

# 電磁學 (一) Electromagnetics (I)

## 4. 電磁學的數學工具 (三) 向量微積分 Mathematic Tools (III) - vector calculus

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In this lecture, we will learn vector calculus to deal with the flux and circulation of fields in electromagnetics.

- 4.1 Circulation and flux 旋量與通量

- 4.2 Gradient of a scalar 梯度

- 4.3 Divergence of a vector 散度

- 4.4 Curl of a vector 旋度

- 4.5 Combined operators 組合運算子

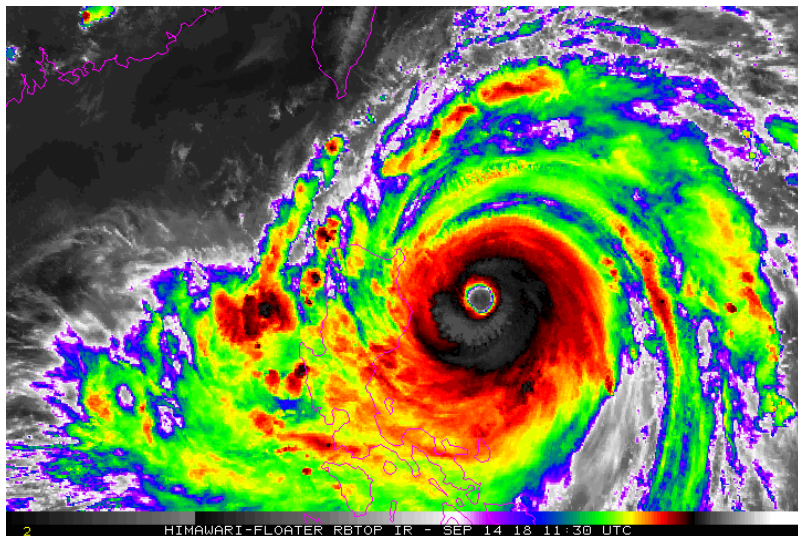
- 4.6 Review 單元回顧

# 電磁學的數學工具 (二)- 向量微積分

## Mathematic Tools (III) – vector calculus

### 4.1 旋量與通量 Circulation and flux

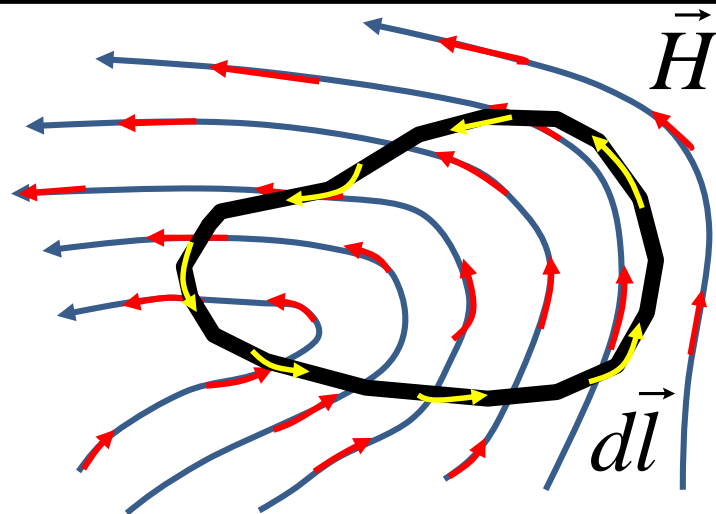
# Circulation



資料來源

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line integral of a vector  
along a close path



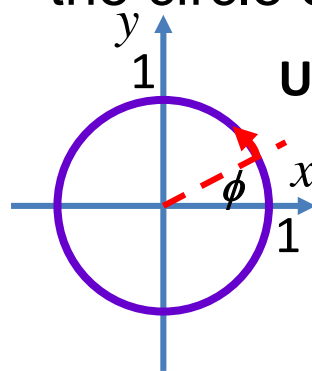
## Line integral

$$\int_L \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_a^b H \cos \theta dl$$

## Circulation

$$\oint_L \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad (\text{close-path integral})$$

**E.g.** Let  $\vec{H} = x\hat{a}_x - y\hat{a}_y$   
 Calculate the circulation of  $H$  along  
 the circle of  $r = 1$ , as shown below.



Use  $x = 1 \times \cos \phi$ ,  $y = 1 \times \sin \phi$

$$\begin{bmatrix} H_r \\ H_\phi \\ H_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ -y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{H} = \cos 2\phi \hat{a}_r - \sin 2\phi \hat{a}_\phi$$

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{l} &= \hat{a}_r dr + \hat{a}_\phi r d\phi + \hat{a}_z dz \\ &= \hat{a}_\phi r d\phi \end{aligned}$$

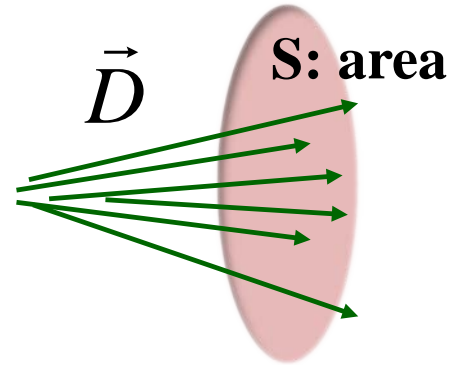
$$\begin{aligned} \oint_L \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} &= -\int_0^{2\pi} \sin 2\phi d\phi \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Flux

E.g. Water flux  $\propto$  strength  
of water source



Electric Flux  $\Phi_e$



## Surface Integral

$$\int_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_S A \cos \theta ds = \int_S \vec{A} \cdot \hat{a}_n ds$$

The direction of a surface is always defined **outward** from a volume.

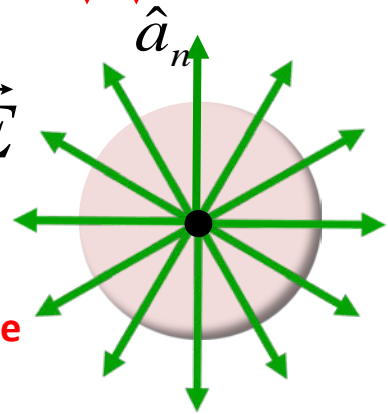
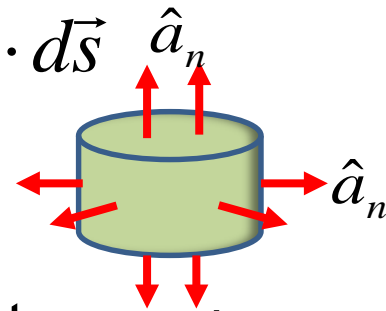
**E.g.** Calculate the total electric flux of a point charge of  $q$ .

Recall the electric flux density  $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi R^2} \hat{a}_R$

$$\oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{qR^2 \sin \theta}{4\pi R^2} \hat{a}_R \cdot \hat{a}_R d\theta d\phi = q = \text{total charge inside}$$

## Close-surface Integral

$$\oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s}$$



## 4.1 旋量與通量

### Circulation and flux

- Circulation – line integral of a vector field along a close path.
- Flux – surface integral of a vector field projected along the normal direction of the surface.
- The direction of a surface always points outward from a volume.



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## Mathematic Tools (III) – vector calculus

### 4.2 梯度 Gradient of a scalar

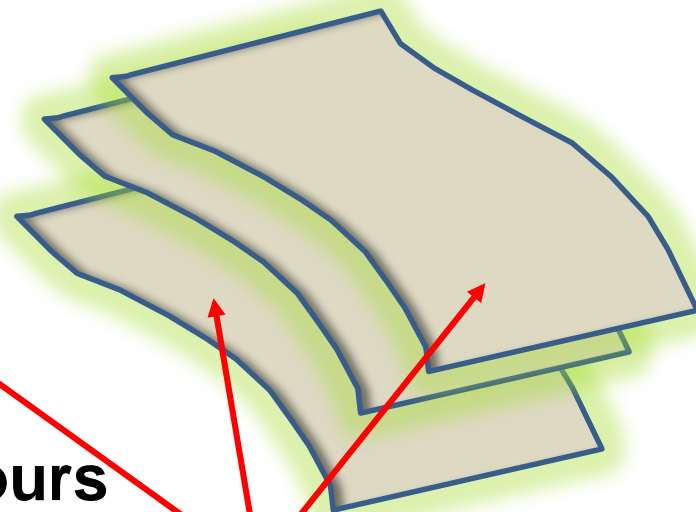
# Gradient 梯度



橫山梯田 (節錄自新北市觀光旅遊網)

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**Contours  
(等高線)**



**Equipotential surfaces  
(等位面)**

# Gradient of a Scalar → a vector

**Gradient:** *maximum rate of change* of a *scalar* in space, and a *direction* along the maximum change

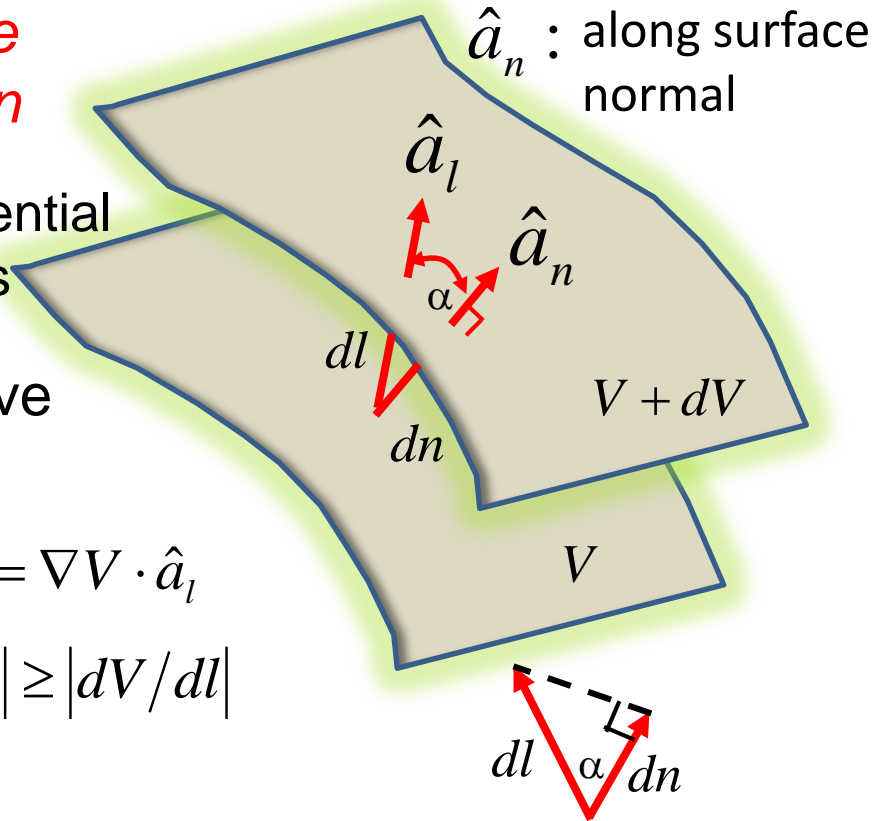
$$\nabla V \equiv \hat{a}_n \frac{dV}{dn}$$

equipotential  
surfaces

- Consider the directional derivative along an *arbitrary* path  $l$

$$\frac{dV}{dl} = \frac{dV}{dn} \frac{dn}{dl} = \frac{dV}{dn} \cos \alpha = \frac{dV}{dn} \hat{a}_n \cdot \hat{a}_l = \nabla V \cdot \hat{a}_l$$

$\left| dV/dn \right| \geq \left| dV/dl \right|$



Useful expression  $\frac{dV}{dl} = \nabla V \cdot \hat{a}_l \Rightarrow dV = (\nabla V) \cdot d\vec{l}$

**E.g.** Work done by a force is the dot product integral of a force along a path. Force is the gradient of work.

$$W = \int dW = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad \text{or} \quad dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{F} = \nabla W$$

- In the  $x, y, z$  coordinate system,  $\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \hat{a}_x + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \hat{a}_y + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \hat{a}_z$

## 4.2 梯度

### Gradient of a scalar

- Gradient of a scalar is vector.
- The magnitude of it is the maximum rate of change of the scalar in space.
- The direction of it is along the direction of the maximum change or along the surface normal of the equipotential surface of the scalar field.

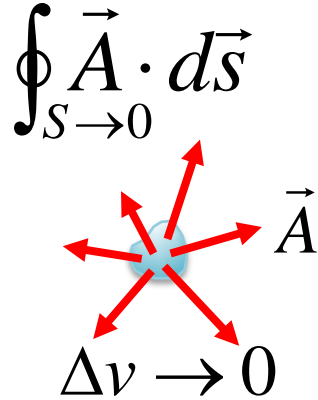
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## Mathematic Tools (III) – vector calculus

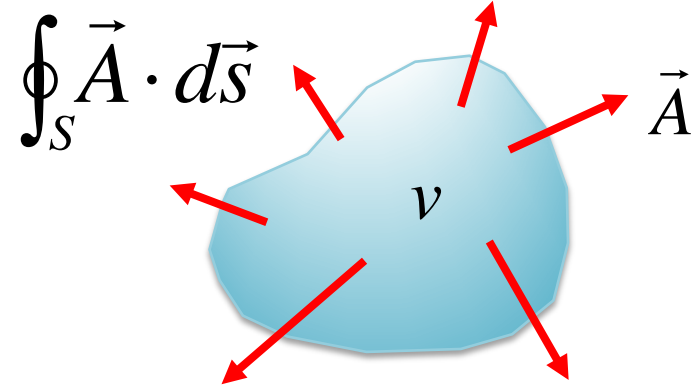
### 4.3 散度 Divergence of a vector

# Divergence of a Vector $\rightarrow$ a scalar

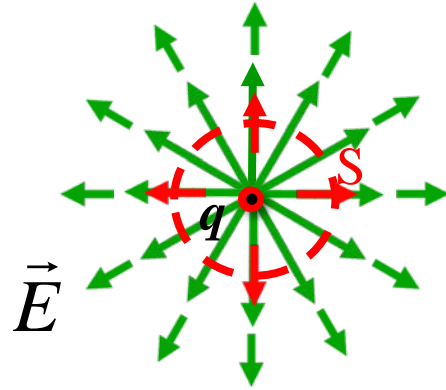
**Divergence:** A scalar equal to the net outward flux of  $\vec{A}$  per unit volume at a “point” in space.



$$\nabla \cdot \vec{A} \equiv \lim_{\Delta v \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s}}{\Delta v}$$



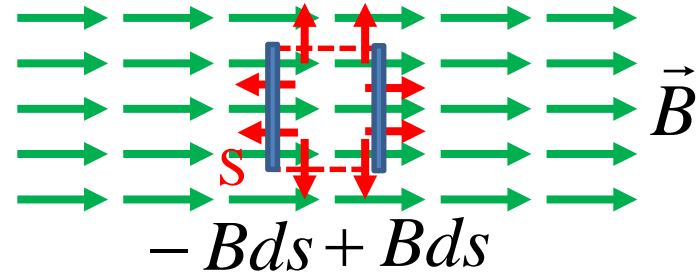
net outward flux surrounding  $q$



$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \neq 0$$

$$\boxed{\nabla \cdot \vec{E} \neq 0}$$

uniform flux of fields to the right



$$\oint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0} \text{ (solenoidal field)}$$



# Divergence Theorem

Partition  $V$  into many small  $v_i$   
surrounded by small surfaces  $s_i$

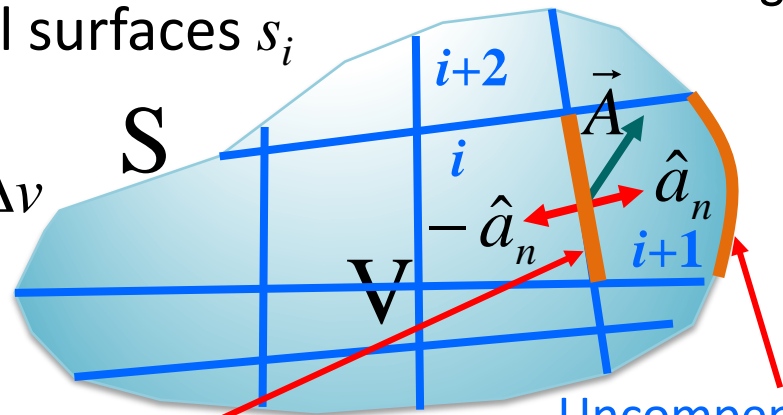
$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{A} dv \equiv \oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$S$ : surface enclosing  $V$

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{A} dv$$

$$\sum_i \int_{v_i} \nabla \cdot \vec{A}_i dv \equiv \sum_i \lim_{\Delta v \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint_{S_i} \vec{A}_i \cdot d\vec{s}}{\Delta v} \Delta v$$

$$= \oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s}$$



fluxes are summed  
to zero

Uncompensated  
surface

- In  $x, y, z$  coordinate system,  $\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$

## 4.3 散度

### Divergence of a vector

- Divergence of a vector is a scalar.
- It has a value equal to the net outward flux of the vector per unit volume at an infinitesimal point in space.
- Divergence theorem: volume integral of the divergence of a vector field is equal to the total outward flux of the vector field over the enclosed surface.

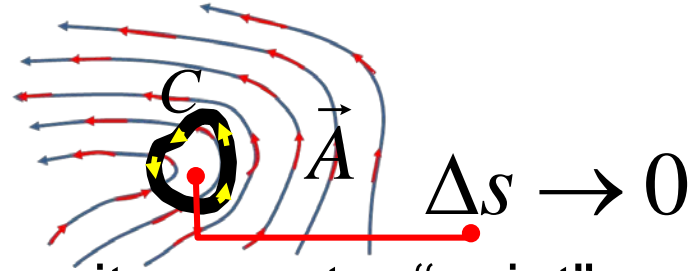
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## Mathematic Tools (III) – vector calculus

### 4.4 旋度 Curl of a vector

# Curl of a Vector $\rightarrow$ a vector

$$\nabla \times \vec{A} \equiv \lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\hat{a}_n \oint_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}}{\Delta s}$$



*maximum* net circulation of  $\vec{A}$  per unit area at a “point” in space.

The **direction** of  $\nabla \times \vec{A}$  is chosen to be the **surface normal** direction of the infinitesimal area  $\Delta s$  with which the **net circulation** is a **maximum**. (right-hand rule applies)

**Stokes' Theorem**  $\int_S (\nabla \times \vec{A}) \cdot d\vec{s} \equiv \oint_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}$   
 $C$ : path surrounding surface  $S$ .

Partition  $S$  into many small  $s_i$   
 surrounded by small path  $c_i$

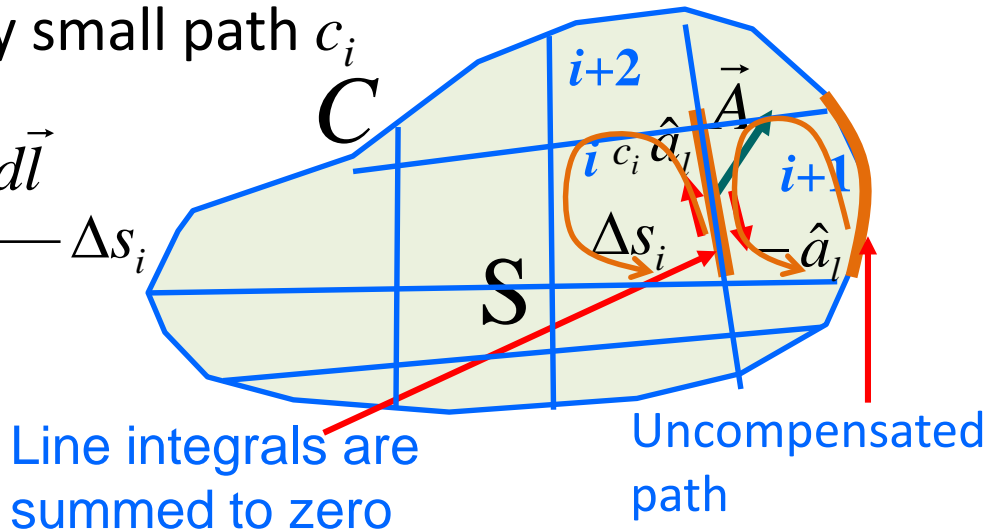
$$\int_S \nabla \times \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

↓

$$\sum_i \int_{s_i} \nabla \times \vec{A}_i \cdot d\vec{s} \equiv \sum_i \lim_{\Delta s_i \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint_{c_i} \vec{A}_i \cdot d\vec{l}}{\Delta s_i} \Delta s_i$$

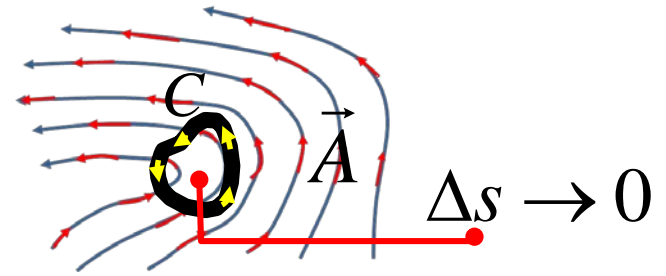
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$$= \oint_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}$$



**Curl**  $\nabla \times \vec{A} \equiv \lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\hat{a}_n \oint_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}}{\Delta s}$

If  $\nabla \times \vec{A} = 0$ , vector  $\vec{A}$  is said to be **irrotational**.



In  $x, y, z$  coordinate system,

$$\nabla \times \vec{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_x & \hat{a}_y & \hat{a}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix} = \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) \hat{a}_x + \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) \hat{a}_y + \left( \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) \hat{a}_z$$

## 4.4 旋度

### Curl of a vector

- The curl of a vector is a vector.
- It has a magnitude equal to the maximum circulation of the vector per unit surface at an infinitesimal point in space.
- It has a direction along the surface normal that results in the maximum circulation.
- Stokes theorem: surface integration of the curl of a vector field is equal to the circulation of the vector along the path enclosing the surface.

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## Mathematic Tools (III) – vector calculus

### 4.5 組合運算子

### Combined operators



# Laplacian Operator $\nabla^2$

**Laplacian operator of a scalar field  $V$  (scalar Laplacian)**

$$\nabla^2 V \equiv \nabla \cdot (\nabla V) \quad \leftarrow \text{a scalar}$$

In the  $x, y, z$  coordinate system, the expression is given by

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$$

**Laplacian operator of a vector field  $\vec{A}$  (vector Laplacian)**

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} \equiv \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{A} \quad \leftarrow \text{a vector}$$

In the  $x, y, z$  coordinate system, the expression is given by

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} = \hat{a}_x \nabla^2 A_x + \hat{a}_y \nabla^2 A_y + \hat{a}_z \nabla^2 A_z$$

# Null Identities

$$\nabla \times (\nabla V) = 0$$

no net circulation  
along the maximum  
change of a scalar

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{A}) = 0$$

no net outward flux  
at the maximum  
circulation of a vector.

**Gradient – max change rate**

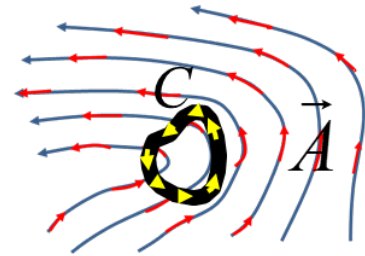
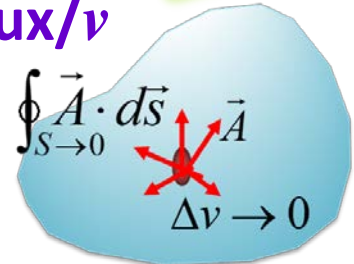
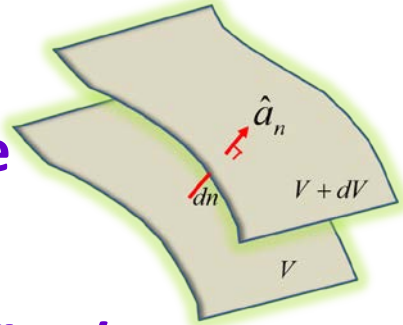
$$\nabla V \equiv \hat{a}_n \frac{dV}{dn}$$

**Divergence – net outward flux/v**

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{A} \equiv \lim_{\Delta v \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s}}{\Delta v}$$

**Curl – max circulation/s**

$$\nabla \times \vec{A} \equiv \lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\hat{a}_n \oint_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}}{\Delta s}$$



# Helmholtz's Theorem

*“A vector field is determined to within an additive constant, if both its divergence and its curl are specified everywhere.” [\*]*

two equations with two variables boundary conditions

If  $\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = \nabla \cdot \vec{B}$  &  $\nabla \times \vec{A} = \nabla \times \vec{B}$  &  $\vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s} = \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$

on the surface surrounding the volume in question,

then  $\vec{A} = \vec{B} +$  a constant vector.

not important for spatially and/or temporally varying quantities.

This theorem ensures the uniqueness of a solution in electromagnetics.

\*D. K. Cheng, Field and Wave Electromagnetics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed, Addison-Wesley (1989).

## 4.5 組合運算子

### Combined operators

- Scalar Laplacian is a scalar, expressed by  $\nabla^2 V$ .
- Vector Laplacian is a vector, expressed by  $\nabla^2 \vec{A}$ .
- Curl of gradient of a scalar is zero  $\nabla \times (\nabla V) = 0$
- Divergence of curl of a vector is zero  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{A}) = 0$
- The Helmholtz theorem ensures the uniqueness of a field solution.

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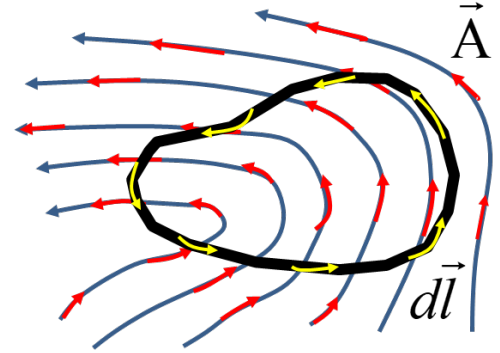
## Mathematic Tools (III) – vector calculus

### 4.6 單元回顧 Review

# 單元回顧

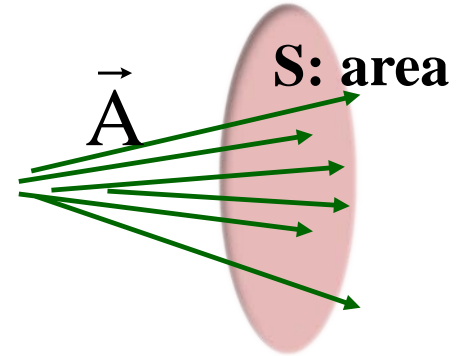
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$$\oint_L \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}$$



2. Flux: surface integration of a vector projected along the normal direction of a surface.

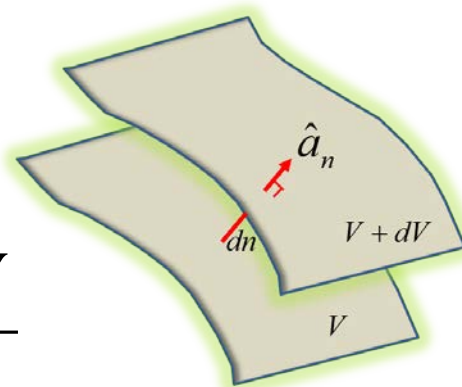
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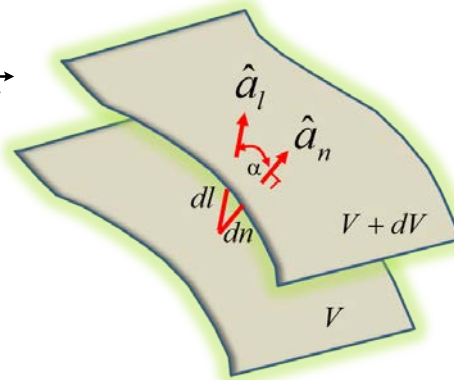
# 單元回顧

3. Gradient: maximum rate of change of a scalar in space, and a direction along the maximum change.

$$\nabla V \equiv \hat{a}_n \frac{dV}{dn}$$



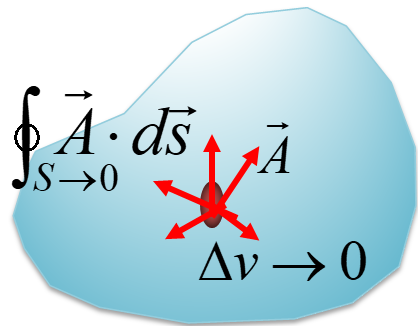
4. Useful expression  $dV = (\nabla V) \cdot d\vec{l}$



# 單元回顧

5. Divergence: A scalar equal to the net outward flux of  $\vec{A}$  per unit volume at a “point” in space.

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{A} \equiv \lim_{\Delta v \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s}}{\Delta v}$$



6. Divergence theorem: volume integration of the divergence of a vector is equal to the total outward flux of the vector over the enclosed surface.

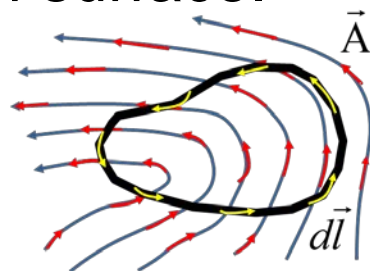
$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{A} dv \equiv \oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s}$$



# 單元回顧

7. Curl: maximum net circulation of  $\vec{A}$  per unit area at a “point” in space. Its direction follows the right-hand rule, along the normal of the chosen surface.

$$\nabla \times \vec{A} \equiv \lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\hat{a}_n \oint_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}}{\Delta s}$$



8. Stokes theorem:  $\int_S (\nabla \times \vec{A}) \cdot d\vec{s} \equiv \oint_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}$  surface integration of the curl of a vector is equal to the circulation of the vector along the path enclosing the surface.

# 單元回顧

9. Definition of the scalar Laplacian:

$$\nabla^2 V \equiv \nabla \cdot (\nabla V) \quad \leftarrow \text{a scalar}$$

10. Definition of the vector Laplacian:

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} \equiv \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{A} \quad \leftarrow \text{a vector}$$

11. Curl of gradient of a scalar is zero:  $\nabla \times (\nabla V) = 0$

12. Divergence of curl of a vector is zero:  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{A}) = 0$

13. The Helmholtz theorem ensures the **uniqueness** of a field solution.

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