

Figure 1.16: The vector field $\mathbf{v} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2}$

1.16 Given

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r} = \frac{x\hat{\mathbf{x}} + y\hat{\mathbf{y}} + z\hat{\mathbf{z}}}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$$

where $\mathbf{r} = x\hat{\mathbf{x}} + y\hat{\mathbf{y}} + z\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ is the position vector. The vector functions is

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2} = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r^3}$$

where the components are

$$v_x = \frac{x}{r^3}, \quad v_y = \frac{y}{r^3}, \quad \text{and} \quad v_z = \frac{z}{r^3}$$

Looking at the x component of the divergence,

$$\begin{aligned} [\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}]_x &= \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{x}{r^3} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \right) \quad \text{using chain rule...} \\ &= \frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} - \frac{3x^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{r^3} - \frac{3x^2}{r^5} \end{aligned}$$

therefore, the divergence of \mathbf{v} is

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} &= \left(\frac{1}{r^3} - \frac{3x^2}{r^5} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{r^3} - \frac{3y^2}{r^5} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{r^3} - \frac{3z^2}{r^5} \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{r^3} - 3 \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{r^5} \\ &= \frac{3}{r^3} - 3 \frac{r^2}{r^5} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The divergence is zero everywhere except at the origin where $r = 0$ because division by r^3 tells us that the divergence is infinite at the origin.

(ii) $(0, 0, 1) \rightarrow (0, 1, 1)$:

$$z = 1, \quad x = dx = dz = 0; \quad d\mathbf{l} = dy \hat{\mathbf{y}}; \quad \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 2 dy$$

and

$$\int_c^d \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_0^1 2 dy = 2$$

(iii) $(0, 1, 1) \rightarrow b$:

$$z : 0 \rightarrow 1; \quad y = z = 1, \quad dy = dz = 0; \quad d\mathbf{l} = dx \hat{\mathbf{x}}; \quad \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{l} = (2x + 4) dx$$

and

$$\int_d^b \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_0^1 (2x + 4) dx = 5$$

therefore

$$\int_a^b \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0 + 2 + 5 = 7$$

(c) the parabolic path $z = x^2$; $y = x$:

$$dx = dy, \quad \text{and} \quad dz = 2x dx; \quad d\mathbf{l} = dx \hat{\mathbf{x}} + dx \hat{\mathbf{y}} + 2x dx \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{l} &= (2x + 4y) dx + (4x + 2z^3) dx + (6yz^2) 2x dx \\ &= 6x dx + (4x + 2x^6) dx + (12x^6) dx \\ &= 10x dx + 14x^6 dx \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{l} &= \int_0^1 (10x + 14x^6) dx \\ &= 5x^2 + 2x^7 \Big|_0^1 = 7 \end{aligned}$$

1.33 Testing the divergence theorem: For the function

$$\mathbf{v} = (xy)\hat{\mathbf{x}} + (2yz)\hat{\mathbf{y}} + (3zx)\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

the divergence is

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = y + 2z + 3x$$

so the volume integral is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \, d\tau &= \int_0^2 \int_0^2 \int_0^2 (y + 2z + 3x) \, dx \, dy \, dz \\ &= \int_0^2 \int_0^2 (2y + 4z + 6) \, dy \, dz \\ &= \int_0^2 (4 + 8z + 12) \, dz \\ &= 8 + 16 + 24 \\ \int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \, d\tau &= 48 \end{aligned}$$

The surface integral is evaluated over the six faces of the cube:

(i) $x = 2$, $d\mathbf{A} = dy \, dz \, \hat{\mathbf{x}}$, $\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 2y \, dy \, dz$;

$$\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \int_0^2 \int_0^2 2y \, dy \, dz = 8$$

(ii) $x = 0$, $d\mathbf{A} = -dy \, dz \, \hat{\mathbf{x}}$, $\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 0$;

$$\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \int_0^2 \int_0^2 0 \, dy \, dz = 0$$

(iii) $y = 2$, $d\mathbf{A} = dx \, dz \, \hat{\mathbf{y}}$, $\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 4z \, dx \, dz$;

$$\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \int_0^2 \int_0^2 4z \, dx \, dz = 16$$

(iv) $y = 0$;

$$\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 0$$

(v) $z = 2$, $d\mathbf{A} = dx \, dy \, \hat{\mathbf{z}}$, $\mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 6x \, dx \, dy$;

$$\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \int_0^2 \int_0^2 6x \, dx \, dy = 24$$

(vi) $z = 0$;

$$\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 0$$

So the total flux is

$$\oint_S \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 8 + 0 + 16 + 0 + 24 + 0 = 48$$

therefore, the divergence theorem is verified.

$$\int_V (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \, d\tau = \oint_S \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$$

1.34 Testing Stokes' theorem for the function

$$\mathbf{v} = (xy)\hat{\mathbf{x}} + (2yz)\hat{\mathbf{y}} + (3zx)\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

using the triangular shaded area bounded by the vertices $O = (0, 0, 0)$, $A = (0, 2, 0)$, and $B = (0, 0, 2)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \mathbf{v} &= (0 - 2y)\hat{\mathbf{x}} - (3z - 0)\hat{\mathbf{y}} + (0 - x)\hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad \text{and} \quad d\mathbf{A} = dz dy \hat{\mathbf{x}} \\ &= -2y\hat{\mathbf{x}} - 3z\hat{\mathbf{y}} - x\hat{\mathbf{z}}\end{aligned}$$

$x = 0$ on this surface, and the limits of integration are $y : 0 \rightarrow 2$ and $z = 0 \rightarrow z = 2 - y$:

$$(\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{A} = -2y dz dy$$

Thus, the flux of the curl through the surface is

$$\begin{aligned}\int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{A} &= \int_0^2 \int_0^{2-y} -2y dz dy \\ &= \int_0^2 -2y(2-y) dy \\ &= -2y^2 + \frac{2}{3}y^3 \Big|_0^2 = -8/3\end{aligned}$$

The line integral is evaluated over the three sides of the triangle:

(i) On the path OA :

$$x = z = 0; d\mathbf{l} = dy \hat{\mathbf{y}}; \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 2yz dy = 0;$$

$$\int_{OA} \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$$

(ii) On the path AB :

$$x = 0, y = 2 - z; dy = -dz; d\mathbf{l} = -dz (\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \hat{\mathbf{z}}); \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -2yz dz = -2(2-z)z dz = (2z^2 - 4z) dz;$$

$$\int_{AB} \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_0^2 (2z^2 - 4z) dz = -8/3$$

(iii) On the path BO :

$$x = y = 0; d\mathbf{l} = dz \hat{\mathbf{z}}; \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0;$$

$$\int_{BO} \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$$

So, the circulation of \mathbf{v} around the triangle is

$$\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0 + -8/3 + 0 = -8/3$$

thus,

$$\int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$