Math 324 A, Spring 2017, pop quiz!

You have 10 minutes to complete the quiz. Make sure to explain your reasoning. This quiz is out of 5 points. Your score will be added to your second midterm grade.

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1. (For all the marbles.) Let S denote the upper hemisphere of the sphere of radius 1 centered at the origin, i.e. the points (x,y,z) satisfying $x^2+y^2+z^2=1$ and $z\geq 0$. Also, let E be the inside of the top hemisphere, i.e. all (x,y,z) with $x^2+y^2+z^2\leq 1$ and $z\geq 0$. Give S the outward orientation, so the normal vector \hat{n} to S has positive z component. Consider the vector field $F=x^2yz\hat{i}+(x+2)\sin(z)\hat{j}-xyz^2\hat{k}$. Suppose we want to compute the flux of F through S.

Henry, Jacob's evil twin brother, reasons as follows. Note that

$$\nabla \cdot F = \frac{d}{dx}x^2yz + \frac{d}{dy}(x+2)\sin(z) - \frac{d}{dz}xyz^2 = 2xyz + 0 - 2xyz = 0,$$

so by the divergence theorem,

$$\iint_{S} F \cdot dS = \iiint_{E} \nabla \cdot F \, dV = \iiint_{E} 0 \, dV = 0.$$

It happens to be true that

$$\iint_{S} F \cdot dS = 0,$$

but Henry's reasoning is flawed. Explain where Henry went wrong, and why he got the right answer anyway. [Hint: what is ∂E ?]