

# FEM for 2D problems

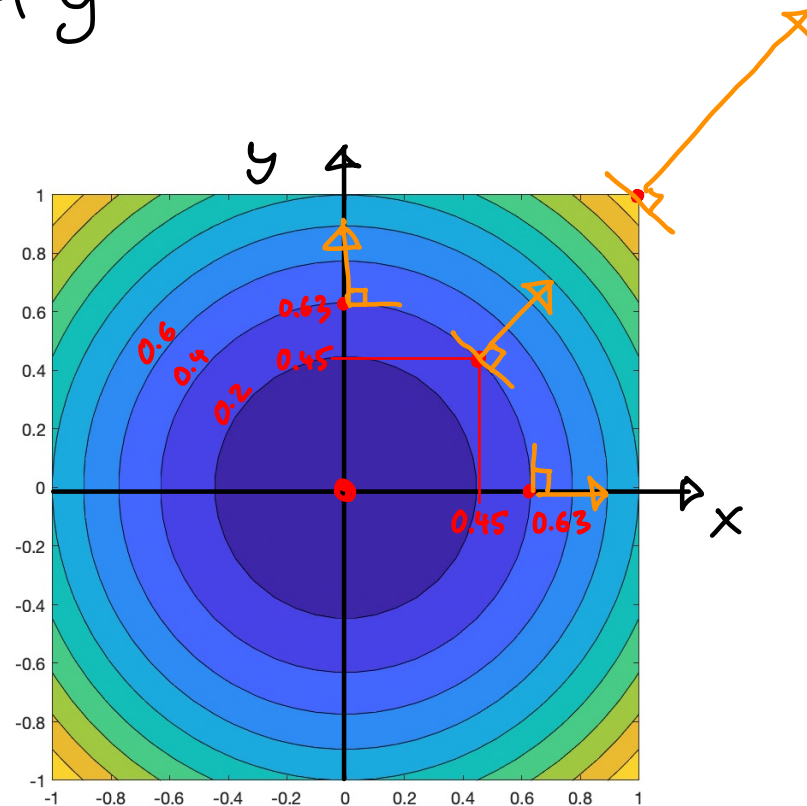
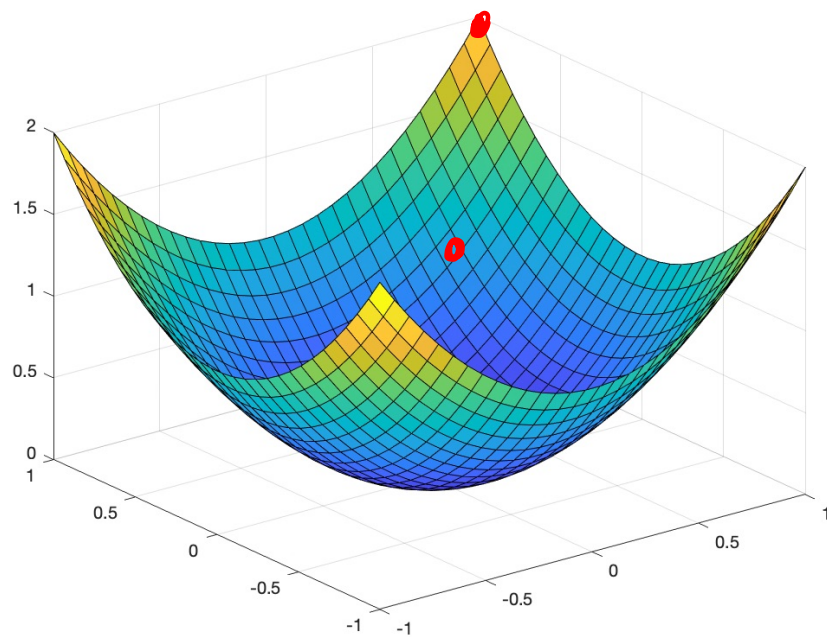
Mathematical foundations (some)

- Functions  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and gradient
  - Vector fields  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  and divergence
  - Divergence theorem and integration by parts
- Informal introduction, no rigorous math

# Functions $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and gradient

## Example

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$$



$$\sqrt{2 \cdot 0.9^2} = 1.27$$

$$\nabla f(0.45, 0.45) = \begin{pmatrix} 0.9 \\ 0.9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla f(0.63, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1.26 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla f(0, 0.63) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1.26 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla f(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla f(1, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f_x(x, y) = 2x$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 2y$$

$$\leadsto \nabla f(x, y) = 2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$\leadsto$  Gradient points in the direction of steepest ascent!  
Length of vector indicates slope.

## Partial derivatives

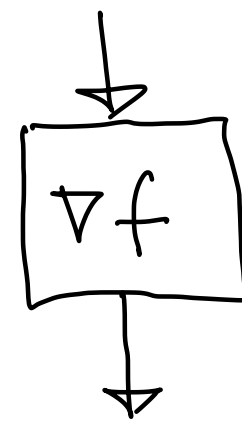
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h}, \quad f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+h) - f(x, y)}{h}, \quad f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y)$$

Gradient  $\nabla f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\text{grad } f(x, y) = \nabla f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} f_x(x, y) \\ f_y(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$

$(x, y)$



$\begin{pmatrix} f_x(x, y) \\ f_y(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$

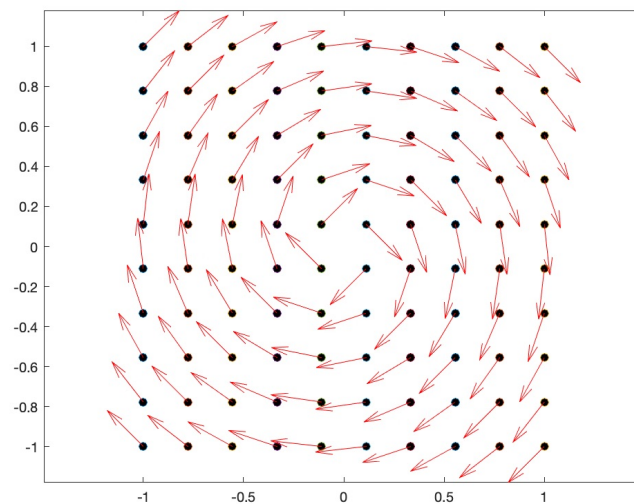
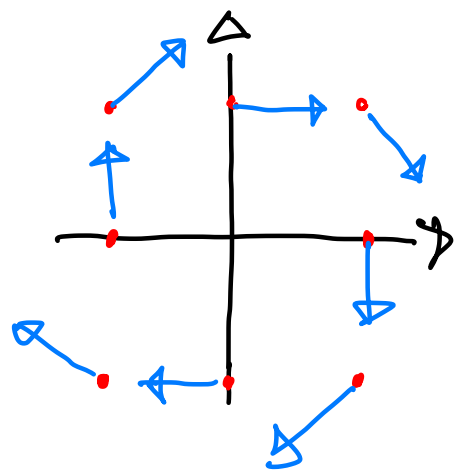
# Vector fields $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ and divergence

## Example

$$\underline{v}: \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad \underline{v}(x,y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} y \\ -x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_x(x,y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \cdot y = (x^2+y^2)^{-1/2} \cdot y$$

$$v_y(x,y) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \cdot x = -(x^2+y^2)^{-1/2} \cdot x$$



$$v_{x,x}(x,y) = 2 \cdot x \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot (x^2+y^2)^{-3/2} \cdot y = -(x^2+y^2)^{-3/2} \cdot x \cdot y$$

$$v_{y,y}(x,y) = -2 \cdot y \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot (x^2+y^2)^{-3/2} \cdot x = (x^2+y^2)^{-3/2} \cdot x \cdot y$$

$$\operatorname{div} \underline{v}(x,y) = 0 \quad (\underline{v} \text{ is divergence-free})$$

# Divergence

$$\underline{v} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \underline{v}(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} v_x(x,y) \\ v_y(x,y) \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_x, v_y : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$v_{x,x}(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v_x(x,y), \quad v_{x,y}(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v_x(x,y)$$

$$v_{y,x}(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v_y(x,y), \quad v_{y,y}(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v_y(x,y)$$

For a vector field  $\underline{v} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  the divergence  $\operatorname{div} \underline{v}$  is the function  $\operatorname{div} \underline{v} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with

$$\operatorname{div} \underline{v}(x,y) = v_{x,x}(x,y) + v_{y,y}(x,y)$$

## Example

With  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\underline{u}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , we define  $\underline{v}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\underline{v}(x, y) = f(x, y) \cdot \underline{u}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} f(x, y) \cdot u_x(x, y) \\ f(x, y) \cdot u_y(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$

What is  $\operatorname{div} \underline{v}$ ?

$$\operatorname{div} \underline{v}(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (f(x, y) \cdot u_x(x, y)) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (f(x, y) \cdot u_y(x, y))$$

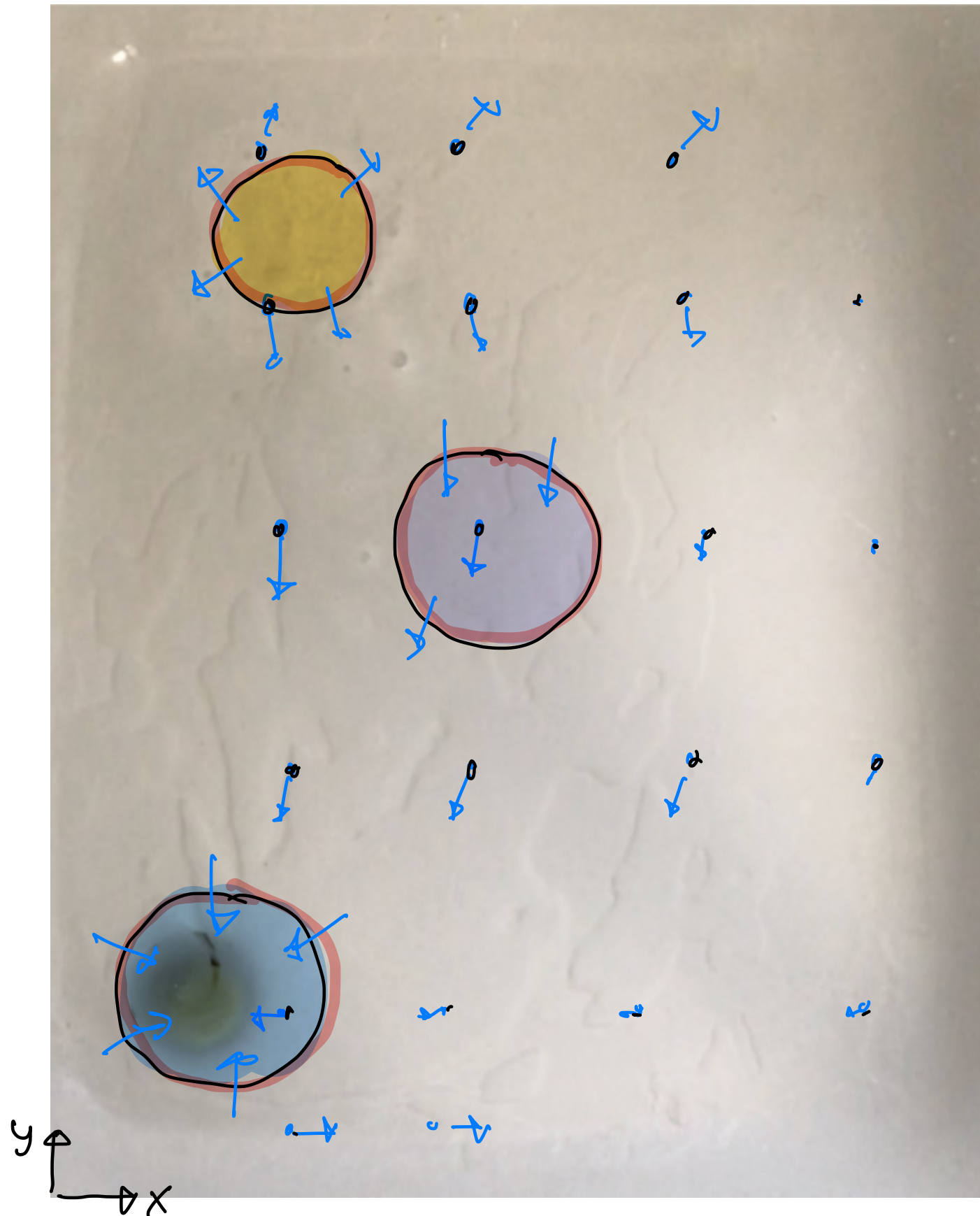
$$= f_x(x, y) \cdot u_x(x, y) + f(x, y) \cdot u_{x,x}(x, y) + f_y(x, y) \cdot u_y(x, y) + f(x, y) \cdot u_{y,y}(x, y)$$

$$\boxed{\operatorname{div} \underline{v}(x, y) = \nabla f(x, y) \cdot \underline{u}(x, y) + f(x, y) \cdot \operatorname{div} \underline{u}(x, y)}$$

$$\nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \end{pmatrix}$$



# Example: Fluid flow in 2D



## Mathematical description

$$\underline{V}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

→ Velocity vector

## Regions

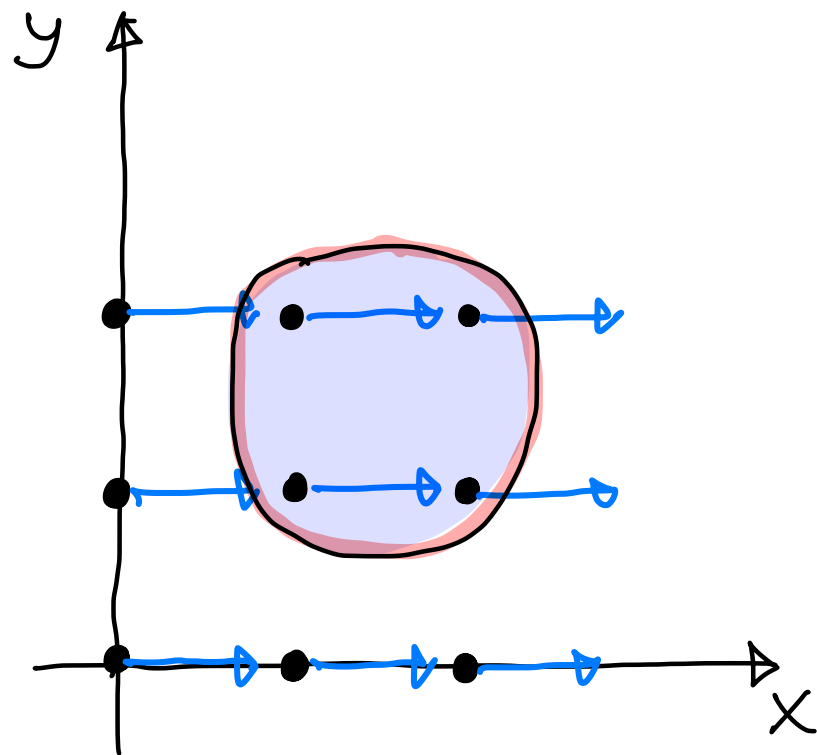
□ What goes in comes out

□ More out than in

□ More in than out

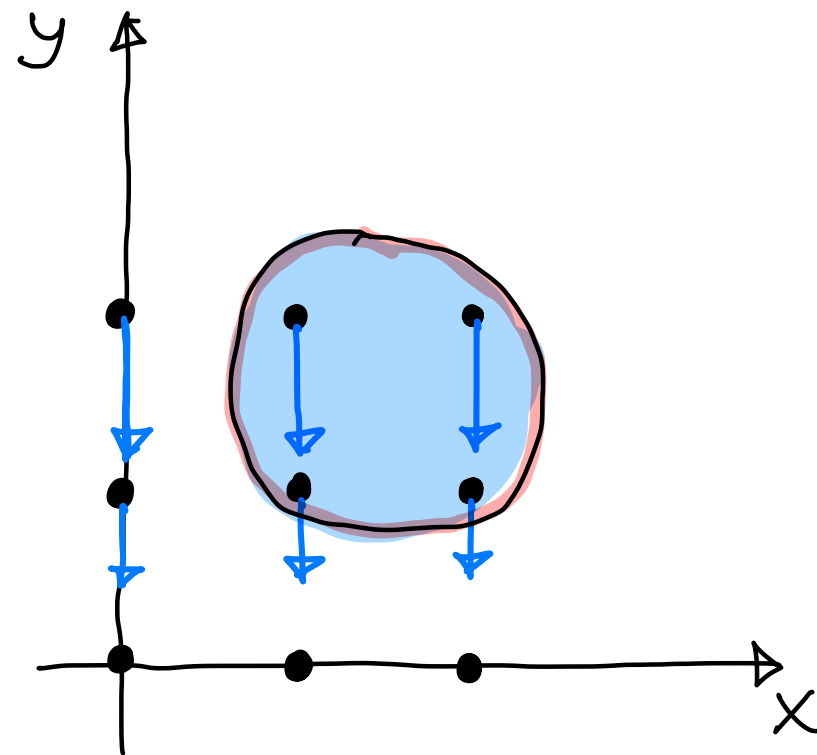
Flow over the boundary

# Sources and sinks



$$\underline{v}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

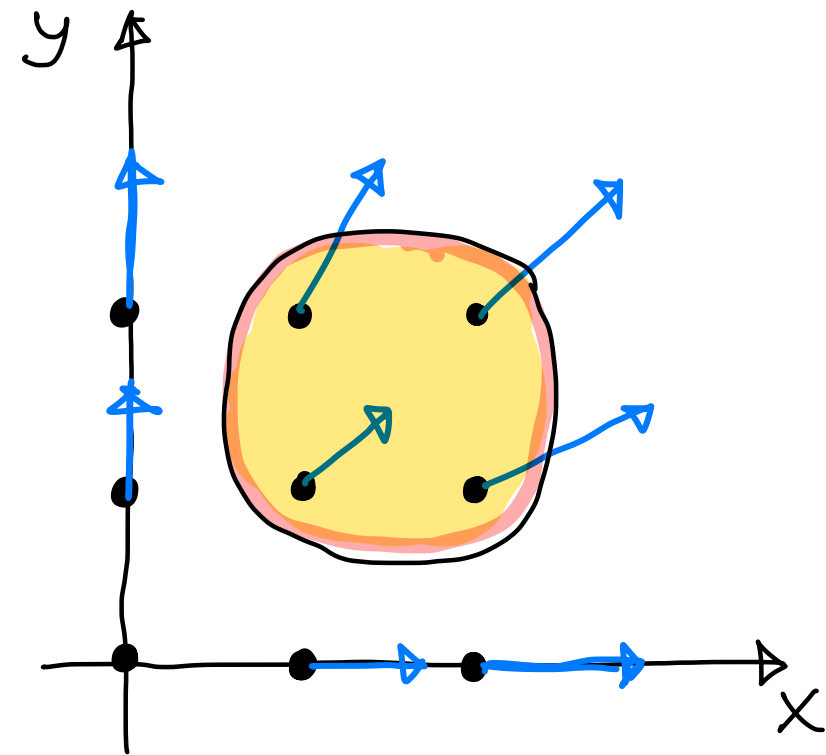
$$\operatorname{div} \underline{v}(x, y) = 0$$



$$\underline{v}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\operatorname{div} \underline{v}(x, y) = -1$$

→ Sink



$$\underline{v}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

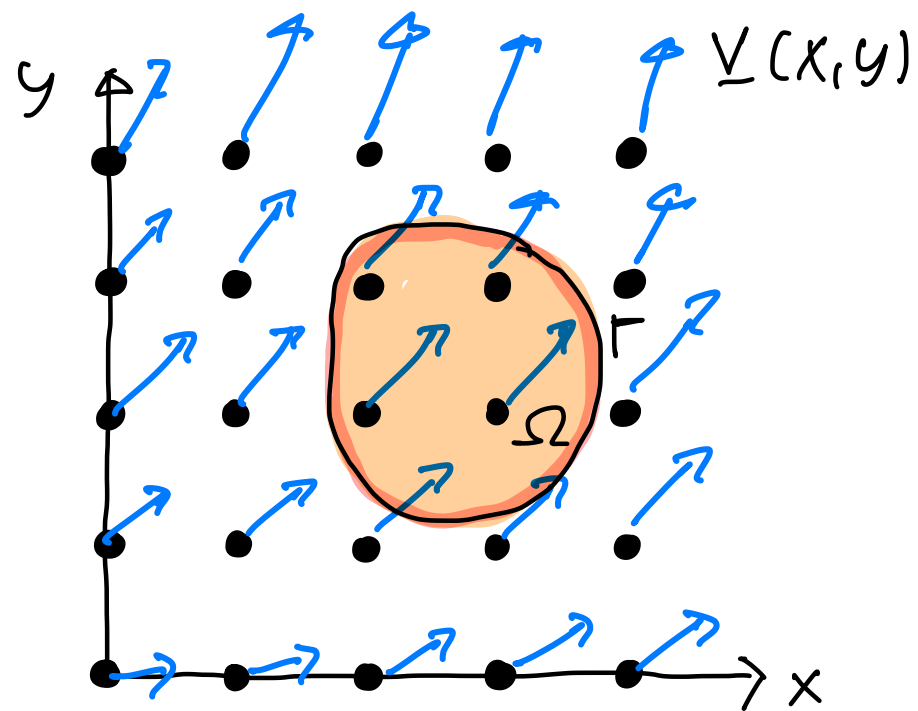
$$\operatorname{div} \underline{v}(x, y) = 2$$

→ Source

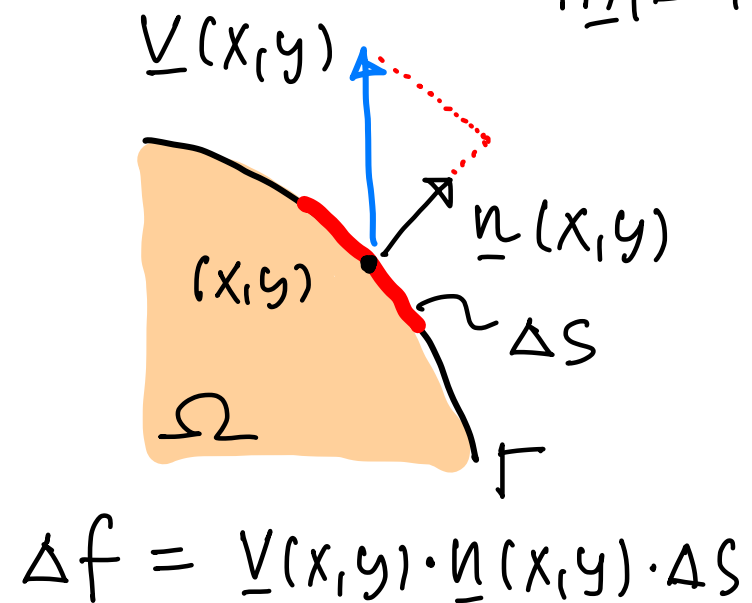


# Divergence theorem (Integralsatz von Gauß)

## Intuition (fluid flow)



$\underline{n}$ : Outward unit  
vector orthogonal to  $\Gamma$   
 $|\underline{n}|=1$



Production in  $\Omega$

$$P = \int_{\Omega} \text{div } \underline{v}(x, y) dA$$

Flow over boundary  $\Gamma$

$$f = \int_{\Gamma} \underline{v}(x, y) \cdot \underline{n}(x, y) ds$$

Intuitively we state

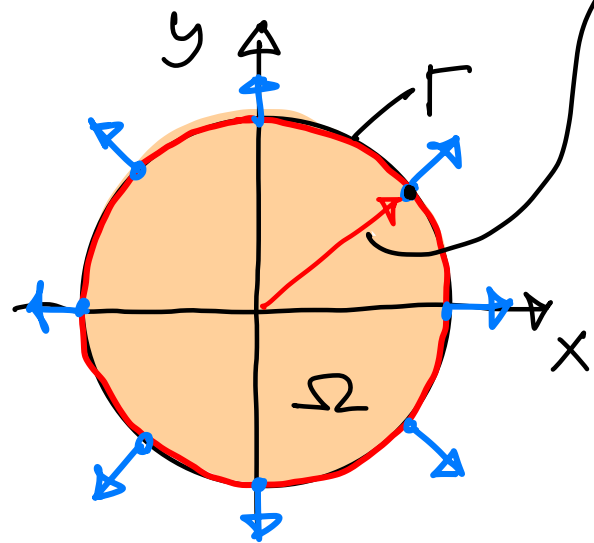
$$P = f$$

## Mathematical formulation

$$\int_{\Omega} \text{div } \underline{v}(x, y) dA = \int_{\Gamma} \underline{v}(x, y) \cdot \underline{n}(x, y) \cdot ds$$

Proof skipped!

## Example



$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}, \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 1$$

$$\Omega = \{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2, |\underline{x}| \leq 1 \}$$

$$\Gamma = \{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2, |\underline{x}| = 1 \}$$

$$\underline{v}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad \operatorname{div} \underline{v}(x, y) = 2$$

Task: Verify that divergence theorem holds in this case

$$\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \underline{v} \, dA = \int_{\Omega} 2 \, dA = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot 1^2 = 2\pi$$

$$\int_{\Gamma} \underline{v}(x, y) \cdot \underline{n}(x, y) \, ds = \int_{\Gamma} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}}_1 \, ds = \int_{\Gamma} 1 \, ds = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \pi \cdot r = 2\pi \quad \checkmark$$

## 2D Integration by parts formula

Function  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and vector field  $\underline{u}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(f \cdot \underline{u}) dA = \int_{\Gamma} f \cdot \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n} ds$$

$$\int_{\Omega} (\nabla f \cdot \underline{u} + f \cdot \operatorname{div} \underline{u}) dA = \int_{\Gamma} f \cdot \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n} ds$$

$$\int_{\Omega} f \cdot \operatorname{div} \underline{u} dA = \int_{\Gamma} f \cdot \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n} ds - \int_{\Omega} \nabla f \cdot \underline{u} dA$$

Integration by parts

$$\int_a^b u' \cdot v dx = [u \cdot v]_a^b - \int_a^b u \cdot v' dx$$