

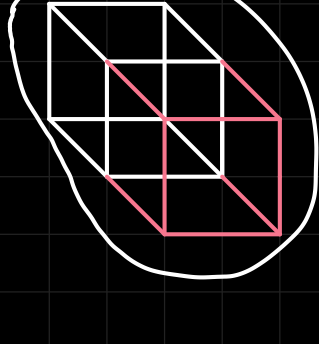
• Lecture 3

* Gauss' Divergence Theorem

divide the volume into tiny boxes and calculate the outward flux and add them up

$$\int_{V_{\text{big}}} (\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) dV = \sum_{\text{all tiny parallelepipeds}} \lim_{dV \rightarrow 0} (\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) dV$$

$$= \sum_{\text{small volume}} \oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{s}$$



outward flux from all the shared surfaces cancel out

$$\text{So, final flux} = \sum \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

unshared surfaces coinciding with the boundary of the big volume

$$= \oint_{\text{entire surface}} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

closed surface integral

• LAPLACIAN OPERATOR (∇^2)

can operate on both, scalar and vector

$$\nabla(\nabla U) = \left(\hat{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left(\hat{x} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \right)$$

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

$$(\nabla^2 U) = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) U =$$

* EARNshaw's THEOREM

Laplacian

- A scalar field $\phi(x, y)$ that has $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$, cannot have a local min/max in that region.

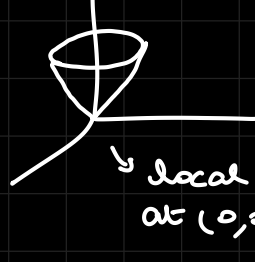
$$\text{eg: } \phi = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\nabla \phi = 2x + 2y$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 4$$

non-zero \Leftarrow

has a local min \checkmark



local min at (0,0,0)

\rightarrow also works with gravitational field

$$\text{if } \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \nabla(\nabla \phi) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

then local min/max doesn't exist

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = f_{xx} f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2$$

if $D < 0$: saddle point

$$\nabla f = f_x + f_y$$

$$\nabla^2 f = f_{xx} + f_{yy}$$

$$\text{if } \nabla^2 f = 0 \rightarrow f_{xx} + f_{yy} = 0$$

$$\text{and so, } D = -f_{xy}^2$$

the -ve always

so, $D < 0$

\hookrightarrow saddle point

\hookrightarrow neither local min nor local max

Simplest Saddle Point

$$z = x^2 - y^2$$

OR

$$(\text{Hyperbolic Paraboloid}) \quad z - \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{x^2}{a^2} = 0$$

not a stable equilibrium

how can you stabilize a football on the saddle point?



constantly rotate it

i.e. changing the electric field

\equiv Paul Trap / Ion trapping in quantum computers

Earnshaw's theorem prevents stability on the saddle point

* CURL operator

$$\nabla \times \vec{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix}$$

cannot say

∇ is $\parallel \vec{A}$

because operator does not have a direction

defn of curl: line integral along an infinitesimal loop



loop can be in any direction

curl of a vector field \equiv closed line integral per unit area

* STOKES'S THEOREM (finite loop)

divide the big loop into infinitesimally small loops

$$\int (\nabla \times \vec{A}) \cdot d\vec{s} = \oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

• MOBIUS STRIP

cannot apply Stokes's Theorem

• Irrotational Field

$$\hookrightarrow \text{curl: } \nabla \times \vec{F} = 0$$

\hookrightarrow conservative field

\hookrightarrow can be written as a gradient of scalar

$$\vec{F} = \nabla U$$

eg: electrostatic field \checkmark

not electrodynamic field \times

• SOLENOIDAL FIELD

$$\hookrightarrow \text{divergence: } \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 0$$

\hookrightarrow solenoidal field over volume V doesn't have any source/sink in that volume

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

\hookrightarrow A solenoidal field can be written as $\nabla \times \vec{A}$, $\vec{A} \equiv$ vector potential

eg: magnetic field is solenoidal field
electrostatic field is solenoidal only when there is no charge