

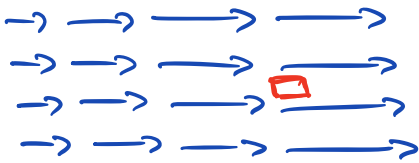
Helmholtz Theorem: (subject to appropriate boundary conditions)
 if you know $\nabla \cdot \underline{B}$ & $\nabla \times \underline{B}$ everywhere,
 you know \underline{B} everywhere.


div

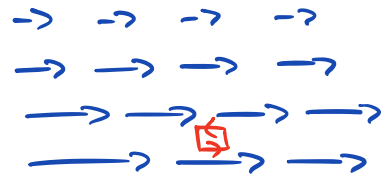
curl

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{B} = \lim_{V \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{V} \oint_S \underline{B} \cdot d\underline{s} \right)$$

$$\nabla \times \underline{B} \cdot \hat{n} = \lim_{A \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{A} \oint \underline{B} \cdot d\underline{s} \right)$$



 more flux flowing
out than in \therefore +ve.



represents rotation
of a vector field

greater
contribution
on bottom
leg than top
leg.

Divergence $\text{div } \underline{B}$ or $\nabla \cdot \underline{B}$

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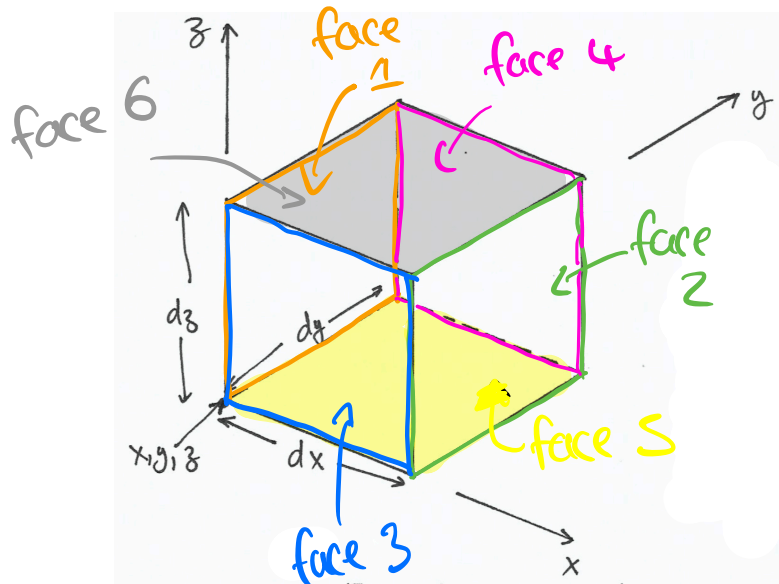
□ closed surface, $d\underline{s}$ is outwards facing

□ \therefore divergence is 'flux density'

lets derive geometrically:

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

Face	ds
① $\Delta x = 0$	$-\hat{i} dy dz$
② $\Delta x = dx$	$\hat{i} dy dz$
③ $\Delta y = 0$	$-\hat{j} dx dz$
④ $\Delta y = dy$	$\hat{j} dx dz$
⑤ $\Delta z = 0$	$-\hat{k} dx dy$
⑥ $\Delta z = dz$	$\hat{k} dx dy$



We want $\sum_{i=1}^6 F_i$ where F_i is the flux out of face i . We will compute F_i using the tangent plane approximation to \underline{B} over each face. Then F_i becomes accurate as $dx, dy, dz \rightarrow 0$.

← B_x varies with x & y . this is the tangent plane approximation.

Face 1: $B_x + \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} dy$

As it's planar, the average value is just the value at the centre.

$F_1 = -\left(B_x + \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{2} + \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{2}\right) dy dz = -\overset{\text{avg.}}{\bar{B}_x} dy dz$

$F_2 = \left(\bar{B}_{x_1} + \frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial x} dx\right) dy dz$

$F_1 + F_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[B_x + \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{2} + \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{2} \right] dx dy dz$

There are analogous terms for $F_3 + F_4$ & $F_5 + F_6$.

$$\text{Now } \nabla \cdot \underline{B} = \lim_{dx, dy, dz \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^6 \frac{F_i}{dxdydz}$$

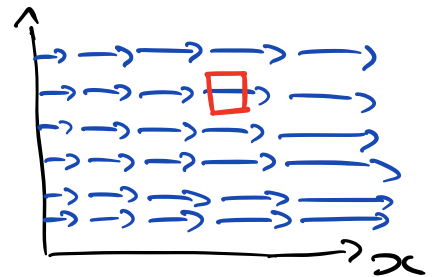
$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \underline{B} &= \lim_{dx, dy, dz \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(B_x + \cancel{\frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{z} + \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{z}} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(B_y + \cancel{\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{z} + \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{z}} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(B_z + \cancel{\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{z} + \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{z}} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} \end{aligned}$$

The terms varying across the faces are unimportant, it's only the variation between the faces that matter.

Example 1

$$\underline{B} = \alpha x \hat{i}$$

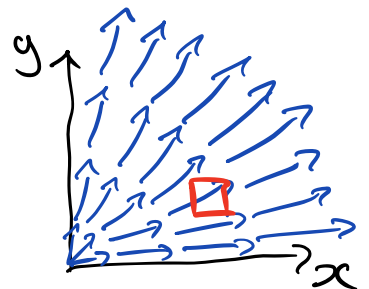
$$\nabla \cdot \underline{B} = \frac{\partial(\alpha x)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(0)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(0)}{\partial z} = \alpha$$



Example 2

$$\underline{B} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} = \rho\hat{r}$$

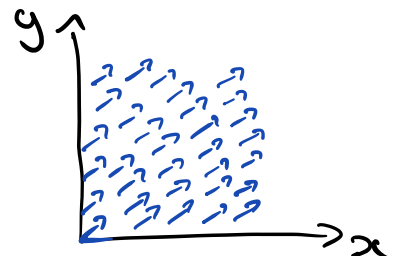
$$\nabla \cdot \underline{B} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} = 3$$



Example 3

$$\underline{B} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{B} = \frac{\partial(1)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(1)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(1)}{\partial z} = 0$$



Divergence in Cylindrical Coordinates

Face 1

$$\textcircled{1} \Delta \rho = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dz} - \rho d\phi dz \hat{\rho}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Delta \rho = d\rho$$

$$(\rho + d\rho) d\phi dz \hat{\rho}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \Delta \phi = 0$$

$$- d\rho dz \hat{\phi}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \Delta \phi = d\phi$$

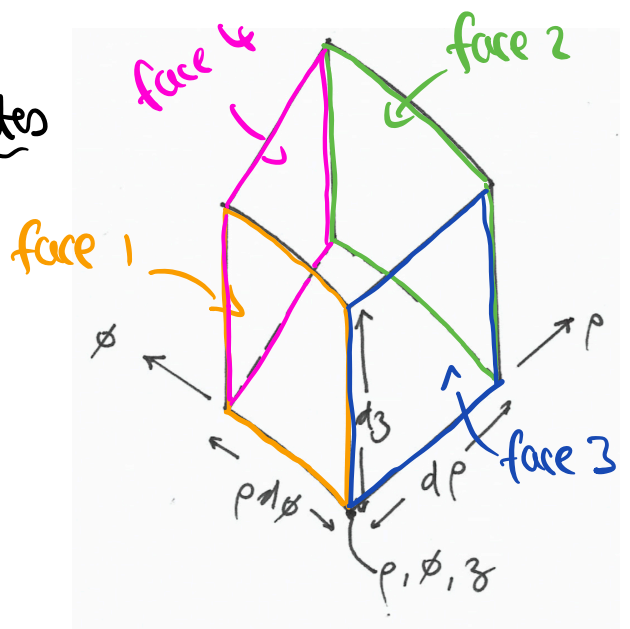
$$d\rho dz \hat{\phi}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \Delta z = 0$$

$$- \left(1 + \frac{d\rho}{z\rho}\right) \rho d\phi d\rho \hat{z}$$

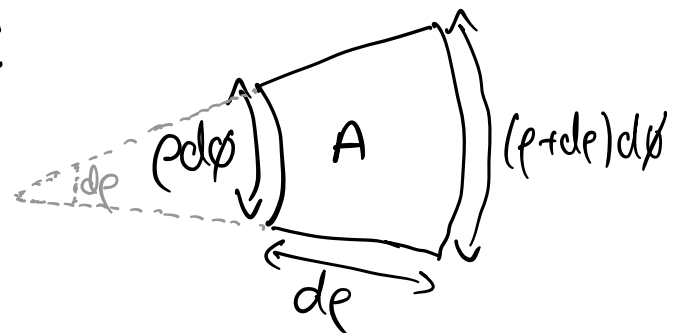
$$\textcircled{6} \Delta z = dz$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{d\rho}{z\rho}\right) \rho d\phi d\rho \hat{z}$$



From before, we can ignore the variations over the face.

$$F_1 = -B_\rho \rho d\phi dz$$



$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2} (\rho + d\rho)^2 d\phi - \frac{1}{2} \rho^2 d\phi \\ &= \frac{[2\rho d\rho + d\rho^2] d\phi}{2} \\ &= \rho d\phi d\rho \left(1 + \frac{d\rho}{2\rho}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$F_2 = \left(B_\rho + \frac{\partial B_\rho}{\partial \rho} d\rho\right) (\rho + d\rho) d\phi dz$$

$$F_1 + F_2 = \left[\frac{B_\rho}{\rho} + \frac{\partial B_\rho}{\partial \rho} + \frac{\partial B_\rho}{\partial \rho} \frac{d\rho}{\rho}\right] \rho d\rho d\phi dz$$

$$F_3 = -B_\phi d\rho dz$$

$$F_4 = \left[B_\phi + \frac{\partial B_\phi}{\partial \phi} d\phi\right] d\rho dz$$

$$F_3 + F_4 = \frac{\partial B_\phi}{\partial \phi} d\rho d\phi dz$$

$$F_5 = -B_z \left[1 + \frac{d\rho}{z\rho}\right] \rho d\phi dz$$

$$F_6 = \left[B_z + \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} dz\right] \rho d\phi d\rho \left[1 + \frac{d\rho}{z\rho}\right]$$

$$F_5 + F_6 = \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} \left(1 + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \rho}\right) \rho d\rho d\phi dz$$

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{B} = \lim_{dx, dy, dz \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{V} \sum_{i=1}^6 F_i = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^6 F_i}{\rho d\rho d\phi dz} = \frac{B_\rho}{\rho} + \frac{\partial B_\rho}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial B_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{B} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial(\rho B_\rho)}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial B_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}$$

Without working, in spherical polar:

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{B} = \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial(\rho^2 B_\rho)}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho \sin \theta} \frac{\partial B_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{1}{\rho \sin \theta} \frac{\partial(\sin \theta B_\theta)}{\partial \theta}$$