

## **2. Surface Integrals**

This chapter introduces the theorems of Green, Gauss and Stokes. Two different methods of integrating a function of two variables over a curved surface are developed.

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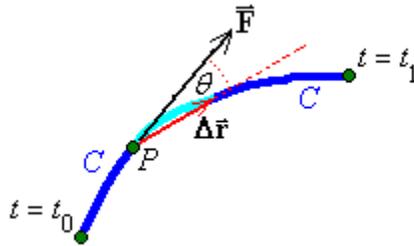
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## 2.1 Line Integrals

Two applications of line integrals are treated here: the evaluation of work done on a particle as it travels along a curve in the presence of a [vector field] force; and the evaluation of the location of the centre of mass of a wire.

### Work done:

The work done by a force  $\mathbf{F}$  in moving an elementary distance  $\Delta\mathbf{r}$  along a curve  $C$  is approximately the product of the component of the force in the direction of  $\Delta\mathbf{r}$  and the distance  $|\Delta\mathbf{r}|$  travelled:



$$\Delta W \approx \mathbf{F} \cdot \Delta\mathbf{r} = F \cos \theta |\Delta\mathbf{r}|$$

Integrating along the curve  $C$  yields the total work done by the force  $\mathbf{F}$  in moving along the curve  $C$ :

$$W = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

$$= \int_C (f_1 dx + f_2 dy + f_3 dz) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left( f_1 \frac{dx}{dt} + f_2 \frac{dy}{dt} + f_3 \frac{dz}{dt} \right) dt$$

$$\therefore W = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} dt$$

Example 2.1.1

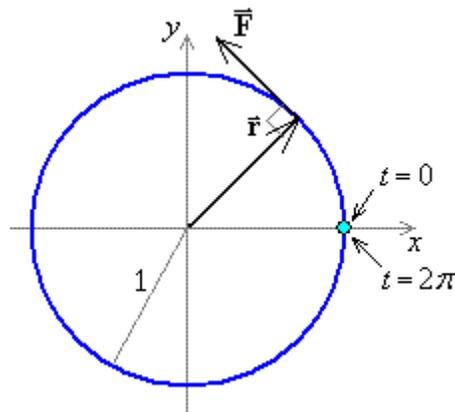
Find the work done by  $\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \langle -y, x, z \rangle$  in moving around the curve  $C$  (defined in parametric form by  $x = \cos t$ ,  $y = \sin t$ ,  $z = 0$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ ).

$$\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \langle -y, x, z \rangle \Big|_C = \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\frac{d\bar{\mathbf{r}}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \langle \cos t, \sin t, 0 \rangle = \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{r}}}{dt} = \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 0 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow W = \int_0^{2\pi} \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{r}}}{dt} dt = \int_0^{2\pi} 1 dt = \underline{\underline{2\pi}}$$



Note that  $F_v = \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\left| \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{r}}}{dt} \right|} = 1$  everywhere on the curve  $C$ , so that

$$W = 1 \times C = 2\pi \quad (\text{the length of the path around the circle}).$$

Also note that  $\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \langle -y, x, z \rangle \Rightarrow \text{curl } \bar{\mathbf{F}} = 2\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  everywhere in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

The lesser curvature of the circular lines of force further away from the  $z$  axis is balanced exactly by the increased transverse force, so that  $\text{curl } \mathbf{F}$  is the same in all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

We shall see later (Stokes' theorem, page 2.40) that the work done is also the normal component of the curl integrated over the area enclosed by the closed curve  $C$ . In this case

$$W = (\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}) A = (2\hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \pi (1)^2 = 2\pi.$$

Example 2.1.1 (continued)

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Example 2.1.2

Find the work done by  $\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$  in moving around the curve  $C$  (defined in parametric form by  $x = \cos t$ ,  $y = \sin t$ ,  $z = 0$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ ).

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$$\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \langle x, y, z \rangle|_C = \langle \cos t, \sin t, 0 \rangle = \bar{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\frac{d\bar{\mathbf{r}}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \langle \cos t, \sin t, 0 \rangle = \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{r}}}{dt} = -\cos t \sin t + \sin t \cos t + 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow W = \int_0^{2\pi} 0 \, dt = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

In this case, the force is orthogonal to the direction of motion at all times and no work is done.

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If the initial and terminal points of a curve  $C$  are identical and the curve meets itself nowhere else, then the curve is said to be a **simple closed curve**.

Notation:

When  $C$  is a simple closed curve, write  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  as  $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ .

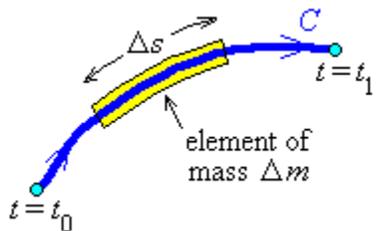
$\vec{F}$  is a **conservative vector field** if and only if  $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$  for all simple closed curves  $C$  in the domain.

Be careful of where the endpoints are and of the order in which they appear (the orientation of the curve). The identity  $\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} dt \equiv - \int_{t_1}^{t_0} \vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} dt$  leads to the result

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = - \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \quad \forall \text{ simple closed curves } C$$

Another Application of Line Integrals: **The Mass of a Wire**

Let  $C$  be a segment ( $t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$ ) of wire of line density  $\rho(x, y, z)$ . Then



$$\Delta m \approx \rho(x, y, z) \Delta s$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \int_C \rho ds = \int_C \rho \frac{ds}{dt} dt = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \rho \frac{ds}{dt} dt$$

First moments about the coordinate planes:

$$\Delta \vec{M} = \vec{r} \Delta m \approx \rho \vec{r} \Delta s \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{M} = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \rho \vec{r} \frac{ds}{dt} dt$$

The location  $\langle \vec{r} \rangle$  of the centre of mass of the wire is  $\langle \vec{r} \rangle = \frac{\vec{M}}{m}$ , where

$$\vec{M} = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \rho \vec{r} \frac{ds}{dt} dt, \quad m = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \rho \frac{ds}{dt} dt \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{ds}{dt} = \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| = \sqrt{\left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dz}{dt} \right)^2}.$$

Example 2.1.3

Find the mass and centre of mass of a wire  $C$  (described in parametric form by  $x = \cos t$ ,  $y = \sin t$ ,  $z = t$ ,  $-\pi \leq t \leq \pi$ ) of line density  $\rho = z^2$ .

Let  $c = \cos t$ ,  $s = \sin t$ .

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \langle c, s, t \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{r}}}{dt} = \langle -s, c, 1 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ds}{dt} = \sqrt{(-s)^2 + c^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\rho = z^2 = t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \int_C \rho ds = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \rho \frac{ds}{dt} dt = \sqrt{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} t^2 dt = \sqrt{2} \left[ \frac{t^3}{3} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \underline{\underline{\frac{2}{3} \sqrt{2} \pi^3}}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{M}} = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \rho \bar{\mathbf{r}} \frac{ds}{dt} dt = \sqrt{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \langle t^2 c, t^2 s, t^3 \rangle dt$$

$x$  component:

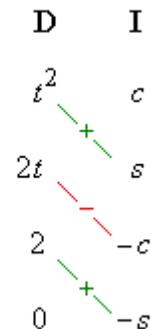
Integration by parts.

$$\int t^2 c dt = [(t^2 - 2)s + 2tc]$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} t^2 c dt = [(t^2 - 2)s + 2tc]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

$$= (0 - 2\pi) - (0 + 2\pi) = -4\pi$$

[The shape of the wire is one revolution of a helix, aligned along the  $z$  axis, centre the origin.]



Example 2.1.3 (continued)

y component:

For all integrable functions  $f(t)$  and for all constants  $a$  note that

$$\int_{-a}^a f(t) dt = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } f(t) \text{ is an ODD function} \\ 2 \int_0^a f(t) dt & \text{if } f(t) \text{ is an EVEN function} \end{cases}$$

$t^2 \sin t$  is an odd function

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} t^2 \sin t dt = 0$$

z component:

$t^3$  is also an odd function

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} t^3 dt = 0$$

Therefore  $\bar{\mathbf{M}} = -4\pi\sqrt{2} \hat{\mathbf{i}}$

$$\langle \bar{\mathbf{r}} \rangle = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{M}}}{m} = \frac{3}{2\pi^3\sqrt{2}} - 4\pi\sqrt{2} \hat{\mathbf{i}} = -\frac{6}{\pi^2} \hat{\mathbf{i}}$$

The centre of mass is therefore at  $\underline{\underline{\left(-\frac{6}{\pi^2}, 0, 0\right)}}$

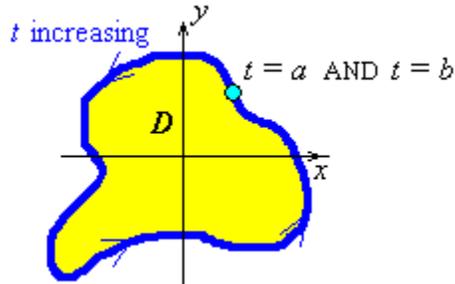
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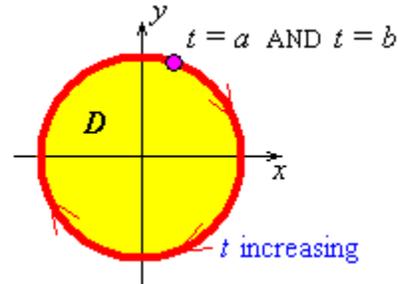
Orientation of closed curves:

A closed curve  $C$  has a positive orientation iff a point  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  moves around  $C$  in an anticlockwise sense as the value of the parameter  $t$  increases.

Example 2.2.2



Positive orientation



Negative orientation

Let  $D$  be the finite region of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  bounded by  $C$ . When a particle moves along a curve with positive orientation,  $D$  is always to the left of the particle.

For a simple closed curve  $C$  enclosing a finite region  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and for any vector function  $\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle$  that is differentiable everywhere on  $C$  and everywhere in  $D$ ,

**Green's theorem** is valid:

$$\oint_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

The region  $D$  is entirely in the  $xy$ -plane, so that the unit normal vector everywhere on  $D$  is  $\mathbf{k}$ . Let the differential vector  $d\mathbf{A} = dA \mathbf{k}$ , then Green's theorem can also be written as

$$\oint_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \iint_D (\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathbf{F}}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}} dA = \iint_D (\text{curl } \bar{\mathbf{F}}) \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{A}}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle \cdot \langle dx, dy \rangle \Rightarrow \oint_C (f_1 dx + f_2 dy) = \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

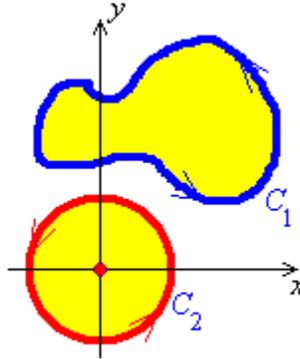
and

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ f_1 & f_2 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\nabla}^T \\ \bar{\mathbf{F}}^T \end{bmatrix} = z \text{ component of } \bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathbf{F}}$$

Green's theorem is valid if there are no singularities in  $D$ .

Example 2.2.3

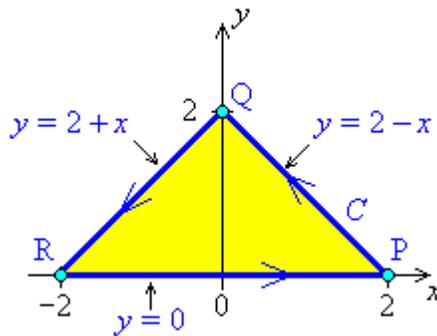
$$\vec{F} = \left\langle \frac{x}{r}, 0 \right\rangle:$$



Green's theorem is valid for curve  $C_1$  but not for curve  $C_2$ .  
There is a singularity at the origin, which curve  $C_2$  encloses.

Example 2.2.4

For  $\vec{F} = \langle x + y, x - y \rangle$  and  $C$  as shown, evaluate  $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ .



$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{PQ} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_{QR} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_{RP} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

Example 2.2.4 (continued)

$$\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \langle x + y, x - y \rangle$$

Everywhere on the line segment from  $P$  to  $Q$ ,  $y = 2 - x$  (and the parameter  $t$  is just  $x$ )

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{r}} = \langle x, 2 - x \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{r}}}{dx} = \langle 1, -1 \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\mathbf{F}} = \langle 2, 2x - 2 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{PQ} \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \int_2^0 (2 - (2x - 2)) dx = \int_2^0 (4 - 2x) dx = [4x - x^2]_2^0$$

$$= (0 - 0) - (8 - 4) = -4$$

Everywhere on the line segment from  $Q$  to  $R$ ,  $y = 2 + x$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{r}} = \langle x, 2 + x \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{r}}}{dx} = \langle 1, 1 \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\mathbf{F}} = \langle 2x + 2, -2 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{QR} \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \int_0^{-2} ((2x + 2) - 2) dx = \int_0^{-2} 2x dx = [x^2]_0^{-2}$$

$$= 4 - 0 = 4$$

Everywhere on the line segment from  $R$  to  $P$ ,  $y = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{r}} = \langle x, 0 \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{r}}}{dx} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\mathbf{F}} = \langle x, x \rangle$$

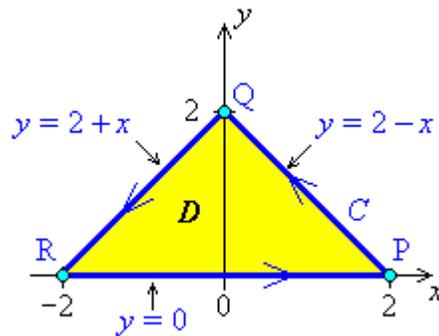
$$\Rightarrow \int_{RP} \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \int_{-2}^2 (x + 0) dx = \int_{-2}^2 x dx = \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-2}^2$$

$$= 2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \oint_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = -4 + 4 + 0 = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

Example 2.2.4 (continued)

**OR** use Green's theorem!



$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ f_1 & f_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x-y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x+y) = 1-1 = 0$$

everywhere on  $D$

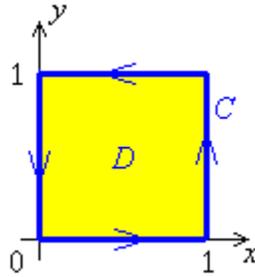
$$\Rightarrow \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \right) dA = \iint_D 0 dA = 0$$

By Green's theorem it then follows that

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

Example 2.2.5

Find the work done by the force  $\vec{F} = \langle xy, y^2 \rangle$  in one circuit of the unit square.



By Green's theorem,

$$W = \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(y^2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(xy) = 0 - x$$

The region of integration is the square  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $0 < y < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow W &= \iint_D -x \, dA = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (-x) \, dy \, dx \\ &= -\int_0^1 x \left( \int_0^1 1 \, dy \right) dx = -\int_0^1 x [y]_0^1 dx = -\int_0^1 x(1-0) \, dx \\ &= -\left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 = -\frac{1}{2} + 0 = -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$W = \underline{\underline{-\frac{1}{2}}}$$

The alternative method (using line integration instead of Green's theorem) would involve **four** line integrals, each with different integrands!

### 2.3 Path Independence

#### Gradient Vector Fields:

$$\text{If } \bar{\mathbf{F}} = \bar{\nabla}\phi, \text{ then } \bar{\mathbf{F}} = \left\langle \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} \right\rangle \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} = \phi_{yx} - \phi_{xy} \equiv 0$$

(provided that the second partial derivatives are all continuous).

It therefore follows, for any closed curve  $C$  and twice differentiable potential function  $\phi$  that

$$\oint_C \bar{\nabla}\phi \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} \equiv 0$$

#### Path Independence

If  $\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \bar{\nabla}\phi$  (or  $\bar{\mathbf{F}} = -\bar{\nabla}\phi$ ), then  $\phi$  is a **potential function** for  $\mathbf{F}$ .

Let the path  $C$  travel from point  $P_0$  to point  $P_1$ :

$$\int_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \int_C \bar{\nabla}\phi \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \int_C \left( \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z} dz \right) = \int_C d\phi$$

[chain rule]

$$= [\phi]_{P_0}^{P_1} = \phi(P_1) - \phi(P_0)$$

which is independent of the path  $C$  between the two points.

$$\text{Therefore } \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{work done} \\ \text{by } \bar{\nabla}\phi \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{difference in } \phi \\ \text{between endpoints of } C \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \oint_C \bar{\nabla}\phi \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \phi(P) - \phi(P) = 0$$

[work done = potential difference]

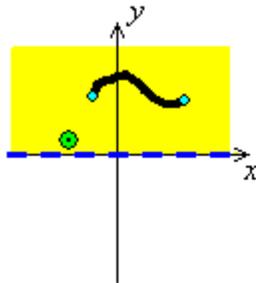
**Domain**

A region  $\Omega$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a **domain** if and only if

- 1) For all points  $P_0$  in  $\Omega$ , there exists a circle, centre  $P_0$ , all of whose interior points are inside  $\Omega$ ; and
- 2) For all points  $P_0$  and  $P_1$  in  $\Omega$ , there exists a piecewise smooth curve  $C$ , entirely in  $\Omega$ , from  $P_0$  to  $P_1$ .

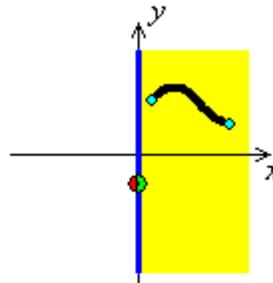
Example 2.3.1 Are these domains?

$$\{ (x, y) \mid y > 0 \}$$

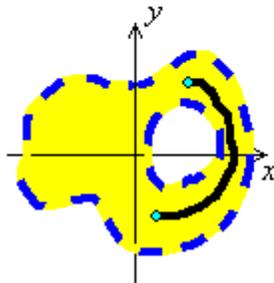


YES (and simply connected)

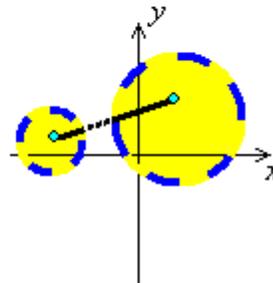
$$\{ (x, y) \mid x \geq 0 \}$$



NO



YES (but *not* simply connected)



NO

If a domain is not specified, then, by default, it is assumed to be all of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

When a vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  is defined on a simply connected domain  $\Omega$ , these statements are all equivalent (that is, **all** of them are true or all of them are false):

- $\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \bar{\nabla} \phi$  for some scalar field  $\phi$  that is differentiable everywhere in  $\Omega$ ;
- $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative;
- $\int_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}}$  is path-independent (has the same value no matter which path within  $\Omega$  is chosen between the two endpoints, for any two endpoints in  $\Omega$ );
- $\int_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \phi_{\text{end}} - \phi_{\text{start}}$  (for any two endpoints in  $\Omega$ );
- $\oint_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = 0$  for all closed curves  $C$  lying entirely in  $\Omega$ ;
- $\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y}$  everywhere in  $\Omega$ ; and
- $\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathbf{F}} = \bar{\mathbf{0}}$  everywhere in  $\Omega$  (so that the vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  is irrotational).

There must be no singularities anywhere in the domain  $\Omega$  in order for the above set of equivalencies to be valid.

### Example 2.3.2

Evaluate  $\int_C ((2x+y) dx + (x+3y^2) dy)$  where  $C$  is any piecewise-smooth curve from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(1, 2)$ .

$\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \langle 2x+y, x+3y^2 \rangle$  is continuous everywhere in  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} = 1 = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{\mathbf{F}} \text{ is conservative and } \bar{\mathbf{F}} = \bar{\nabla} \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 2x+y \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = x+3y^2$$

A potential function that has the correct first partial derivatives is  $\phi = x^2 + xy + y^3$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \int_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \left[ \phi \right]_{(0,0)}^{(1,2)} = (1+2+8) - (0+0+0)$$

Therefore

$$\int_C ((2x+y) dx + (x+3y^2) dy) = \underline{\underline{11}}$$

Example 2.3.3 (A Counterexample)

Evaluate  $\oint_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}}$ , where  $\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \left\langle \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}, \frac{-x}{x^2 + y^2} \right\rangle$  and  $C$  is the unit circle, centre at the origin.

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$\bar{\mathbf{F}}$  is continuous everywhere except  $(0, 0)$

$\Rightarrow \Omega$  is *not* simply connected. [ $\Omega$  is all of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  *except*  $(0, 0)$ .]

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \quad \text{everywhere in } \Omega$$

We cannot use Green's theorem, because  $\bar{\mathbf{F}}$  is *not* continuous everywhere inside  $C$  (there is a singularity at the origin).

Let  $c = \cos t$  and  $s = \sin t$  then

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \langle c, s \rangle \quad (0 \leq t < 2\pi) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{\mathbf{r}}' = \langle -s, c \rangle$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \left\langle \frac{s}{c^2 + s^2}, \frac{-c}{c^2 + s^2} \right\rangle = \langle s, -c \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \oint_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \int_0^{2\pi} (-s^2 - c^2) dt = - \int_0^{2\pi} 1 dt = -[t]_0^{2\pi}$$

Therefore

$$\oint_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \underline{\underline{-2\pi}}$$

Note:  $\oint_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} \neq 0$ , but

everywhere on  $\Omega$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \bar{\nabla} \phi$ , where  $\phi = \text{Arctan} \left( \frac{x}{y} \right) + k$

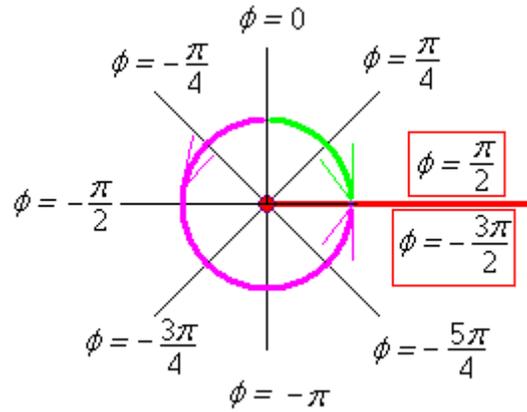
The problem is that the arbitrary constant  $k$  is ill-defined.

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Example 2.3.3 (continued)

Let us explore the case when  $k = 0$ .

Contour map of  $\phi = \text{Arctan}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + 0$



We encounter a conflict in the value of the potential function  $\phi$ .

Solution: Change the domain  $\Omega$  to the simply connected domain

$$\Omega' = \left( \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ except the} \\ \text{non-negative } x \text{ axis} \end{array} \right)$$

then the potential function  $\phi$  can be well-defined, but no curve in  $\Omega'$  can enclose the origin.

## 2.4 Surface Integrals - Projection Method

### Surfaces in $\mathbb{R}^3$

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  a surface can be represented by a vector parametric equation

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}} = x(u, v) \hat{\mathbf{i}} + y(u, v) \hat{\mathbf{j}} + z(u, v) \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

where  $u, v$  are **parameters**.

#### Example 2.4.1

The unit sphere, centre O, can be represented by

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}}(\theta, \phi) = \langle \sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta \rangle$$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq \pi \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$$



declination



azimuth

If every vertical line (parallel to the  $z$ -axis) in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  meets the surface no more than once, then the surface can also be parameterized as

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}}(x, y) = \langle x, y, f(x, y) \rangle \quad \text{or as} \quad z = f(x, y)$$

#### Example 2.4.2

$z = \sqrt{4 - x^2 - y^2}$ ,  $\{(x, y) | x^2 + y^2 \leq 4\}$  is a **hemisphere, centre O**.

A **simple surface** does not cross itself.

If the following condition is true:

$$\{\bar{\mathbf{r}}(u_1, v_1) = \bar{\mathbf{r}}(u_2, v_2) \Rightarrow (u_1, v_1) = (u_2, v_2) \text{ for all pairs of points in the domain}\}$$

then the surface is simple.

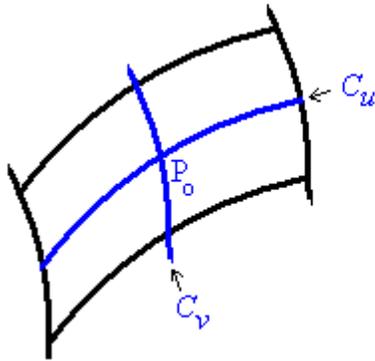
The converse of this statement is not true.

This condition is sufficient, but it is not necessary for a surface to be simple.

The condition may fail on a simple surface at coordinate singularities. For example, one of the angular parameters of the polar coordinate systems is undefined everywhere on the  $z$ -axis, so that spherical polar  $(2, 0, 0)$  and  $(2, 0, \pi)$  both represent the same Cartesian point  $(0, 0, 2)$ . Yet a sphere remains simple at its  $z$ -intercepts.

### Tangent and Normal Vectors to Surfaces

A surface  $S$  is represented by  $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$ . Examine the neighbourhood of a point  $P_0$  at  $\mathbf{r}(u_0, v_0)$ . Hold parameter  $v$  constant at  $v_0$  (its value at  $P_0$ ) and allow the other parameter  $u$  to vary. This generates a slice through the two-dimensional surface, namely a one-dimensional curve  $C_u$  containing  $P_0$  and represented by a vector parametric equation  $\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \bar{\mathbf{r}}(u, v_0)$  with only one freely-varying parameter ( $u$ ).

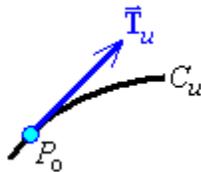


$$C_u : \bar{\mathbf{r}}(u, v_0)$$

$$C_v : \bar{\mathbf{r}}(u_0, v)$$

If, instead,  $u$  is held constant at  $u_0$  and  $v$  is allowed to vary, we obtain a different slice containing  $P_0$ , the curve  $C_v : \bar{\mathbf{r}}(u_0, v)$ .

On each curve a unique tangent vector can be defined.



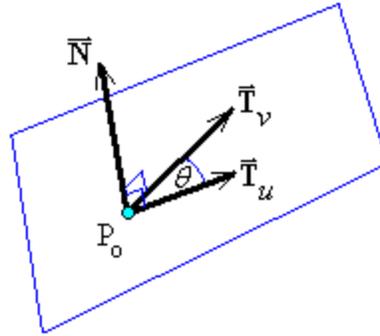
At all points along  $C_u$ , a tangent vector is defined by  $\bar{\mathbf{T}}_u = \frac{\partial}{\partial u}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}(u, v_0))$ .

[Note that this is not necessarily a *unit* tangent vector.]

At  $P_0$  the tangent vector becomes  $\bar{\mathbf{T}}_u|_{P_0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}(u_0, v_0))$ .

Similarly, along the other curve  $C_v$ , the tangent vector at  $P_0$  is  $\bar{\mathbf{T}}_v|_{P_0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial v}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}(u_0, v_0))$ .

If the two tangent vectors are not parallel and neither of these tangent vectors is the zero vector, then they define the orientation of tangent plane to the surface at  $P_0$ .



A normal vector to the tangent plane is  $\bar{\mathbf{N}} = \bar{\mathbf{T}}_u \times \bar{\mathbf{T}}_v = \left. \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial v} \right|_{(u_0, v_0)}$

$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix} \bigg|_{(u_0, v_0)} = \left\langle \frac{\partial(y, z)}{\partial(u, v)}, \frac{\partial(z, x)}{\partial(u, v)}, \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} \right\rangle \bigg|_{(u_0, v_0)},$$

where  $\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)}$  is the **Jacobian**  $\det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix}$ .

### Cartesian parameters

With  $u = x$ ,  $v = y$ ,  $z = f(x, y)$ , the components of the normal vector

$\bar{\mathbf{N}} = N_1 \hat{\mathbf{i}} + N_2 \hat{\mathbf{j}} + N_3 \hat{\mathbf{k}}$  are:

$$N_1 = \frac{\partial(y, z)}{\partial(x, y)} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ 1 & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \qquad N_2 = \frac{\partial(z, x)}{\partial(x, y)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & 1 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

$$N_3 = \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(x, y)} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  a normal vector to the surface  $z = f(x, y)$  at  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is

$$\bar{\mathbf{N}} = \left\langle -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, -\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, +1 \right\rangle \bigg|_{(x_0, y_0)}$$

If the normal vector  $\mathbf{N}$  is continuous and non-zero over all of the surface  $S$ , then the surface is said to be **smooth**.

### Example 2.4.3

A sphere is smooth.

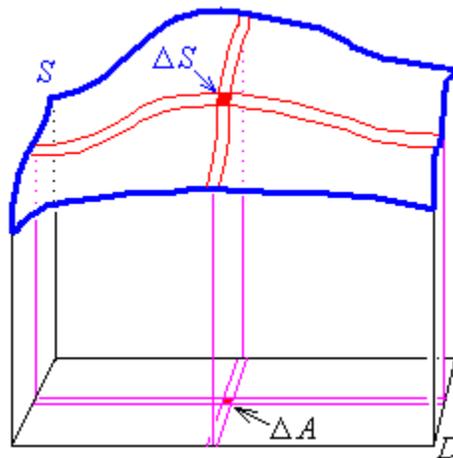
A cube is **piecewise smooth** (six smooth faces)

A cone is **not smooth** ( $\bar{\mathbf{N}}$  is undefined at the apex)

### Surface Integrals (Projection Method)

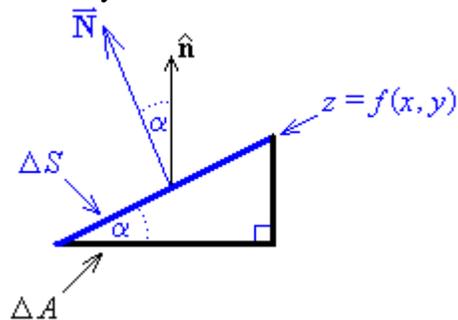
This method is suitable mostly for surfaces which can be expressed easily in the Cartesian form  $z = f(x, y)$ .

The plane region  $D$  is the projection of the surface  $S : f(\mathbf{r}) = c$  onto a plane (usually the  $xy$ -plane) in a 1:1 manner.



The plane containing  $D$  has a constant unit normal  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ .

$\bar{\mathbf{N}}$  is any non-zero normal vector to the surface  $S$ .



$$\Delta A = \Delta S \cos \alpha$$

but

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{|\bar{\mathbf{N}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}|}{|\bar{\mathbf{N}}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \iint_S dS = \iint_D \frac{|\bar{\mathbf{N}}|}{|\bar{\mathbf{N}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}|} dA$$

and

$$\iint_S g(\bar{\mathbf{r}}) dS = \iint_D g(\bar{\mathbf{r}}) \frac{|\bar{\mathbf{N}}|}{|\bar{\mathbf{N}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}|} dA$$

For  $z = f(x, y)$  and  $D$  = a region of the  $xy$ -plane,

$$\bar{\mathbf{N}} = \left\langle -\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, -\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}, 1 \right\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\bar{\mathbf{N}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}| = 1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\boxed{\iint_S g(\bar{\mathbf{r}}) dS = \iint_D g(\bar{\mathbf{r}}) \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)^2 + 1} dA}$$

which is the projection method of integration of  $g(x, y, z)$  over the surface  $z = f(x, y)$ .

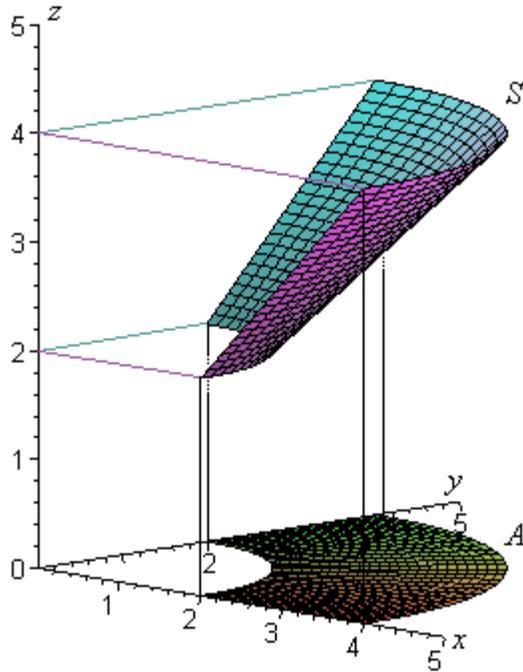
Advantage: Region  $D$  can be geometrically simple (often a rectangle in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ).

Disadvantage: Finding a suitable  $D$  (and/or a suitable 1:1 projection) can be difficult.

You may have to split the surface into pieces (such as splitting a sphere into two hemispheres) in order to obtain separate 1:1 projections. The projection fails if part of the surface is vertical (such as a vertical cylinder onto the  $xy$  plane).

Example 2.4.4

Evaluate  $\iint_S z \, dS$ , where the surface  $S$  is the section of the cone  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$  in the first octant, between  $z = 2$  and  $z = 4$ .



$$z^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x + 0$$

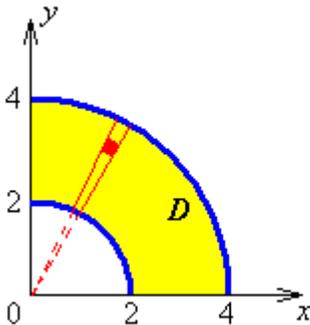
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{z} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

By symmetry,

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

$$dS = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)^2 + 1} \, dA = \sqrt{\left(\frac{x^2}{z^2}\right) + \left(\frac{y^2}{z^2}\right) + 1} \, dA = \sqrt{\left(\frac{z^2}{z^2}\right) + 1} \, dA = \sqrt{2} \, dA$$

Use the polar form for  $dA$  :



$$dA = r \, dr \, d\theta, \quad 2 \leq r \leq 4, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = z$$

$$\Rightarrow \iint_S z \, dS = \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_2^4 r\sqrt{2} \, r \, dr \, d\theta$$

Example 2.4.4 (continued)

$$\Rightarrow \iint_S z \, dS = \sqrt{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} 1 \, d\theta \cdot \int_2^4 r^2 \, dr = \sqrt{2} \left[ \theta \right]_0^{\pi/2} \left[ \frac{r^3}{3} \right]_2^4$$

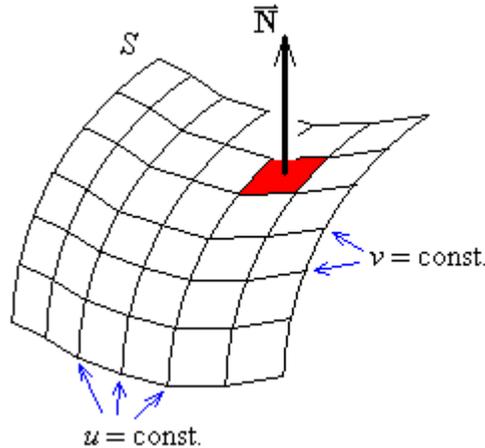
$$= \sqrt{2} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right) \left( \frac{64}{3} - \frac{8}{3} \right) = \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{56}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \iint_S z \, dS = \underline{\underline{\frac{28\pi\sqrt{2}}{3}}}$$

## 2.5 Surface Integrals - Surface Method

When a surface  $S$  is defined in a vector parametric form  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(u, v)$ , one can lay a coordinate grid  $(u, v)$  down on the surface  $S$ .

A normal vector everywhere on  $S$  is  $\bar{\mathbf{N}} = \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial v}$ .



$$dS = |\mathbf{d}\bar{\mathbf{S}}| = |\bar{\mathbf{N}}| du dv$$

$$\iint_S g(\bar{\mathbf{r}}) dS = \iint_S g(\bar{\mathbf{r}}) \left| \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial v} \right| du dv$$

Advantage:

- only one integral to evaluate

Disadvantage:

- it is often difficult to find optimal parameters  $(u, v)$ .

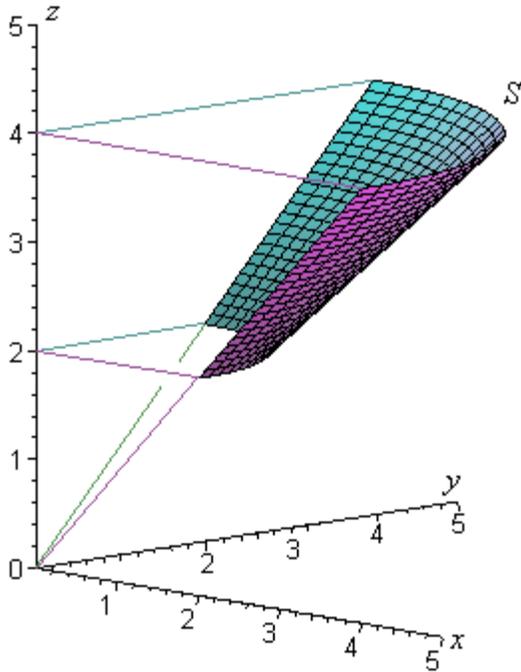
The total flux of a vector field  $\bar{\mathbf{F}}$  through a surface  $S$  is

$$\Phi = \iint_S \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \mathbf{d}\bar{\mathbf{S}} = \iint_S \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{N}} dS = \iint_S \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial v} du dv$$

(which involves the scalar triple product  $\bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial v}$ ).

Example 2.5.1: (same as Example 2.4.4, but using the surface method).

Evaluate  $\iint_S z \, dS$ , where the surface  $S$  is the section of the cone  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$  in the first octant, between  $z = 2$  and  $z = 4$ .



Choose a convenient parametric net:

$$u = r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = z$$

and

$$v = \theta$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{r}} &= \langle r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, r \rangle \\ &\quad \left( 2 \leq r \leq 4, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial r} = \langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta, 1 \rangle$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \theta} = \langle -r \sin \theta, r \cos \theta, 0 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{N}} = \pm \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 1 \\ -r \sin \theta & r \cos \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \pm \langle -r \cos \theta, -r \sin \theta, r \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow N = |\bar{\mathbf{N}}| = r \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta + 1} = r\sqrt{2}$$

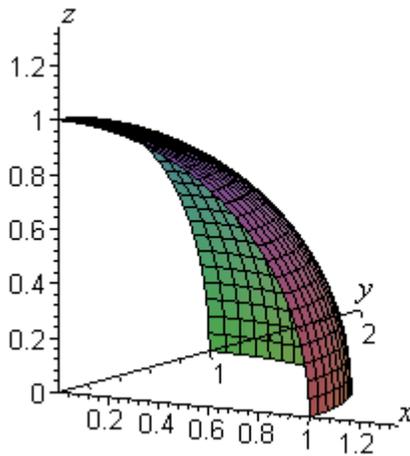
$$\Rightarrow \iint_S z \, dS = \iint_S z N \, dr \, d\theta = \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_2^4 r\sqrt{2} \, r \, dr \, d\theta \quad (\text{as before})$$

$$\Rightarrow \iint_S z \, dS = \underline{\underline{\frac{28\pi\sqrt{2}}{3}}}$$

Just as we used line integrals to find the mass and centre of mass of [one dimensional] wires, so we can use surface integrals to find the mass and centre of mass of [two dimensional] sheets.

### Example 2.5.2

Find the centre of mass of the part of the unit sphere (of constant surface density) that lies in the first octant.



Cartesian equation of the sphere:

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1; \quad x > 0, \quad y > 0, \quad z > 0$$

The radius of the sphere is  $r = 1$ .

For the parametric net, use the two angular coordinates of the spherical polar coordinate system  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sin \theta \cos \phi & 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ y &= \sin \theta \sin \phi & 0 < \phi < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ z &= \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \theta} = \langle \cos \theta \cos \phi, \cos \theta \sin \phi, -\sin \theta \rangle$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \phi} = \langle -\sin \theta \sin \phi, \sin \theta \cos \phi, 0 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{N}} = \pm \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta \sin \phi & \sin \theta \cos \phi & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \pm \langle \sin^2 \theta \cos \phi, \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi, \sin \theta \cos \theta (\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi) \rangle$$

$$= \pm \sin \theta \langle \sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta \rangle = \pm \sin \theta \bar{\mathbf{r}}$$

The outward normal is clearly  $\bar{\mathbf{N}} = +\sin \theta \bar{\mathbf{r}}$

$$\Rightarrow N = |\bar{\mathbf{N}}| = |\sin \theta| |\bar{\mathbf{r}}| = \sin \theta$$

Example 2.5.2 (continued)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Mass: } m &= \iint_S \rho \, dS = \iint_S \rho |\bar{\mathbf{N}}| \, d\theta \, d\phi \\
 &= \rho \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi \\
 &= \rho \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \theta \, d\theta \cdot \int_0^{\pi/2} d\phi = \rho [-\cos \theta]_0^{\pi/2} \cdot [\phi]_0^{\pi/2} \\
 &= \rho (0+1) \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{\rho\pi}{2}$$

**OR**

Note that the mass of a complete spherical shell of radius  $r$  and constant density  $\rho$  is  $4\pi r^2 \rho$ . Therefore the mass of one eighth of a shell of radius 1 is  $\frac{4\rho\pi}{8} = \frac{\rho\pi}{2}$ .

By symmetry, the three Cartesian coordinates of the centre of mass are all equal:  
 $\bar{x} = \bar{y} = \bar{z}$ .

Taking moments about the  $xy$  plane:

$$\begin{aligned}
 M &= \iint_S z \rho \, dS = \rho \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\pi/2} (\cos \theta) \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi \\
 &= \rho \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \, d\theta \cdot \int_0^{\pi/2} d\phi = \rho \left[ -\frac{\cos 2\theta}{4} \right]_0^{\pi/2} \cdot [\phi]_0^{\pi/2} \\
 &= \rho \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi\rho}{2} = \frac{1}{2} m
 \end{aligned}$$

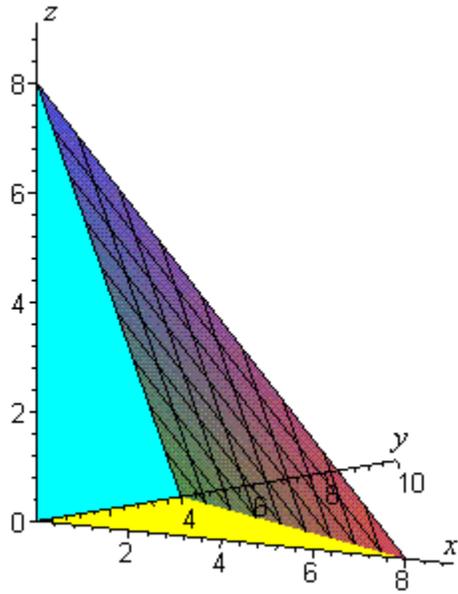
$$\Rightarrow \bar{z} = \frac{M}{m} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore the centre of mass is at

$$(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}) = \underline{\underline{\left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right)}}$$

Example 2.5.3

Find the flux of the field  $\vec{F} = \langle x, y, -z \rangle$  across that part of  $x + 2y + z = 8$  that lies in the first octant.



The Cartesian coordinates  $x, y$  will serve as parameters for the surface:

$$\vec{r} = \langle x, y, 8 - x - 2y \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial x} = \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial y} = \langle 0, 1, -2 \rangle$$

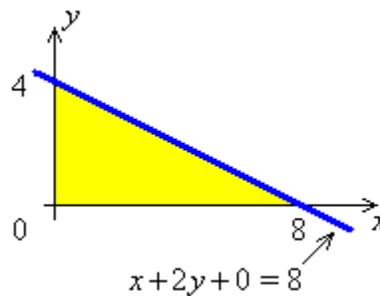
$$\Rightarrow \vec{N} = \pm \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = \pm \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle$$

Choose  $\vec{N}$  to point “outwards”.

$$\vec{N} = \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle$$

Range of parameter values:

In the  $xy$  plane:



$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq x \leq 8 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq y \leq 4$$

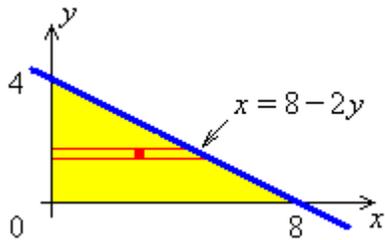
But the area is a triangle, *not* a rectangle, so these inequalities do not provide the correct limits for the inner integral.

Example 2.5.3 (continued)

$$\text{Net flux} = \Phi = \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_S F_N dS = \iint_S (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{N})(|\vec{N}| dA) = \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} dA$$

(where  $dA = dx dy$ )

$$\vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} = \langle x, y, -(8-x-2y) \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle = x + 2y - 8 + x + 2y = 2(x + 2y - 4)$$



$$\Rightarrow \Phi = \int_0^4 \int_0^{8-2y} 2(x+2y-4) dx dy$$

$$= 2 \int_0^4 \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} + 2xy - 4x \right]_{x=0}^{8-2y} dy$$

$$= 2 \int_0^4 \left( \left( \frac{(8-2y)^2}{2} + 2(8-2y)y - 4(8-2y) \right) - (0+0+0) \right) dy$$

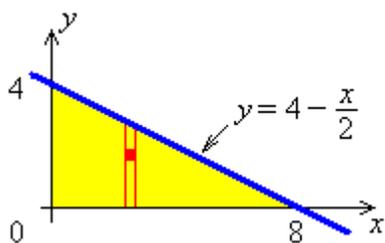
$$= 2 \int_0^4 (32 - 16y + 2y^2 + 16y - 4y^2 - 32 + 8y) dy$$

$$= 4 \int_0^4 (4y - y^2) dy = 4 \left[ 2y^2 - \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_0^4 = 4 \left( \left( 32 - \frac{64}{3} \right) - (0-0) \right)$$

Therefore the net flux is

$$\Phi = \underline{\underline{\frac{128}{3}}}$$

The iteration could be taken in the other order:



$$\Phi = \int_0^8 \int_0^{4-x/2} 2(x+2y-4) dy dx$$

$$= 2 \int_0^8 \left[ xy + xy^2 - 4y \right]_{y=0}^{4-x/2} dx$$

$$= \dots = \int_0^8 \left( 4x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 \right) dx = \dots = \frac{128}{3}$$

Example 2.5.4

Find the total flux  $\Phi$  of the vector field  $\vec{F} = z\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  through the simple closed surface  $S$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

Use the parametric grid  $(\theta, \phi)$ , such that the displacement vector to any point on the ellipsoid is

$$\vec{r} = \langle a \sin \theta \cos \phi, b \sin \theta \sin \phi, c \cos \theta \rangle$$

This grid is a generalisation of the spherical polar coordinate grid and covers the entire surface of the ellipsoid for  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ ,  $0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$ .

One can verify that  $x = a \sin \theta \cos \phi$ ,  $y = b \sin \theta \sin \phi$ ,  $z = c \cos \theta$  does lie on the ellipsoid

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 \quad \text{for all values of } (\theta, \phi):$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} &= \frac{a^2 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi}{a^2} + \frac{b^2 \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi}{b^2} + \frac{c^2 \cos^2 \theta}{c^2} \\ &= \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \theta = \sin^2 \theta (\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi) + \cos^2 \theta \\ &= \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \quad \forall \theta \text{ and } \forall \phi \end{aligned}$$

The tangent vectors along the coordinate curves  $\phi = \text{constant}$  and  $\theta = \text{constant}$  are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\theta} &= \langle a \cos \theta \cos \phi, b \cos \theta \sin \phi, -c \sin \theta \rangle \quad \text{and} \\ \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\phi} &= \langle -a \sin \theta \sin \phi, b \sin \theta \cos \phi, 0 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The normal vector at every point on the ellipsoid follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{N} &= \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\theta} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\phi} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ a \cos \theta \cos \phi & b \cos \theta \sin \phi & -c \sin \theta \\ -a \sin \theta \sin \phi & b \sin \theta \cos \phi & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \langle bc \sin^2 \theta \cos \phi, ac \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi, ab \sin \theta \cos \theta (\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

(and this vector points away from the origin).

Example 2.5.4 (continued)

On the ellipsoid,  $\vec{F} = z\hat{\mathbf{k}} = c \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{k}}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} = c \cos \theta (ab \sin \theta \cos \theta) = abc \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta$$

The total flux of  $\vec{F}$  through the surface  $S$  is therefore

$$\Phi = \oiint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \vec{F} \cdot \vec{N} \, d\theta \, d\phi = abc \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi$$

Let  $u = \cos \theta$ , then  $du = -\sin \theta \, d\theta$  and  $\theta = 0 \Rightarrow u = +1$ ,  $\theta = \pi \Rightarrow u = -1$

$$\Rightarrow \oiint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = abc \int_0^{2\pi} 1 \, d\phi \cdot \int_{+1}^{-1} -u^2 \, du = abc \left[ \phi \right]_0^{2\pi} \left[ \frac{-u^3}{3} \right]_{+1}^{-1}$$

$$= abc(2\pi - 0) \left( +\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Phi = \underline{\underline{\frac{4\pi abc}{3}}}$$

For vector fields  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r})$ ,

Line integral:  $\int_C \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{r}}$

Surface integral:

$$\iint_S \vec{\mathbf{F}}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{S}} = \iint_S \vec{\mathbf{F}}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{N}} dS = \iint_S \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{N}} du dv = \pm \iint_S \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial v} du dv$$

On a closed surface, take the sign such that  $\hat{\mathbf{N}}$  points **outward**.

### Some Common Parametric Nets

- 1) The circular plate  $(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 \leq a^2$  in the plane  $z = z_0$ .

Let the parameters be  $r, \theta$  where  $0 < r \leq a$ ,  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$

$$x = x_0 + r \cos \theta, \quad y = y_0 + r \sin \theta, \quad z = z_0$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{N}} = \pm \left( \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial r} \times \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \theta} \right) = \pm \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ -r \sin \theta & r \cos \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \pm r \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

- 2) The circular cylinder  $(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 = a^2$  with  $z_0 \leq z \leq z_1$ .

Let the parameters be  $z, \theta$  where  $z_0 \leq z \leq z_1$ ,  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$

$$x = a \cos \theta, \quad y = a \sin \theta, \quad z = z$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{N}} = \pm \left( \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial z} \times \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \theta} \right) = \pm \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -a \sin \theta & a \cos \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \pm (-a \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{i}} - a \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{j}})$$

Outward normal:  $\vec{\mathbf{N}} = a \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{i}} + a \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{j}}$

- 3) The frustum of the circular cone  $w - w_0 = a \sqrt{(u - u_0)^2 + (v - v_0)^2}$  where

$w_1 \leq w \leq w_2$  and  $w_0 \leq w_1$ . Let the parameters here be  $r, \theta$  where

$$\frac{w_1 - w_0}{a} \leq r \leq \frac{w_2 - w_0}{a}, \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$$

$$x = u = u_0 + r \cos \theta, \quad y = v = v_0 + r \sin \theta, \quad z = w = w_0 + ar$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\mathbf{N}} &= \pm \left( \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial r} \times \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \theta} \right) = \pm \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \cos \theta & \sin \theta & a \\ -r \sin \theta & r \cos \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \pm [(-ar \cos \theta) \hat{\mathbf{i}} + (-ar \sin \theta) \hat{\mathbf{j}} + r \hat{\mathbf{k}}] \end{aligned}$$

Outward normal:  $\vec{\mathbf{N}} = ar \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{i}} + ar \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{j}} - r \hat{\mathbf{k}}$

- 4) The portion of the
- elliptic paraboloid

$$z - z_0 = a^2(x - x_0)^2 + b^2(y - y_0)^2 \quad \text{with} \quad z_0 \leq z_1 \leq z \leq z_2$$

Let the parameters here be  $r, \theta$  where

$$\sqrt{\frac{z_1 - z_0}{a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 \sin^2 \theta}} \leq r \leq \sqrt{\frac{z_2 - z_0}{a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 \sin^2 \theta}}, \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$$

$$x = x_0 + r \cos \theta, \quad y = y_0 + r \sin \theta, \quad z = z_0 + r^2(a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{N}} &= \pm \left( \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial r} \times \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \theta} \right) = \pm \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 2r(a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 \sin^2 \theta) \\ -r \sin \theta & r \cos \theta & 2r^2(b^2 - a^2) \sin \theta \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \pm \left[ (-2a^2 r^2 \cos \theta) \hat{\mathbf{i}} + (-2b^2 r^2 \sin \theta) \hat{\mathbf{j}} + r \hat{\mathbf{k}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Outward normal: } \bar{\mathbf{N}} = (2a^2 r^2 \cos \theta) \hat{\mathbf{i}} + (2b^2 r^2 \sin \theta) \hat{\mathbf{j}} - r \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

- 5) The
- surface of the sphere
- $(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^2 = a^2$
- .

Let the parameters here be  $\theta, \phi$  where  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi, \quad 0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$

$$x = x_0 + a \sin \theta \cos \phi, \quad y = y_0 + a \sin \theta \sin \phi, \quad z = z_0 + a \cos \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{N}} &= \pm \left( \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \theta} \times \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \phi} \right) = \pm \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ a \cos \theta \cos \phi & a \cos \theta \sin \phi & -a \sin \theta \\ -a \sin \theta \sin \phi & a \sin \theta \cos \phi & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \pm a^2 \sin \theta \left[ (\sin \theta \cos \phi) \hat{\mathbf{i}} + (\sin \theta \sin \phi) \hat{\mathbf{j}} + (\cos \theta) \hat{\mathbf{k}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Outward normal: } \bar{\mathbf{N}} = a^2 \sin \theta \left[ (\sin \theta \cos \phi) \hat{\mathbf{i}} + (\sin \theta \sin \phi) \hat{\mathbf{j}} + (\cos \theta) \hat{\mathbf{k}} \right]$$

- 6) The part of the
- plane
- $A(x - x_0) + B(y - y_0) + C(z - z_0) = 0$
- in the first octant with
- $A, B, C > 0$
- and
- $Ax_0 + By_0 + Cz_0 > 0$
- .

Let the parameters be  $x, y$  where

$$0 \leq x \leq \frac{Ax_0 + By_0 + Cz_0 - By}{A}; \quad 0 \leq y \leq \frac{Ax_0 + By_0 + Cz_0}{B}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{N}} = \pm \left( \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial x} \times \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial y} \right) = \pm \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ 1 & 0 & -A/C \\ 0 & 1 & -B/C \end{vmatrix} = \pm \left[ \frac{A}{C} \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{B}{C} \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}} \right]$$

## 2.6 Theorems of Gauss and Stokes; Potential Functions

### Gauss' Divergence Theorem

Let  $S$  be a piecewise-smooth closed surface enclosing a volume  $V$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a vector field. Then

the net flux of  $\mathbf{F}$  out of  $V$  is  $\oiint_S \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{S}} = \oiint_S F_N dS$ .

But the divergence of  $\mathbf{F}$  is a flux density, or an “outflow per unit volume” at a point. Integrating  $\text{div } \mathbf{F}$  over the entire enclosed volume must match the net flux out through the boundary  $S$  of the volume  $V$ . **Gauss' divergence theorem** then follows:

$$\oiint_S \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{S}} = \iiint_V \bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{F}} dV$$

Example 2.6.1 (Example 2.5.4 repeated)

Find the total flux  $\Phi$  of the vector field  $\bar{\mathbf{F}} = z\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  through the simple closed surface  $S$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

Use Gauss' Divergence Theorem:  $\oiint_S \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{S}} = \iiint_V \text{div } \bar{\mathbf{F}} dV$

$\bar{\mathbf{F}}$  is differentiable everywhere in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , so Gauss' divergence theorem is valid.

$$\text{div } \bar{\mathbf{F}} = \bar{\nabla} \cdot (z\hat{\mathbf{k}}) = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right\rangle \cdot \langle 0, 0, z \rangle = 0 + 0 + 1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \iiint_V \text{div } \bar{\mathbf{F}} dV = \iiint_V 1 dV = V = \frac{4\pi abc}{3} \quad \text{– the volume of the ellipsoid !}$$

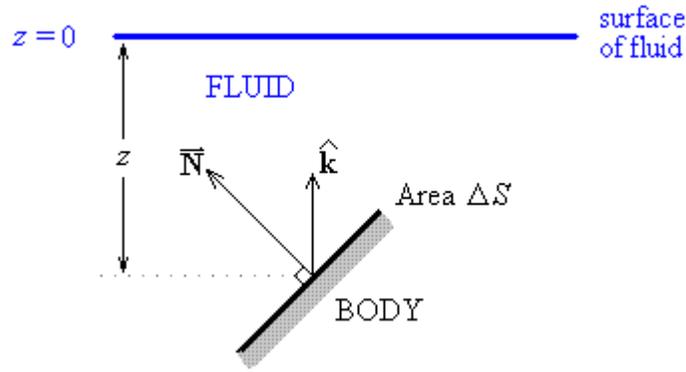
Therefore

$$\Phi = \oiint_S \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{S}} = \frac{4\pi abc}{3}$$

In fact, the flux of  $\bar{\mathbf{F}} = z\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  through *any* simple closed surface is just the volume enclosed by that surface.

### Example 2.6.2 Archimedes' Principle

Gauss' divergence theorem may be used to derive Archimedes' principle for the buoyant force on a body totally immersed in a fluid of constant density  $\rho$  (independent of depth). Examine an elementary section of the surface  $S$  of the immersed body, at a depth  $z < 0$  below the surface of the fluid:



The pressure at any depth  $z$  is the weight of fluid per unit area from the column of fluid above that area. Therefore

$$\text{pressure} = p = -\rho g z \quad \begin{array}{l} \rho g \text{ is the weight of the column} \\ -z \text{ is the height of the column (note } z < 0\text{)}. \end{array}$$

The normal vector  $\vec{N}$  to  $S$  is directed outward, but the hydrostatic force on the surface (due to the pressure  $p$ ) acts inward. The element of hydrostatic force on  $\Delta S$  is

$$(\text{pressure}) \times (\text{area}) \times (\text{direction}) = (-\rho g z)(\Delta S)(-\hat{N}) = (+\rho g z \Delta S) \hat{N}$$

The element of buoyant force on  $\Delta S$  is the component of the hydrostatic force in the direction of  $\mathbf{k}$  (vertically upwards):

$$(+\rho g z \Delta S \hat{N}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

Define  $\vec{F} = \rho g z \hat{\mathbf{k}}$  and  $d\vec{S} = \hat{N} dS$ .

Summing over all such elements  $\Delta S$ , the total buoyant force on the immersed object is

$$\oiint_S \rho g z \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \hat{N} dS = \oiint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} dV \quad (\text{by the Gauss Divergence Theorem})$$

Example 2.6.2 Archimedes' Principle (continued)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \iiint_V \nabla \cdot (\rho g z \hat{\mathbf{k}}) dV = \iiint_V \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right\rangle \cdot \langle 0, 0, \rho g z \rangle dV \\ &= \iiint_V \rho g dV \quad \left( \text{provided } \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho g) \equiv 0 \right) \\ &= \text{weight of fluid displaced} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the total buoyant force on an object fully immersed in a fluid equals the weight of the fluid displaced by the immersed object (Archimedes' principle).

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### Gauss' Law

A point charge  $q$  at the origin  $O$  generates an electric field

$$\vec{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon r^3} \vec{r} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \hat{r}$$

If  $S$  is a smooth simple closed surface **not** enclosing the charge, then the total flux through  $S$  is

$$\oiint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} dV \quad (\text{Gauss' divergence theorem})$$

But Example 1.4.1 showed that  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{r^3} \vec{r} \right) = 0 \quad \forall r \neq 0$ .

Therefore  $\oiint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$ .

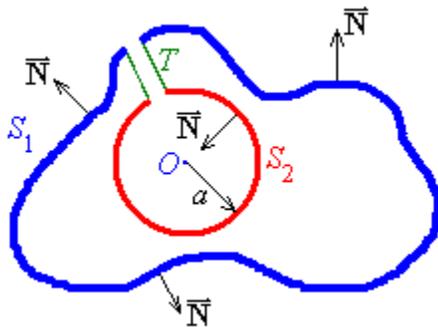
There is no net outflow of electric flux through any closed surface **not** enclosing the source of the electrostatic field.

If  $S$  does enclose the charge, then one cannot use Gauss' divergence theorem, because

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}$  is undefined at the origin.

Remedy:

Construct a surface  $S_1$  identical to  $S$  except for a small hole cut where a narrow tube  $T$  connects it to another surface  $S_2$ , a sphere of radius  $a$  centre  $O$  and entirely inside  $S$ . Let  $S^* = S_1 \cup T \cup S_2$  (which is a simple closed surface), then  $O$  is **outside**  $S^*$  !



Applying Gauss' divergence theorem to  $S^*$ ,

$$\oiint_{S^*} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iiint_{V^*} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} dV = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \iint_{S_1} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_T \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_{S_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$$

**Gauss' Law** (continued)

As the tube  $T$  approaches zero thickness,

$$\iint_T \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and therefore} \quad \iint_{S_1} \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow -\iint_{S_2} \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{S}}$$

But  $S_2$  is a sphere, centre  $O$ , radius  $a$ .

Using parameters  $(\theta, \phi)$  on the sphere,

$$\vec{\mathbf{r}} = a \langle \sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta \rangle$$

Finding  $\frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \theta}, \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \phi}$  as before leads to  $\vec{\mathbf{N}} = \pm a \sin \theta \vec{\mathbf{r}}$ .

But the “outward normal” to  $S_2$  actually points *towards*  $O$ .

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\mathbf{N}} = -a \sin \theta \vec{\mathbf{r}} \quad \text{on the sphere } S_2$$

and  $\vec{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon a^3} \vec{\mathbf{r}}$  everywhere on  $S_2$ .

$$\text{Also } \vec{\mathbf{r}} = a \hat{\mathbf{r}} \Rightarrow \vec{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{r}} = a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{N}} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon a^3} \vec{\mathbf{r}} \cdot (-a \sin \theta \vec{\mathbf{r}}) = \frac{-q \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon a^2} \vec{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{-q \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon}$$

Recall that  $d\vec{\mathbf{S}} = \hat{\mathbf{N}} dS = \hat{\mathbf{N}} N d\theta d\phi = \vec{\mathbf{N}} d\theta d\phi$

$$\iint_{S_2} \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{S}} = \iint_{S_2} \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{N}} d\theta d\phi = \frac{-q}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$= \frac{-q}{4\pi\epsilon} [-\cos \theta]_0^\pi \cdot [\phi]_0^{2\pi} = \frac{-q}{4\pi\epsilon} (+1+1)(2\pi-0) = -\frac{q}{\epsilon}$$

$$\Rightarrow \iint_{S_1} \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{S}} = -\iint_{S_2} \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{S}} = +\frac{q}{\epsilon}$$

**Gauss' Law** (continued)

But, as  $a \rightarrow 0$  ( $\Rightarrow S_2 \rightarrow O$ ),  $S_1 \rightarrow S$

The surface  $S_1$  looks more and more like the surface  $S$  as the tube  $T$  collapses to a line and the sphere  $S_2$  collapses into a point at the origin. Gauss' law then follows.

**Gauss' law** for the net flux through any smooth simple closed surface  $S$ , in the presence of a point charge  $q$  at the origin, then follows:

$$\oiint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \begin{cases} \frac{q}{\epsilon} & \text{if } S \text{ encloses } O \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Example 2.6.3 Poisson's Equation**

The exact location of the enclosed charge is immaterial, provided it is somewhere inside the volume  $V$  enclosed by the surface  $S$ . The charge therefore does not need to be a concentrated point charge, but can be spread out within the enclosed volume  $V$ . Let the charge density be  $\rho(x, y, z)$ , then the total charge enclosed by  $S$  is

$$q = \iiint_V \rho \, dV$$

$$\text{Gauss' law} \Rightarrow \oiint_S \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{S}} = \frac{q}{\epsilon}$$

Apply Gauss' divergence theorem to the left hand side, substitute for  $q$  on the right hand side and assume that the permittivity  $\epsilon$  is constant throughout the volume:

$$\Rightarrow \iiint_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{E}} \, dV = \iiint_V \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \, dV$$

$$\Rightarrow \iiint_V \left( \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{E}} - \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \right) dV = 0 \quad \forall V$$

This identity will hold for all volumes  $V$  only if the integrand is zero everywhere.

Poisson's equation then follows:

$$\boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon}}$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = -\vec{\nabla}V \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla}V = \nabla^2V \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\nabla^2V = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}}$$

This reduces to Laplace's equation  $\nabla^2V = 0$  when  $\rho = 0$ .

**Stokes' Theorem**

Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a vector field acting parallel to the  $xy$ -plane. Represent its Cartesian components by  $\bar{\mathbf{F}} = f_1 \hat{\mathbf{i}} + f_2 \hat{\mathbf{j}} = \langle f_1, f_2, 0 \rangle$ . Then

$$\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathbf{F}} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ f_1 & f_2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow (\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathbf{F}}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y}$$

Green's theorem can then be expressed in the form

$$\oint_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \iint_D \bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}} \, dA$$

Now let us twist the simple closed curve  $C$  and its enclosed surface out of the  $xy$ -plane, so that the normal vector  $\mathbf{k}$  is replaced by a more general normal vector  $\mathbf{N}$ .

If the surface  $S$  (that is bounded in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by the simple closed curve  $C$ ) can be represented by  $z = f(x, y)$ , then a normal vector at any point on  $S$  is

$$\bar{\mathbf{N}} = \left\langle -\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, -\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}, 1 \right\rangle$$

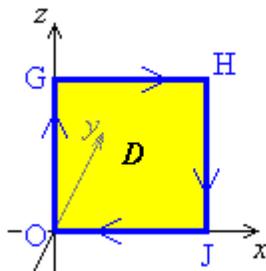
$C$  is oriented coherently with respect to  $S$  if, as one travels along  $C$  with  $\mathbf{N}$  pointing from one's feet to one's head,  $S$  is always on one's left side. The resulting generalization of Green's theorem is **Stokes' theorem**:

$$\boxed{\oint_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \iint_S \bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{N}} \, dS = \iint_S (\text{curl } \bar{\mathbf{F}}) \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{S}}}$$

This can be extended further, to a non-flat surface  $S$  with a non-constant normal vector  $\mathbf{N}$ .

**Example 2.6.4**

Find the circulation of  $\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \langle xyz, xz, e^{xy} \rangle$  around  $C$ : the unit square in the  $xz$ -plane.



Because of the right-hand rule, the positive orientation around the square is OGHJ (the  $y$  axis is directed into the page).

$$\text{In the } xz \text{ plane } y = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{F}} = \langle 0, xz, 1 \rangle$$

Example 2.6.4 (continued)

Computing the line integral around the four sides of the square:

$$OG: \bar{\mathbf{r}} = \langle 0, 0, t \rangle \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{r}}}{dt} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$\text{and } \bar{\mathbf{F}} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{r}}}{dt} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{OG} \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \int_0^1 1 dt = [t]_0^1 = 1 - 0 = 1$$

In a similar way (Problem Set 6 Question 6), it can be shown that

$$\int_{GH} \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = 0, \quad \int_{HI} \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{JO} \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \oint_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = 1 + 0 - 1 + 0 = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

**OR** use Stokes' theorem:

$$\text{On } D \quad \bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathbf{F}} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 0 & xz & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \langle -x, 0, z \rangle$$

$$d\bar{\mathbf{A}} = \hat{\mathbf{j}} dA$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{A}} = \langle -x, 0, z \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle dA = 0 dA$$

$$\Rightarrow \iint_D \bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{A}} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \oint_C \bar{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

Note that this vector field  $\bar{\mathbf{F}}$  is *not* conservative, because  $\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathbf{F}} \neq 0$ .

**Domain**

A region  $\Omega$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a **domain** if and only if

- 1) For all points  $P_0$  in  $\Omega$ , there exists a sphere, centre  $P_0$ , all of whose interior points are inside  $\Omega$ ; and
- 2) For all points  $P_0$  and  $P_1$  in  $\Omega$ , there exists a piecewise smooth curve  $C$ , entirely in  $\Omega$ , from  $P_0$  to  $P_1$ .

A domain is **simply connected** if it “has no holes”.

Example 2.6.5 Are these regions simply-connected domains?

The interior of a sphere. YES

The interior of a torus. NO

The first octant. YES

On a simply-connected domain the following statements are either all true or all false:

- $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative.
- $\mathbf{F} \equiv \nabla\phi$
- $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} \equiv \mathbf{0}$
- $\int_C \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{r}} = \phi(P_{\text{end}}) - \phi(P_{\text{start}})$  - independent of the path between the two points.
- $\oint_C \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{r}} = 0 \quad \forall C \subset \Omega$

Example 2.6.6

Find a potential function  $\phi(x, y, z)$  for the vector field  $\vec{\mathbf{F}} = \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle$ .

First, check that a potential function exists at all:

$$\text{curl } \vec{\mathbf{F}} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\mathbf{F}} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 2x & 2y & 2z \end{vmatrix} = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$$

Therefore  $\vec{\mathbf{F}}$  is conservative on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Example 2.6.6 (continued)

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{F}} = \bar{\nabla}\phi = \left\langle \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z} \right\rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} = 2x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi = x^2 + g(y, z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} = 0 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 2y \quad \Rightarrow \quad g(y, z) = y^2 + h(z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = x^2 + y^2 + h(z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z} = 0 + 0 + \frac{dh}{dz} = 2z \quad \Rightarrow \quad h(z) = z^2 + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + c$$

We have a free choice for the value of the arbitrary constant  $c$ . Choose  $c = 0$ , then

$$\underline{\underline{\phi(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2}}$$

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**Maxwell's Equations** (*not* examinable in this course)

We have seen how Gauss' and Stokes' theorems have led to Poisson's equation, relating the electric intensity vector  $\mathbf{E}$  to the electric charge density  $\rho$ :

$$\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$

Where the permittivity is constant, the corresponding equation for the electrical flux density  $\mathbf{D}$  is one of Maxwell's equations:  $\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{D}} = \rho$ .

Another of Maxwell's equations follows from the absence of isolated magnetic charges (no magnetic monopoles):  $\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{H}} = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{B}} = 0$ , where  $\mathbf{H}$  is the magnetic intensity and  $\mathbf{B}$  is the magnetic flux density.

Faraday's law, connecting electric intensity with the rate of change of magnetic flux density, is  $\oint_C \bar{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{r}} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iint_S \bar{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{S}}$ . Applying Stokes' theorem to the left side produces

$$\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathbf{E}} = -\frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t}$$

Ampère's circuital law,  $I = \oint_C \bar{\mathbf{H}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{l}}$ , leads to  $\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathbf{H}} = \bar{\mathbf{J}} + \bar{\mathbf{J}}_d$ , where

the current density is  $\bar{\mathbf{J}} = \sigma \bar{\mathbf{E}} = \rho_V \bar{\mathbf{v}}$ ,  $\sigma$  is the conductivity,  $\rho_V$  is the volume charge density; and the displacement charge density is  $\bar{\mathbf{J}}_d = \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{D}}}{\partial t}$

The fourth Maxwell equation is

$$\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{\mathbf{H}} = \bar{\mathbf{J}} + \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{D}}}{\partial t}$$

The four Maxwell's equations together allow the derivation of the equations of propagating electromagnetic waves.