

The `fields.py` script is meant to be as close to vector calculus as possible. It uses 3D lists to describe a 3D scalar field, so that index  $i$  corresponds to coordinate  $x_i$ , i.e.  $f(x, y, z) \sim f[x, y, z]$ .

For 3D vector fields, however, we need another index to describe which component of the vector, at a point in  $R^3$ , we want. The first index is used for this, so that  $f_i(x, y, z) = f[i, x, y, z]$ . NumPy's `einsum` allows us to preform regular vector calculus operations on these fields. dot product is given by

$$h(x, y, z) = \vec{f} \cdot \vec{g} = \hat{e}_i \cdot \hat{e}_j f_i(x, y, z) g_j(x, y, z) = f_i(x, y, z) g_i(x, y, z),$$

and becomes

$$h = \text{einsum}["ixyz, ixyz \rightarrow xyz", f, g]$$

. Defining `eijk[i, j, k] =  $\epsilon_{ijk}$` , the Levi-Cevita symbol, allows us to implement the cross product of two fields, as

$$\vec{h} = \vec{f} \times \vec{g} = \hat{e}_i h_i(x, y, z) = \epsilon_{ijk} f_j(x, y, z) g_k(x, y, z)$$

becomes

$$h = \text{einsum}["ijk, jxyz, kxyz \rightarrow ixyz", \text{eijk}, f, g]$$

NumPys build in function `gradient()` makes it possible to implement differential operators like the curl. As `gradien(f, axis = i + 1)` takes the difference along axis coordinate  $x_i$  (the +1 comes from skipping the component index), we can make a 5D (!) matrix `Df` with indexes such that  $\partial_i f_j(x, y, z) \sim \text{Df}[i, j, x, y, z]$ , and thus implement curl,

$$\vec{h} = \nabla \times \vec{f} = \hat{e}_i h_i(x, y, z) = \hat{e}_i \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j f_k(x, y, z)$$

as

$$h = \text{einsum}["ijk, jkxyz \rightarrow ixyz", \text{eijk}, \text{Df}]$$