



# Chapter 1

## Gauss Law

### 1.1 Gravitational Fields

The divergence theorem for any field  $\bar{F}$  is denoted as

$$\iiint \nabla \cdot \bar{F} dV = \oiint \bar{F} \cdot \bar{n} ds, \text{ wherein } \text{div}[\bar{F}] = \nabla \cdot \bar{F}$$

For a spherical mass  $m_1$ , the gravitational field generated by the mass  $m_1$  at any point:  $\bar{F}_{field} = -\frac{Gm_1}{r^2}\hat{r}$ , wherein  $\hat{r}$  represents unit vector with direction from mass to object.

$$\hat{r} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ y(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ z(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, given that  $x \neq 0, y \neq 0, z \neq 0$

$$\bar{F}_f = -Gm_1 \begin{pmatrix} x(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ y(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ z(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{F}_f = -Gm_1 \nabla \cdot \left[ \begin{pmatrix} x(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ y(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ z(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$\text{Let } k = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \\ h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ y(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ z(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla \cdot k = f_x + g_y + h_z = \nabla \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ y(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ z(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ x(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -3x^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} + (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ y(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = -3y^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} + (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ z(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = -3z^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} + (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\nabla \cdot k = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \cdot k = -3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} + 3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\nabla \cdot k = -3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + 3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\nabla \cdot k = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot F_f = -Gm_1 \times 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot F_f = 0$$

Therefore, for any point outside of the sphere, the divergence of the gravitational field is nonexistent. Consider a region R which is the space containing empty space and a mass sphere. Divergence in region R is the addition of divergence of free space and divergence of mass sphere. Since  $\text{div}(F_f) = 0$  outside of the mass sphere as shown in previous example, divergence in R is only divergence of mass sphere.

$$\text{div}(F_R) = \text{div}(F_{\text{sphere}}) + \text{div}(F_{\text{reespace}})$$

By previous example,  $\text{div}(F_{\text{reespace}}) = 0$

$$\text{div}(F_R) = \text{div}(F_{\text{sphere}})$$

Consider a point mass of mass  $M$  of uniform density with radius  $R$ :

$$\bar{f}_f = \frac{GM}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$\iiint \nabla \cdot \bar{f}_f dV = \oiint \bar{f}_f \cdot \bar{n} ds$$

By considering a surface to be enveloping the mass sphere,

$$\iiint \nabla \cdot \bar{f}_f dV = 4\pi R^2 \bar{f}_f$$

For all points with radius  $r = R$  away from the center of the mass sphere,

$$\bar{f}_f = \frac{GM}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$\iiint \nabla \cdot \bar{f}_f dV = 4\pi R^2 \frac{GM}{R^2}$$

$$\iiint \nabla \cdot \bar{f}_f dV = 4\pi GM$$

By considering the predetermined property of this mass sphere to have uniform density:

$$(\nabla \cdot \bar{f}_f)V = 4\pi GM$$

$$(\nabla \cdot \bar{f}_f) \lim_{V \rightarrow 0} [V] = 4\pi G \lim_{M \rightarrow 0} [M]$$

$$(\nabla \cdot \bar{f}_f)dV = 4\pi G dM$$

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{f}_f = 4\pi G \frac{dM}{dV}$$

wherein  $\rho$  is density,

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{f}_f = 4\pi G \rho$$

By considering the graviational field of any arbitrary object to be the summation of the gravitational field of small components of the object,

$$\bar{F} = \bar{f}_1 + \bar{f}_2 + \bar{f}_3 + \dots \bar{f}_i$$

$$\bar{F} = \sum_{n=1}^i [\bar{f}_n]$$

$\nabla \cdot$  could be considered as a linear transformation because  $\nabla \cdot (\bar{a} + \bar{b}) = (\nabla \cdot \bar{a}) + (\nabla \cdot \bar{b})$  and also  $\nabla \cdot (c\bar{a}) = c(\nabla \cdot \bar{a})$ . Therefore,

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{F} = \sum_{n=1}^i [\nabla \cdot \bar{f}_n]$$

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{F} = \sum_{n=1}^i [4\pi G \rho_n]$$

$$\iiint_R \nabla \cdot \bar{F} dV = \lim_{\Delta V_n \rightarrow 0} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [4\pi G \rho_n \Delta V_n] \right]$$

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$$\rho_n \Delta V_n = \left( \frac{dM_n}{dV_n} \right) dV_n = dM_n$$

$$\lim_{\Delta V_n \rightarrow 0} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [\rho_n \Delta V_n] \right] = \int_0^{m_e} dM = m_e$$

$$\iiint_R \nabla \cdot \bar{F} dV = 4\pi G m_e$$

wherein  $m_e$  represents the mass enclosed by the surface. By reiterating The Divergence Theorem,

$$\iiint \nabla \cdot \bar{F} dV = \oiint \bar{F} \cdot \bar{n} ds$$

$$4\pi G m_e = \oiint \bar{F} \cdot \bar{n} ds$$

For the special case wherein  $\rho = f(r)$ , the gravitational field would be perpendicular to an imaginary spherical surface at radius  $r$  away from the center of the mass sphere. Therefore,

$$\bar{F} \cdot \bar{n} = |\bar{F}|$$

$$\oiint \bar{F} \cdot \bar{n} ds = |\bar{F}| \times 4\pi r^2$$

$$4\pi Gm_e = |\bar{F}| \times 4\pi r^2$$

$$|\bar{F}| = \frac{Gm_e}{r^2}$$

The  $|\bar{F}|$  represents gravitational field produced by a spherical mass with varying radial density,  $\rho = f(r)$ .  $m_e$  represents enclosed mass, which in this case is the entirety of the mass sphere. Since the force of gravity experienced by an object with mass  $m_2$  is  $F_{force} = F_{field} \times m_2$ ,

$$F_{force} = \frac{Gm_em_2}{r^2} = \frac{Gm_e}{r^2} \int_0^R f(r)dr$$

wherein  $R$  is the radius of the mass sphere of varying radial density.