

$$T(r, \theta, \phi)$$

$$dT = \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} d\theta + \frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi} d\phi$$

$$= \vec{\nabla} T \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} d\theta + \frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi} d\phi = \vec{\nabla} T \cdot d\vec{r}$$

in spherical coordinates,

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} d\theta + \frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi} d\phi = (\vec{\nabla} T)_r dr$$

$$+ (\vec{\nabla} T)_\theta r d\theta$$

$$+ (\vec{\nabla} T)_\phi r \sin\theta d\phi$$

Hence,

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial r} = (\vec{\nabla} T)_r \Rightarrow (\vec{\nabla} T)_r = \frac{\partial T}{\partial r}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} = (\vec{\nabla} T)_\theta r \Rightarrow (\vec{\nabla} T)_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi} = (\vec{\nabla} T)_\phi r \sin\theta \Rightarrow (\vec{\nabla} T)_\phi = \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi}$$

Therefore,

$$\vec{\nabla} = \hat{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\hat{\theta}}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\hat{\phi}}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad (\text{Gradient})$$

Now,

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = \left(\hat{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\hat{\theta}}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\hat{\phi}}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right) \cdot (v_r \hat{r} + v_\theta \hat{\theta} + v_\phi \hat{\phi})$$

$$= \hat{r} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} \hat{r} + \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} \hat{\theta} + \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial r} \hat{\phi} + v_r \frac{\partial \hat{r}}{\partial r} \right.$$

$$\left. + v_\theta \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial r} + v_\phi \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}}{\partial r} \right) + \hat{\theta} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} \hat{r} + \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} \hat{\theta} + \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \theta} \hat{\phi} + v_r \frac{\partial \hat{r}}{\partial \theta} + v_\theta \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \theta} + v_\phi \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}}{\partial \theta} \right)$$

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$$\hat{r} \cdot \left[\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} \hat{r} + \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} \hat{\theta} + \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial r} \hat{\phi} + 0 + 0 + 0 \right]$$

$$= \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r}$$

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$$\frac{\hat{\theta}}{r} \cdot \left[\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} \hat{r} + \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} \hat{\theta} + \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \theta} \hat{\phi} + v_r \frac{\partial \hat{r}}{\partial \theta} + v_\theta \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \theta} + v_\phi \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}}{\partial \theta} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\hat{\theta}}{r} \cdot \left[\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} \hat{r} + \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} \hat{\theta} + \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \theta} \hat{\phi} + v_r \hat{\theta} + v_\theta (-\hat{r}) + 0 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r} v_r$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\phi} &= \frac{\hat{\phi}}{r \sin \theta} \left[\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \phi} \hat{r} + \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \phi} \hat{\theta} + \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi} + v_r \frac{\partial \hat{r}}{\partial \phi} + v_\theta \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \phi} + v_\phi \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}}{\partial \phi} \right] \\ &= \frac{\hat{\phi}}{r \sin \theta} \left[\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \phi} \hat{r} + \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \phi} \hat{\theta} + \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi} + v_r \sin \theta \hat{\phi} + v_\theta \cos \theta \hat{\phi} + v_\phi (-\hat{r} \sin \theta - \hat{\theta} \cos \theta) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{v_r}{r} + \frac{v_\theta \cos \theta}{r \sin \theta} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 v_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (v_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (v_\phi \sin \theta) \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{2v_r}{r} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_\theta \cos \theta}{r \sin \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 v_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (v_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for the expression of curl, start with

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} = \left(\hat{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\hat{\theta}}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\hat{\phi}}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right) \times (v_r \hat{r} + v_\theta \hat{\theta} + v_\phi \hat{\phi})$$