

Coordinate system, Scalar versus Vector fields Operators

- Position of the problem: Coordinate system
- Vector calculus: Basics
- Application to the scalar and vector **fields**

The ultimate goal of manipulating scalar and vector field is to give a **mathematical view** of electricity and magnetism



Explain of Coulomb – Poisson – Biot&Savart – Ampere – Gauss and Maxwell's laws

Position of the problem: Coordinate system

What do we need to evaluate scalar and vector fields at some point in space?

- Localize the source (charge or current distribution) in space
- Define a reference frame
- Localize the point where the effect of the source is to be evaluated
- Make use of **symmetry** if necessary to simplify the problem



Make a choice between



Cartesian cylindrical spherical representation

Reference frame: localization in space

- Charges immobile
- Charges in motion (current)
- Magnet

Source

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{cube } dV' \\ \text{blue diamond } \vec{n}dA' \\ \text{blue line } d\vec{l}' \end{array} \right.$$

Effects

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \varphi(\vec{r}) \\ \vec{E}(\vec{r}) \\ \vec{B}(\vec{r}) \\ \vec{A}(\vec{r}) \end{array} \right.$$

From the **element** to the **whole**
(Superposition principle)

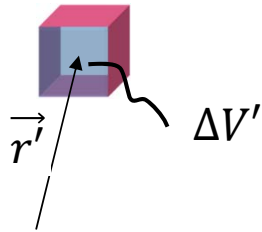
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int_{V'} Source(\vec{r}'). dV' \\ \int_{A'} Source(\vec{r}'). \vec{n}dA' \\ \int_{l'} Source(\vec{r}'). d\vec{l}' \end{array} \right.$$

Operators are acting on **\vec{r} NOT on \vec{r}'**

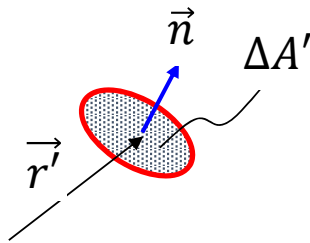
Operators:

- Gradient $\vec{\nabla} \varphi(\vec{r}) = \text{Vector}$
- Divergence $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \text{Scalar}$
- Curl $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \text{Vector}$

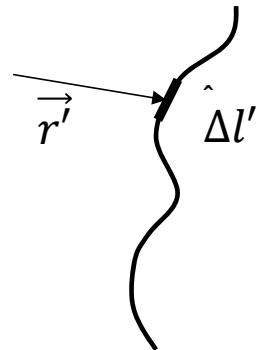
Charge and current distribution



$$\rho(\vec{r}') = \lim_{\Delta V' \rightarrow 0} \frac{Q_{\Delta V'}}{\Delta V'} \quad \begin{array}{l} \Delta V' = \text{volume element around } \vec{r}' \\ Q_{\Delta V'} = \text{total charge enclosed in } \Delta V' \end{array}$$

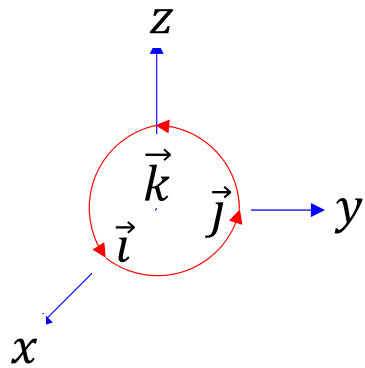


$$\sigma(\vec{r}') = \lim_{\Delta A' \rightarrow 0} \frac{Q_{\Delta A'}}{\Delta A'} \quad \begin{array}{l} \Delta A' = \text{surface element around } \vec{r}' \\ Q_{\Delta A'} = \text{total charge distributed on } \Delta A' \end{array}$$



$$\lambda(\vec{r}') = \lim_{\Delta l' \rightarrow 0} \frac{Q_{\Delta l'}}{\Delta l'} \quad \begin{array}{l} \Delta l' = \text{line element around } \vec{r}' \\ Q_{\Delta l'} = \text{total charge distributed along } \Delta l' \end{array}$$

Rule

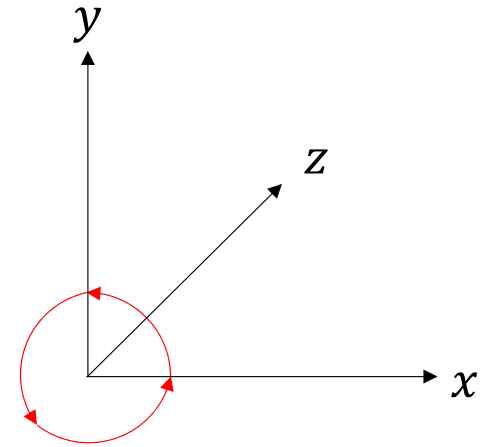


$$\vec{i} \times \vec{j} = \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{j} \times \vec{k} = \vec{i}$$

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{i} = \vec{j}$$

Reference frame



Forbidden

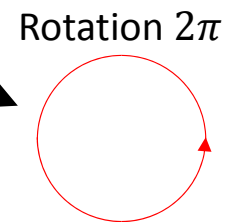
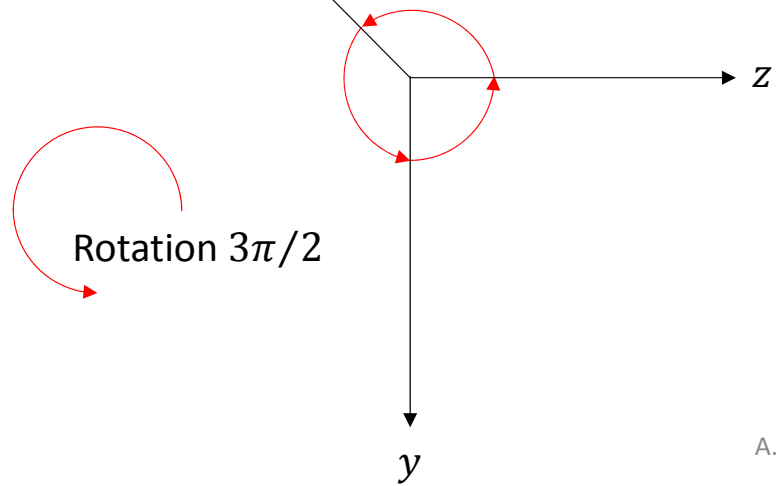
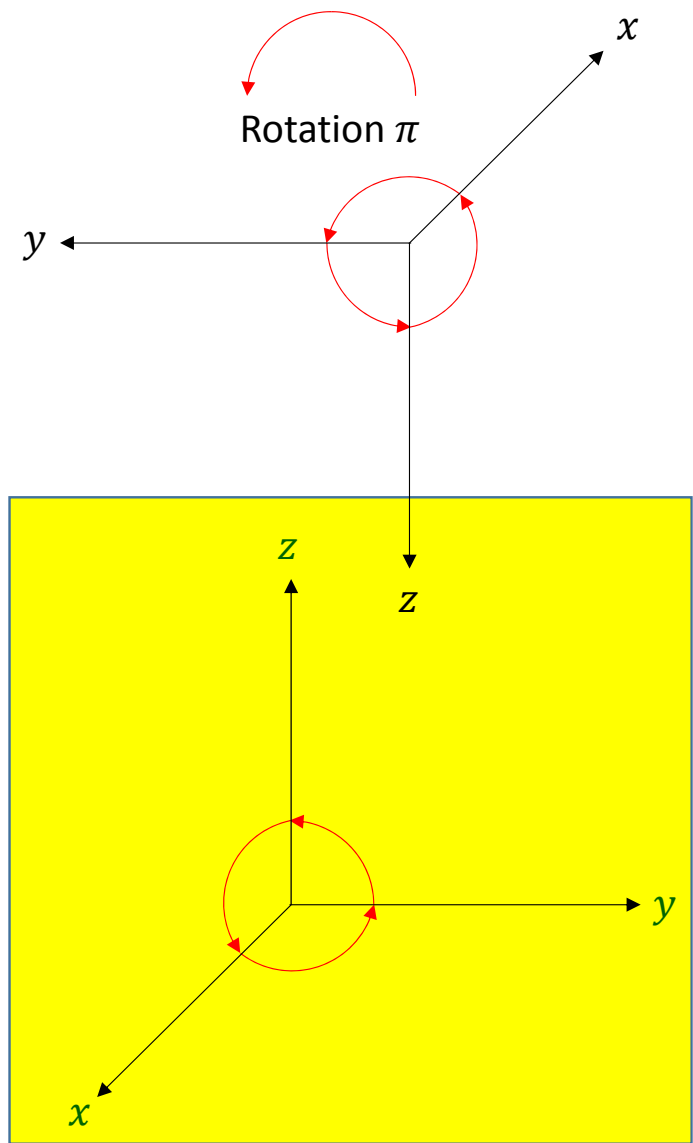
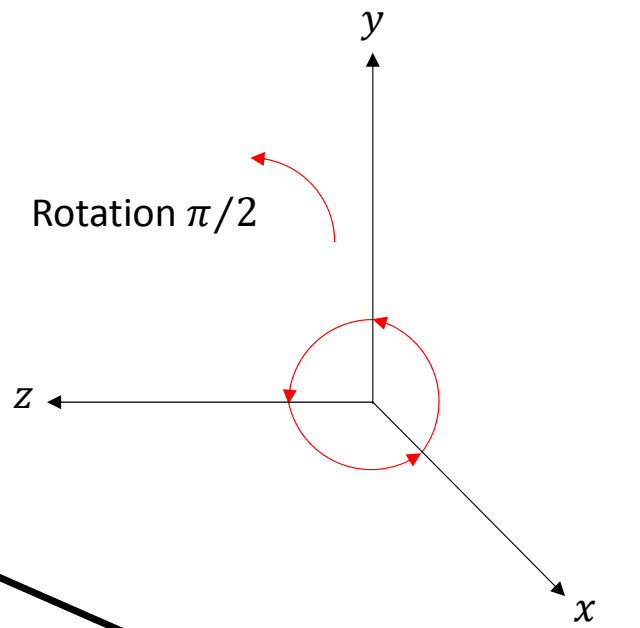
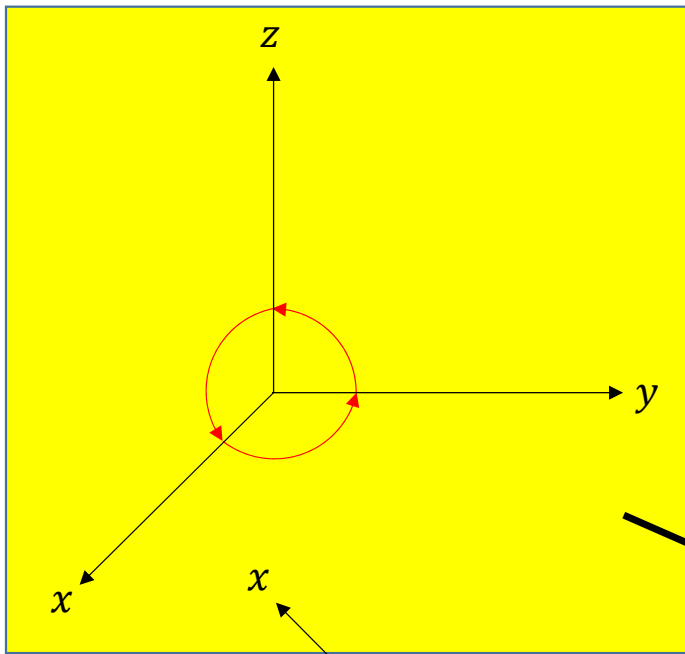
* Question #1:

Why is this frame forbidden?

Answer to *Question 1

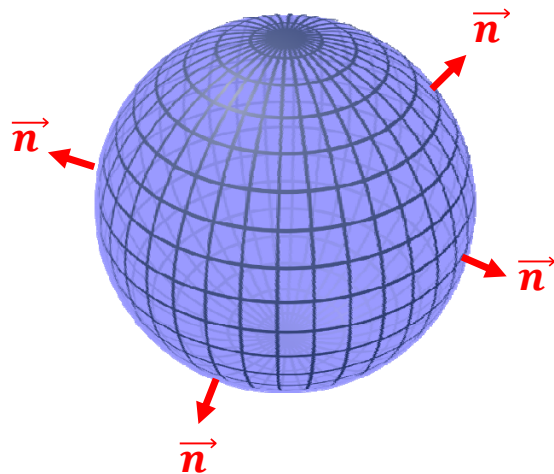
According to frame $\vec{i} \times \vec{k} = \vec{j}$

According to the rule $\vec{k} \times \vec{i} = \vec{j}$ \Rightarrow $\vec{i} \times \vec{k} = -\vec{j}$



Closed versus open surface

Closed surface

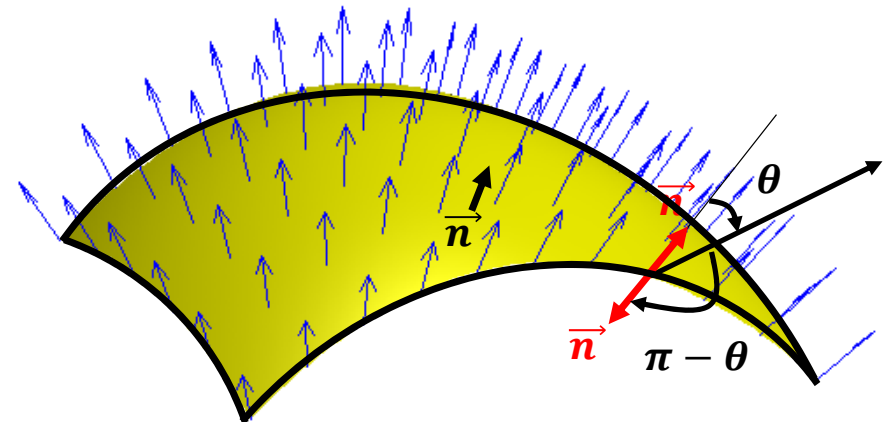


Unit vector is always directed outwards

Closed surface defines a volume

Divergence and Gauss theorem

Open surface



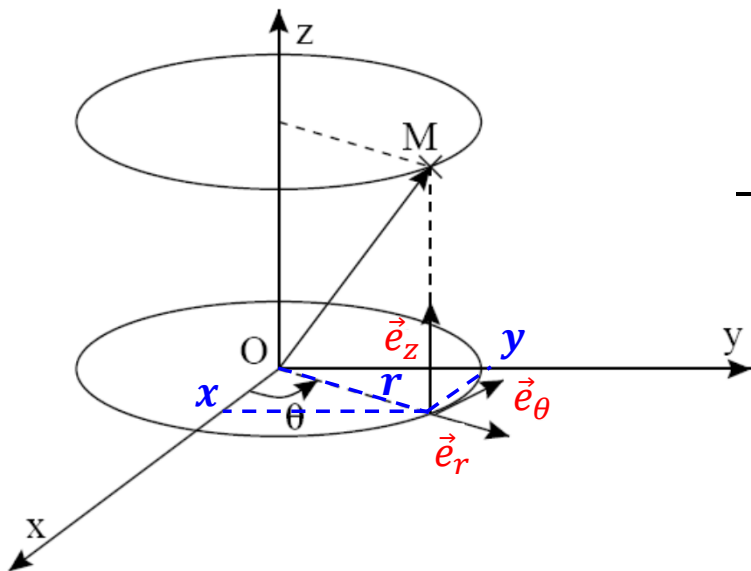
$$\cos\theta = -\cos(\pi - \theta)$$

Both orientations of the unit vector are valid

Open surface defines a closed path

Curl and Stokes theorem

Surface and volume element in cylindrical coordinates



$$0 < r < \infty$$

$$0 < \theta < 2\pi$$

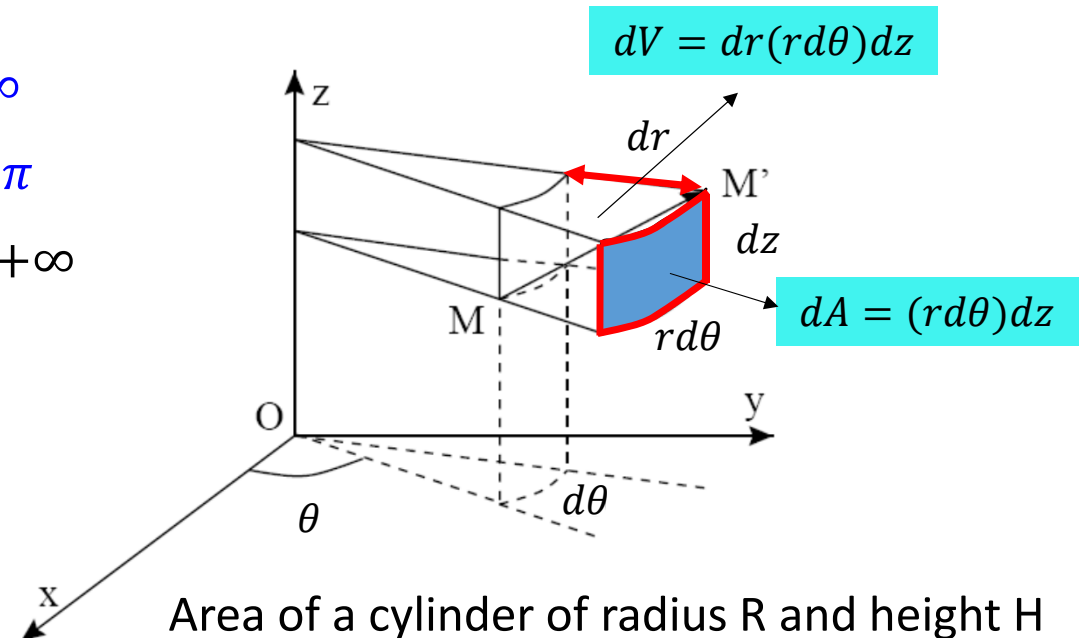
$$-\infty < z < +\infty$$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

Polar coordinates

$$z = z$$



$$dA = (R d\theta) dz$$



$$A = \int_0^{2\pi} R d\theta \int_0^H dz = 2\pi R H$$

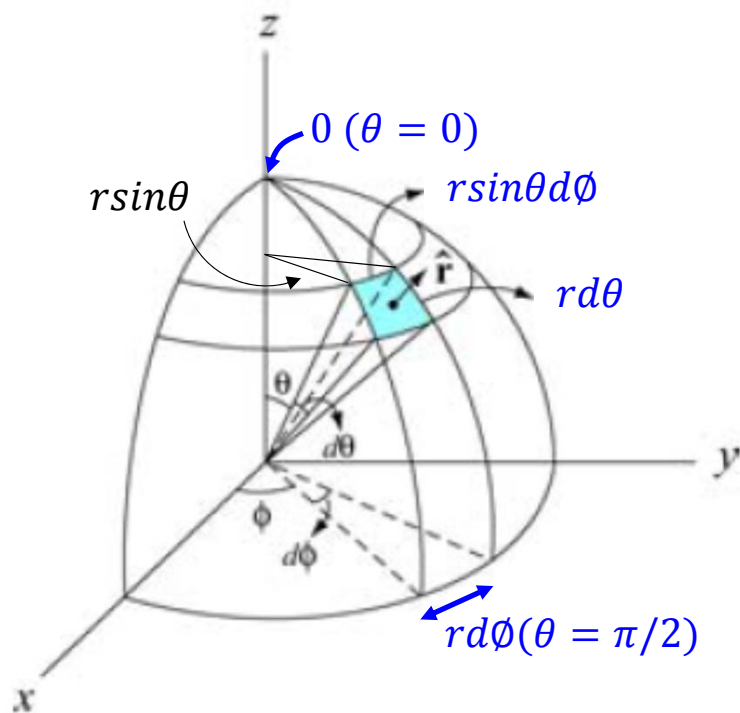
Volume of a cylinder of radius R and height H

$$dV = dr(r d\theta) dz$$



$$V = \int_0^R r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^H dz = \pi R^2 H$$

Surface and volume element in spherical coordinates



$$0 < \theta < \pi$$

$$0 < \phi < 2\pi$$

$$dA = (r \sin \theta d\phi)(r d\theta)$$



$$dA = r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$



$$dV = (dA)dr$$

$$dV = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z = r \cos \theta$$

Area of a sphere of radius R

$$A = R^2 \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = 4\pi R^2$$

Volume of a sphere of radius R

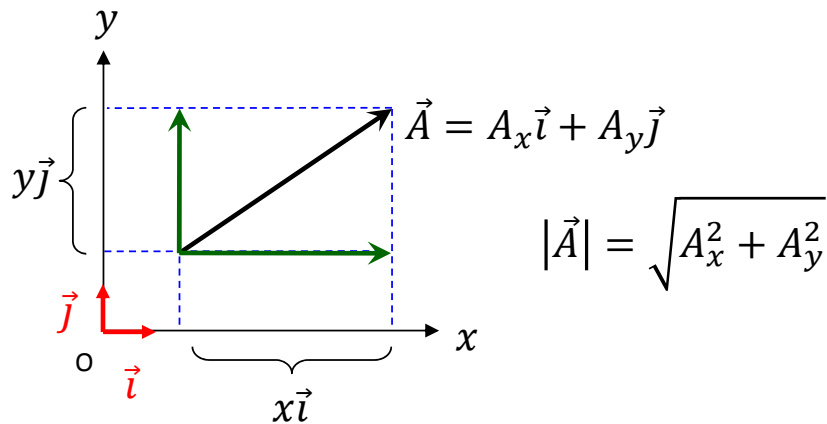
$$V = \int_0^R r^2 dr \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3$$

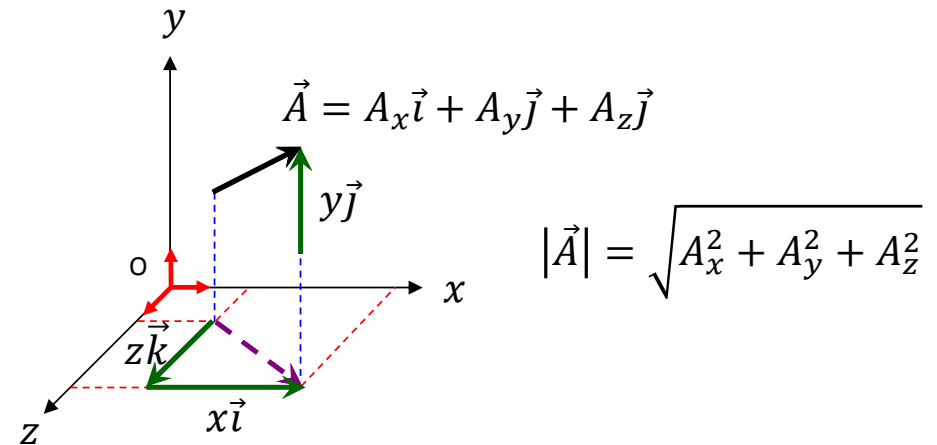
Vector calculus: Basics

Vector and representation

Representation in 2D **2 components**



Representation in 3D **3 components**



Unit vectors \vec{i} , \vec{j} and \vec{k} are unit vectors of magnitude 1 in Cartesian frame in direction along x, y, z axes

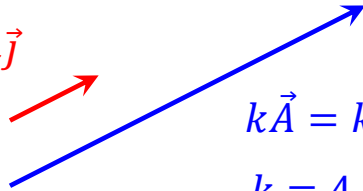
$$\vec{i} = (1, 0, 0), \quad \vec{j} = (0, 1, 0), \quad \vec{k} = (0, 0, 1)$$

A_x, A_y, A_z are the components along the three axes

$|\vec{A}|$ = **Magnitude** of the vector

Multiplying a vector by a scalar

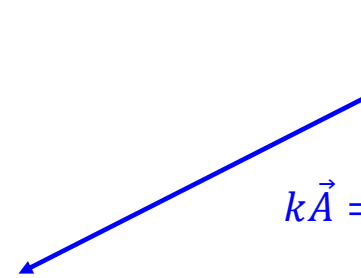
$$\vec{A} = A_x \vec{i} + A_y \vec{j} + A_z \vec{k}$$



$$k\vec{A} = kA_x \vec{i} + kA_y \vec{j} + kA_z \vec{k}$$

$$k = 4$$

$$\vec{A} = A_x \vec{i} + A_y \vec{j} + A_z \vec{k}$$



$$k\vec{A} = kA_x \vec{i} + kA_y \vec{j} + kA_z \vec{k}$$

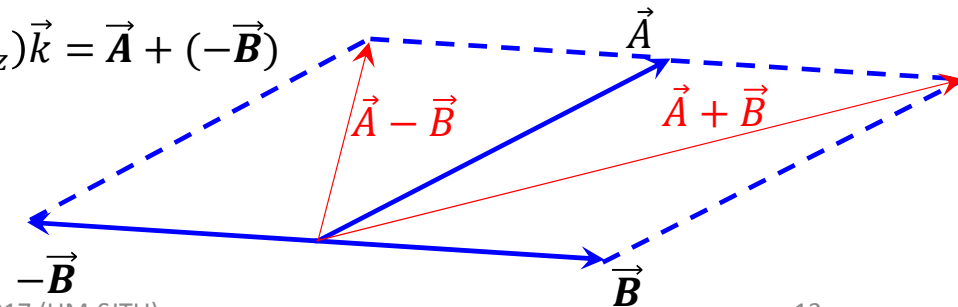
$$k = -4$$

Vectors \vec{A} and $k\vec{A}$ are co-linear (parallel)

Addition and subtraction of vectors

$$\vec{A} = A_x \vec{i} + A_y \vec{j} + A_z \vec{k} \quad \vec{A} + \vec{B} = (A_x + B_x) \vec{i} + (A_y + B_y) \vec{j} + (A_z + B_z) \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_x \vec{i} + B_y \vec{j} + B_z \vec{k} \quad \vec{A} - \vec{B} = (A_x - B_x) \vec{i} + (A_y - B_y) \vec{j} + (A_z - B_z) \vec{k} = \vec{A} + (-\vec{B})$$



Scalar product

Cartesian vs polar coordinates

$$\vec{A} = A_x \vec{i} + A_y \vec{j} \longrightarrow \text{Cartesian}$$

$$\vec{A} = |\vec{A}| \cos \theta_A \vec{i} + |\vec{A}| \sin \theta_A \vec{j} \longrightarrow \text{Polar}$$

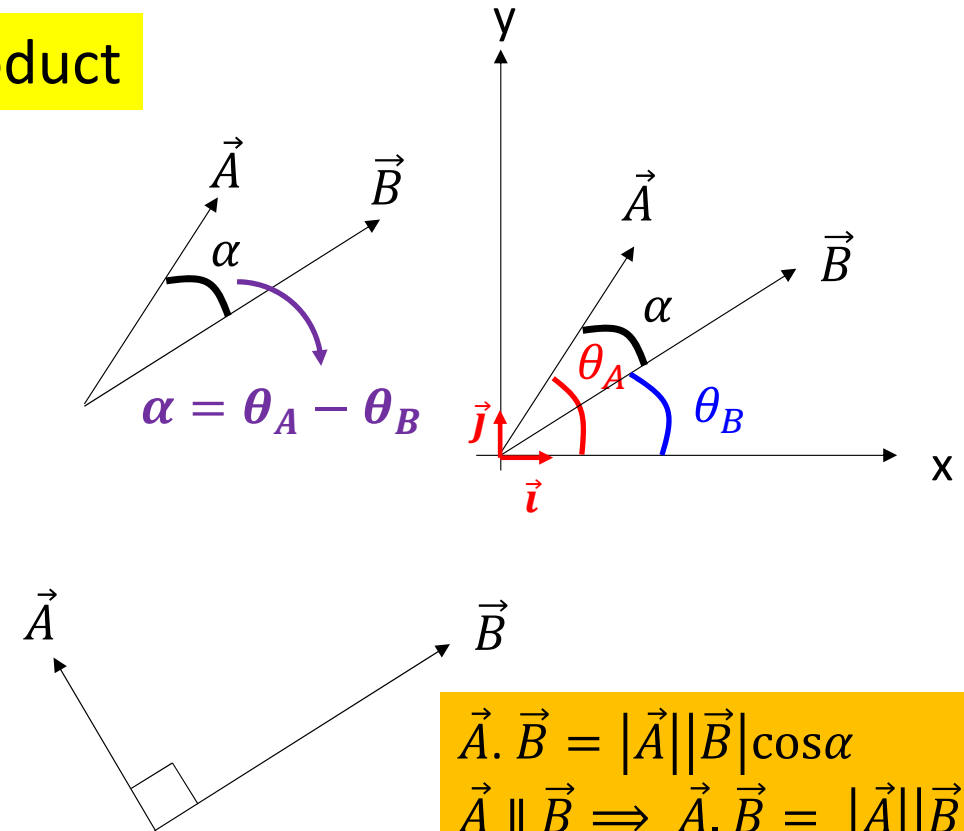
$$\vec{B} = B_x \vec{i} + B_y \vec{j}$$

$$\vec{B} = |\vec{B}| \cos \theta_B \vec{i} + |\vec{B}| \sin \theta_B \vec{j}$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \theta_A \cos \theta_B + |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin \theta_A \sin \theta_B$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| [\cos \theta_A \cos \theta_B + \sin \theta_A \sin \theta_B]$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| [\cos(\theta_A - \theta_B)] = AB \cos \alpha$$



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} &= |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \alpha \\ \vec{A} \parallel \vec{B} &\Rightarrow \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \\ \vec{A} \perp \vec{B} &\Rightarrow \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

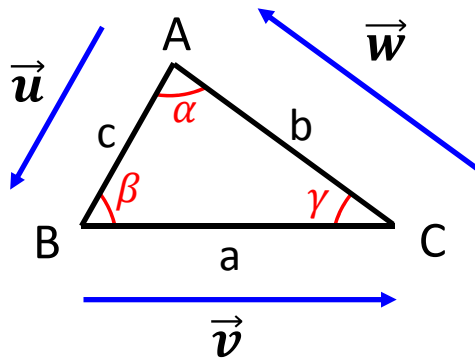
$$\cos(\theta_A - \theta_B) = \cos \theta_A \cos \theta_B + \sin \theta_A \sin \theta_B$$

Example: Al-Kashi's theorem

Given a triangle ABC, demonstrate on the basis of vector calculus Al-Kashi's theorem which states that:

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bccos(\alpha)$$

Where a is for BC, b for AC and c for AB and α is the angle \widehat{BAC} etc...



Vectors turning counterclockwise

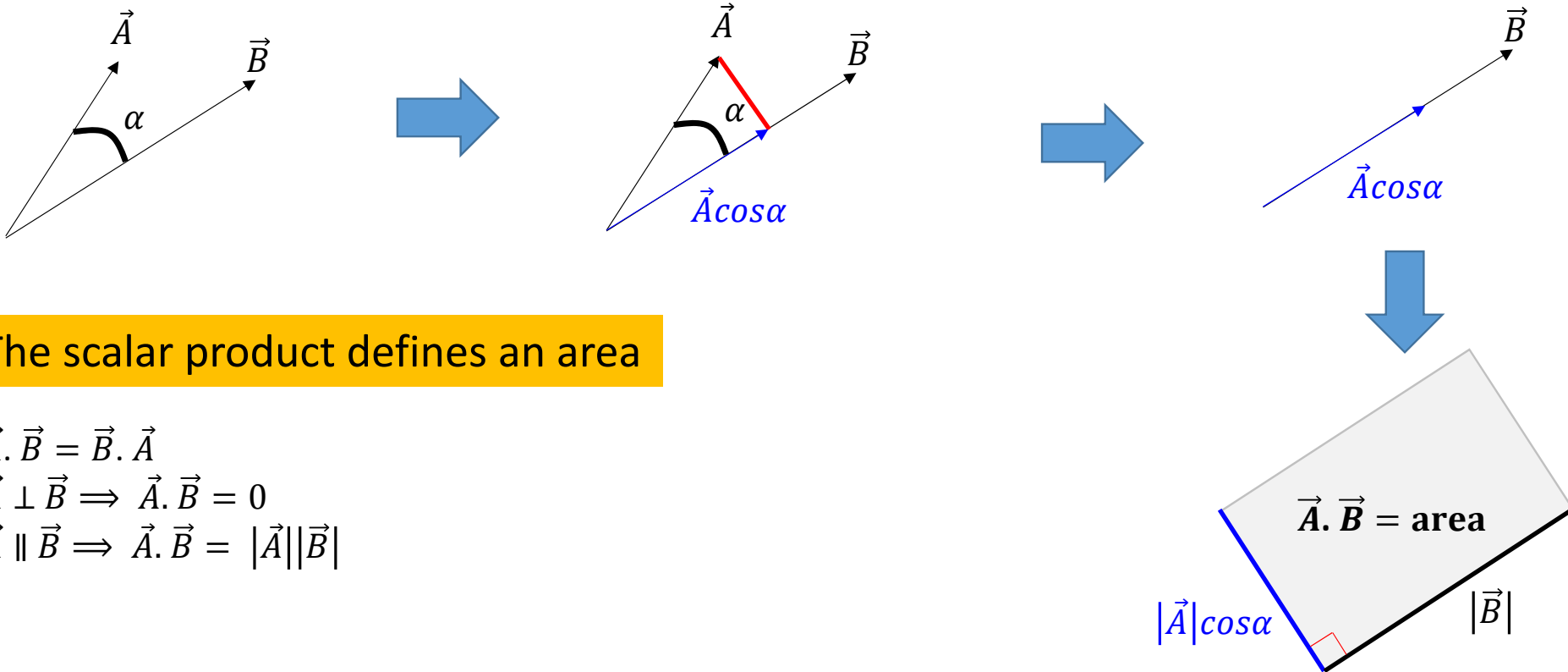
$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = -\vec{w}$$

$$a^2 = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = (-\vec{w} - \vec{u})^2 = w^2 + v^2 + 2uwcos(\pi + \alpha)$$

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bccos(\alpha)$$

$$\text{Pythagoras's theorem} \Rightarrow \alpha = \pi/2 \Rightarrow a^2 = b^2 + c^2$$

Geometrical interpretation of Scalar product



The scalar product defines an area

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{A} \perp \vec{B} \Rightarrow \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{A} \parallel \vec{B} \Rightarrow \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}||\vec{B}|$$

The area may involve other dimensions than surface !

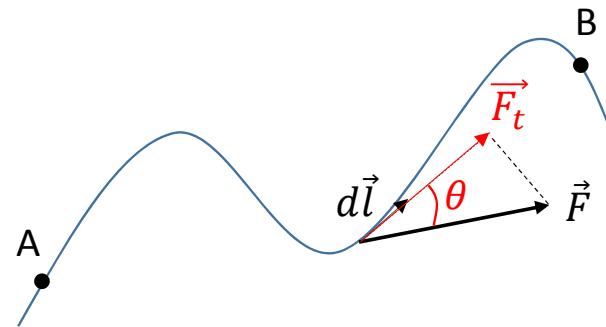
Example of scalar product in physics

***Question #2** What major physical quantity is expressed by scalar product?

Answer to *Question #2 Work done by a force on a particle moving along a path AB

$$dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} = F \cos \theta dl$$

$$W = \int_A^B F \cos \theta dl = \int_A^B F_t dl$$



Here the area has a new dimension: Energy

***Question #3** What is the value of the circulation in this case?

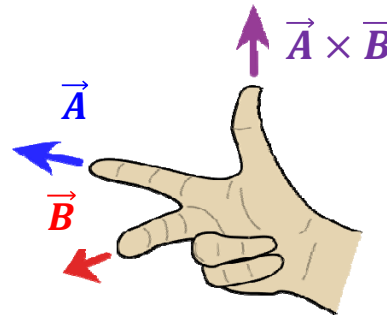
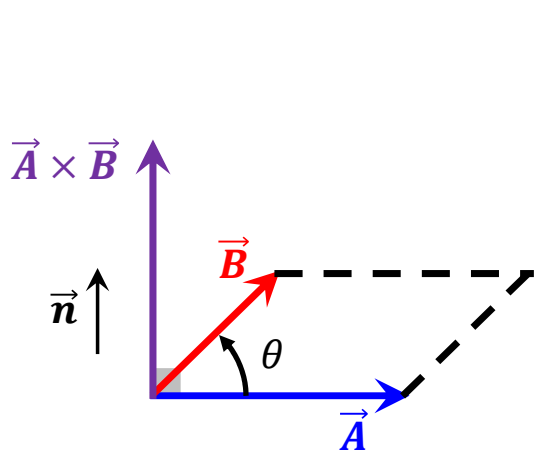
Answer to *Question #3 **0**: force is conservative, dW is exact differential

Line integral

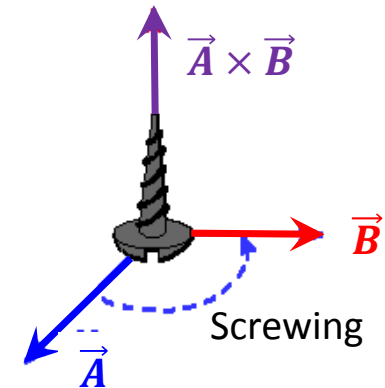
Close the path

Circulation

Cross product



Right hand rule



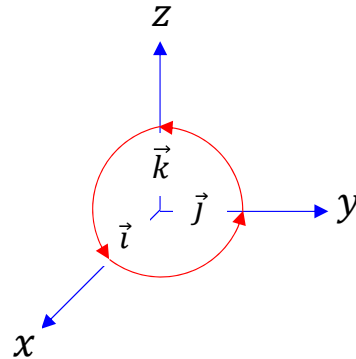
Screwing and unscrewing rule

- Screwing $\Rightarrow \vec{A} \times \vec{B}$
- Unscrewing $\Rightarrow \vec{B} \times \vec{A} = -\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin \theta \cdot \vec{n}$$

The vector “cross product” is **always** perpendicular to the plan containing the vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B}

Rules



Scalar product

$$\vec{i} \cdot \vec{i} = 1$$

$$\vec{j} \cdot \vec{j} = 1$$

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k} = 1$$

$$\vec{i} \cdot \vec{j} = \vec{j} \cdot \vec{k} = \vec{k} \cdot \vec{i} = 0$$

Cross product

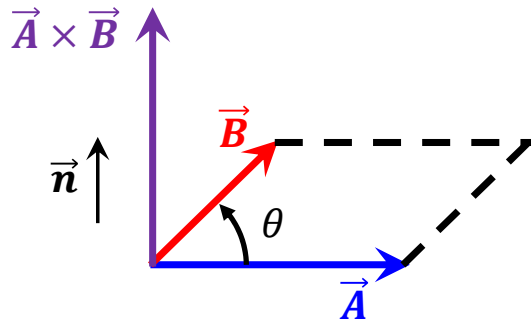
$$\vec{i} \times \vec{j} = \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{j} \times \vec{k} = \vec{i}$$

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{i} = \vec{j}$$

$$\vec{i} \times \vec{i} = \vec{j} \times \vec{j} = \vec{k} \times \vec{k} = \vec{0}$$

Vector product



Cartesian notation

$$\vec{A} = A_x \vec{i} + A_y \vec{j} + A_z \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_x \vec{i} + B_y \vec{j} + B_z \vec{k}$$

+



$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_y & A_z \\ B_y & B_z \end{pmatrix} \vec{i} - \begin{pmatrix} A_x & A_z \\ B_x & B_z \end{pmatrix} \vec{j} + \begin{pmatrix} A_x & A_y \\ B_x & B_y \end{pmatrix} \vec{k}$$



$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \vec{i} - (A_x B_z - A_z B_x) \vec{j} + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \vec{k}$$

Scalar versus Vector product

Scalar product

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{A} \perp \vec{B} \Rightarrow \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{A} \parallel \vec{B} \Rightarrow \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}|$$

Cos is involved

Cross product

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{A} \perp \vec{B} \Rightarrow |\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}|$$

$$\vec{A} \parallel \vec{B} \Rightarrow \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \vec{0}$$

Sin is involved

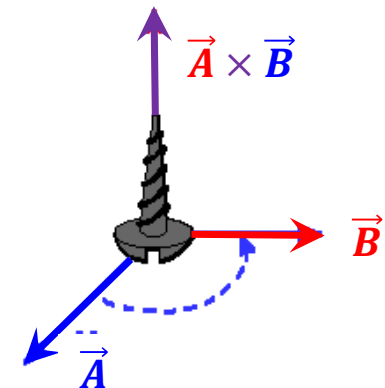
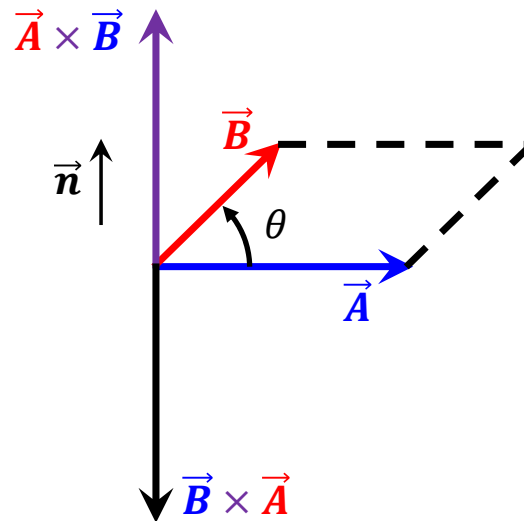
$$\vec{A} \times \vec{A} = \vec{0} \quad (\theta = 0 \text{ then } \sin(\theta) = 0)$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$$

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

Scalar product

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



A property that did not escape to Maxwell's attention !

« Chance favors prepared minds » (Louis Pasteur)

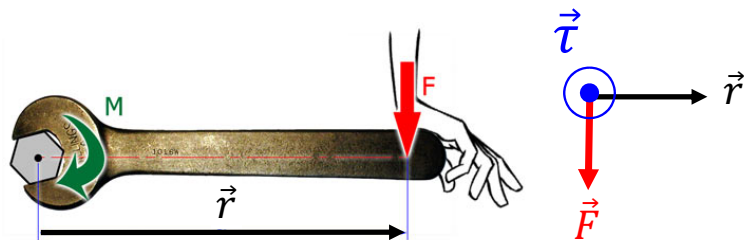
****Question #3

Give from one to four examples in physics involving cross product:
Two from classical mechanics and two from Vp260

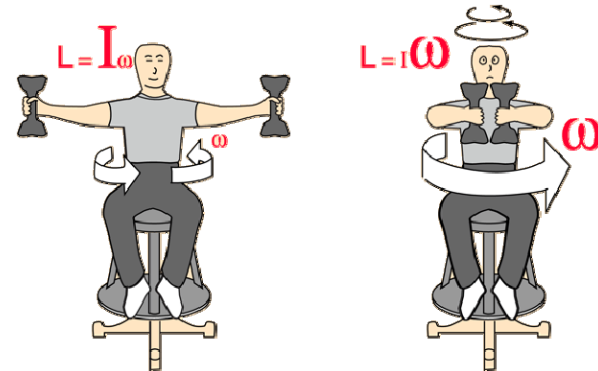
Answer to ****Question #3

From classical mechanics

Torque : $\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$



Angular Momentum: $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times m\vec{v}$

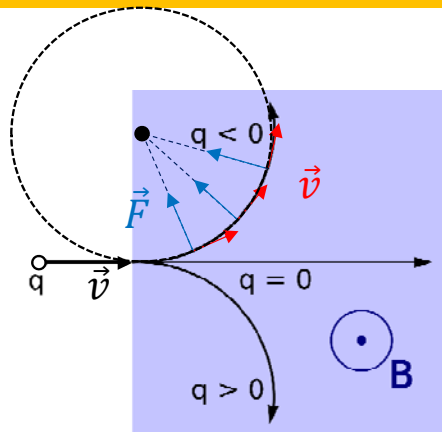


Example of cross product

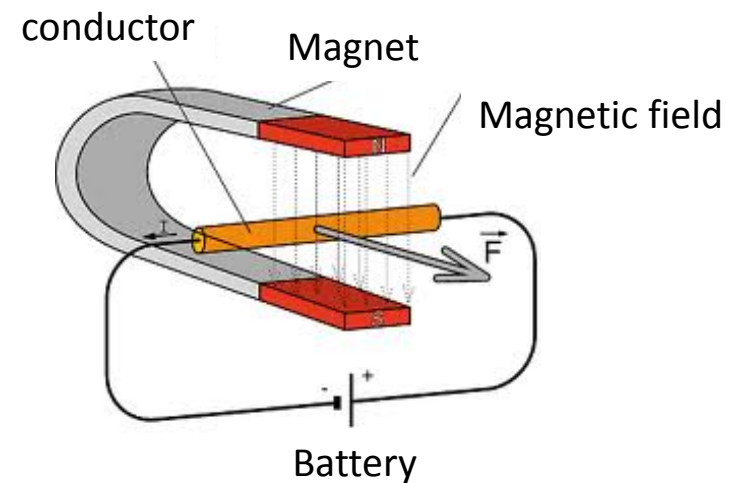
Answer to ****Question #3

From magnetostatic

Lorentz force: $\vec{F} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$



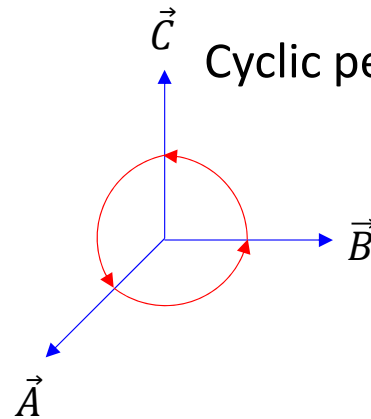
Laplace force: $\vec{F} = i\vec{l} \times \vec{B}$



Some geometrical interpretation of Cross product

Scalar triple product

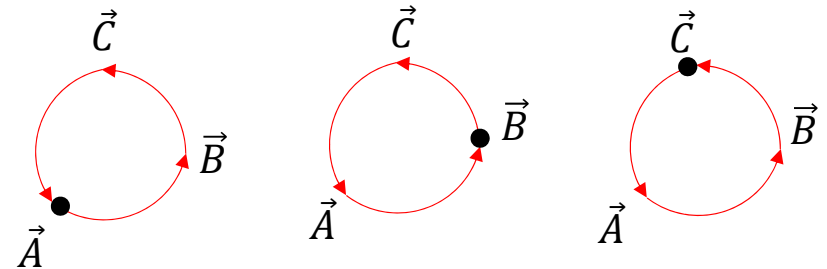
$$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})$$



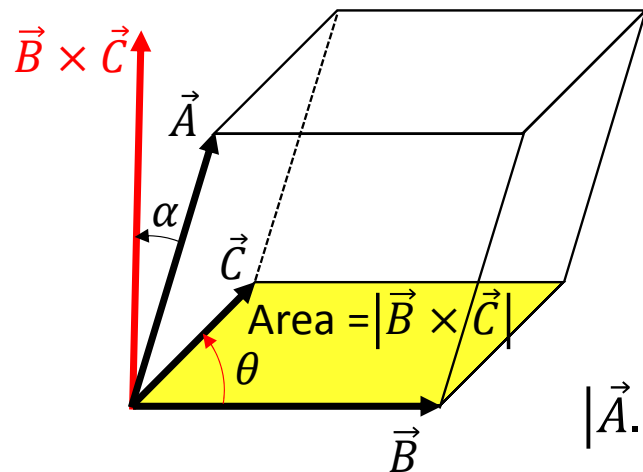
Cyclic permutation

$$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$$

Commutativity of dot product



Counterclockwise

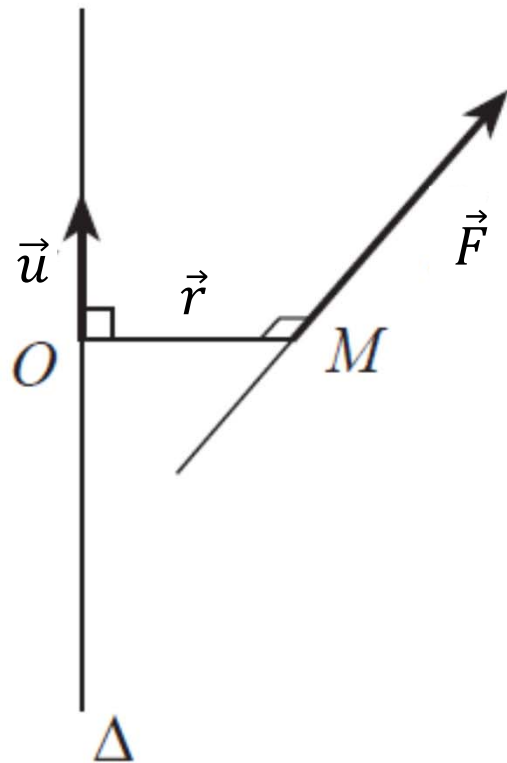


$$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \begin{pmatrix} A_X & A_Y & A_Z \\ B_X & B_Y & B_Z \\ C_X & C_Y & C_Z \end{pmatrix} = V$$

If $\alpha = 0$ and $\theta = \pi/2 \rightarrow$ Cube

$$|\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})| = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| |\vec{C}| (\cos \alpha) (\sin \theta) = \text{volume of the parallelepiped}$$

Example of a Scalar triple product



Moment of a force about an axis

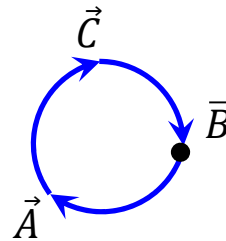
$$\Gamma_{\Delta} = \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{r} \times \vec{F})$$

Cross triple product

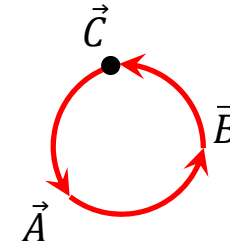
$$\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$$

These are NOT scalar product !

Scalar times Vector = Vector



clockwise

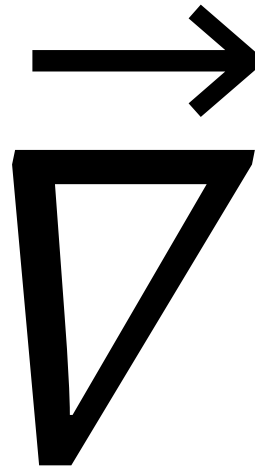


counterclockwise

Caution ! When dealing with vector fields and operators, $\vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$ may lose physical meaning then we use commutativity $\underbrace{(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})}_{a} \vec{C} \Rightarrow a \vec{C}$

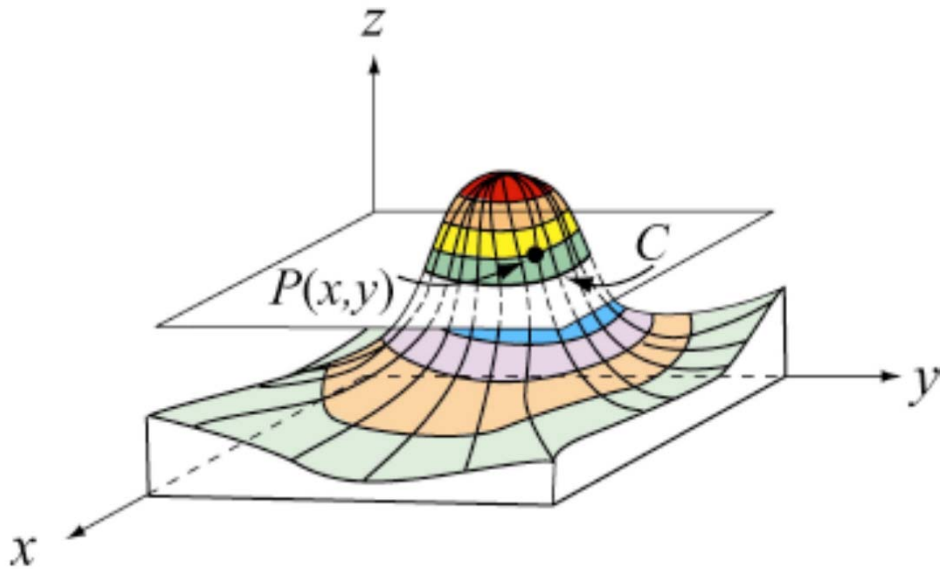
Manipulating scalar and vector fields

The central master piece in Electromagnetism

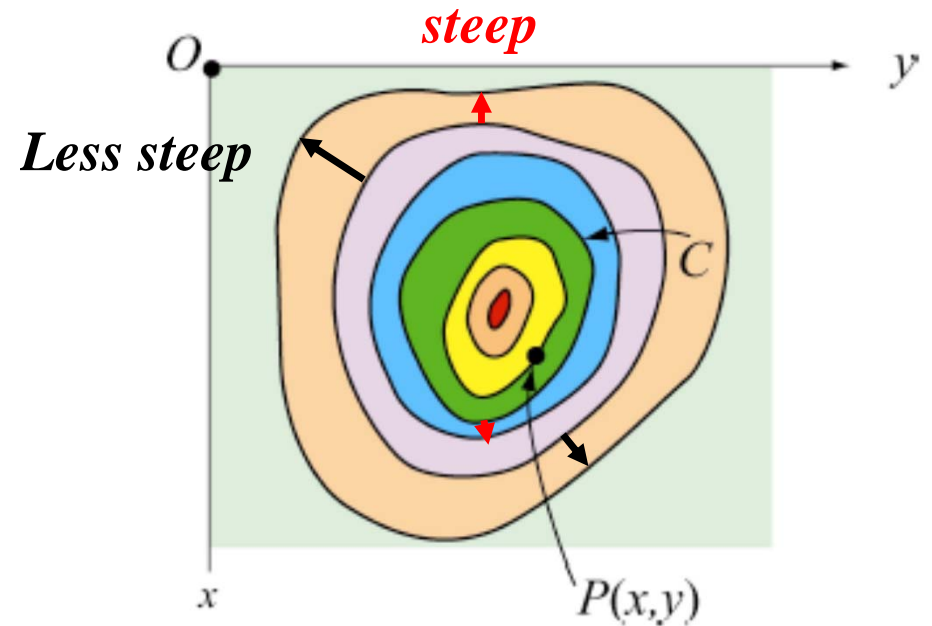


The Nabla or Del operator

Topographic map of a mountain: Hiking in the mountain



side view of a mountain

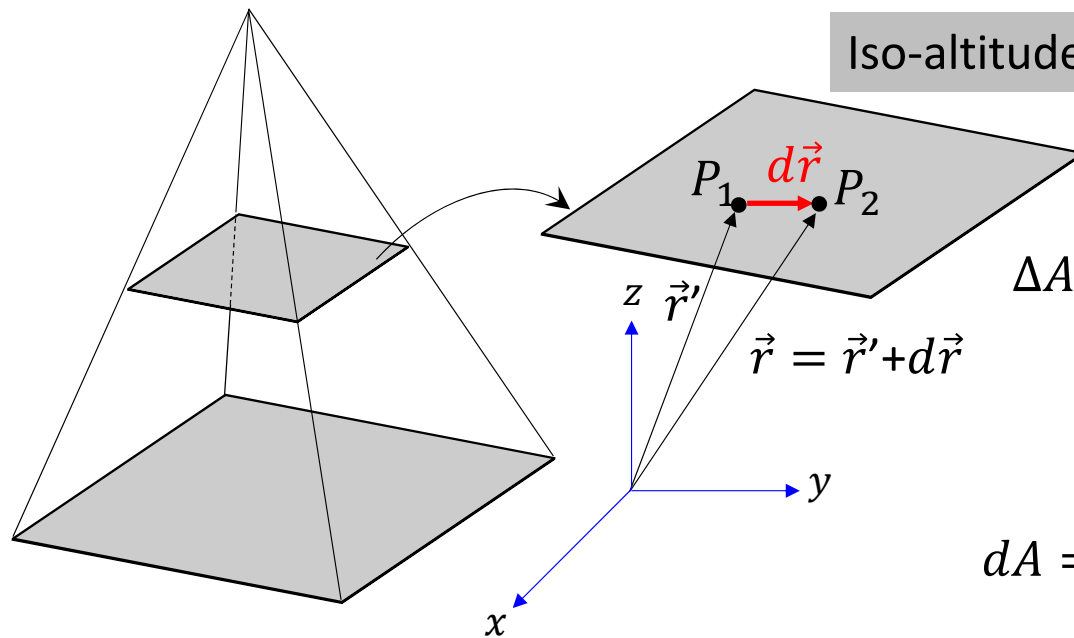


top view of iso-altitude surfaces

Where the arrow is small, the path is steep

How can we link the steepness to the iso-altitude surfaces?

Another way of looking at the gradient



$$P_1 \rightarrow P_2$$

$$A(x, y, z) \rightarrow A(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y, z + \Delta z)$$

$$\Delta A = A(P_1) - A(P_2) = \frac{\partial A}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \Delta y + \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} \Delta z = 0$$

$$\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z \rightarrow 0$$

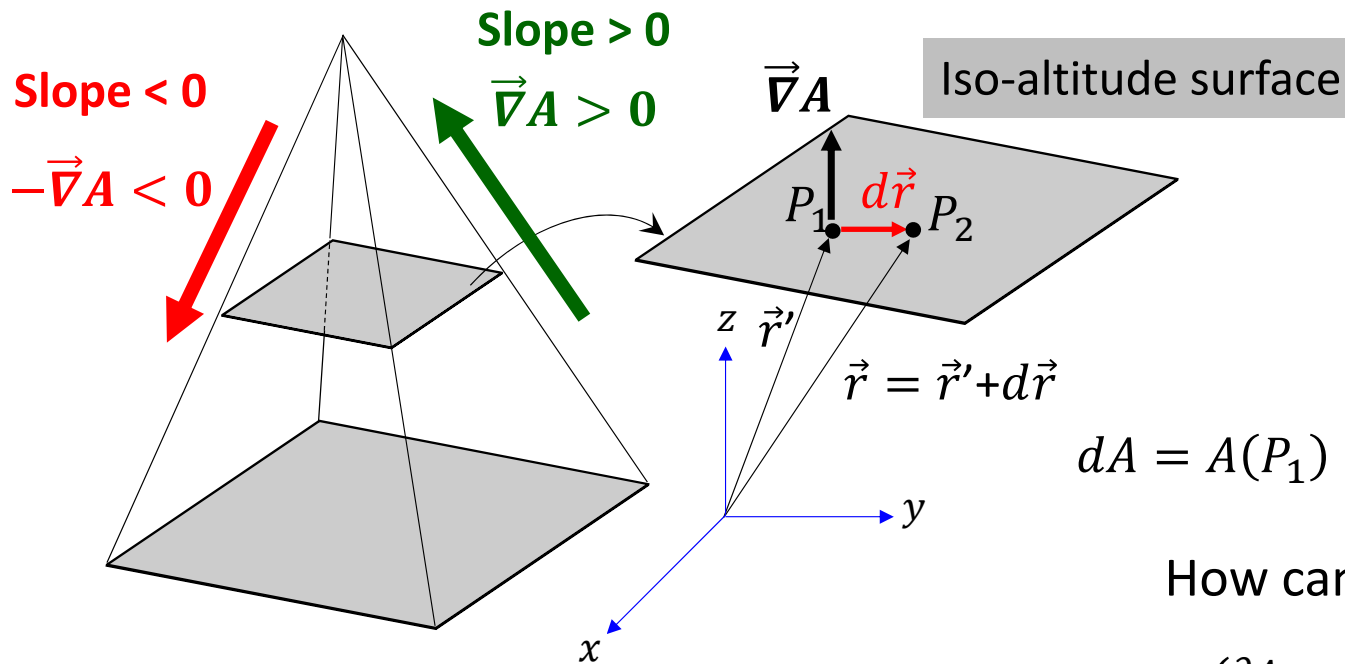
$$dA = A(P_1) - A(P_2) = \frac{\partial A}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} dz = 0$$

What do dx , dy and dz represent?

The components of the vector displacement $d\vec{r}$

$$d\vec{r} = dx\vec{i} + dy\vec{j} + dz\vec{k}$$

Another way of looking at the gradient



$$dA = A(P_1) - A(P_2) = \frac{\partial A}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} dz = 0$$

How can we transform this sum of products?

$$dA = \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) \cdot (dx \vec{i} + dy \vec{j} + dz \vec{k}) = 0$$

$$dA = \vec{\nabla}A \cdot d\vec{r} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{\nabla}A \perp d\vec{r}$$

The gradient of a scalar field $f(x, y, z)$ at a given point $P(x, y, z)$, $\vec{\nabla} f(x, y, z)$, is a vector perpendicular to the iso-surface $f(x, y, z) = C$ at point $P(x, y, z)$

- If the iso-surface is flat, the vector is perpendicular everywhere to this surface
- If the iso-surface is curved, the vector is perpendicular to surface at the specified point $P(x, y, z)$



The gradient is a local property

Water flows naturally from top to bottom

$$\longrightarrow \vec{W}(x, y, z, t) = -K_w \vec{\nabla} A(x, y, z, t)$$

$A(x, y, z, t)$ = Iso-altitude surface

Heat flows naturally from hot to cold

$$\longrightarrow \vec{h}(x, y, z, t) = -K_h \vec{\nabla} T(x, y, z, t)$$

$T(x, y, z, t)$ = Iso-thermal surface

Electric field also “flows” from one $+q$ to $-q$

$$\longrightarrow \vec{E}(x, y, z, t) = -\vec{\nabla} \varphi(x, y, z, t)$$

$\varphi(x, y, z, t)$ = Iso-potential surface

The same equation governs electromagnetism, water flow, heat flow etc...

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***Question #4** What is for a point charge the shape of the iso-potential surface ?

Answer to *Question #4

Spheres centered on the charge

$$\vec{E}(x, y, z, t) = -\vec{\nabla}\varphi(x, y, z, t)$$

$$\varphi(x, y, z, t) = \text{cte}$$



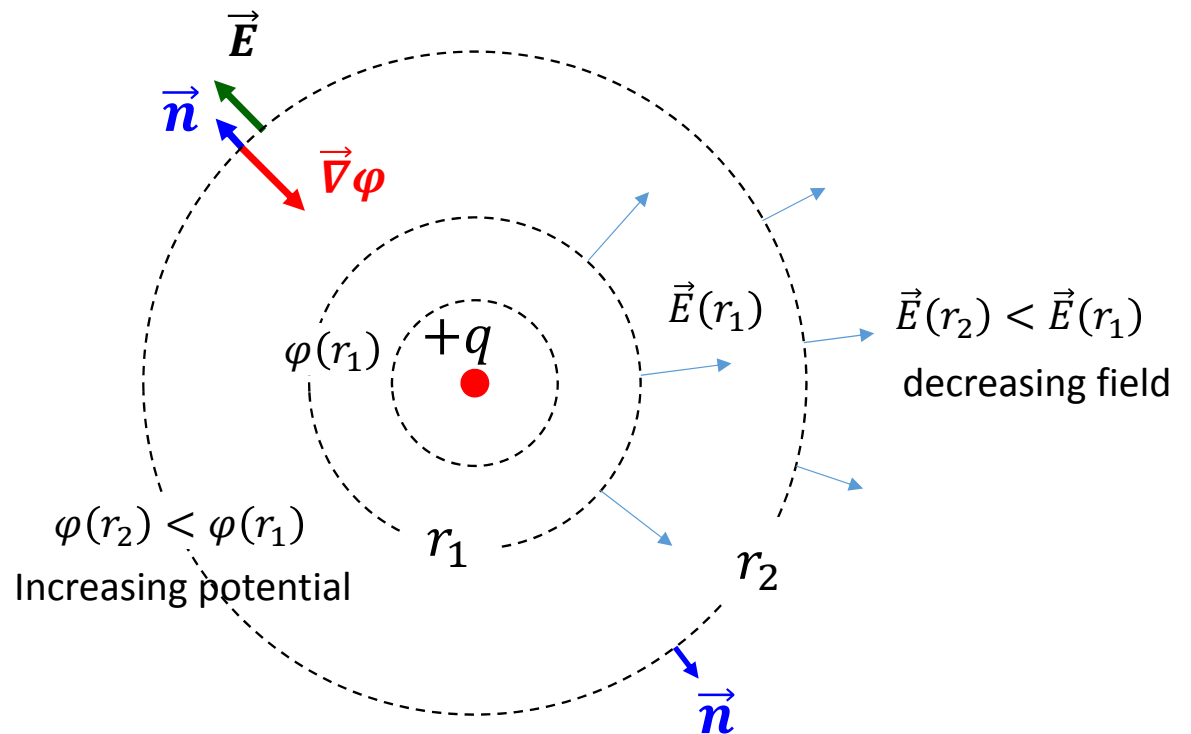
Iso-potential surface

Obtained from

$$\vec{E}(x, y, z, t) = -\vec{\nabla}\varphi(x, y, z, t)$$

If $\vec{E}(x, y, z, t)$ is known

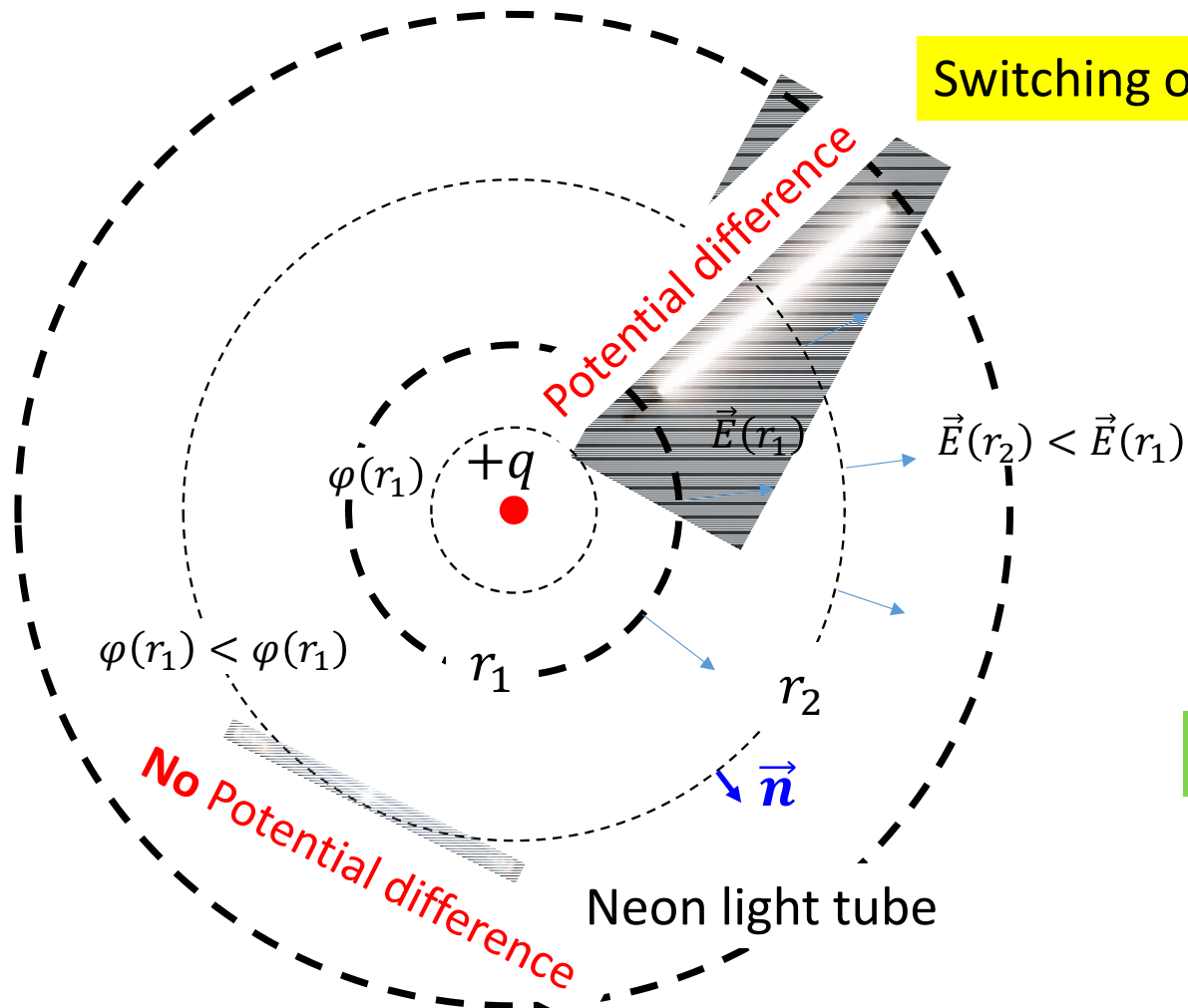
$$\vec{E} \parallel \vec{n} \perp \text{iso-potential surface}$$



First part of the first Maxwell's equation

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\varphi$$

Valid in Electrostatic only



Switching on the light without any closed circuit !

***Question #5

Does it flash or remains ON ?

Answer to ***Question #5

Flashes, because soon equilibrium is reached \Leftrightarrow No more discharge

The Nabla or Del operator

$$\vec{\nabla} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k}$$

This operator alone means nothing, just as...

$\sqrt{\quad}$

means nothing

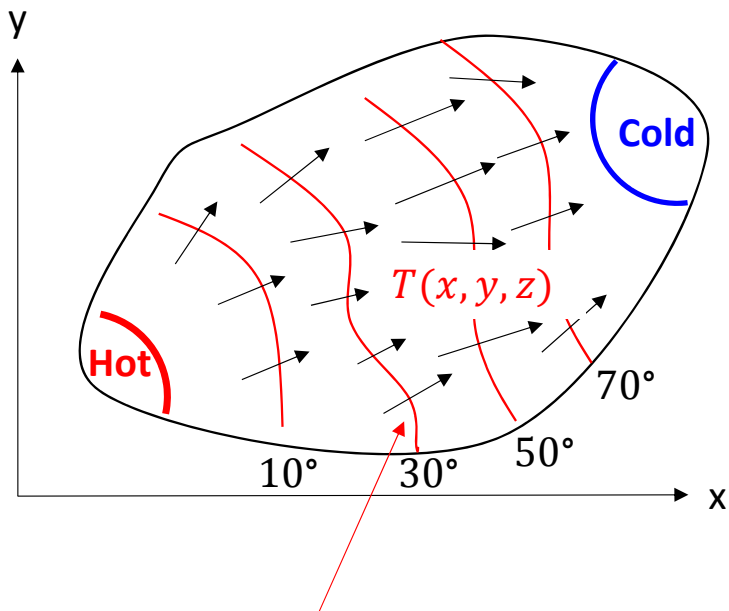
Both operators must have something to act on

The best way to visualize the scalar and vector fields is via heat propagation
How do we get the flux?

Scalar field: Temperature in 3D space

*Question #6

Does temperature move or change from one position in space to another?



*Answer to question #6

$T(x, y, z)$ does not move: **It changes**

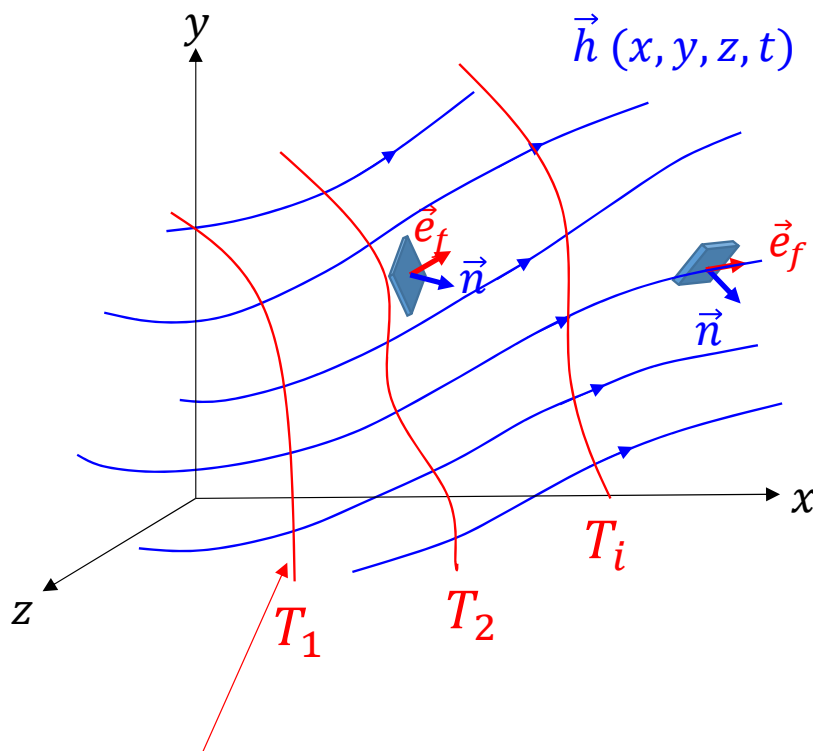


- Temperature $T(x, y, z)$ is a scalar field
- If it depends on time $\Rightarrow T(x, y, z, t)$

Isotherm = isothermal line (2D) or surface (3D)

Defining the concept of Flux

Vector field: Heat flow in 3D space



Heat $\vec{h}(x, y, z, t)$ is a vector field. It flows in 3D space

It gives rise to a scalar field: temperature in 3D space $T(x, y, z, t)$

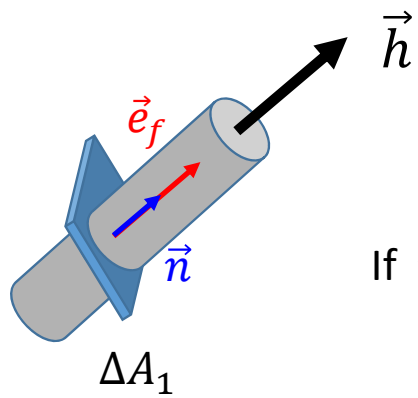
$|\vec{h}(x, y, z, t)|$ = How much heat is flowing
= Thermal energy/time/area

$$\vec{h}(x, y, z, t) = (\text{scalar quantity})\vec{e}_f \quad \text{Heat flow}$$

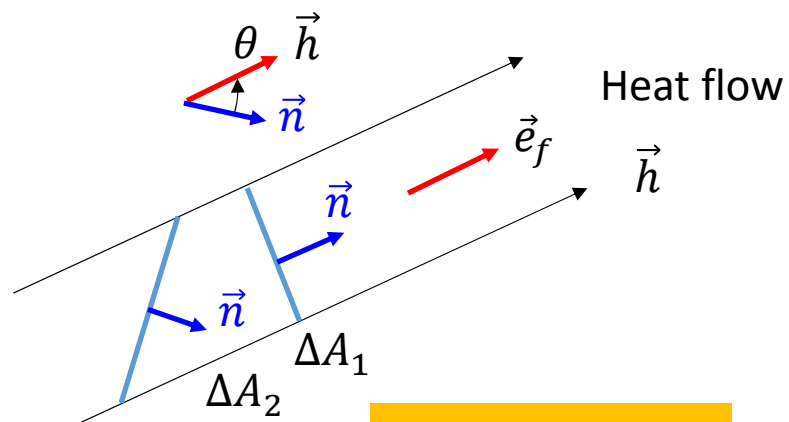
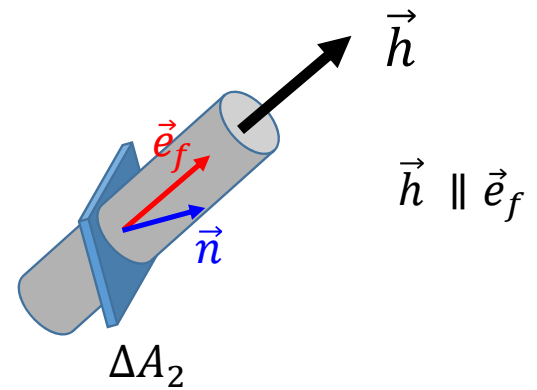
Thermal energy/time/area

Isotherm

- Need to define a unit vector along the flow \vec{e}_f at a given location in space
- Need to define a unit vector \vec{n} for the area under consideration at a given location in space

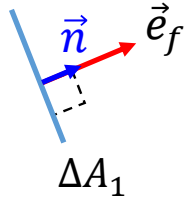


If $\vec{n} = \vec{e}_f \rightarrow \vec{h} \perp \vec{n} \Delta A_1$



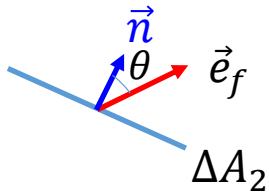
$$\Delta A_1 = \Delta A_2 \cos \theta$$

Definition of heat flow \vec{h}



$$\vec{h}(x, y, z, t) = \frac{P}{\Delta A_1} \vec{e}_f = |\vec{h}| \vec{e}_f$$

P = Thermal energy/time



What is the flow per unit area through ΔA_2 ?

$$\frac{P}{\Delta A_2} = \frac{P}{\Delta A_1} \cos \theta = \vec{h} \cdot \vec{n} = |\vec{h}_\perp|$$

Scalar product !

$$\Delta A_1 = \Delta A_2 \cos \theta \quad |\vec{h}| = |\vec{h}_\perp| \text{ if } \theta = 0 \Leftrightarrow \vec{e}_f = \vec{n}$$

$$Flux = \int_A \vec{h} \cdot \vec{n} dA$$

or

$$Flux = \int_A |\vec{h}_\perp| dA$$

Applying Del operator $\vec{\nabla}$ to heat flow

Gradient of a scalar field $T(x, y, z)$

Differentiate a stationary scalar field $T(x, y, z)$

$T(x, y, z) = C \Leftrightarrow$ Isotherm or isothermal surface

Reminder

$$\vec{\nabla} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right)$$

Is **NOT** a vector as long as it does not operate on a scalar !

$$\Delta T(x, y, z) = \underbrace{\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \Delta y + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \Delta z}_{\text{dot product of two vectors}}$$

scalar

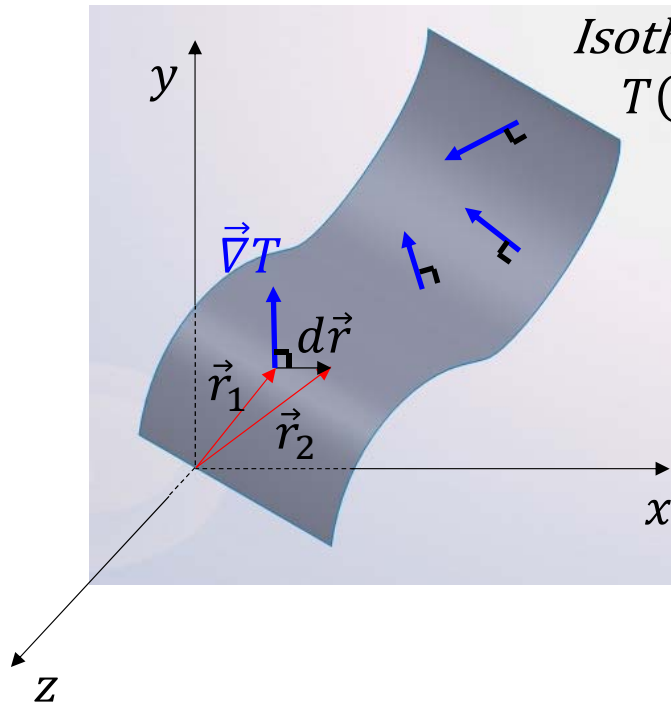


$$\underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right)}_{\text{Vector}} \cdot \underbrace{(\Delta x \vec{i} + \Delta y \vec{j} + \Delta z \vec{k})}_{\text{Vector displacement}}$$



$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) T(x, y, z)$$

Vector Operator $\vec{\nabla}$



Isothermal surface

$$T(x, y, z) = T_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta T(x, y, z) = T(x, y, z) - T_0 = 0$$

Temperature is everywhere the same on this surface

(Surface is not necessarily flat !)



$$\Delta T(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) \cdot (\Delta x \vec{i} + \Delta y \vec{j} + \Delta z \vec{k}) = 0$$

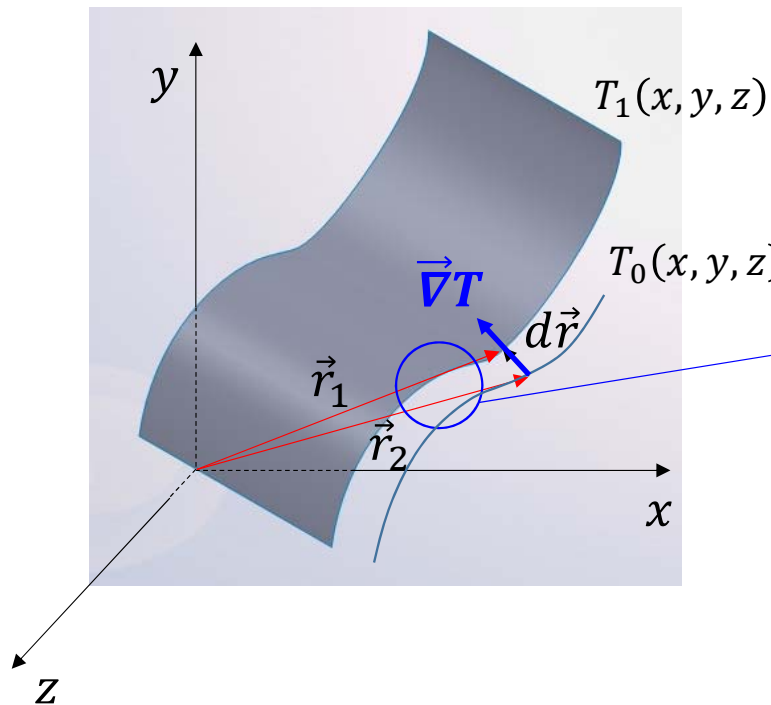
$$\Delta T(x, y, z) = \vec{\nabla}T \cdot d\vec{r} = |\vec{\nabla}T| \cdot |d\vec{r}| \cdot \cos(\theta) = 0$$

! (A red exclamation mark is placed to the left of the equation, with red arrows pointing to the terms $\Delta T(x, y, z)$, $\vec{\nabla}T$, and $d\vec{r}$ in the equation above.)

\vec{r}_1 and \vec{r}_2 indicate two close points
on the isothermal surface

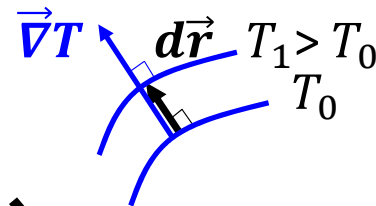
$\theta = \pi/2$ $\vec{\nabla}T$ and $d\vec{r}$ are \perp everywhere on the isothermal surface

- $d\vec{r}$ is tangent to the isothermal surface at (x, y, z)
- $\vec{\nabla}T$ is \perp to the isothermal surface **at (x, y, z)**



\vec{r}_1 and \vec{r}_2 indicate two close points
on two close isothermal surfaces

Isothermal surfaces T_1 and T_0



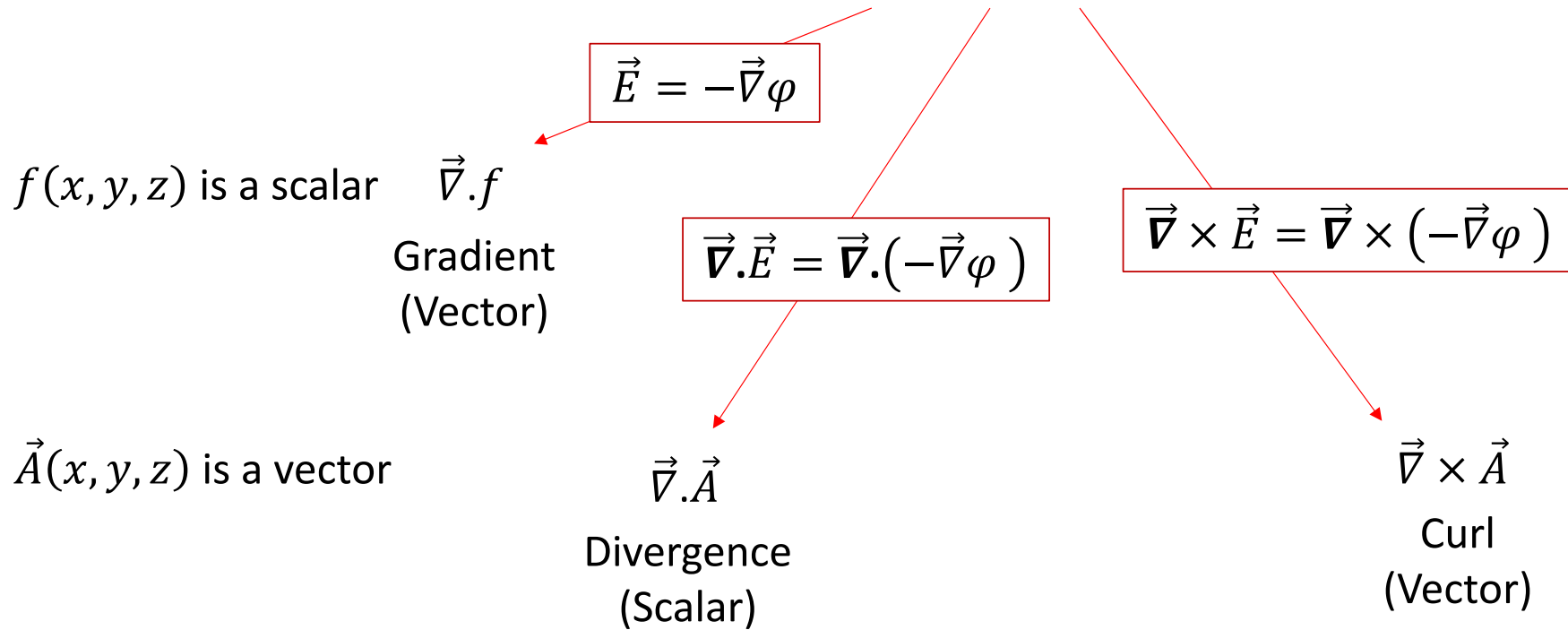
$$\begin{aligned}\Delta T(x, y, z) &= \vec{\nabla} T \cdot d\vec{r} = \nabla T \cdot dr \cdot \cos(\theta) \\ &= \nabla T \cdot dr = \text{Max} > 0 \\ \theta &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Natural flow of heat $\vec{h} \propto -\vec{\nabla} T$

$$\Delta T > 0, dr > 0, \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} T \parallel d\vec{r}, \theta = 0$$

The gradient is oriented towards the increasing field

$\vec{\nabla}$ is a vector operator: What can we do with it?



All these things are local properties: They are defined at a specific point $P(x, y, z)$
Gradient, Divergence and Curl might be > 0 , < 0 *or* $= 0$

Del operator $\vec{\nabla}$ transforms a scalar field into a vector field

Gradient of a scalar field $T(x, y, z), \varphi(x, y, z)$ etc... $\Leftrightarrow \vec{\nabla} T, \vec{\nabla} \varphi$, etc... ($\vec{\nabla}$ = vector **operator** on a scalar field)

Del operator $\vec{\nabla}$ transforms a vector field into a scalar field: New concept, **Divergence**

Divergence of a vector field $\vec{A}(x, y, z)$ $\Leftrightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}$ (= "**scalar product**": If \vec{A} is a vector, $\vec{\nabla}$ is **NOT**)



- What is the divergence of a vector and its physical meaning ?

Divergence of a vector field $\vec{A}(x, y, z)$ at a given point $P(x, y, z)$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) \cdot (A_x \vec{i} + A_y \vec{j} + A_z \vec{k})$$



$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} = F(x, y, z)$$

Divergence of a vector field is a scalar field

Measures the change of the components of the field vector while moving from

$$x \rightarrow x + dx$$

$$y \rightarrow y + dy$$

$$z \rightarrow z + dz$$

Divergence of a vector field $\vec{A}(x, y, z)$ at a given point $P(x, y, z)$

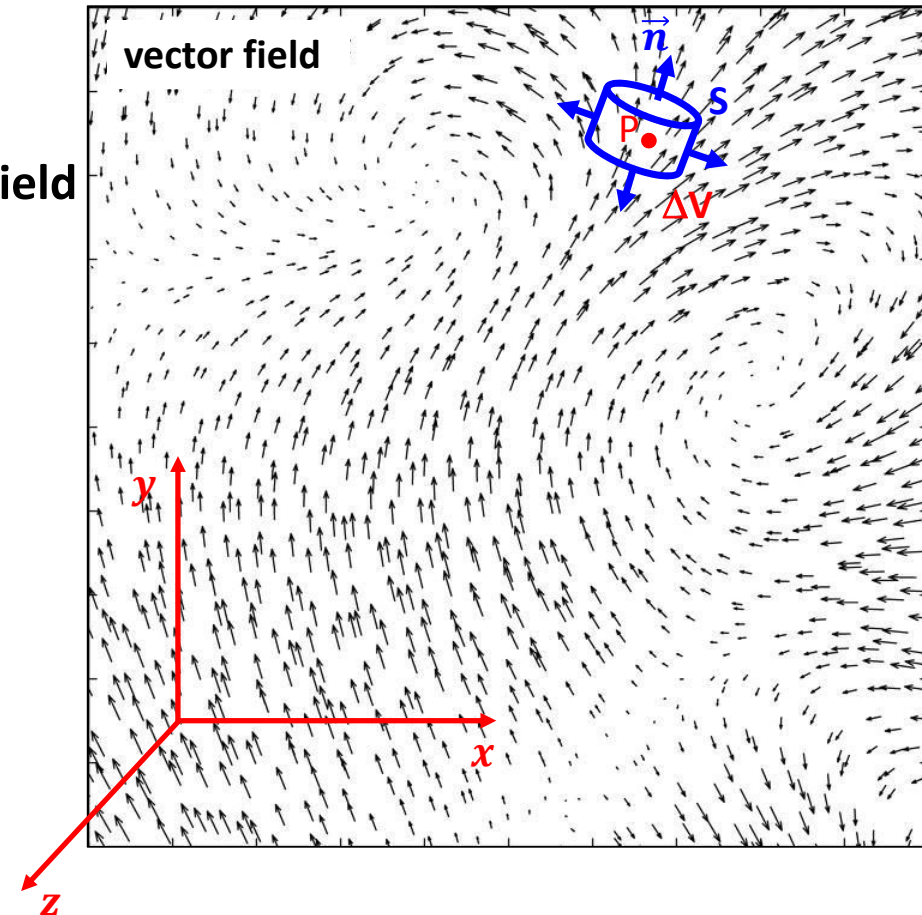
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} = F(x, y, z)$$

The **operator** acts on a **vector field** and produces a **scalar field**

The components of $\vec{A}(x, y, z)$ are in general all function of the 3 variables to which **time** may be added

$\vec{A}_x(x, y, z)$
 $\vec{A}_y(x, y, z)$ $\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x}$ rate of change of $\vec{A}_x(x, y, z)$ at $P(x, y, z)$
 $\vec{A}_z(x, y, z)$ respective to x , etc...

$F(x, y, z) = \sum$ of spatial change of the components



Caution !

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) T(x, y, z) = \vec{\nabla} T$$

The vector operator $\vec{\nabla}$ is acting on the scalar $T(x, y, z)$

$$T(x, y, z) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) = T \vec{\nabla}$$

Here the operator $\vec{\nabla}$ is acting on nothing, so $T \vec{\nabla}$ is still just an operator

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} = F(x, y, z)$$

The operator $\vec{\nabla}$ is acting on the vector $\vec{A}(x, y, z)$

$$(A_x \vec{i} + A_y \vec{j} + A_z \vec{k}) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) = \vec{A} \vec{\nabla}$$

Here too the operator $\vec{\nabla}$ is acting on nothing.

- $\vec{A} \vec{\nabla}$ could lead to a vector $\vec{A}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B})$ when acting on vector \vec{B}
- $\vec{A} \vec{\nabla}$ could lead to a scalar $\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} T)$ when acting on a scalar T

$$\text{div } \vec{A} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = F(x, y, z)$$

is a natural 3D function which may take up all kind of values (> 0 , < 0 or $= 0$)

If \vec{A} is uniform all components of \vec{A} are constant $\Rightarrow \text{div } \vec{A} = 0$

BUT ! If $\text{div } \vec{A} = 0$ does it mean that the vector is constant everywhere ?

NO! Magnetic field

Here is another example: $\vec{A} = 2xy\vec{i} - y^2\vec{j}$

$$\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} = 0$$

In general $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

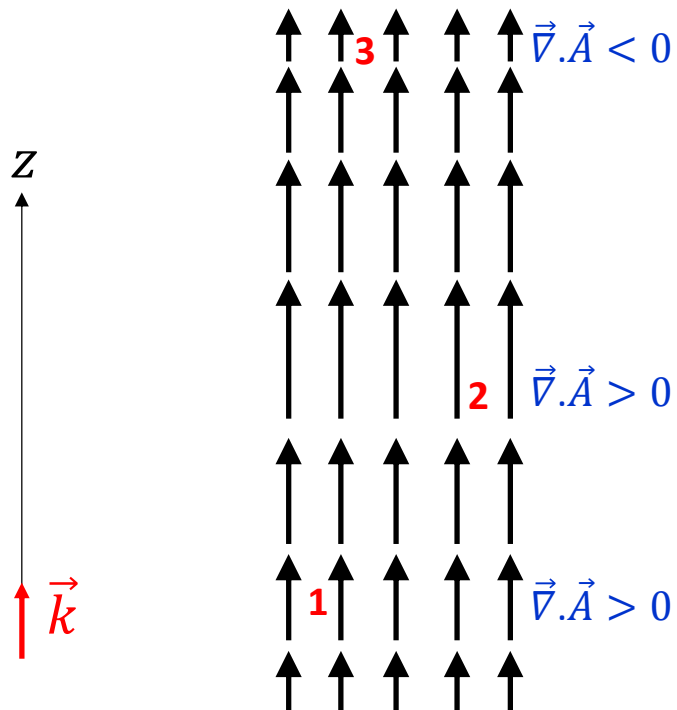
$$\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x}$$

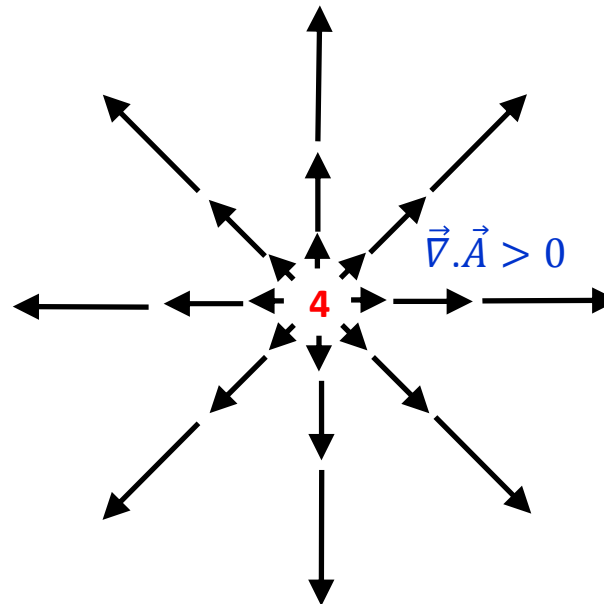
$\rightarrow \text{div } \vec{A} = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ Infinite possibilities

Physical meaning of the divergence

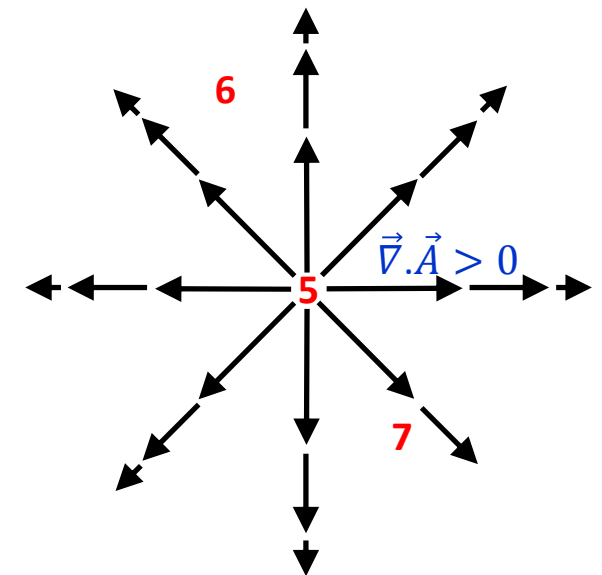
Divergence expresses the local change of the components of a vector field



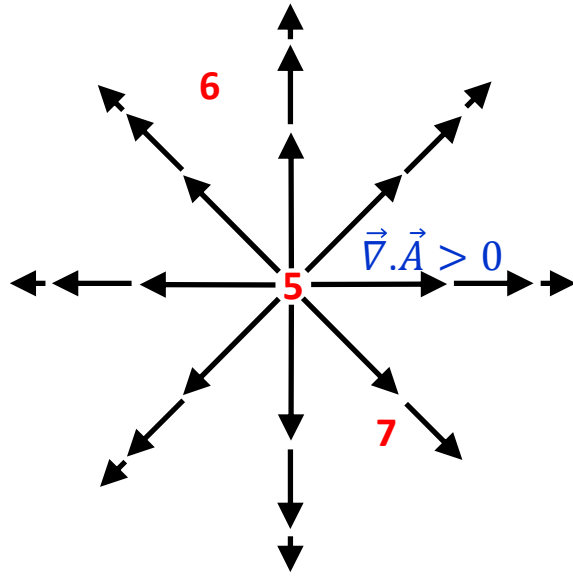
$$\vec{A} \propto \sin(\pi z) \vec{k}$$



$$\vec{A} \propto r^2 \vec{u}_r$$



$$\vec{A} \propto 1/r^2 \vec{u}_r$$



For points **6** and **7** the situation is less obvious

- The flow lines are clearly spreading from these points
- **BUT** they are getting shorter away from the center

Trade-off between spreading and intensity of the field **locally**

$$\vec{A} \propto 1/r^2 \vec{u}_r$$

Coulomb's law

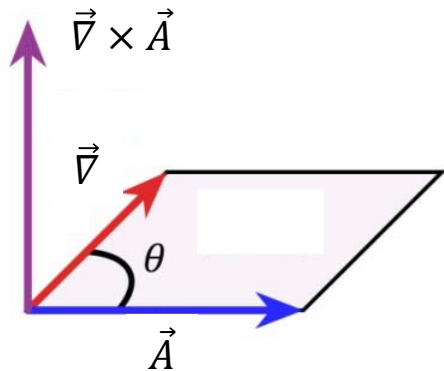
Perfect compensation between **spreading** and **intensity** of the field at any point except around the source **(5)**

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$ everywhere in space EXCEPT around the origin (source of the field)

Del operator $\vec{\nabla}$ may transform a vector field into another vector field: New concept, **Curl**

Curl of a vector field $\vec{A}(x, y, z)$ at a given point $P(x, y, z)$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix} = \left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) \vec{i} - \left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} \right) \vec{j} + \left(\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) \vec{k}$$



The curl vector is always perpendicular to vector \vec{A} on which operates $\vec{\nabla}$ and to the vector operator $\vec{\nabla}$

Let \vec{U} and \vec{V} be two vectors

See slide #22

$$\vec{U} \cdot (\vec{U} \times \vec{V}) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \vec{U} \perp (\vec{U} \times \vec{V})$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \vec{U} \rightarrow \vec{V} \\ \downarrow \\ \vec{V} \cdot (\vec{V} \times \vec{V}) = 0 \end{array}$$

Theorem 1

Theorem 2

$$\vec{V} \times \vec{V} = \vec{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{V} = \vec{V} f$$

In Electrostatic

$$\vec{W} = \vec{V} \times \vec{V}$$

In Magnetostatic $\vec{W} = \vec{B}$

$$\vec{V} \times \vec{E} = \vec{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{E} = -\vec{V} \varphi$$

\vec{E} is the conservative electrostatic field
 φ is the scalar potential field

$$\vec{V} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{B} = \vec{V} \times \vec{A}$$

\vec{B} is the non conservative magnetostatic field
 \vec{A} is the vector potential field

First part of the first Maxwell's equation

Applying Gradient $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\varphi$

Applying Divergence $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (-\vec{\nabla}\varphi)$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = -\nabla^2 \varphi$$

Towards Poisson and Laplace equations

Second Maxwell's equation

Applying Curl $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \vec{0}$

Valid in Electrostatic only

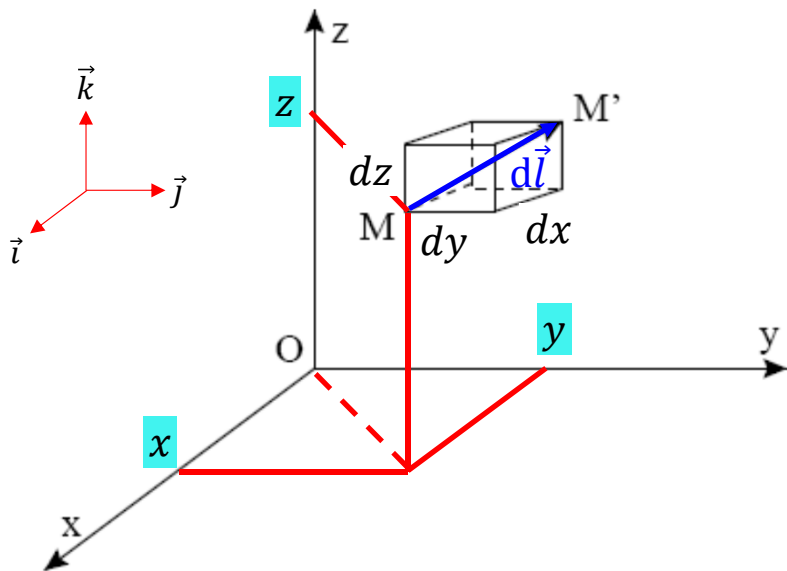
Fourth Maxwell's equation

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

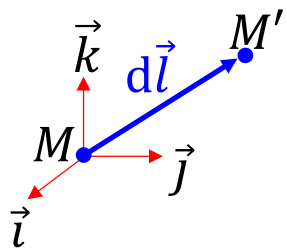
$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$

Valid ALWAYS

Gradient in Cartesian coordinates



From M to M'



$$d\vec{l} = dx.\vec{i} + dy.\vec{j} + dz.\vec{k}$$

Linear combination

Differential

$\psi(x, y, z)$



$$d\psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} dz$$

Via the Gradient

$$d\psi = \vec{\nabla} \psi . d\vec{l} = \vec{\nabla} \psi . (dx.\vec{i} + dy.\vec{j} + dz.\vec{k})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \vec{k}$$

Gradient operator

$$\vec{\nabla} = \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

Divergence and Curl in **Cartesian** coordinates

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (A_x \vec{i} + A_y \vec{j} + A_z \vec{k})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

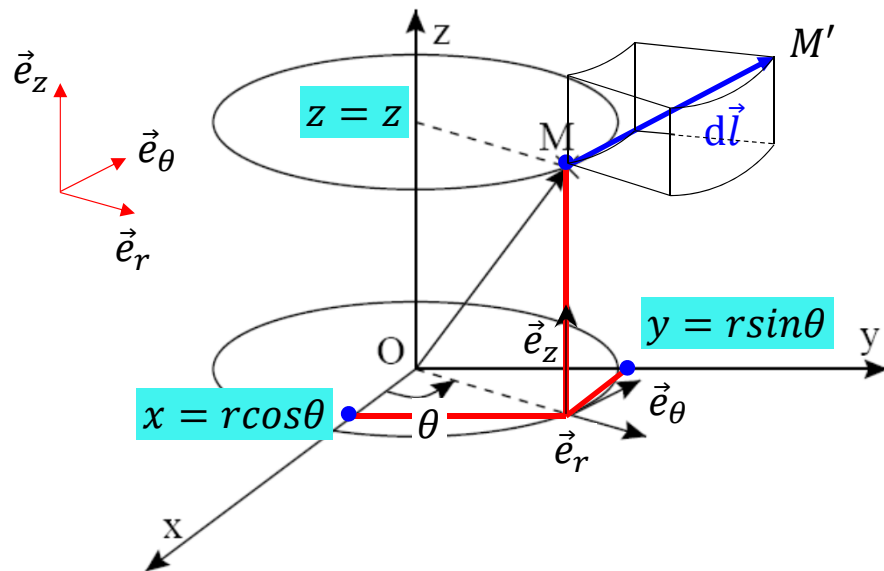
In the same manner we get the curl

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{pmatrix}$$

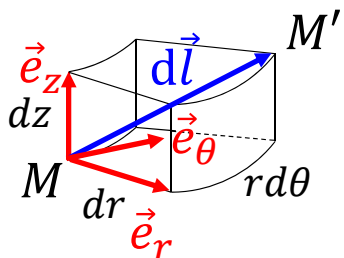
$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) \vec{i} + \left(\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) \vec{j} + \left(\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) \vec{k}$$

For cylindrical and spherical symmetry things become **little tricky**

Gradient in **cylindrical** coordinates



From M to M'



$$d\vec{l} = dr \cdot \vec{e}_r + r d\theta \cdot \vec{e}_\theta + dz \cdot \vec{e}_z$$

Linear combination

Differential

$\psi(r, \theta, z)$



$$d\psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} d\theta + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} dz$$

Via the Gradient

$$d\psi = \vec{\nabla} \psi \cdot d\vec{l} = \vec{\nabla} \psi \cdot (dr \cdot \vec{e}_r + r d\theta \cdot \vec{e}_\theta + dz \cdot \vec{e}_z)$$

$$d\psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} dr + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} r d\theta + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} dz$$

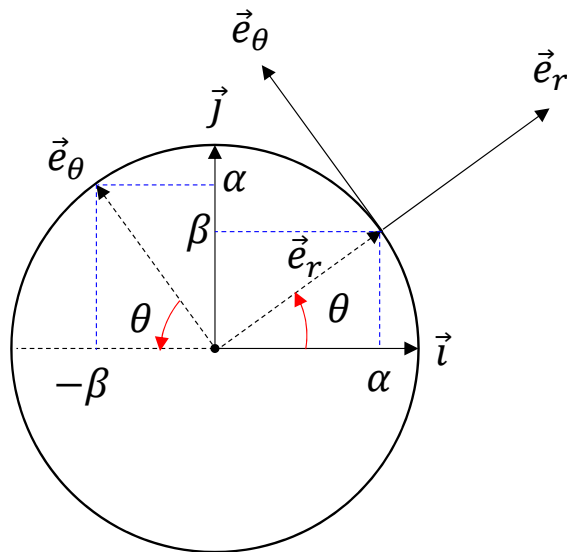
$$\vec{\nabla} \psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \vec{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \vec{e}_\theta + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \vec{e}_z$$

Gradient operator

$$\vec{\nabla} = \left(\vec{e}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \vec{e}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \vec{e}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

Polar coordinates

$$|\vec{e}_r| = |\vec{e}_\theta| = |\vec{i}| = |\vec{j}| = 1$$



$$\vec{e}_r = \alpha \vec{i} + \beta \vec{j}$$

$$\alpha = \cos\theta$$

$$\beta = \sin\theta$$

$$\vec{e}_r = \cos\theta \vec{i} + \sin\theta \vec{j}$$

$$\vec{e}_\theta = -\sin\theta \vec{i} + \cos\theta \vec{j}$$

$$\vec{e}_z = \vec{e}_z$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{e}_r \\ \vec{e}_\theta \\ \vec{e}_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{i} \\ \vec{j} \\ \vec{k} \end{pmatrix}$$

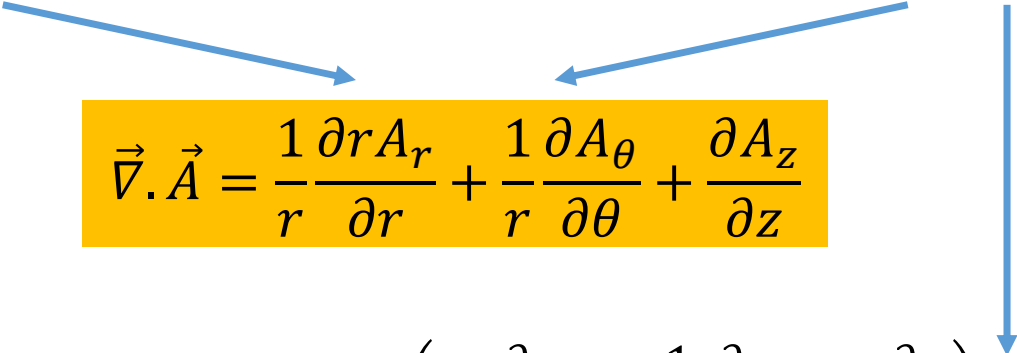
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \vec{e}_r}{\partial r} &= \vec{0} & \frac{\partial \vec{e}_r}{\partial \theta} &= \vec{e}_\theta \\ \frac{\partial \vec{e}_\theta}{\partial r} &= \vec{0} & \frac{\partial \vec{e}_\theta}{\partial \theta} &= -\vec{e}_r \end{aligned}$$

Divergence and Curl in **cylindrical** coordinates

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \left(\vec{e}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \vec{e}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \vec{e}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (A_r \vec{e}_r + A_\theta \vec{e}_\theta + A_z \vec{e}_z)$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{e}_r}{\partial r} = \vec{0} \quad \frac{\partial \vec{e}_r}{\partial \theta} = \vec{e}_\theta$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{e}_\theta}{\partial r} = \vec{0} \quad \frac{\partial \vec{e}_\theta}{\partial \theta} = -\vec{e}_r$$



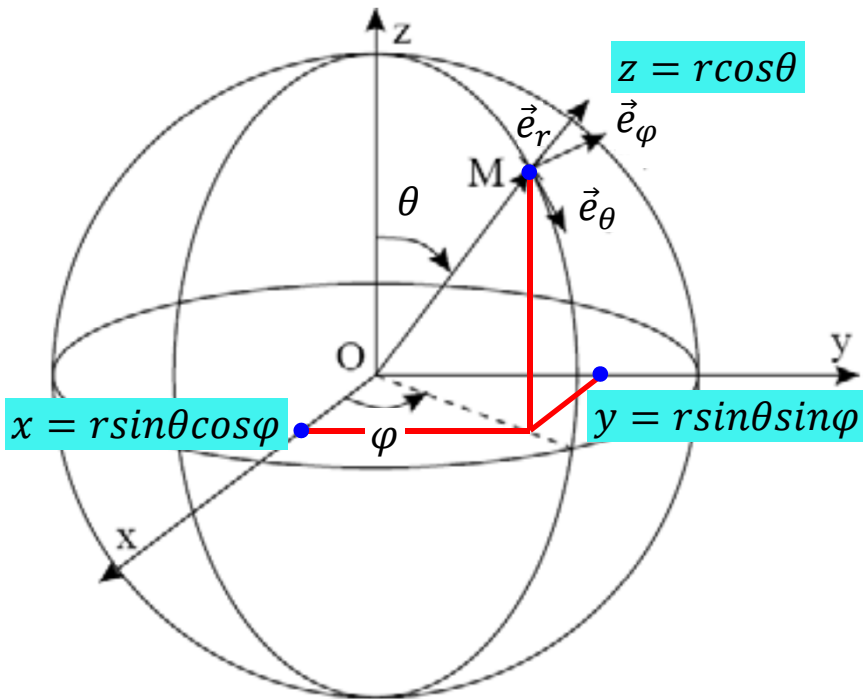
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r A_r}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

In the same manner we get the curl

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \left(\vec{e}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \vec{e}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \vec{e}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \times (A_r \vec{e}_r + A_\theta \vec{e}_\theta + A_z \vec{e}_z)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z} \right) \vec{e}_r + \left(\frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \right) \vec{e}_\theta + \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\partial r A_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right) \vec{e}_z$$

Gradient in spherical coordinates



Gradient

$$\psi(r, \theta, \varphi) \rightarrow d\psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} d\theta + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \varphi} d\varphi$$

$$d\psi = \vec{\nabla} \psi \cdot d\vec{l} = \vec{\nabla} \psi \cdot (dr \cdot \vec{e}_r + r d\theta \cdot \vec{e}_\theta + r \sin \theta d\varphi \cdot \vec{e}_\varphi)$$

$$d\psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} dr + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} r d\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \varphi} r \sin \theta d\varphi$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \vec{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \vec{e}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \varphi} \vec{e}_\varphi$$

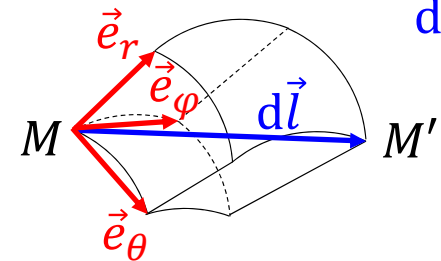
Gradient operator

$$\vec{\nabla} = \left(\vec{e}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \vec{e}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \vec{e}_\varphi \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \right)$$

From M to M'

$$d\vec{l} = dr \cdot \vec{e}_r + r d\theta \cdot \vec{e}_\theta + r \sin \theta d\varphi \cdot \vec{e}_\varphi$$

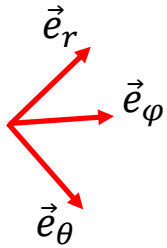
Linear combination



$$\vec{e}_r = \sin\theta\cos\varphi\vec{i} + \sin\theta\sin\varphi\vec{j} + \cos\theta\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{e}_\theta = \cos\theta\cos\varphi\vec{i} + \cos\theta\sin\varphi\vec{j} - \sin\theta\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{e}_\varphi = -\sin\varphi\vec{i} + \cos\varphi\vec{j}$$



$$\frac{\partial \vec{e}_r}{\partial r} = \vec{0} \quad \frac{\partial \vec{e}_r}{\partial \theta} = \vec{e}_\theta \quad \frac{\partial \vec{e}_r}{\partial \varphi} = \vec{e}_\varphi \sin\theta$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{e}_\theta}{\partial r} = \vec{0} \quad \frac{\partial \vec{e}_\theta}{\partial \theta} = -\vec{e}_r \quad \frac{\partial \vec{e}_\theta}{\partial \varphi} = \vec{e}_\varphi \cos\theta$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{e}_\varphi}{\partial r} = \vec{0} \quad \frac{\partial \vec{e}_\varphi}{\partial \theta} = \vec{0} \quad \frac{\partial \vec{e}_\varphi}{\partial \varphi} = -(\sin\theta\vec{e}_r + \cos\theta\vec{e}_\theta)$$

Divergence and Curl in **spherical** coordinates

$$\frac{\partial \vec{e}_r}{\partial r} = \vec{0} \quad \frac{\partial \vec{e}_r}{\partial \theta} = \vec{e}_\theta \quad \frac{\partial \vec{e}_r}{\partial \varphi} = \vec{e}_\varphi \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{e}_\theta}{\partial r} = \vec{0} \quad \frac{\partial \vec{e}_\theta}{\partial \theta} = -\vec{e}_r \quad \frac{\partial \vec{e}_\theta}{\partial \varphi} = \vec{e}_\varphi \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{e}_\varphi}{\partial r} = \vec{0} \quad \frac{\partial \vec{e}_\varphi}{\partial \theta} = \vec{0} \quad \frac{\partial \vec{e}_\varphi}{\partial \varphi} = -(\sin \theta \vec{e}_r + \cos \theta \vec{e}_\theta)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \left(\vec{e}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \vec{e}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \vec{e}_\varphi \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \right) \cdot (A_r \vec{e}_r + A_\theta \vec{e}_\theta + A_\varphi \vec{e}_\varphi)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial r^2 A_r}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \sin \theta A_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_\varphi}{\partial \varphi}$$

In the same manner we get the curl

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \left(\vec{e}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \vec{e}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \vec{e}_\varphi \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \right) \times (A_r \vec{e}_r + A_\theta \vec{e}_\theta + A_\varphi \vec{e}_\varphi)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left(\frac{\partial \sin \theta A_\varphi}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \varphi} \right) \vec{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \varphi} - \frac{\partial r A_\varphi}{\partial r} \right) \vec{e}_\theta + \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\partial r A_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right) \vec{e}_\varphi$$

Second derivatives of scalar and vector fields

2nd 1st

$$1) \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \psi) \quad \text{Div}(\text{Grad} \psi) \quad = \nabla^2 \psi \quad (\nabla^2 = \text{Laplacian})$$

$$2) \quad \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \psi) \quad \text{Curl}(\text{Grad} \psi) \quad = 0$$

“Curl of two parallel vectors is 0”

$$3) \quad \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) \quad \text{Grad}(\text{Div} \vec{A}) \quad \text{Vector field}$$

$$4) \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \quad \text{Div}(\text{Curl} \vec{A}) \quad = 0$$

“Scalar product of two perpendicular vectors is 0”

$$5) \quad \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \quad \text{Curl}(\text{Curl} \vec{A})$$

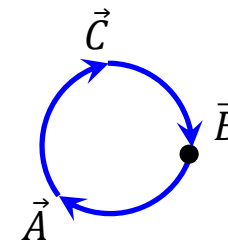
Second derivatives of scalar and vector fields

$$5) \quad \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \quad \text{Curl}(\text{Curl} \vec{A})$$

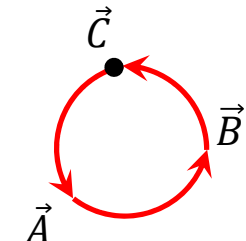
Cross triple product

$$\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$$

Caution ! When dealing with vector fields and operators,
 $\vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$ may lose physical meaning then we use
 commutativity $(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})\vec{C}$



clockwise



counterclockwise

Curl(Curl \vec{A})

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

$$\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$$

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

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

5) $\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})$ $\text{Curl}(\text{Curl} \vec{A})$



$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A}$$

Laplacian

Acting on a scalar field ψ

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \psi) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} = \nabla^2 \psi$$

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

Laplacian

In Electrostatic only!

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (-\vec{\nabla} \varphi) = -\nabla^2 \varphi$$



Poisson Equation

Laplacian

Acting on a vector field \vec{A} Here the Laplacian is acting on each component of the vector field

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 \vec{A} &= \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) (A_x \vec{i} + A_y \vec{j} + A_z \vec{k}) \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial z^2} \right) \vec{i} + \left(\frac{\partial^2 A_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_y}{\partial z^2} \right) \vec{j} + \left(\frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial z^2} \right) \vec{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial z^2} \right)}_{(\nabla^2 \vec{A})_x} \vec{i} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial^2 A_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_y}{\partial z^2} \right)}_{(\nabla^2 \vec{A})_y} \vec{j} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial z^2} \right)}_{(\nabla^2 \vec{A})_z} \vec{k}$$

$$(\nabla^2 \vec{A})_x = \nabla^2 A_x \vec{i}$$

$$(\nabla^2 \vec{A})_y = \nabla^2 A_y \vec{j}$$

$$(\nabla^2 \vec{A})_z = \nabla^2 A_z \vec{k}$$

In cylindrical or spherical frame $(\nabla^2 \vec{A})_r \neq (\nabla^2 A_r) \vec{e}_r$!

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} \psi = \vec{0} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \vec{\nabla} \varphi \times \vec{\nabla} \psi \stackrel{?}{=} \vec{0}$$

Answer to ? : $\vec{\nabla} \varphi$ and $\vec{\nabla} \psi$ do not have necessarily the same direction

The direction of a gradient depends on the function

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$

What happens if $\vec{B} = \vec{0}$? Curl free

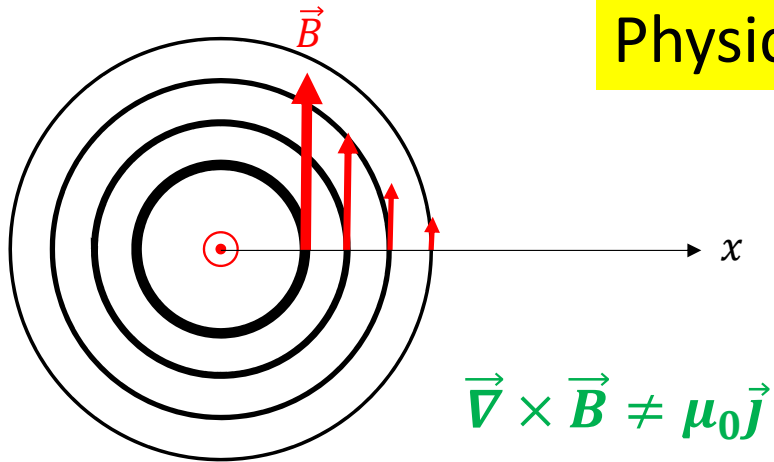
$$\left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) \vec{i} + \left(\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) \vec{j} + \left(\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) \vec{k} = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \parallel & \parallel & \parallel \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

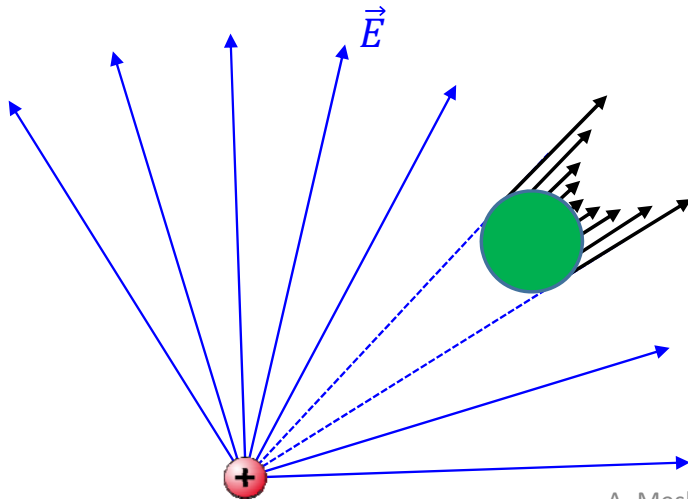
It does not mean that $\vec{A} = \vec{0}$

Example: Field outside a solenoid $\vec{B} = \vec{0}$ **BUT** not \vec{A}

Physical interpretation of the Curl

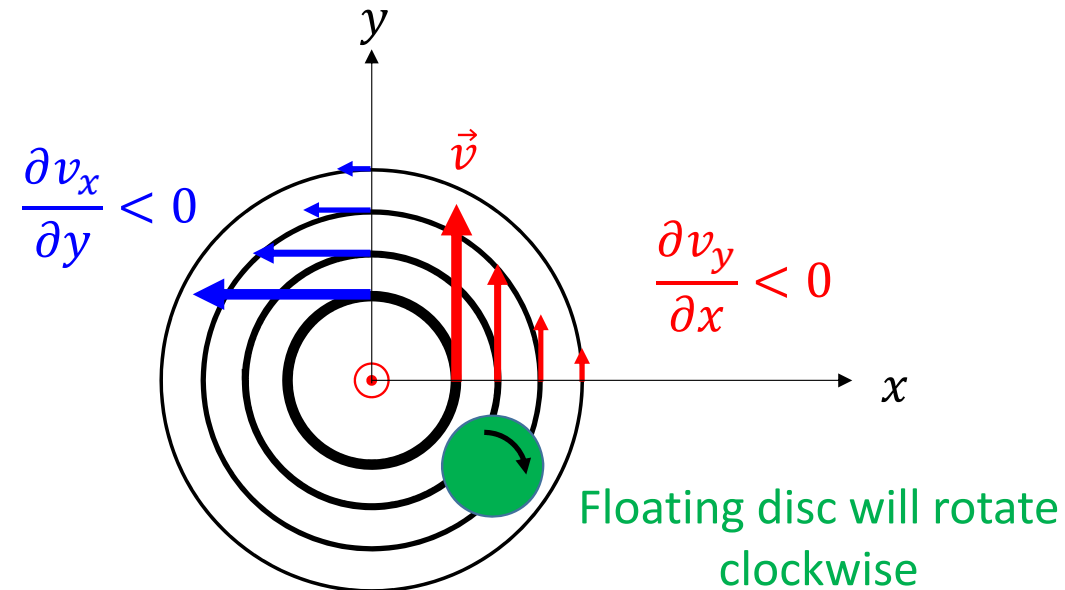


Magnetic field generated by a current carrying wire



No rotation, only translation along radius

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0$$

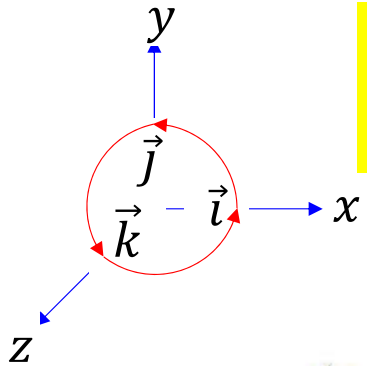


Rotating fluid around a sink with velocity decreasing along axis x

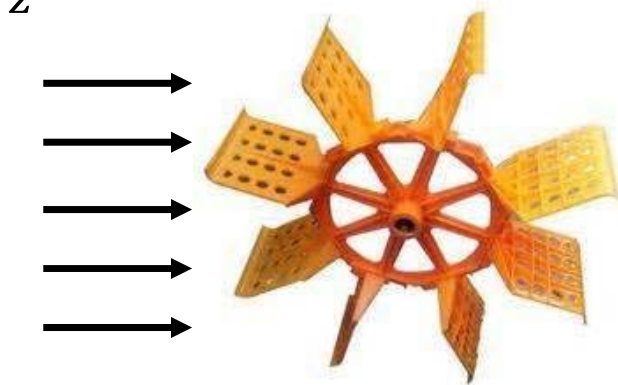
$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} \neq 0$$

Another illustration of the curl

Circulation of a paddle wheel in an unperturbed fluid



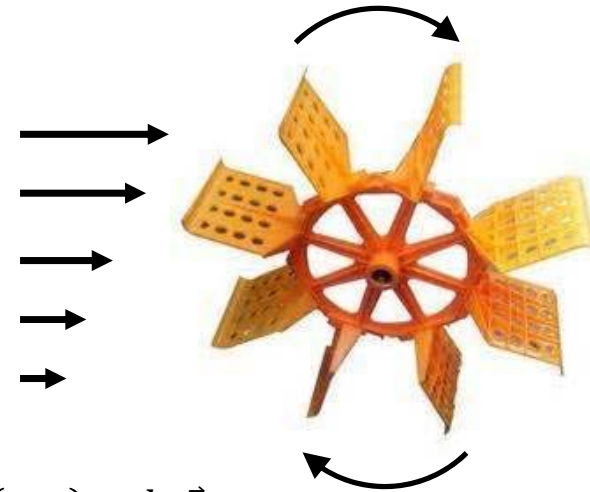
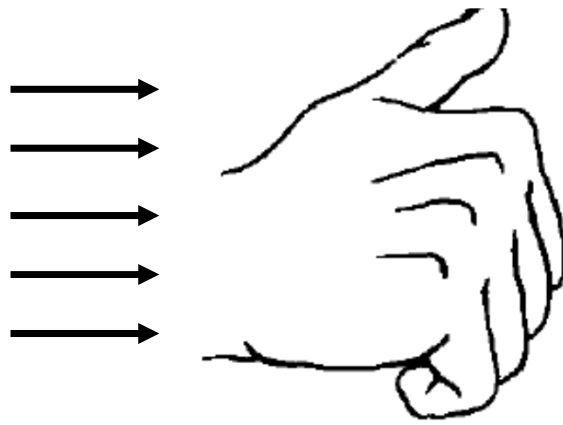
Does the paddle wheel rotate in each of these two situations?



$$\vec{A}(x, y) = a\vec{i}$$

$$a > 0$$

No circulation (rotation)



$$\vec{A}(x, y) = by\vec{i}$$

$$b > 0$$

Circulation (rotation)

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}(x, y) = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}(x, y) = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}(x, y) \neq 0$$

The space is filled with actions at distance

From single scalar... to the concept of... **scalar field**
From single vector... to the concept of... **vector field**

Differential and Integral equations

Differential

- Gradient
- Divergence
- Curl



Look at a specific location
in space and at a given time

Integral

- Flux
- Circulation
- **Curl and divergence free**



Look over a surface or
Volume at a given time

Differential form

- First derivation of the fields \Rightarrow Vector operator $\vec{\nabla}$
 - Gradient $\vec{\nabla} \cdot f(x, y, z, t)$
 - Divergence $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}(x, y, z, t)$
 - Curl $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}(x, y, z, t)$
- Second derivation of the fields \Rightarrow operator ∇^2 (Laplacian)

Integral form

- Surface integral: flux and Gauss theorem
- Line integral of a vector field
- Circulation of a vector field and Stokes theorem

Consequence on divergence and curl concepts

Integral form

Symbol conventions

 \int

Line integral

 \oint

Closed loop

 \iint

Open surface

 \oiint

Closed surface

 \iiint

Volume

Integral form


Gauss's theorem

- Relation between flux through a closed surface and divergence through a volume enclosed by that surface

$$\Leftrightarrow \oint\limits_{\text{Closed surface}} \vec{V} \cdot \vec{n} dA = \iiint\limits_{\text{Volume enclosed by the surface}} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V} dV$$

Stoke's theorem

- Relation between the circulation of a field vector (line integral of its tangential component) around a closed loop and the flux of (the normal component) through the surface bounded by the loop

$$\Leftrightarrow \oint\limits_{\text{Closed path (loop)}} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{l} = \iint\limits_{\text{Open surface}} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V}) \cdot \vec{n} dA$$


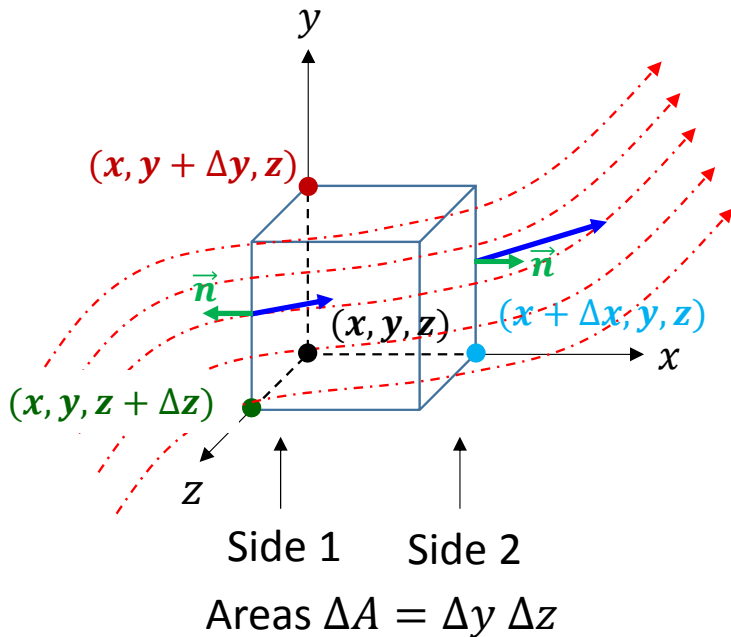
What happens if the surfaces is closed ?

Gauss's theorem

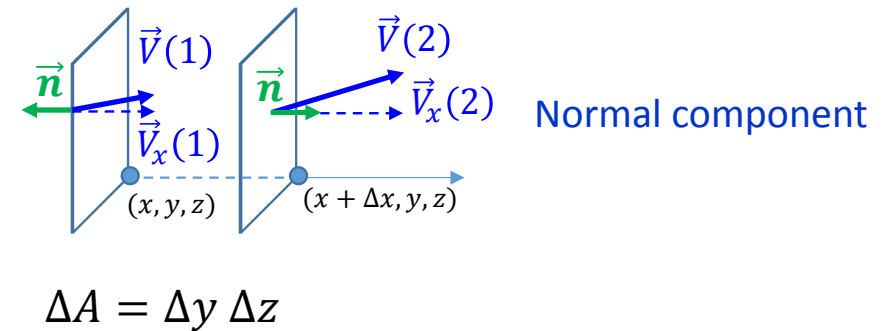
$$\oiint \vec{V} \cdot \vec{n} dA = \iiint \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V} dV$$

Closed surface *Volume enclosed by the surface*

Flux of vector field \vec{V} through a closed surface and its relation to divergence: **Gauss theorem**



$$\text{Flux} = \int \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$



Total flux out of opposite sides

$$-V_x(1) \Delta y \Delta z + V_x(2) \Delta y \Delta z = (V_x(2) - V_x(1)) \Delta y \Delta z$$

$$\frac{[V_x(2) - V_x(1)]}{\Delta x} \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z = \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial x} \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$$



Total flux out of the elementary box

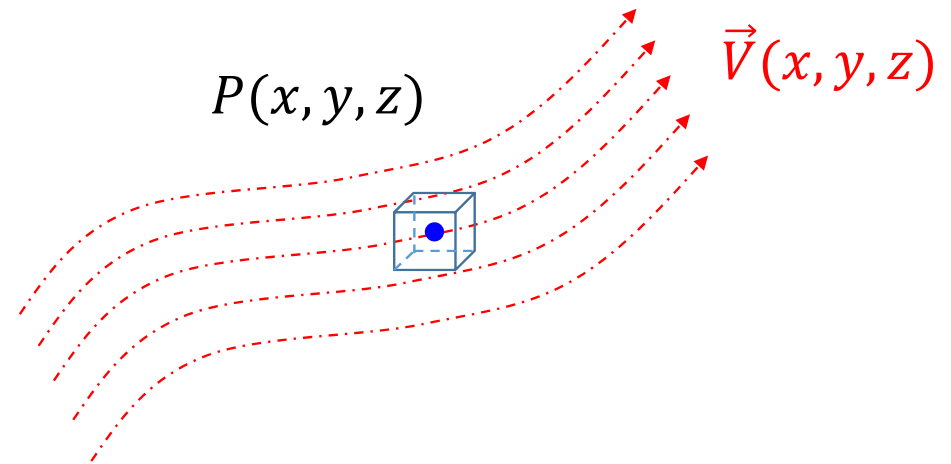
$$\left(\frac{\partial V_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} \right) \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$$

Gauss theorem

$$\oiint \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \iiint \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V} dV$$

*Closed
surface*

*Volume enclosed
by the surface*



The divergence of vector field $\vec{V}(x, y, z)$ at point $P(x, y, z)$ is the flux or “**NET** outgoing flow” of $\vec{V}(x, y, z)$ per unit volume in the neighborhood of $P(x, y, z)$

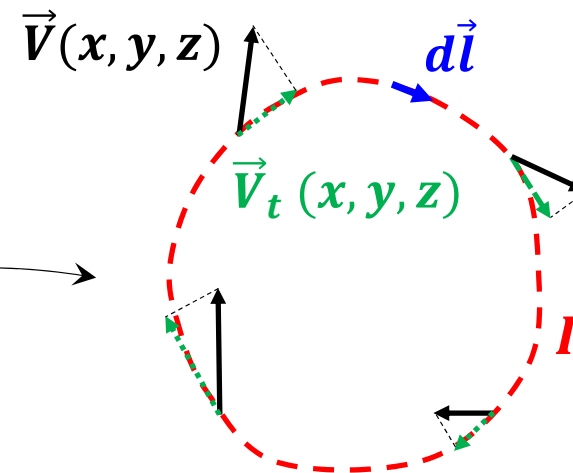
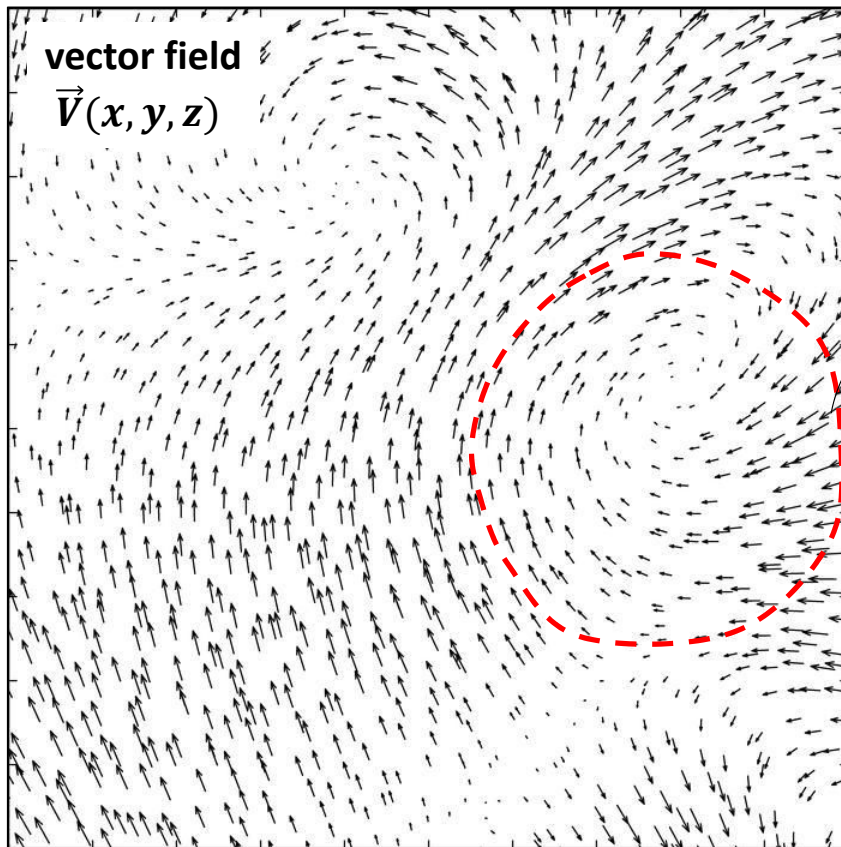
Stoke's theorem

$$\oint \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{l} = \iint (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V}) \cdot \vec{n} dA$$

*Closed
path
(loop)*

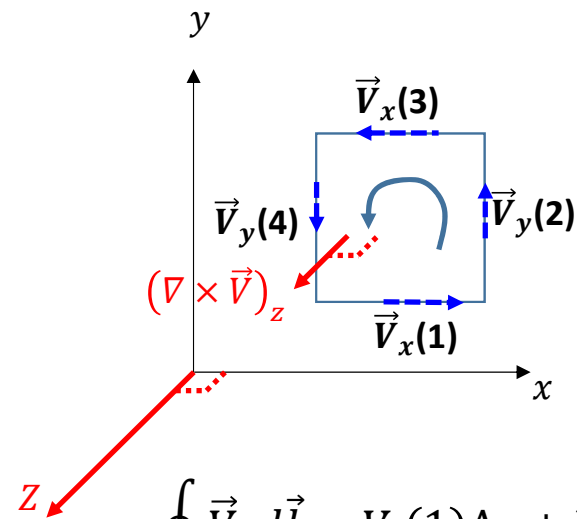
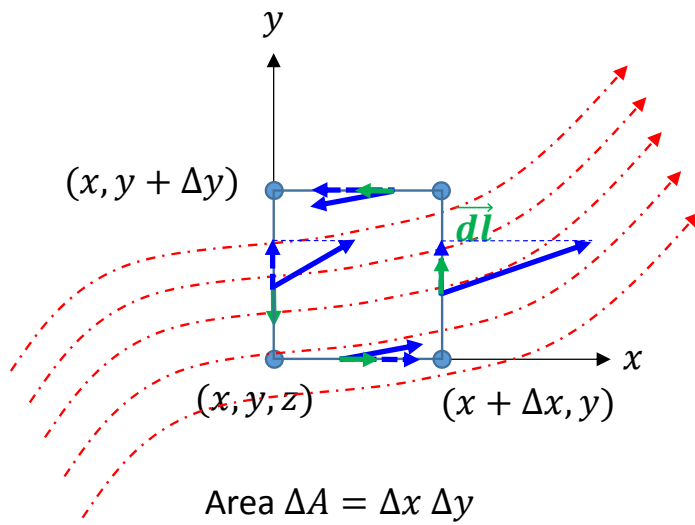
*Open
surface*

Circulation around a closed loop and its relation to curl: Stokes theorem



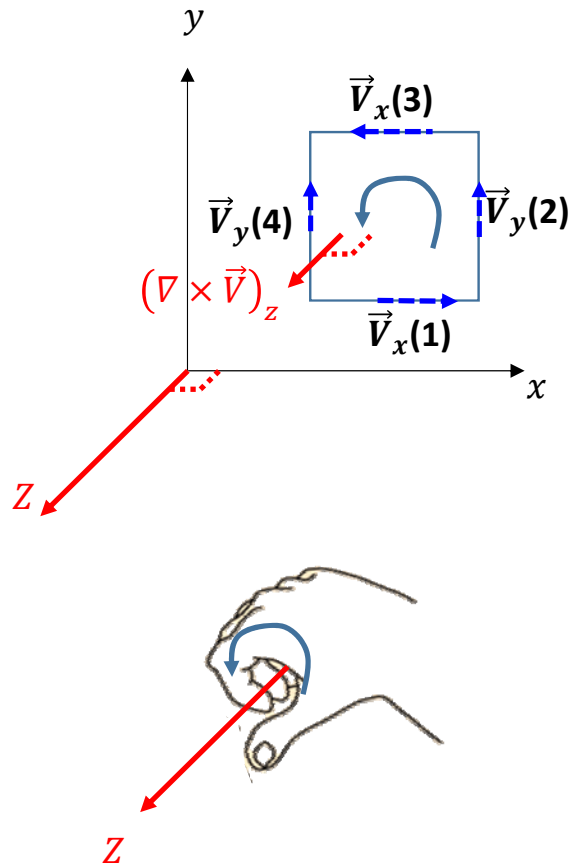
Circulation around the closed path (Γ) = loop

$$\oint_{\Gamma} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{l} = \oint_{\Gamma} V_t \cdot dl$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \oint \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{l} &= V_x(1)\Delta x + V_y(2)\Delta y - V_x(3)\Delta x - V_y(4)\Delta y \\
 &= \underbrace{[V_x(1) - V_x(3)]\Delta x}_{-\frac{\partial V_x}{\partial y}\Delta y} + \underbrace{[V_y(2) - V_y(4)]\Delta y}_{+\frac{\partial V_y}{\partial x}\Delta x}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\oint \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{l} = \left(\frac{\partial V_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial y} \right) \Delta x \Delta y = (\nabla \times \vec{V})_z \Delta x \Delta y$$

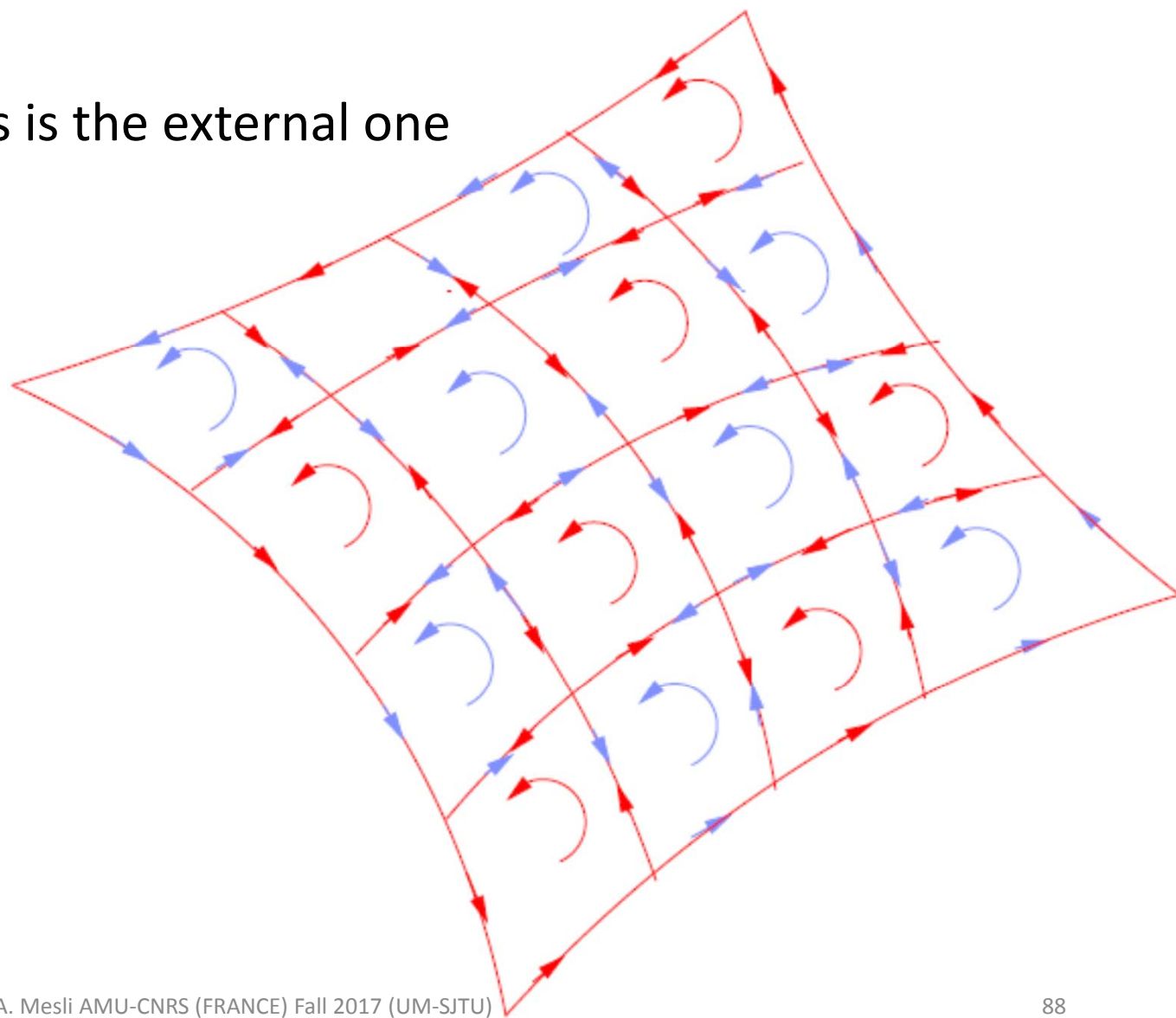


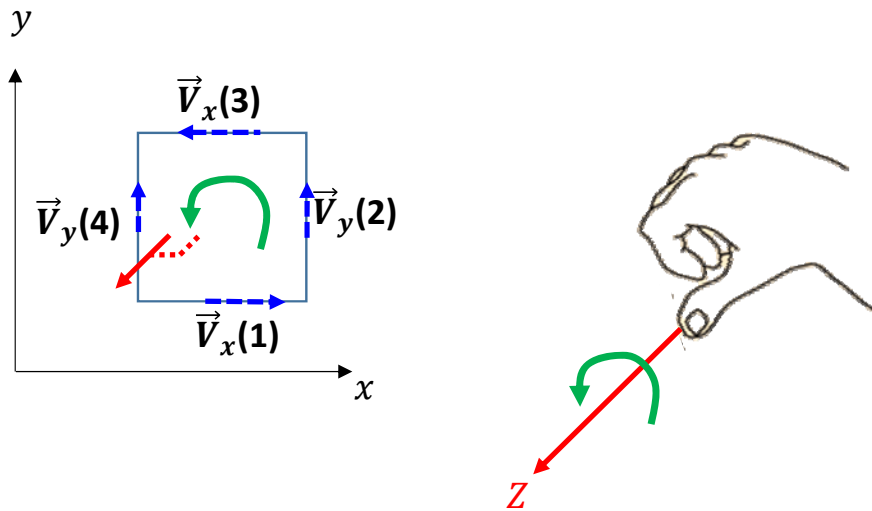
$(\nabla \times \vec{V})_z$ = The normal component to the surface $\Delta x \Delta y$

A circulation of a vector around a closed path (loop) gives a vector perpendicular to the surface bounded by the loop

$$\oint_{\text{loop}} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{l} = \iint_{\text{Open surface}} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V}) \cdot \vec{n} dA$$

The only path that matters is the external one





A circulation of a vector around a closed loop gives a vector perpendicular to the surface bounded by the loop



Stokes Theorem

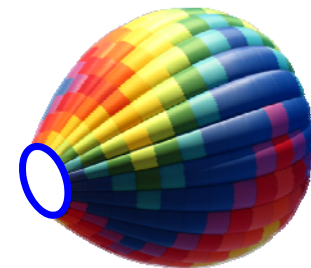
$$\oint \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{l} = \iint (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V}) \cdot \vec{n} dA$$

*Closed
path (loop)*

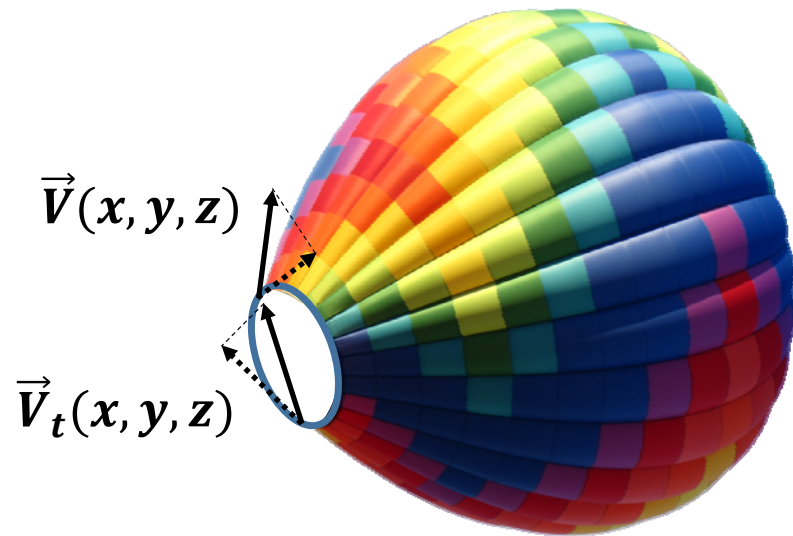
*Any surface
Bounded by the
closed loop*

Could be the surface of a balloon

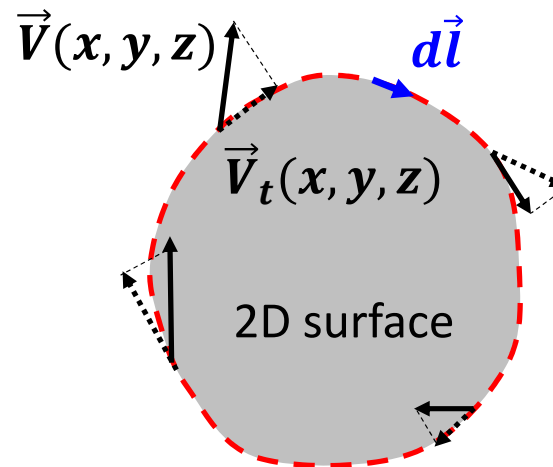
*Closed
path (loop)*



What happens if the loop shrinks to zero ? **Div and Curl free field**



3D surface



$$\oint \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{l} = \oint V_t \cdot dl$$

$$\oint \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$



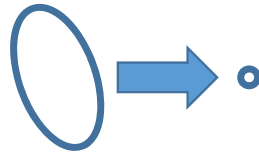
$$f(2) - f(1) = \int_1^2 \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

Exact differential



$$f(1) = f(2)$$

The loop shrinks to zero



The surface of the balloon closes

$$\oint \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{l} = \iint (\vec{V} \times \vec{V}) \cdot \vec{n} dA = \mathbf{0}$$



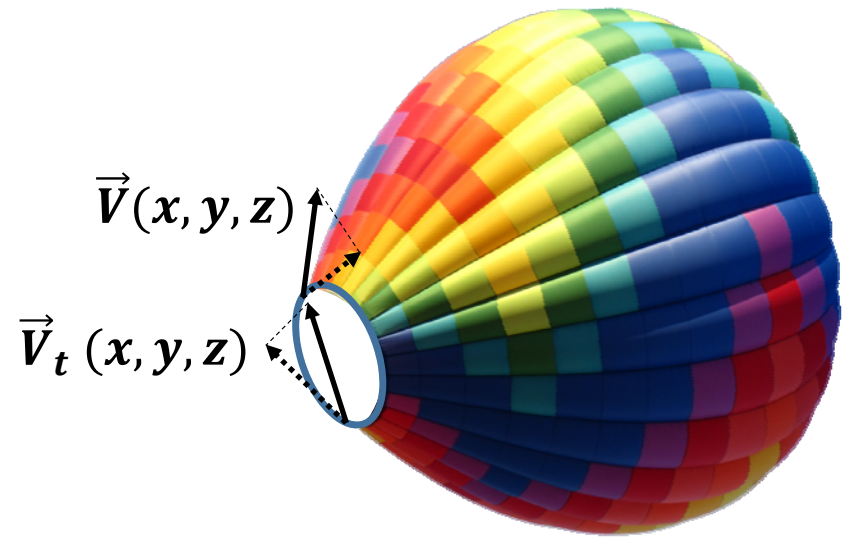
$$\oiint (\vec{V} \times \vec{V}) \cdot \vec{n} dA = 0$$

*Closed
surface*



Gauss theorem

$$\iiint \vec{V} \cdot (\vec{V} \times \vec{V}) dV = \mathbf{0}$$



3D surface

$$\vec{V} \cdot (\vec{V} \times \vec{V}) = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{Already demonstrated (slide \#57)}$$

Div free field

Some interesting consequences

$$f(2) - f(1) = \int_1^2 \vec{\nabla} f \cdot d\vec{l}$$

If the loop is closed then  $\int_1^2 \vec{\nabla} f \cdot d\vec{l} = \mathbf{0}$



If $\vec{V} = \vec{\nabla} f$

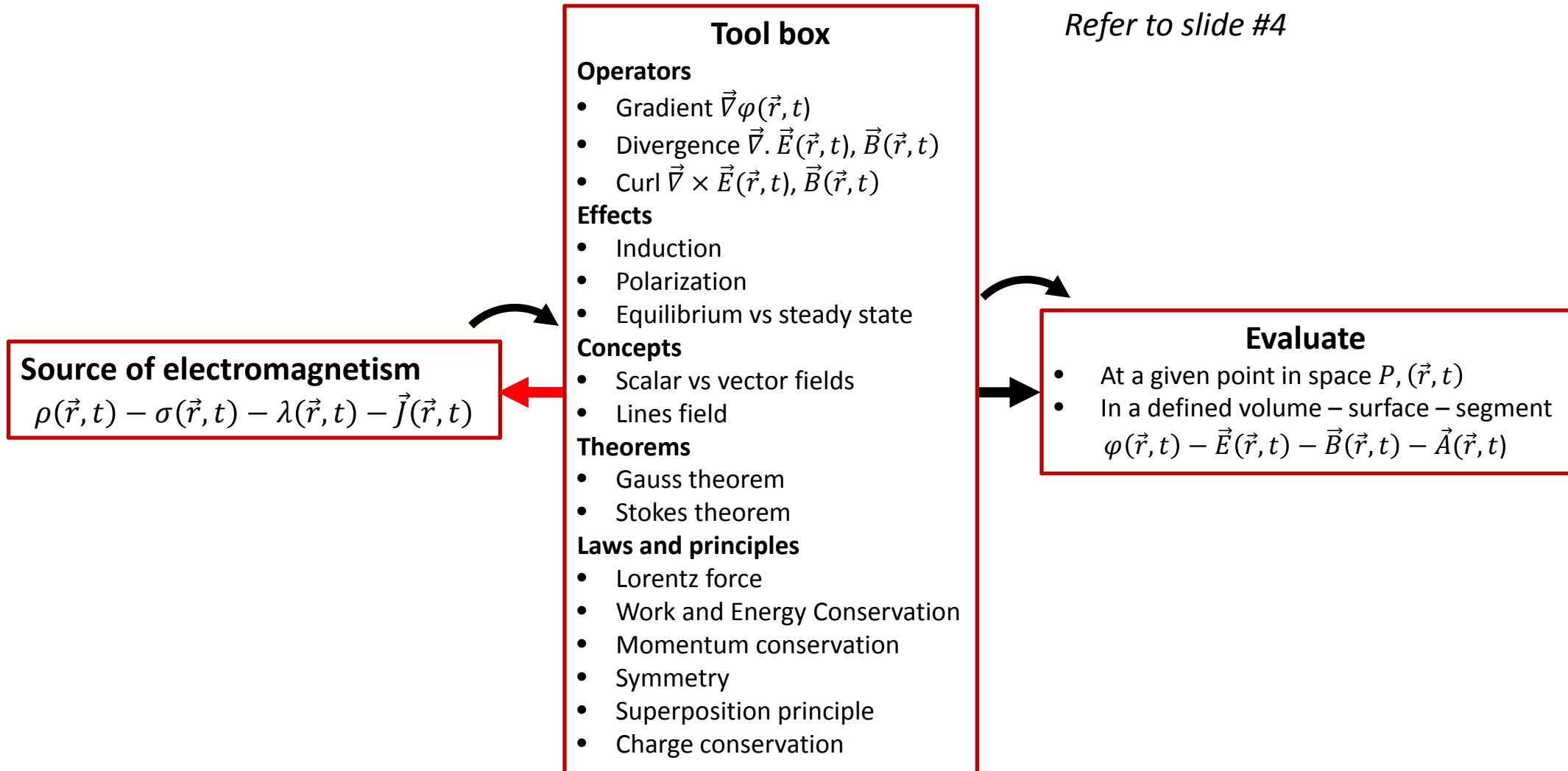
Stokes theorem $\oint \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{l} = \oint \vec{\nabla} f \cdot d\vec{l} = \iint (\underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} f}_{\mathbf{0}}) \cdot \vec{n} dA = \mathbf{0}$

Curl free field

Already demonstrated (**slide #57**)

Strategy solving problems

Refer to slide #4



Interesting questions for those who want to go a bit more into vector calculus

Q1

Any three number can be components of a vector **only if**, when we rotate the coordinate system, they transform among themselves in the correct way. Considering coordinate frames (x, y, z) and $(x', y', z' = z)$ rotated by θ , find the proper transformation relationships

Q2

Let a particle be at position A in a two dimensional frame (x, y) . Its coordinates are expressed in polar system. Knowing r and θ helps determining the trajectory of the particle.

1. Draw the reference frame in which you show the position of the particle, and draw the unit Cartesian and polar vectors
1. Express the position in coordinate frame and extract the velocity and acceleration
2. Deduce the radial and circumferential acceleration
3. Finally calculate the velocity and acceleration amplitudes