

# Engineering Electromagnetics

## Lecture 10

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# The Fundamental Theorem for Gradients

Now we move a little further, by an additional small displacement  $d\mathbf{l}_2$ ; the incremental change in  $T$  will be  $(\nabla T) \cdot d\mathbf{l}_2$ .

In this manner, proceeding by infinitesimal steps, we make the journey to point **b**.

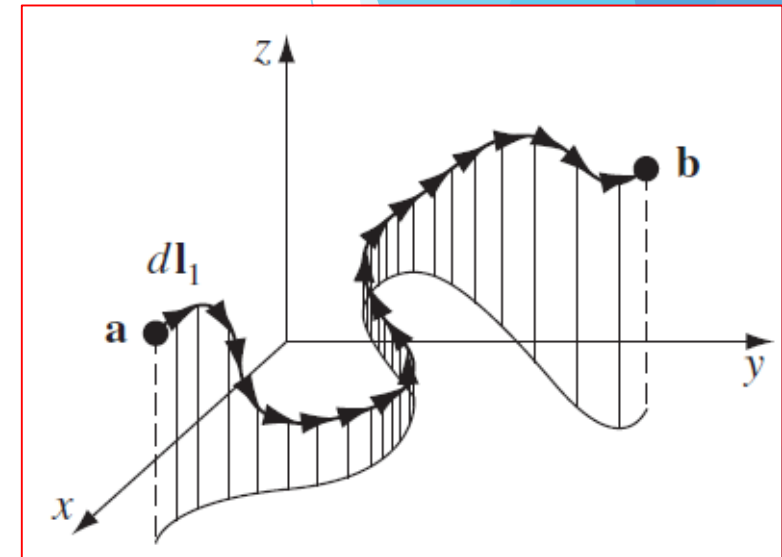
At each step we compute the gradient of  $T$  (at that point) and dot it into the displacement  $d\mathbf{l} \rightarrow$  this gives us the change in  $T$ .

Evidently the *total* change in  $T$  in going from **a** to **b** (along the path selected) is

$$\int_a^b (\nabla T) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = T(\mathbf{b}) - T(\mathbf{a}).$$

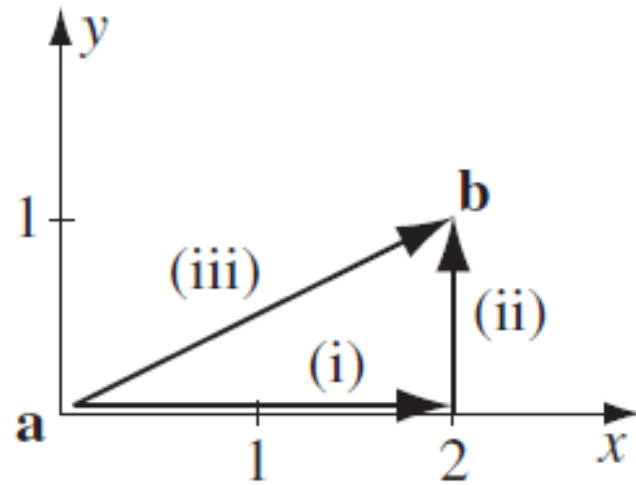
**Corollary 1:**  $\int_a^b (\nabla T) \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  is independent of the path taken from **a** to **b**

**Corollary 2:**  $\oint (\nabla T) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = ?$



## Problem-2

**Example 1.9.** Let  $T = xy^2$ , and take point **a** to be the origin  $(0, 0, 0)$  and **b** the point  $(2, 1, 0)$ . Check the fundamental theorem for gradients.



# Solution

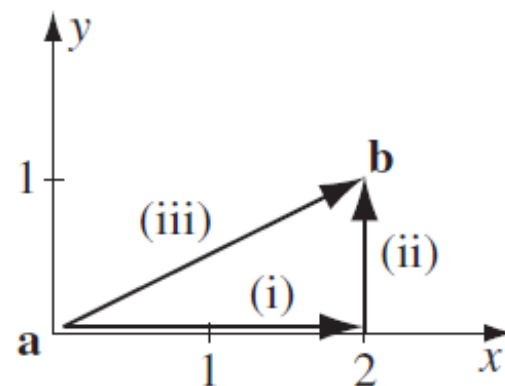
Although the integral is independent of path, we must *pick* a specific path in order to evaluate it. Let's go out along the  $x$  axis (step i) and then up (step ii) (Fig. 1.27). As always,  $d\mathbf{l} = dx \hat{\mathbf{x}} + dy \hat{\mathbf{y}} + dz \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ ;  $\nabla T = y^2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + 2xy \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ .

(i)  $y = 0$ ;  $d\mathbf{l} = dx \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ ,  $\nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{l} = y^2 dx = 0$ , so

$$\int_{\text{i}} \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0.$$

(ii)  $x = 2$ ;  $d\mathbf{l} = dy \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ ,  $\nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 2xy dy = 4y dy$ , so

$$\int_{\text{ii}} \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_0^1 4y dy = 2y^2 \Big|_0^1 = 2.$$



The total line integral is 2. Is this consistent with the fundamental theorem? Yes:  
 $T(\mathbf{b}) - T(\mathbf{a}) = 2 - 0 = 2.$

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Calling

$$f(x, y, z) = x^3 + y^3 + 3xyz - 3 = 0$$

The gradient of  $f(x, y, z)$  at point  $x, y, z$  is a vector normal to the surface at this point.

The gradient is obtained as follows

$\nabla f(x, y, z) = (f_x, f_y, f_z) = 3(x^2 + yz, y^2 + xz, xy)$  at point  $(1, 2, -1)$  has the value  $3(-1, 3, 2)$  and the unit vector is

$$\frac{\{-1, 3, 2\}}{\sqrt{1 + 3^2 + 2^2}} = \left\{ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}, \sqrt{\frac{2}{7}} \right\}$$

# Divergence: examples

► If  $f = x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} - z\hat{z}$ ,  $\nabla \cdot f = ?$

► If  $f = 2\hat{y}$ ,  $\nabla \cdot f = ?$

► If  $f = x^2\hat{x}$ ,  $\nabla \cdot f = ?$

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

# Solution

▶  $\mathbf{f} = x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} - \hat{z}$  ,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{f} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} =$

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# The Fundamental Theorem for Divergences

The fundamental theorem for divergences states that:

$$\int_V (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) d\tau = \oint_S \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a}.$$

## Gauss's theorem/divergence theorem

*integral* of a *derivative* (in this case the *divergence*) over a *region* (in this case a *volume*,  $V$ ) = value of the function at the *boundary* (in this case the *surface*  $S$  that bounds the volume).

Notice that the boundary term is itself an integral (specifically, a surface integral). This is reasonable: the boundary of a *volume* is a (closed) surface.

## Div. theorem: example (MIT open course)

Compute the flux  
of  $\vec{F} = \langle x^4y, -2x^3y^2, z^2 \rangle$   
through the surface of  
the solid bounded by  
 $z=0$ ,  $z=h$  and  
 $x^2+y^2=R^2$

- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCoTAyZ14XM>

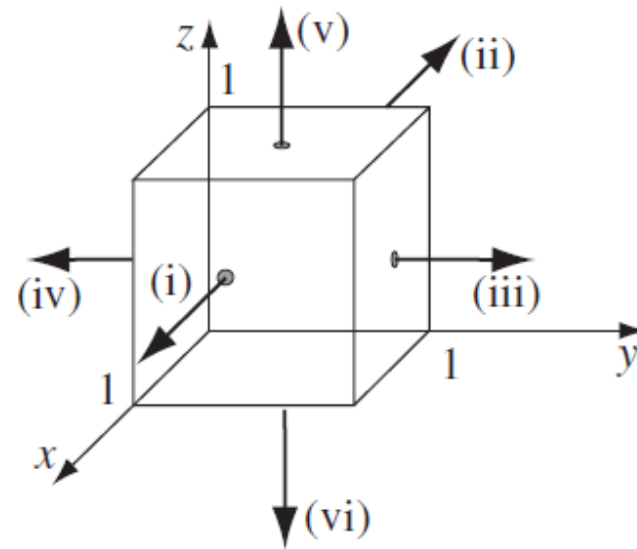
## Problem-3

Check the divergence theorem using the function

$$\mathbf{v} = y^2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + (2xy + z^2) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + (2yz) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

and a unit cube at the origin.

$$\int_V (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) d\tau = \oint_S \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a}.$$



# Solution

For the LHS

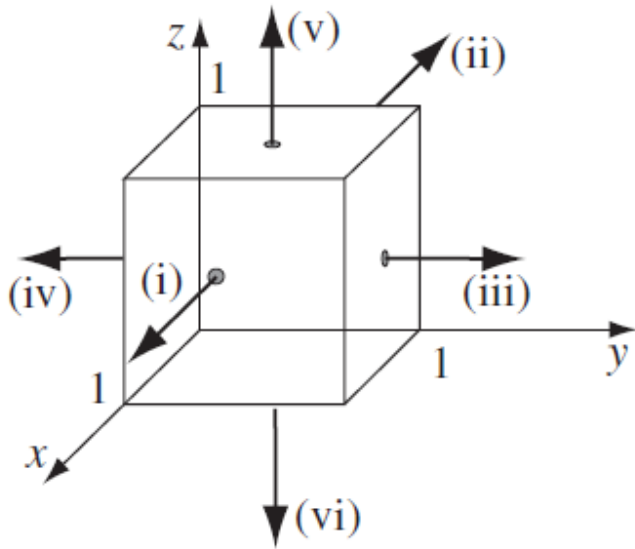
$$\mathbf{v} = y^2 \hat{\mathbf{x}} + (2xy + z^2) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + (2yz) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 2(x + y)$$

$$\int_V 2(x + y) d\tau = 2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (x + y) dx dy dz,$$

$$\int_0^1 (x + y) dx = \frac{1}{2} + y, \quad \int_0^1 (\frac{1}{2} + y) dy = 1, \quad \int_0^1 1 dz = 1$$

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} d\tau = 2$$



For the RHS

So much for the left side of the divergence theorem. To evaluate the surface integral we must consider separately the six faces of the cube:

$$(i) \quad \int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 y^2 dy dz = \frac{1}{3}.$$

$$(ii) \quad \int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = - \int_0^1 \int_0^1 y^2 dy dz = -\frac{1}{3}.$$

$$(iii) \quad \int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (2x + z^2) dx dz = \frac{4}{3}.$$

Note that for this surface  $y=1$

$$(iv) \quad \int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = - \int_0^1 \int_0^1 z^2 dx dz = -\frac{1}{3}.$$

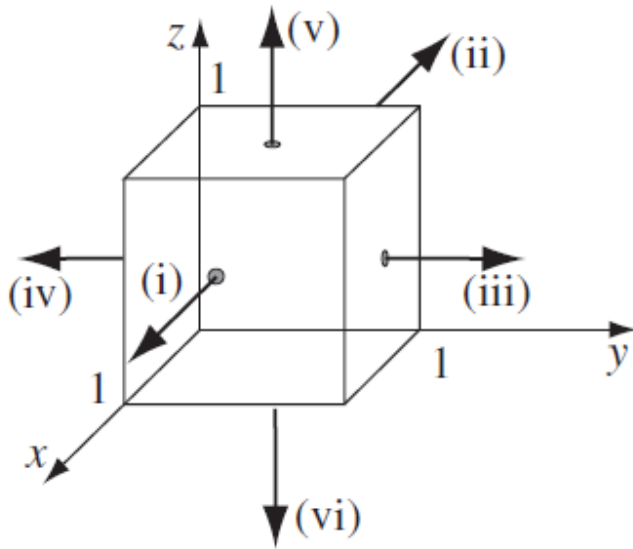
Note that for this surface  $y=0$  so it is not same as Surface (iii)

$$(v) \quad \int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 2y dx dy = 1.$$

$$(vi) \quad \int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = - \int_0^1 \int_0^1 0 dx dy = 0.$$

So the total flux is:

$$\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{3} - \frac{1}{3} + 1 + 0 = 2,$$



# Thank You