

Lecture 38, Section 6.8: Divergence Theorem

LAs -> talk to Keith Thompson

Recall the definition of the Divergence:

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z}$$

Final exam: You will not be allowed in after 8:30am

I claimed at the time that this was measuring (Flux out - Flux in) at a point. Let's see why.

Practice quiz (12) posted -> NOT TO BE TAKEN

Solutions posted at the end of today.

Today: Divergence theorem (6.8) for flux integrals

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Homework 38

Office hours: today, Hannah, 1:30-3:30pm, ACS-312 - Friday, François, 9am-10am, ACS-362B

Flux coming out of a small cube centered at the origin.

Final exam in 7 days

Consider a box with sides of length Δx , Δy , and Δz . Let's compute the flux out of faces 1 and 3, with normals given by

$\vec{n}_1 = \langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle$ and $\vec{n}_3 = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$, respectively.

On surface 1, we have the following parametrization: $x = -\Delta x/2, y = y, z = z$.

So $\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} = -F_1(\Delta x/2, y, z)$ and $dA = dy dz$, and the flux is

$$\text{Flux}_1 = \int_{-\Delta z/2}^{\Delta z/2} \int_{-\Delta y/2}^{\Delta y/2} -F_1(-\Delta x/2, y, z) dy dz \approx \Delta z \Delta y - F_1(-\Delta x/2, 0, 0)$$

Similarly, on surface 3, we have the following parametrization: $x = \Delta x/2, y = y, z = z$.

So $\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} = F_1(\Delta x/2, y, z)$ and $dA = dy dz$, and the flux is

$$\text{Flux}_3 = \int_{-\Delta z/2}^{\Delta z/2} \int_{-\Delta y/2}^{\Delta y/2} F_1(\Delta x/2, y, z) dy dz \approx \Delta z \Delta y F_1(\Delta x/2, 0, 0)$$

So that together, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Flux}_1 + \text{Flux}_3 &= \Delta z \Delta y (F_1(\Delta x/2, 0, 0) - F_1(-\Delta x/2, 0, 0)) = \Delta x \Delta z \Delta y \frac{F_1(\Delta x/2, 0, 0) - F_1(-\Delta x/2, 0, 0)}{\Delta x} \\ &\approx \Delta V \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x}(0, 0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

On the other faces of the cube, we find something similar, so over the whole cube, the flux outward is:

$$\text{Flux} = \Delta V \left(\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z} \right) = \Delta V \operatorname{div} \cdot \vec{F}$$

So the divergence of \vec{F} is a local FLUX DENSITY.

This leads us to the divergence theorem:

If \vec{F} is differentiable and S is a smooth, CLOSED surface, then

$$\int \int_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dA = \int \int \int_V \operatorname{div} \vec{F} dV$$

where V is the INTERIOR of S and \hat{n} points outward.

Illustration of the divergence theorem.

Example: $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = (x + x^2 + 1 + y)\vec{i} + (3y - 2xy + 4z)\vec{j} + (z^2 + e^{xy})\vec{k}$. What is the flux out of the sphere of radius 2 centered at the origin?

Flux coming out of a sphere of radius 2 centered at the origin.

We could parametrize S , plug in, integrate. It would be long. OR

$$\int \int_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dA = \int \int \int_V \operatorname{div} \vec{F} dV$$

$\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = 1 + 2x + 3 - 2x + 2z = 4 + 2z$. So the flux is:

$$\int \int \int_{\text{Sphere}} (4 + 2z) dV = 4 \left(\frac{4\pi 2^3}{3} \right) + 0 \text{ by symmetry}$$

So the flux is $128 \pi/3$

Last example: Let S be the surface of a half-sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9, y \leq 0$ and consider a normal pointing away from the sphere. If $\vec{F} = (4x - z^2, (y - 1)^2, \sin y + z)$, what is $\int \int_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dA$?

Using the divergence theorem for a half-sphere

We note that $\text{div } \vec{F} = 2 + 2(y - 1) + 1 = 3 + 2y$, which is nice and simple.

S is not closed, so we can't use the divergence theorem, at least not directly.

We can close the half-sphere though. Let D be the disk $x^2 + z^2 \leq 9, y = 0$. Then $S + D$ is a closed half-sphere. The divergence theorem then says

$$\begin{aligned} \int \int_{S+D} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dA &= \int \int \int_V \text{div } \vec{F} dV \\ &= \int_0^\pi \int_\pi^{2\pi} \int_0^3 (3 + 2\rho \sin \theta \sin \phi) \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\theta \, d\phi \\ &= 3V + \int_0^\pi \int_\pi^{2\pi} \int_0^3 (2\rho^3 \sin \theta \sin^2 \phi) \, d\rho \, d\theta \, d\phi \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \frac{4\pi 3^3}{3} + 2 \frac{3^4}{4} (-\cos \theta) \Big|_\pi^{2\pi} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) \\ &= 54\pi - 81\pi/2 = (27/2)\pi \end{aligned}$$

We are really after is

$$\int \int_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dA = \int \int_{S+D} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dA - \int \int_D \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dA$$

On D we have $\hat{n} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$, and $y = 0$, so we find

$$\int \int_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dA = (27/2)\pi - \int \int_D (y - 1)^2 dA = (27/2)\pi - \int \int_D (-1)^2 dA = (27/2)\pi - 9\pi = (9/2)\pi$$

And that is our FINAL answer.