

1.3.5 Calculate the closed-surface integral $\oint \mathbf{A} \bullet d\mathbf{s}$ if $\mathbf{A} = x\mathbf{u}_x + y\mathbf{u}_y$ and the surface is that of a cube. Apply the divergence theorem to solve the same integral. *Note: Diagram not shown.*

The cube has side length 2, and one of its corners is at the origin.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \oint \mathbf{A} \bullet d\mathbf{s} &= \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{x=0}^2 (x\mathbf{u}_x + y\mathbf{u}_y) \bullet (dxdy\mathbf{u}_x) \\
 &\quad + \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{x=0}^2 (x\mathbf{u}_x + y\mathbf{u}_y) \bullet (dxdy(-\mathbf{u}_x)) \\
 &\quad + \int_{z=0}^2 \int_{x=0}^2 (x\mathbf{u}_x + y\mathbf{u}_y) \bullet (dxdz\mathbf{u}_y) \\
 &\quad + \int_{z=0}^2 \int_{x=0}^2 (x\mathbf{u}_x + y\mathbf{u}_y) \bullet (dxdz(-\mathbf{u}_y)) \\
 &\quad + \int_{z=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 (x\mathbf{u}_x + y\mathbf{u}_y) \bullet (dydz\mathbf{u}_y) \\
 &\quad + \int_{z=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 (x\mathbf{u}_x + y\mathbf{u}_y) \bullet (dydz(-\mathbf{u}_y)) \\
 &= \int_{z=0}^2 \int_{x=0}^2 2dxdz + \int_{z=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 2dydz \\
 &= \int_{z=0}^2 2x|_{x=0}^2 dz + \int_{z=0}^2 2y|_{y=0}^2 dz \\
 &= \int_{z=0}^2 4dz + \int_{z=0}^2 4dz \\
 &= 4z|_{z=0}^2 + 4z|_{z=0}^2 \\
 &= 8 + 8 \\
 &= 16
 \end{aligned}$$

We can apply the divergence theorem to solve the above integral in a different way.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \oint \mathbf{A} \bullet \mathbf{ds} &= \int_{\Delta v} (\nabla \bullet \mathbf{A}) dv \\
 \int_{\Delta v} (\nabla \bullet \mathbf{A}) dv &= \int_{\Delta v} \left(\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} \right) dv \\
 &= \int_{\Delta v} (1 + 1) dv \\
 &= \int_{z=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{x=0}^2 2 dx dy dz \\
 &= \int_{z=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 2x|_{x=0}^2 dy dz \\
 &= \int_{z=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 4 dy dz \\
 &= \int_{z=0}^2 4y|_{y=0}^2 dz \\
 &= \int_{z=0}^2 8 dz \\
 &= 8z|_{z=0}^2 \\
 &= 16
 \end{aligned}$$