

MAT1002: Calculus II

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§16.8 The Divergence Theorem and a Unified Theory

Divergence in three dimensions

Divergence form of Green's theorem

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We compute the net outward flux of a vector field across a simple closed curve by integrating the divergence of the field over the region enclosed by the curve.

$$\oint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma$$

$$\iint_V \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} dx dy dz$$

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The divergence theorem extends Green's theorem (flux density) to three dimensions.

The **divergence** of a vector field $\vec{F} = M\vec{i} + N\vec{j} + P\vec{k}$ is the scalar function

$$\operatorname{div}\vec{F} = \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial z}.$$

Physical interpretation:

- ▶ If \vec{F} is the velocity field of a flowing gas, the value of $\operatorname{div}\vec{F}$ at (x, y, z) is the rate at which the gas is compressing or expanding at the point.
- ▶ The divergence is the flux per unit volume or **flux density** at the point. (analogous to *circulation density*)

Find their divergence and interpret their physical meaning

► Expansion:

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 3$$

► Compression:

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = -x\vec{i} - y\vec{j} - z\vec{k}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = -3$$

► Rotation about the z -axis:

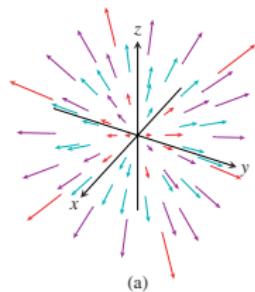
$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = -y\vec{i} + x\vec{j}$$

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

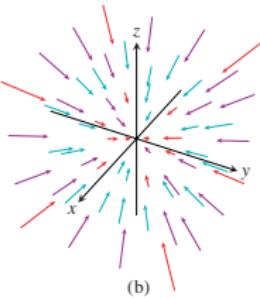
► Shearing along parallel horizontal planes:

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = z\vec{j}$$

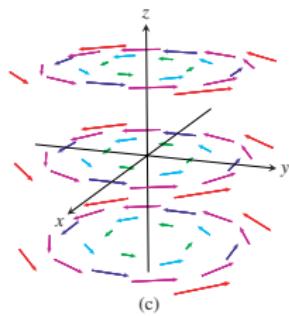
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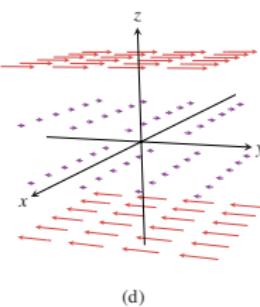
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Divergence theorem

Theorem (Theorem 8–Divergence theorem)

If \vec{F} is a vector field whose components have continuous first partial derivatives. Let S be a **piecewise smooth** oriented closed surface. The flux of \vec{F} across S in the direction of the surface's outward unit normal field \vec{n} equals the triple integral of the divergence $\nabla \cdot \vec{F}$ over the region D enclosed by the surface:

$$\underbrace{\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma}_{\text{outward flux}} = \underbrace{\iiint_D \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dV}_{\text{divergence integral}}$$

Corollary

The outward flux across a piecewise smooth oriented closed surface S is zero for any vector field \vec{F} having zero divergence at every point of the region enclosed by the surface.

Examples: the velocity field of a circulating incompressible liquid, constant vector fields, shearing

Verify the divergence theorem for the expanding vector field

$$\vec{F} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k} \text{ over the sphere } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2.$$

$$\underbrace{\oint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} dS}_{0} = \iiint_D \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dV$$

$$\vec{r}(p, \theta) = a \sin p \cos \theta \vec{i} + a \sin p \sin \theta \vec{j} + a \cos p \vec{k}$$
$$0 \leq p \leq \pi, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} &= a \sin p \cos \theta \cdot \sin p \cos \theta + a \sin p \sin \theta \sin p \sin \theta \\ &\quad + a \cos p \cos p \\ &= a\end{aligned}$$

$$\iint_S a dS = a \cdot 4\pi a^2$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned}\iiint_D 3 dV &= 3 \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi a^3 \\ &= 4\pi a^3\end{aligned}$$

Find the flux of $\vec{F} = xy\vec{i} + yz\vec{j} + xz\vec{k}$ outward through the surface of the cube cut from the first octant by the planes $x = 1$, $y = 1$, and $z = 1$.

$$\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n}$$

$x=1, 0 \leq y \leq 1, 0 \leq z \leq 1$	$\vec{n} = \vec{i}$	$\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} = y$	$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 y \, dy \, dz = \frac{1}{2}$
$x=0, 0 \leq y \leq 1, 0 \leq z \leq 1$	$\vec{n} = -\vec{i}$	$\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$	
$0 \leq x \leq 1, y=1, 0 \leq z \leq 1$	$\vec{n} = \vec{j}$	$\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} = z$	$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 z \, dx \, dz = \frac{1}{2}$
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$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = y + z + x$$

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (y+z+x) dx dy dz$$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (y+z) + \frac{1}{2} dx dy dz$$

$$= \int_0^1 z + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} dz$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}$$

Find the flux of $\vec{F} = x^2\vec{i} + 4xyz\vec{j} + ze^x\vec{k}$ out of the box-shaped region $D : 0 \leq x \leq 3, 0 \leq y \leq 2, 0 \leq z \leq 1$. Verify the divergence theorem.

$$x=3 \quad 0 \leq y \leq 2 \quad 0 \leq z \leq 1$$

$$\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} = 9 \quad \int_0^3 \int_0^1 9 dz dy = 18$$

$$x=0 \quad 0 \leq y \leq 2 \quad 0 \leq z \leq 1$$

$$\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 3 \quad y=2 \quad 0 \leq z \leq 1$$

$$\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} = 8xz \quad \int_0^3 \int_0^1 8xz dz dx$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 3 \quad y=0 \quad 0 \leq z \leq 1$$

$$\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} = 0 \quad = \int_0^3 4x dx = 18$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 3 \quad 0 \leq y \leq 2 \quad z=1$$

$$\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} = e^x \quad \int_0^3 \int_0^2 e^x dy dx \\ = 2e^x \Big|_{x=0}^{x=3} = 2e^3 - 2$$

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$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 2x + 4xz + e^x$$

$$\int_0^3 \int_0^2 \int_0^1 2x + 4xz + e^x \, dz \, dy \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^3 \int_0^2 2x + e^x + 2x \, dy \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^3 8x + 2e^x \, dx$$

$$= 4x^2 + 2e^x \Big|_{x=0}^{x=3}$$

$$= 36 + 2e^3 - 2$$

Theorem

If $\vec{F} = M\vec{i} + N\vec{j} + P\vec{k}$ is a vector field with continuous second partial derivatives, then

$$\operatorname{div}(\operatorname{curl}\vec{F}) = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{F}) = 0.$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial z} \right) \vec{i} + \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \right) \vec{j} + \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) \vec{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{F}) &= \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 N}{\partial x \partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 M}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial y \partial x} \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial^2 N}{\partial z \partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 M}{\partial z \partial y} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

If $\underbrace{\vec{G}}_{\text{If } \vec{G} = \nabla \times \vec{F}, \text{ then }} = \nabla \times \vec{F}$, then $\iint_S \vec{G} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma = 0$ for any closed surface S .

$$\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma = \iiint_D \nabla \cdot \vec{G} dV = \iiint_D \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{F}) dV = 0$$

$$\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma$$

Divergence and the curl

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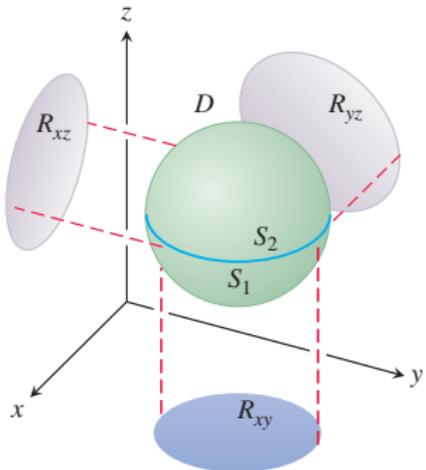
$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial z} \right) \vec{i} + \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \right) \vec{j} + \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) \vec{k}$$

If $\vec{G} = \nabla \times \vec{F}$, then $\iint_S \vec{G} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma = 0$ for any closed surface S .

Stokes' theorem: $\oint_L \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma$



Proof of divergence theorem for special regions (no holes/bubbles)



$$\boxed{S_2 : z = f_2(x, y), \quad (x, y) \text{ in } R_{xy}}$$
$$S_1 : z = f_1(x, y), \quad (x, y) \text{ in } R_{xy}$$

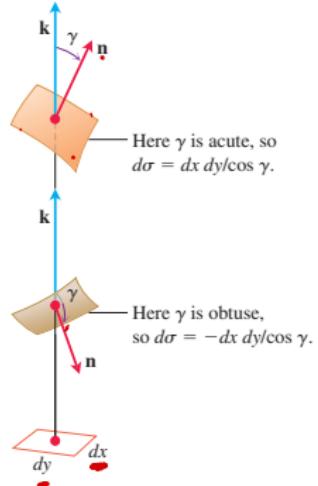
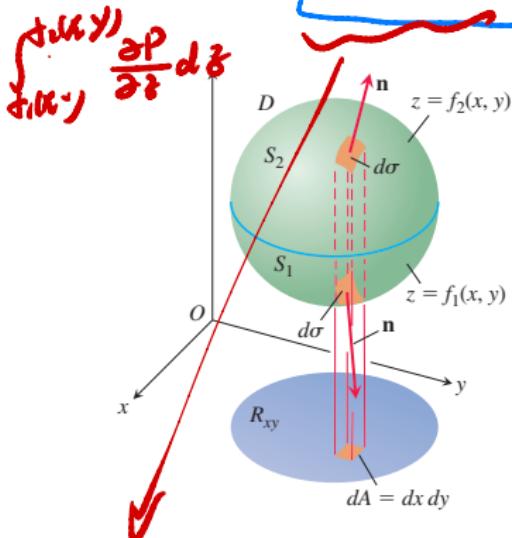
Let $\vec{n} = (\cos \alpha)\vec{i} + (\cos \beta)\vec{j} + (\cos \gamma)\vec{k}$, then

$$\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} = M \cos \alpha + N \cos \beta + P \cos \gamma$$

$$\iint_S (M \cos \alpha + N \cos \beta + P \cos \gamma) d\sigma = \iiint_D \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \right) dx dy dz$$

Proof of divergence theorem for special regions

We prove that $\iint_S P \cos \gamma d\sigma = \iint_{R_{xy}} P(x, y, f_2(x, y)) - P(x, y, f_1(x, y)) dx dy$



$$\int_{S_1} P \cos \gamma d\sigma + \int_{S_2} P \cos \gamma d\sigma$$

$$\iint_{R_{xy}} p(x, y, f(x, y)) \cos ? dx dy$$

Divergence theorem for other regions

D is the region between two concentric spheres.

The surface of the lower half D_1 consists of an outer hemisphere, an inner hemisphere, and a plane washer-shaped base.

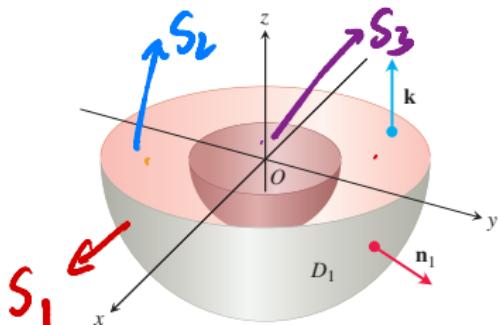


FIGURE 16.76 The lower half of the solid region between two concentric spheres.

$$\iiint_{D_1} \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dV = \iint_{S_1} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma + \iint_{S_2} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} dG + \iint_{S_3} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma$$

$\iint_{S_2} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} dG$

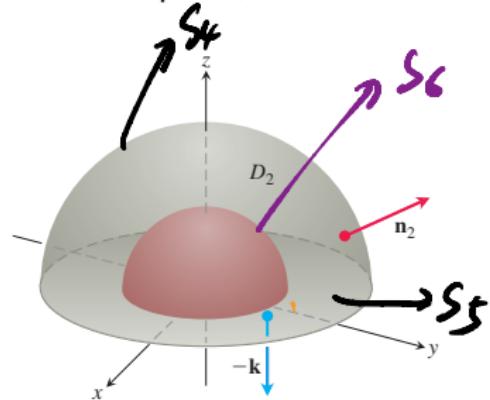


FIGURE 16.77 The upper half of the solid region between two concentric spheres.

$$\iiint_{D_2} \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dV = \iint_{S_4} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma + \iint_{S_5} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma + \iint_{S_6} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma$$

$\iint_{S_6} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma$

Find the net outward flux of the field

$$\vec{F} = \frac{x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}}{\rho^3}, \quad \rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

across the boundary of the region $D : 0 < b^2 \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq a^2$.

$$\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n}$$

$$\text{S}_1: x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2 \quad \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} = \frac{x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}}{\rho^3} \cdot \frac{x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}}{a} \\ = \frac{a^2}{a^4} = \frac{1}{a^2}$$

$$\iint_{S_1} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma = 4\pi a^2 / a^2 = 4\pi$$

$$S_2: x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = b^2 \quad \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} = -\frac{1}{a^2}$$

$$\iint_{S_2} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma = -4\pi$$

Find the net outward flux of the field

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}^3}$$

$$\vec{F} = \frac{x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}}{\rho^3}, \quad \rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

across the boundary of the region $D : 0 < b^2 \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq a^2$.

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{F} &= \frac{1}{\rho^3} + \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) \frac{x}{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}} \cdot 2x \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\rho^3} + \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) \frac{y}{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}} \cdot 2y \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\rho^3} + \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) \frac{z}{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}} \cdot 2z \\ &= \frac{3}{\rho^3} - 3 \frac{x^2+y^2+z^2}{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}} = \frac{3}{\rho^3} - \frac{3}{\rho^3} = 0\end{aligned}$$

What can we learn from this example?

- ▶ $\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 0.$ ✓
- ▶ $\iint_{S_a} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma = 4\pi.$ ✓

Gauss's law: one of the four great laws of electromagnetic theory

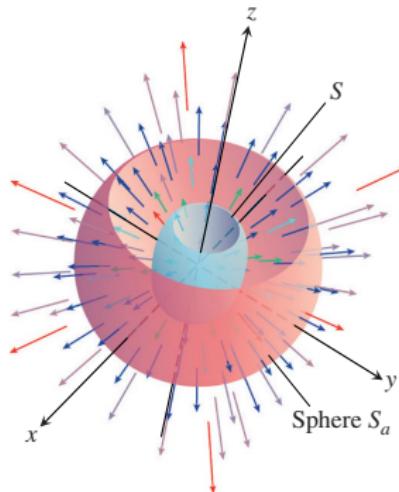
Let

$$\vec{E}(x, y, z) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|^3}$$

$$\frac{x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}}{r^3}$$

Then, for any closed surface that encloses the origin, we have

$$\iint_S \vec{E} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$



Continuity equation of hydrodynamics

Let D be a region bounded by a closed-oriented surface S . If $\vec{v}(x, y, z)$ is the velocity field of a fluid flowing smoothly through D , $\delta = \delta(t, x, y, z)$ is the fluid's density at (x, y, z) at time t , and $\vec{F} = \delta \vec{v}$, then the continuity equation of hydrodynamics states that

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} + \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial t} = 0.$$

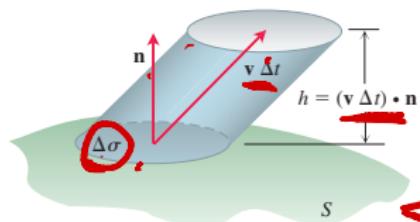


FIGURE 16.80 The fluid that flows upward through the patch $\Delta\sigma$ in a short time Δt fills a “cylinder” whose volume is approximately base \times height $= \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} \Delta\sigma \Delta t$.

Let B be a solid sphere centered at Q :

$$\frac{\iiint_B \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dV}{\iiint_B dV} = \frac{\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma}{\iiint_B dV} = \frac{\frac{dm}{dt}}{\iiint_B dV}$$

$\Sigma \Delta\sigma \cdot (\vec{v} \Delta t) \cdot \vec{n} \cdot \delta$ $\xrightarrow{\Delta t \rightarrow 0}$ $\iint_S (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{n} \delta) d\sigma$

$$= -\frac{dm}{dt}$$

Conservation of mass

$$-\iint_B \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial t} dV = \iiint_B \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dV = \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma$$

Unifying

Tangential form of Green's Theorem:

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = \iint_R \nabla \times \vec{F} \cdot \vec{k} dA \quad \checkmark$$

Stokes' Theorem:

$$\oint \vec{F} \cdot \vec{T} ds = \iint_S \nabla \times \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma$$

Normal form of Green's Theorem:

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} ds = \iint_R \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dA \quad \checkmark$$

Divergence Theorem:

$$\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma = \iiint_D \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dV$$

Fundamental Theorem:

$$f(b) - f(a) = \int_a^b \frac{df}{dx} dx$$

$$\vec{F}(b) \cdot \vec{n} + \vec{F}(a) \cdot \vec{n} = \int_{[a,b]} \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dx \quad \text{R.T}$$

- ▶ Fundamental theorem of calculus, normal form of Green's theorem, divergence theorem
- ▶ Stokes' theorem, tangential form of Green's theorem