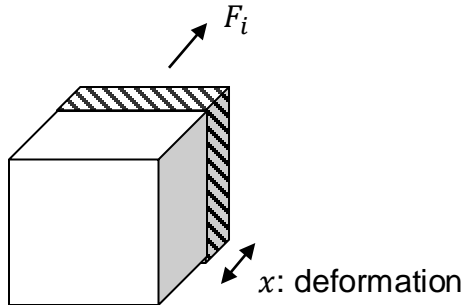


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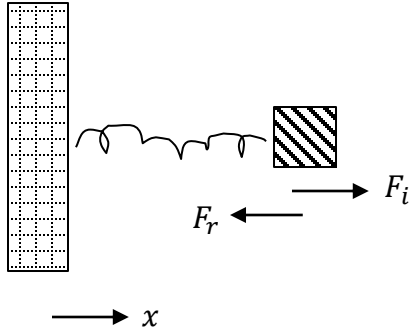
At equilibrium ($F_r = F_i$):

$$m\ddot{x} = -kx \rightarrow \ddot{x} + \frac{k}{m}x = 0$$

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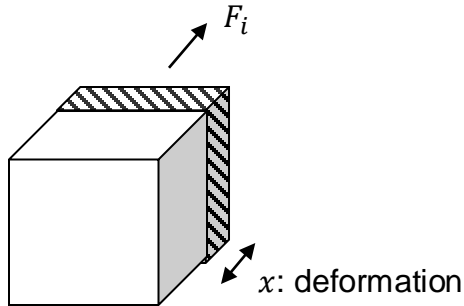
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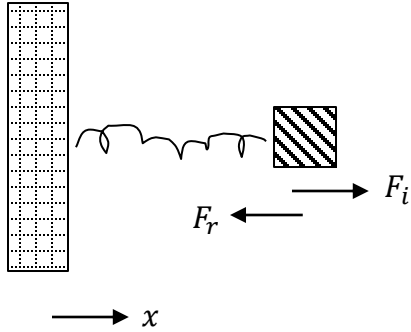
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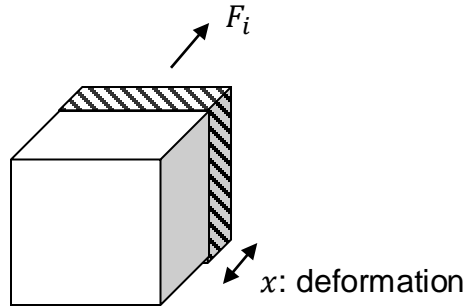
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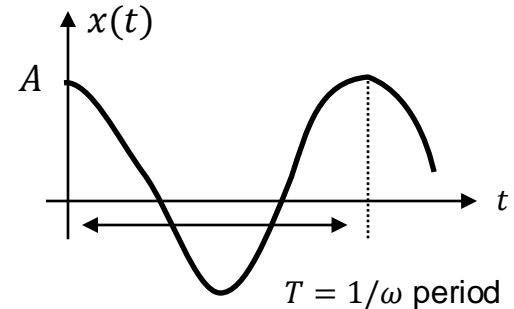
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$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \text{ Resonant frequency}$$

A Amplitude

ϕ Initial phase



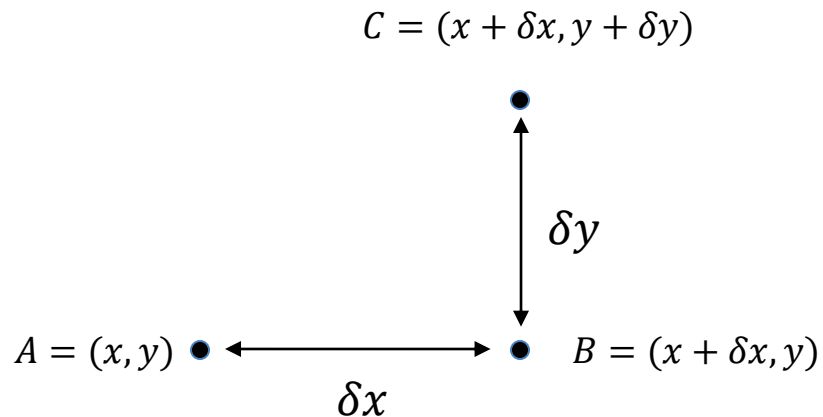
Gradient - definition

Given a generic scalar function f , we define the gradient as:

$$\mathbf{g} = \nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} \partial f / \partial x \\ \partial f / \partial y \\ \partial f / \partial z \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

Fundamental in differentiation and integration
of N-dimensional functions

Gradient - derivation

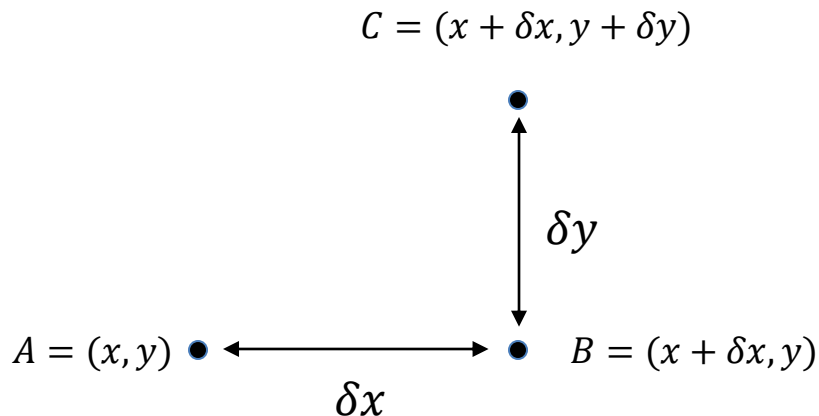


$$f_A = f(x, y)$$

$$f_B = f(x + \delta x, y)$$

$$f_C = f(x + \delta x, y + \delta y)$$

Gradient - derivation



$$\begin{aligned} f_A &= f(x, y) \\ f_B &= f(x + \delta x, y) \\ f_C &= f(x + \delta x, y + \delta y) \end{aligned}$$

Starting from:

$$\delta f = f_C - f_A = f_C - f_B + f_B - f_A$$

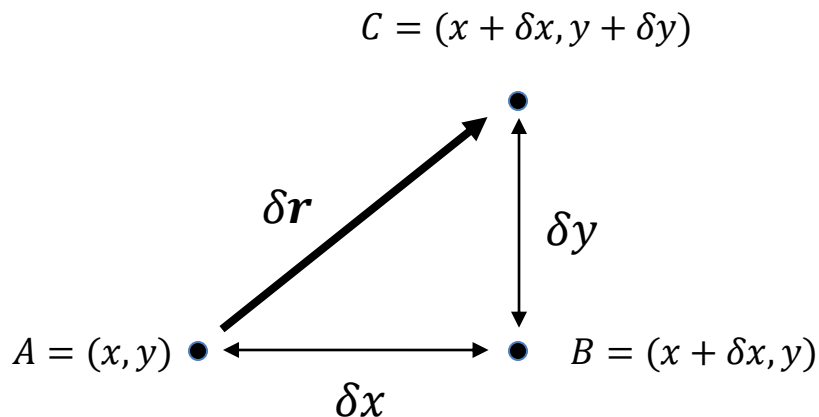
and using the definition of partial derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned} f_B - f_A &= f(x + \delta x, y) - f(x, y) \\ &= \delta x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_C - f_B &= f(x + \delta x, y + \delta y) - f(x + \delta x, y) \\ &= \delta y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x + \delta x, y) = \leftarrow \text{Taylor expansion} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\delta y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) + \delta y \delta x \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(x, y) \\ &\quad = 0 \text{ (higher order)} \end{aligned}$$

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we get:

$$\delta f = \delta x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) + \delta y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y)$$



$$\boxed{\delta f = \nabla f \cdot \delta \mathbf{r}}$$

*Inner product between the gradient
and the vector connecting A and C*

Gradient - interpretation

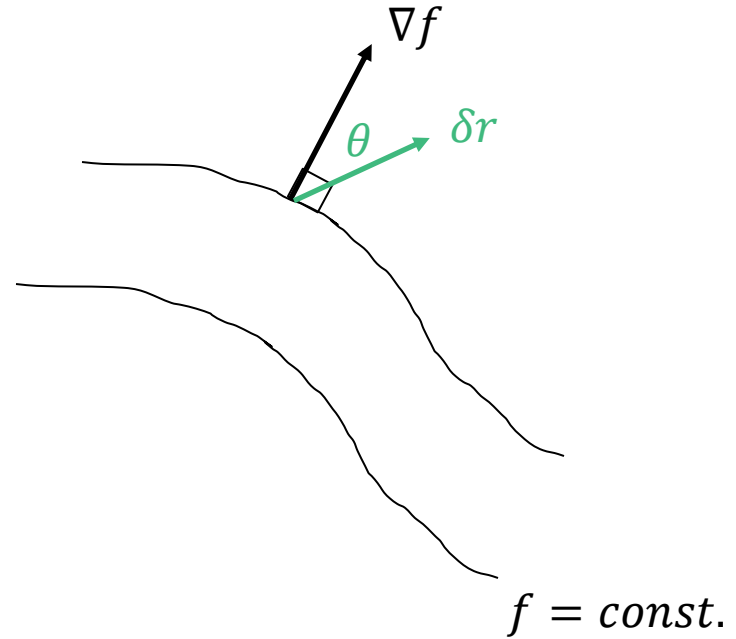
The gradient is a vector with magnitude and direction:

- **Magnitude:** $|\nabla f| = \delta f / |\delta \mathbf{r}|$ (change of f in the direction of largest increase divided by the distance in that direction)
- **Direction:** points in the direction of max change of function (perpendicular to contours):

$$\delta \mathbf{r} \text{ random: } \delta f = |\nabla f| |\delta \mathbf{r}| \cos \theta$$

$$\delta \mathbf{r} \parallel f_{const} \ (\theta = 90): \delta \mathbf{r} \perp \nabla f \rightarrow \delta f = 0$$

$$\delta \mathbf{r} \perp f_{const} \ (\theta = 0): \delta f = |\nabla f| |\delta \mathbf{r}|$$

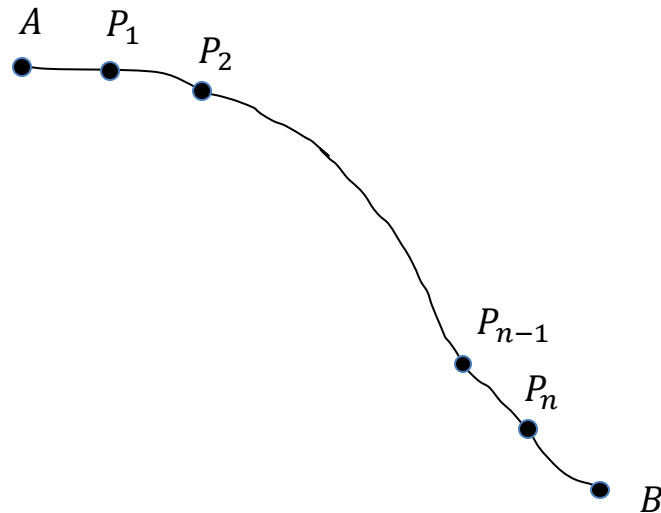


Gradient - interpretation

We can use the concept of gradient to **integrate lines**

$$\delta f = f_B - f_A = (f_B - f_{P_n}) + \cdots + (f_{P_1} - f_A) =$$

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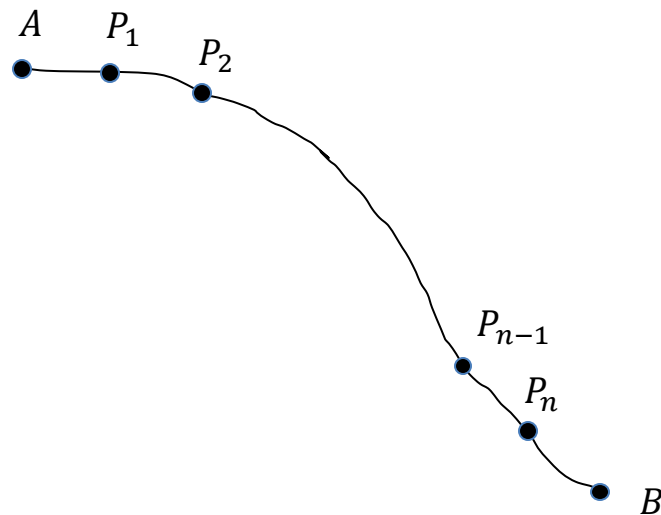
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! Can compute the change of a function between two points provided you know the gradient all along !



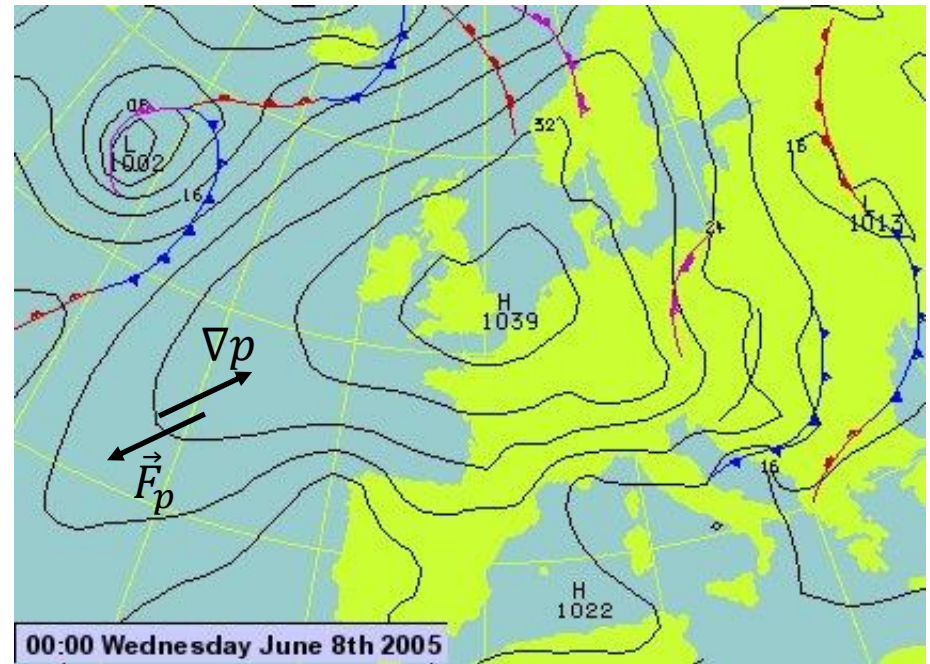
Generalization of the concept of integration in 1D: $d\mathbf{r} = dx\mathbf{i}_x \rightarrow f_B - f_A = \int_A^B \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx$

Pressure force – definition

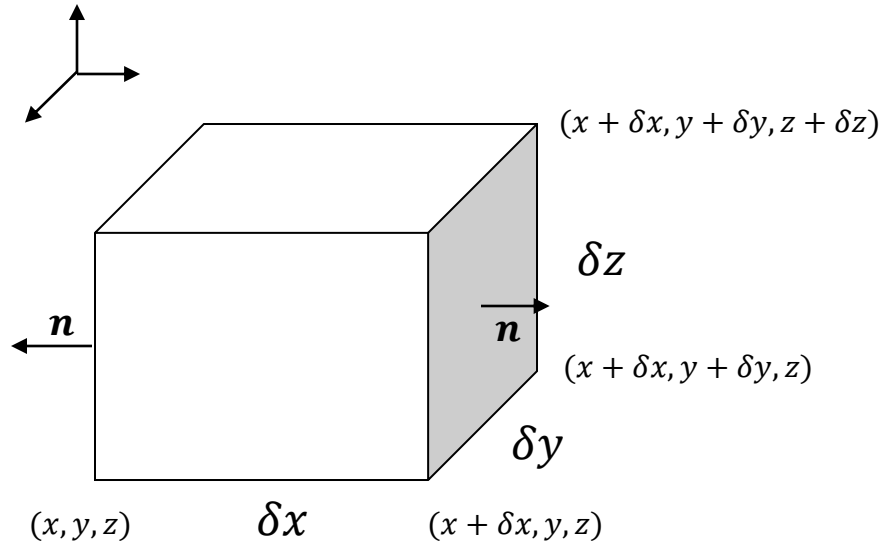
The gradient of the pressure field is:

$$\vec{F}_p = -\nabla p$$

This means that given a pressure field $p(x, y)$ that is non-constant, there is always a force that pushes in the direction of low pressure (i.e., high to low)



Pressure force – derivation



In the x-direction, the net force is:

$$\mathbf{F}_x = \mathbf{F}_{\text{left}} + \mathbf{F}_{\text{right}}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{left}} = p(x, y, z) \delta y \delta z \mathbf{i}_x$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{right}} = -p(x + \delta x, y, z) \delta y \delta z \mathbf{i}_x$$

So:

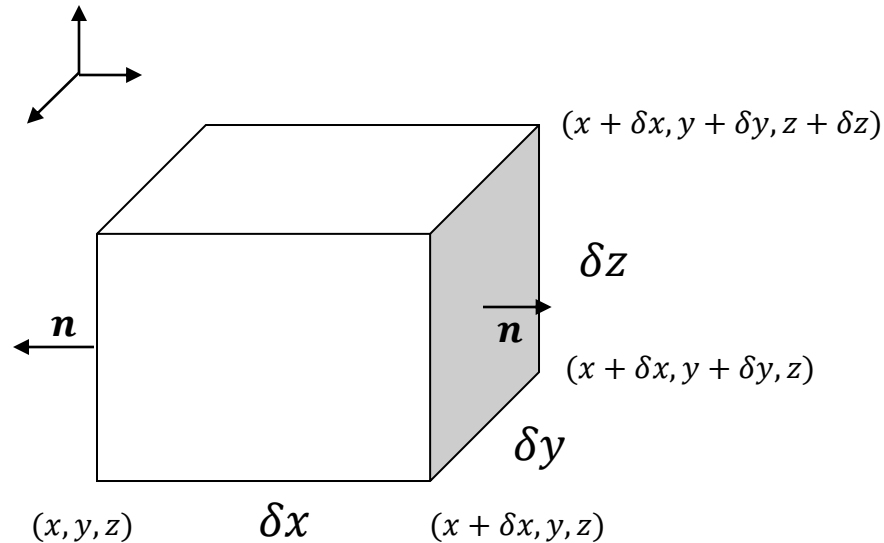
$$\mathbf{F}_x = -[p(x + \delta x, y, z) - p(x, y, z)] \delta y \delta z \mathbf{i}_x$$

$$= -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \delta x \delta y \delta z \mathbf{i}_x = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \delta V \mathbf{i}_x$$

Repeating for y and z:

$$\mathbf{F} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \delta V \mathbf{i}_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \delta V \mathbf{i}_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \delta V \mathbf{i}_z$$

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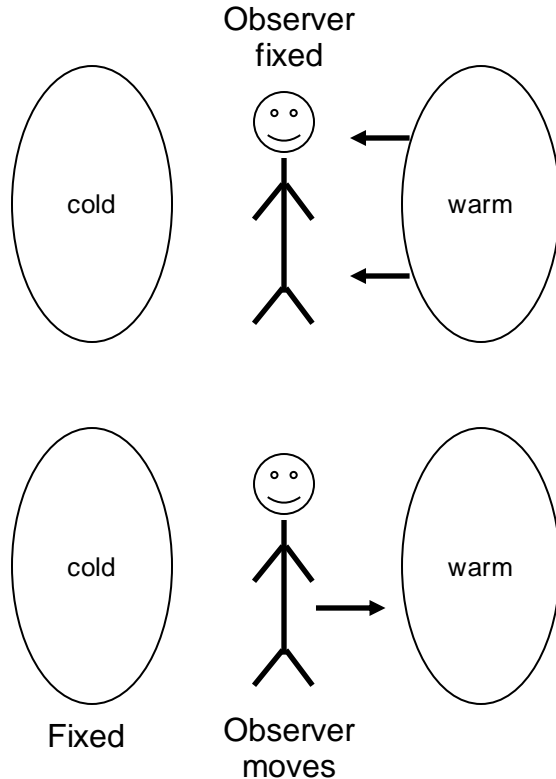
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Which gives:

$$\mathbf{F}_p = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{\delta V} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \mathbf{i}_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \mathbf{i}_y + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \mathbf{i}_z = -\nabla p$$

Total and partial derivatives - definition



Principle of temporal changes caused by motion in a system

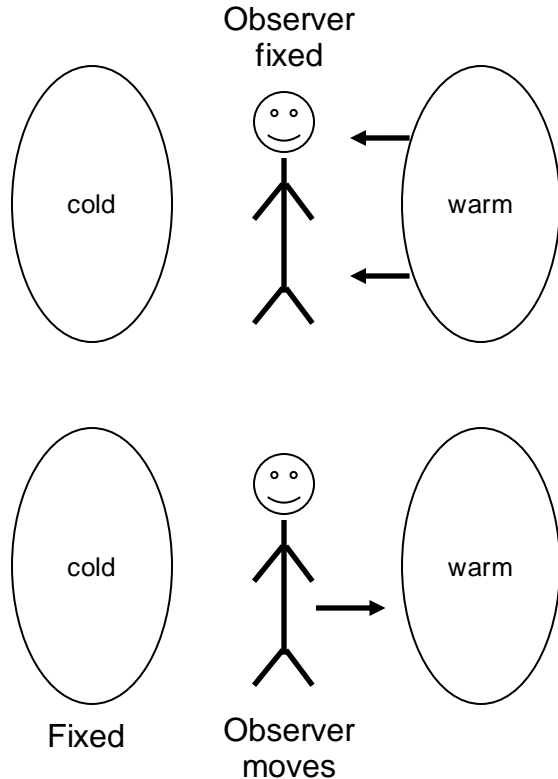
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$$\frac{\partial T(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{T(\mathbf{r}, t + \delta t) - T(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\delta t}$$

Partial derivative

Total and partial derivatives - definition



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2. Temperature field is fixed ($\partial T / \partial t = 0$), but observer moves and still experiences an increase in temperature over time

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT(\mathbf{r}, t)}{dt} &= \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{T(\mathbf{r}(t + \delta t), t + \delta t) - T(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\delta t} & \text{Total derivative} \\ &= \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\nabla T \cdot \delta \mathbf{r}}{\delta t} & \delta \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(t + \delta t) - \mathbf{r}(t) \end{aligned}$$

Total and partial derivatives - definition

In general, the two effects could be intertwined:

$$\frac{dT(\mathbf{r}, t)}{dt} = \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{T(x(t + \delta t), y(t + \delta t), z(t + \delta t), t + \delta t) - T(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\delta t}$$

which becomes :

$$\begin{aligned} \delta x &= x(t + \delta t) - x(t) \approx \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \delta t = v_x \delta t \\ \delta y &= y(t + \delta t) - y(t) \approx \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \delta t = v_y \delta t \\ \delta z &= \dots \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} v_x + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} v_y + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} v_z + \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla f) + \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

Lagrangian view
↓
Eulerian view ↑

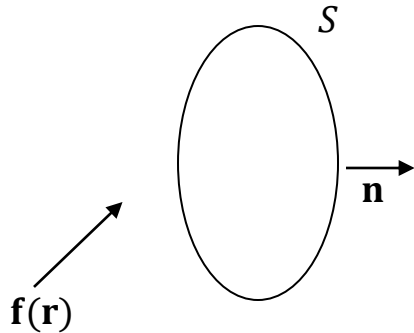
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$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{f} = \frac{\partial f_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f_z}{\partial z} \quad \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Divergence - definition

To provide a physical interpretation of the divergence, we need to introduce the **flux of a vectorial field**:



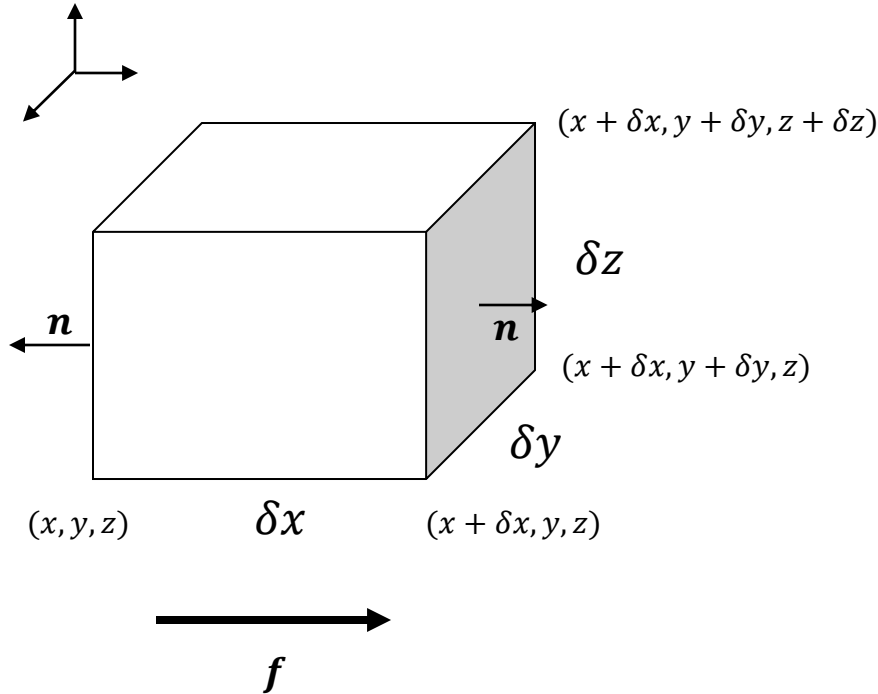
e.g., fluid with constant density

The volume of the fluid that flows in the surface S per unit of time is called flux Φ :

$$\Phi = \iint \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS = \iint \mathbf{f} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

where $d\mathbf{S} = dS\mathbf{n}$

Divergence - derivation



Outward flux on the right surface

$$d\Phi_{\text{right}} = f_x(x + \delta x, y, z) \delta y \delta z$$

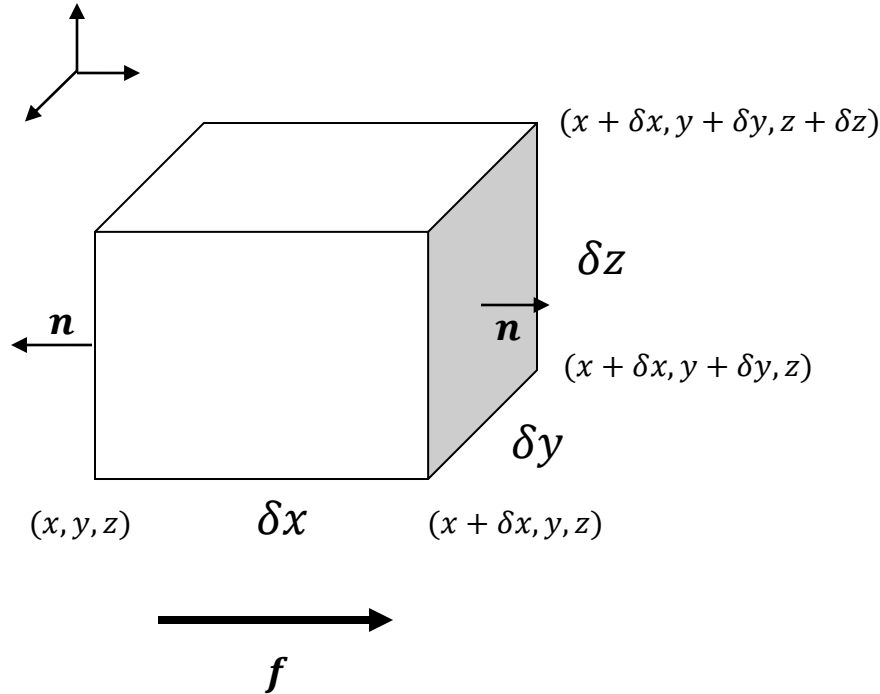
Outward flux on the left surface

$$d\Phi_{\text{left}} = -f_x(x, y, z) \delta y \delta z$$

Total on the side surfaces

$$\begin{aligned} d\Phi_x &= [f_x(x + \delta x, y, z) - f_x(x, y, z)] \delta y \delta z \\ &= \frac{\partial f_x}{\partial x} \delta x \delta y \delta z = \frac{\partial f_x}{\partial x} \delta V \end{aligned}$$

Divergence - derivation



Repeating for y and z:

$$d\Phi_{\mathbf{f}} = \left(\frac{\partial f_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f_z}{\partial z} \right) \delta V = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{f} \delta V$$



$$\boxed{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{f} = \frac{d\Phi_{\mathbf{f}}}{\delta V}}$$

The divergence of a vector field is equivalent to the outward flux of the vector field per unit of volume

Curl - definition

Given a generic vectorial function \mathbf{f} , we define the curl as:

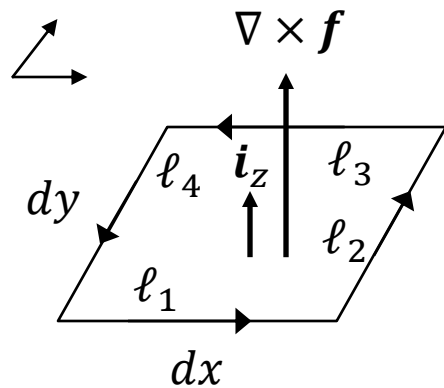
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{f} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i}_x & \mathbf{i}_y & \mathbf{i}_z \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ f_x & f_y & f_z \end{vmatrix} \quad \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

Determinant



Curl - definition

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Assuming that the curl is aligned with \mathbf{i}_z :

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{f} = (\partial_x f_y - \partial_y f_x) \mathbf{i}_z$$

Let's now consider the circulation defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C \mathbf{f} \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \sum_{i=1}^4 \int_{\ell_i} \mathbf{f} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \\ &= f_x(x, y)dx + f_y(x + \delta x, y)dy - f_x(x + \delta x, y + \delta y)dx - f_y(x, y + \delta y)dy \\ &= (-\partial_y f_x(x, y) - \partial_x f_y(x, y))dx dy \end{aligned}$$

Taylor expansion
and higher order

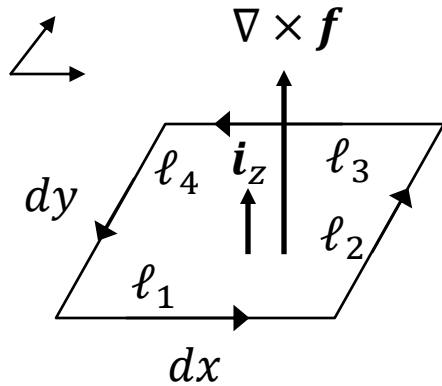
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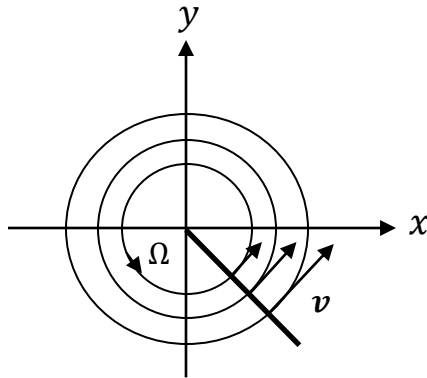
Any component of the curl $\nabla \times \mathbf{f}$ in a given direction is equivalent to the closed line integral of the function \mathbf{f} itself along a closed path perpendicular to such direction divided by the unit surface area.



Curl - interpretation

The curl has usually 2 components:

rigid rotation: fluid
moves in (x,y)



Ω : angular velocity $T = 2\pi/\Omega$: period

$$\mathbf{v} = \Omega \mathbf{r}$$

velocity increases linearly with distance

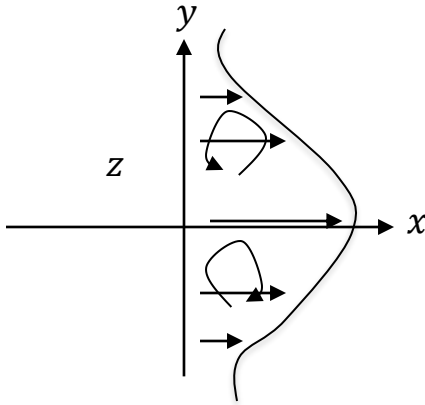
$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \nabla \times \mathbf{v} = 2\Omega \mathbf{i}_z$$

vorticity is twice the rotational rate

Curl - interpretation

The curl has usually 2 components:

shearing: flow only in
x but depends only by y



$$v_x = f(y), v_y = v_z = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = -\partial_y f \mathbf{i}_z$$