

Quiz 1

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Calculate the divergence of the following vector functions:

(a)

$$\mathbf{v}_a = x^2\hat{\mathbf{x}} + 3xz^2\hat{\mathbf{y}} - 2xz\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

(b)

$$\mathbf{v}_b = xy\hat{\mathbf{x}} + 2yz\hat{\mathbf{y}} + 3xz\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

(c)

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

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Divergence Theorem: the volume integral of the divergence of a vector field equals the total outward flux of the vector through the surface that bounds the volume.

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} dv = \oint_S \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

Stokes's Theorem: the surface integral of the curl of a vector field over an open surface is equal to the closed line integral of the vector along the contour bounding the surface.

$$\int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \oint_C \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

(I) (a) Check the divergence theorem for the function $\mathbf{v}_1 = r^2\hat{\mathbf{r}}$, using as your volume the sphere of radius R , centered at the origin.

(b) Do the same for $\mathbf{v}_2 = (1/r^2)\hat{\mathbf{r}}$.

(II) Test Stokes' theorem for the function $\mathbf{v} = (xy)\hat{\mathbf{x}} + (2yz)\hat{\mathbf{y}} + (3zx)\hat{\mathbf{z}}$, using the triangular shaded area of Fig 1.

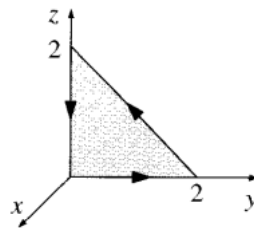


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