

**1.4.5** Show that the divergence theorem is valid for a cube located at the center of a Cartesian coordinate system for a vector  $\mathbf{A} = x\mathbf{u}_x + 2\mathbf{u}_y$ . *Note: Diagram not shown.*

The divergence theorem states that the integral of a vector field over a closed surface is equal to the volume integral of the divergence of that field over the enclosed volume. That is,

$$\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int_{\Delta_v} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) dv$$

We will compute both sides of this equation for the given vector field and surface and show that they are equal.

$$\begin{aligned} \oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{s} &= \int_{x=-a}^a \int_{y=-a}^a (x\mathbf{u}_x + 2\mathbf{u}_y) \cdot (dydx(\mathbf{u}_z)) \\ &\quad + \int_{x=-a}^a \int_{y=-a}^a (x\mathbf{u}_x + 2\mathbf{u}_y) \cdot (dydx(-\mathbf{u}_z)) \\ &\quad + \int_{y=-a}^a \int_{z=-a}^a (x\mathbf{u}_x + 2\mathbf{u}_y) \cdot (dzdy(\mathbf{u}_x)) \\ &\quad + \int_{y=-a}^a \int_{z=-a}^a (x\mathbf{u}_x + 2\mathbf{u}_y) \cdot (dzdy(-\mathbf{u}_x)) \\ &\quad + \int_{x=-a}^a \int_{z=-a}^a (x\mathbf{u}_x + 2\mathbf{u}_y) \cdot (dzdx(\mathbf{u}_y)) \\ &\quad + \int_{x=-a}^a \int_{z=-a}^a (x\mathbf{u}_x + 2\mathbf{u}_y) \cdot (dzdx(-\mathbf{u}_y)) \\ &= \int_{y=-a}^a \int_{z=-a}^a x dz dy - \int_{y=-a}^a \int_{z=-a}^a x dz dy \\ &\quad + \int_{x=-a}^a \int_{z=-a}^a 2 dz dx - \int_{x=-a}^a \int_{z=-a}^a 2 dz dx \\ &= \int_{y=-a}^a \int_{z=-a}^a a dz dy - \int_{y=-a}^a \int_{z=-a}^a -a dz dy \\ &= 2a \int_{y=-a}^a \int_{z=-a}^a dz dy \\ &= 2a \int_{y=-a}^a z \Big|_{-a}^a dy \\ &= 2a \int_{y=-a}^a 2a dy \\ &= 4a^2 y \Big|_{-a}^a \\ &= 8a^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\Delta v} (\nabla \bullet \mathbf{A}) dv &= \int_{x=-a}^a \int_{y=-a}^a \int_{z=-a}^a \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \right) dz dy dx \\
&= \int_{x=-a}^a \int_{y=-a}^a \int_{z=-a}^a \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(0) \right) dz dy dx \\
&= \int_{x=-a}^a \int_{y=-a}^a \int_{z=-a}^a (1 + 0 + 0) dz dy dx \\
&= \int_{x=-a}^a \int_{y=-a}^a z|_{-a}^a dy dx \\
&= 2a \int_{x=-a}^a y|_{-a}^a dx \\
&= 4a^2 x|_{-a}^a \\
&= 8a^3
\end{aligned}$$

Both sides of the equation have the same value. Therefore, the divergence theorem is valid in this case.