

the origin. [This is a special case of Gauss's Law (Equation 16.7.11) for a single charge. The relationship between  $\epsilon$  and  $\epsilon_0$  is  $\epsilon = 1/(4\pi\epsilon_0)$ .]

Another application of the Divergence Theorem occurs in fluid flow. Let  $\mathbf{v}(x, y, z)$  be the velocity field of a fluid with constant density  $\rho$ . Then  $\mathbf{F} = \rho\mathbf{v}$  is the rate of flow per unit area. If  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is a point in the fluid and  $B_a$  is a ball with center  $P_0$  and very small radius  $a$ , then  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}(P) \approx \operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}(P_0)$  for all points in  $B_a$  since  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}$  is continuous. We approximate the flux over the boundary sphere  $S_a$  as follows:

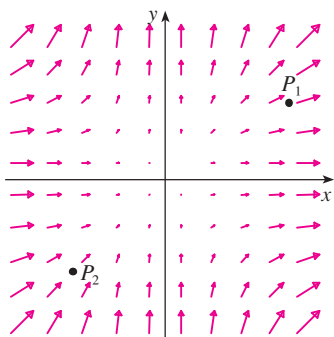
$$\iint_{S_a} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iiint_{B_a} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{F} \, dV = \iiint_{B_a} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}(P_0) \, dV = \operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}(P_0) V(B_a)$$

This approximation becomes better as  $a \rightarrow 0$  and suggests that

$$\boxed{8} \quad \operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}(P_0) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{V(B_a)} \iint_{S_a} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

Equation 8 says that  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}(P_0)$  is the net rate of outward flux per unit volume at  $P_0$ . (This is the reason for the name *divergence*.) If  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}(P) > 0$ , the net flow is outward near  $P$  and  $P$  is called a **source**. If  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}(P) < 0$ , the net flow is inward near  $P$  and  $P$  is called a **sink**.

For the vector field in Figure 4, it appears that the vectors that end near  $P_1$  are shorter than the vectors that start near  $P_1$ . Thus the net flow is outward near  $P_1$ , so  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}(P_1) > 0$  and  $P_1$  is a source. Near  $P_2$ , on the other hand, the incoming arrows are longer than the outgoing arrows. Here the net flow is inward, so  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}(P_2) < 0$  and  $P_2$  is a sink. We can use the formula for  $\mathbf{F}$  to confirm this impression. Since  $\mathbf{F} = x^2\mathbf{i} + y^2\mathbf{j}$ , we have  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F} = 2x + 2y$ , which is positive when  $y > -x$ . So the points above the line  $y = -x$  are sources and those below are sinks.



**FIGURE 4**  
The vector field  $\mathbf{F} = x^2\mathbf{i} + y^2\mathbf{j}$

## 16.9 EXERCISES

**1–4** Verify that the Divergence Theorem is true for the vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  on the region  $E$ .

- 1.**  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = 3x\mathbf{i} + xy\mathbf{j} + 2xz\mathbf{k}$ ,  
 $E$  is the cube bounded by the planes  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $y = 1$ ,  $z = 0$ , and  $z = 1$
- 2.**  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = x^2\mathbf{i} + xy\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$ ,  
 $E$  is the solid bounded by the paraboloid  $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$  and the  $xy$ -plane
- 3.**  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = xy\mathbf{i} + yz\mathbf{j} + zx\mathbf{k}$ ,  
 $E$  is the solid cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq z \leq 1$
- 4.**  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$ ,  
 $E$  is the unit ball  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1$

**5–15** Use the Divergence Theorem to calculate the surface integral  $\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ ; that is, calculate the flux of  $\mathbf{F}$  across  $S$ .

- 5.**  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = e^x \sin y\mathbf{i} + e^x \cos y\mathbf{j} + yz^2\mathbf{k}$ ,  
 $S$  is the surface of the box bounded by the planes  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $y = 1$ ,  $z = 0$ , and  $z = 2$
- 6.**  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = x^2z^3\mathbf{i} + 2xyz^3\mathbf{j} + xz^4\mathbf{k}$ ,  
 $S$  is the surface of the box with vertices  $(\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3)$

- 7.**  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = 3xy^2\mathbf{i} + xe^z\mathbf{j} + z^3\mathbf{k}$ ,  
 $S$  is the surface of the solid bounded by the cylinder  $y^2 + z^2 = 1$  and the planes  $x = -1$  and  $x = 2$
- 8.**  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = x^3y\mathbf{i} - x^2y^2\mathbf{j} - x^2yz\mathbf{k}$ ,  
 $S$  is the surface of the solid bounded by the hyperboloid  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$  and the planes  $z = -2$  and  $z = 2$
- 9.**  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = xy \sin z\mathbf{i} + \cos(xz)\mathbf{j} + y \cos z\mathbf{k}$ ,  
 $S$  is the ellipsoid  $x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 + z^2/c^2 = 1$
- 10.**  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = x^2y\mathbf{i} + xy^2\mathbf{j} + 2xyz\mathbf{k}$ ,  
 $S$  is the surface of the tetrahedron bounded by the planes  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $z = 0$ , and  $x + 2y + z = 2$
- 11.**  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (\cos z + xy^2)\mathbf{i} + xe^{-z}\mathbf{j} + (\sin y + x^2z)\mathbf{k}$ ,  
 $S$  is the surface of the solid bounded by the paraboloid  $z = x^2 + y^2$  and the plane  $z = 4$
- 12.**  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = x^4\mathbf{i} - x^3z^2\mathbf{j} + 4xy^2z\mathbf{k}$ ,  
 $S$  is the surface of the solid bounded by the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  and the planes  $z = x + 2$  and  $z = 0$
- 13.**  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = 4x^3z\mathbf{i} + 4y^3z\mathbf{j} + 3z^4\mathbf{k}$ ,  
 $S$  is the sphere with radius  $R$  and center the origin

14.  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{r}/|\mathbf{r}|$ , where  $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$ .  
 $S$  consists of the hemisphere  $z = \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}$  and the disk  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$  in the  $xy$ -plane

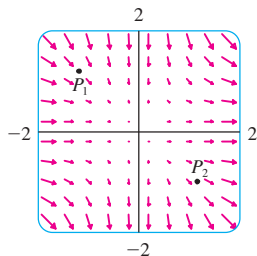
- CAS** 15.  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = e^y \tan z \mathbf{i} + y\sqrt{3 - x^2} \mathbf{j} + x \sin y \mathbf{k}$ ,  
 $S$  is the surface of the solid that lies above the  $xy$ -plane and below the surface  $z = 2 - x^4 - y^4$ ,  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $-1 \leq y \leq 1$

- CAS** 16. Use a computer algebra system to plot the vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \sin x \cos^2 y \mathbf{i} + \sin^3 y \cos^4 z \mathbf{j} + \sin^5 z \cos^6 x \mathbf{k}$  in the cube cut from the first octant by the planes  $x = \pi/2$ ,  $y = \pi/2$ , and  $z = \pi/2$ . Then compute the flux across the surface of the cube.

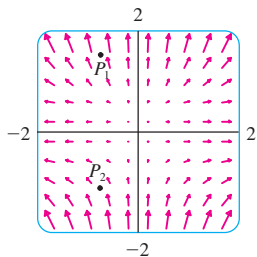
17. Use the Divergence Theorem to evaluate  $\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ , where  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = z^2 x \mathbf{i} + (\frac{1}{3}y^3 + \tan z) \mathbf{j} + (x^2 z + y^2) \mathbf{k}$  and  $S$  is the top half of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ .  
 [Hint: Note that  $S$  is not a closed surface. First compute integrals over  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , where  $S_1$  is the disk  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ , oriented downward, and  $S_2 = S \cup S_1$ .]

18. Let  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = z \tan^{-1}(y^2) \mathbf{i} + z^3 \ln(x^2 + 1) \mathbf{j} + z \mathbf{k}$ . Find the flux of  $\mathbf{F}$  across the part of the paraboloid  $x^2 + y^2 + z = 2$  that lies above the plane  $z = 1$  and is oriented upward.

- 19.** A vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  is shown. Use the interpretation of divergence derived in this section to determine whether  $\text{div } \mathbf{F}$  is positive or negative at  $P_1$  and at  $P_2$ .



20. (a) Are the points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  sources or sinks for the vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  shown in the figure? Give an explanation based solely on the picture.  
 (b) Given that  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle x, y^2 \rangle$ , use the definition of divergence to verify your answer to part (a).



- CAS** 21–22 Plot the vector field and guess where  $\text{div } \mathbf{F} > 0$  and where  $\text{div } \mathbf{F} < 0$ . Then calculate  $\text{div } \mathbf{F}$  to check your guess.

21.  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle xy, x + y^2 \rangle$

22.  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle x^2, y^2 \rangle$

23. Verify that  $\text{div } \mathbf{E} = 0$  for the electric field  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\epsilon Q}{|\mathbf{x}|^3} \mathbf{x}$ .

24. Use the Divergence Theorem to evaluate  $\iint_S (2x + 2y + z^2) dS$  where  $S$  is the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ .

**25–30** Prove each identity, assuming that  $S$  and  $E$  satisfy the conditions of the Divergence Theorem and the scalar functions and components of the vector fields have continuous second-order partial derivatives.

- 25.**  $\iint_S \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = 0$ , where  $\mathbf{a}$  is a constant vector

26.  $V(E) = \frac{1}{3} \iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ , where  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$

27.  $\iint_S \text{curl } \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0$

28.  $\iint_S D_n f dS = \iiint_E \nabla^2 f dV$

29.  $\iint_S (f \nabla g) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \iiint_E (f \nabla^2 g + \nabla f \cdot \nabla g) dV$

30.  $\iint_S (f \nabla g - g \nabla f) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \iiint_E (f \nabla^2 g - g \nabla^2 f) dV$

31. Suppose  $S$  and  $E$  satisfy the conditions of the Divergence Theorem and  $f$  is a scalar function with continuous partial derivatives. Prove that

$$\iint_S f \mathbf{n} dS = \iiint_E \nabla f dV$$

These surface and triple integrals of vector functions are vectors defined by integrating each component function.  
 [Hint: Start by applying the Divergence Theorem to  $\mathbf{F} = f\mathbf{c}$ , where  $\mathbf{c}$  is an arbitrary constant vector.]

32. A solid occupies a region  $E$  with surface  $S$  and is immersed in a liquid with constant density  $\rho$ . We set up a coordinate system so that the  $xy$ -plane coincides with the surface of the liquid and positive values of  $z$  are measured downward into the liquid. Then the pressure at depth  $z$  is  $p = \rho g z$ , where  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity (see Section 6.5). The total buoyant force on the solid due to the pressure distribution is given by the surface integral

$$\mathbf{F} = - \iint_S p \mathbf{n} dS$$

where  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outer unit normal. Use the result of Exercise 31 to show that  $\mathbf{F} = -W\mathbf{k}$ , where  $W$  is the weight of the liquid displaced by the solid. (Note that  $\mathbf{F}$  is directed upward because  $z$  is directed downward.) The result is *Archimedes' principle*: The buoyant force on an object equals the weight of the displaced liquid.