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Vector fields analysis (review)

Table 3-1: Summary of vector relations.

	Cartesian Coordinates	Cylindrical Coordinates	Spherical Coordinates
Coordinate variables	x, y, z	r, ϕ, z	R, θ, ϕ
Vector representation $\mathbf{A} =$	$\hat{\mathbf{x}}A_x + \hat{\mathbf{y}}A_y + \hat{\mathbf{z}}A_z$	$\hat{\mathbf{r}}A_r + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}A_\phi + \hat{\mathbf{z}}A_z$	$\hat{\mathbf{R}}A_R + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}A_\theta + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}A_\phi$
Magnitude of A $ \mathbf{A} =$	$\sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$	$\sqrt{A_r^2 + A_\phi^2 + A_z^2}$	$\sqrt{A_R^2 + A_\theta^2 + A_\phi^2}$
Position vector $\overrightarrow{OP_1} =$	$\hat{\mathbf{x}}x_1 + \hat{\mathbf{y}}y_1 + \hat{\mathbf{z}}z_1,$ for $P = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$	$\hat{\mathbf{r}}r_1 + \hat{\mathbf{z}}z_1,$ for $P = (r_1, \phi_1, z_1)$	$\hat{\mathbf{R}}R_1,$ for $P = (R_1, \theta_1, \phi_1)$
Base vectors properties	$\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = 1$ $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}} = 0$ $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \times \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ $\hat{\mathbf{y}} \times \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ $\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}$	$\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = 1$ $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} = 0$ $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \times \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}$ $\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$	$\hat{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = 1$ $\hat{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}} = 0$ $\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \times \hat{\mathbf{R}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$
Dot product $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} =$	$A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$	$A_r B_r + A_\phi B_\phi + A_z B_z$	$A_R B_R + A_\theta B_\theta + A_\phi B_\phi$
Cross product $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} =$	$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}} & \hat{\mathbf{y}} & \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{r}} & \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} & \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ A_r & A_\phi & A_z \\ B_r & B_\phi & B_z \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{R}} & \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} & \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \\ A_R & A_\theta & A_\phi \\ B_R & B_\theta & B_\phi \end{vmatrix}$
Differential length $d\mathbf{l} =$	$\hat{\mathbf{x}} dx + \hat{\mathbf{y}} dy + \hat{\mathbf{z}} dz$	$\hat{\mathbf{r}} dr + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} r d\phi + \hat{\mathbf{z}} dz$	$\hat{\mathbf{R}} dR + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} R d\theta + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} R \sin \theta d\phi$
Differential surface areas	$ds_x = \hat{\mathbf{x}} dy dz$ $ds_y = \hat{\mathbf{y}} dx dz$ $ds_z = \hat{\mathbf{z}} dx dy$	$ds_r = \hat{\mathbf{r}} r d\phi dz$ $ds_\phi = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} dr dz$ $ds_z = \hat{\mathbf{z}} r dr d\phi$	$ds_R = \hat{\mathbf{R}} R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$ $ds_\theta = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} R \sin \theta dR d\phi$ $ds_\phi = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} R dR d\theta$
Differential volume $dV =$	$dx dy dz$	$r dr d\phi dz$	$R^2 \sin \theta dR d\theta d\phi$

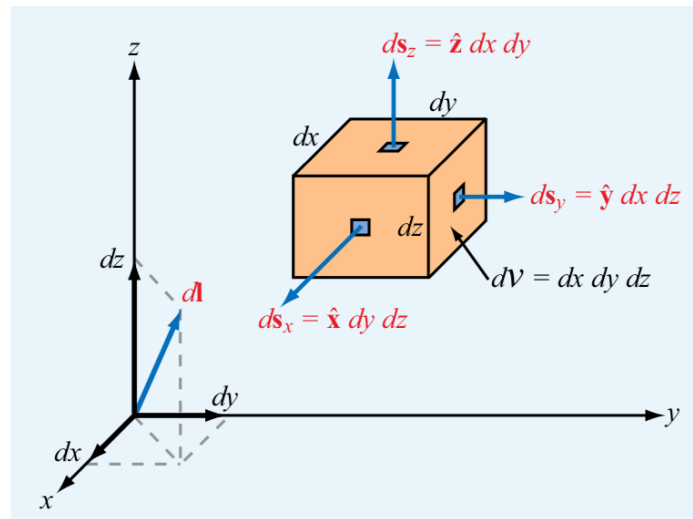
Cartesian Coordinates

Differential length vector: $d\vec{l} = \hat{x}dl_x + \hat{y}dl_y + \hat{z}dl_z = \hat{x}dx + \hat{y}dy + \hat{z}dz$

Differential area vector: $d\vec{S}_x = \hat{x}dl_ydl_z = \hat{x}dydz$ (y-z plane)

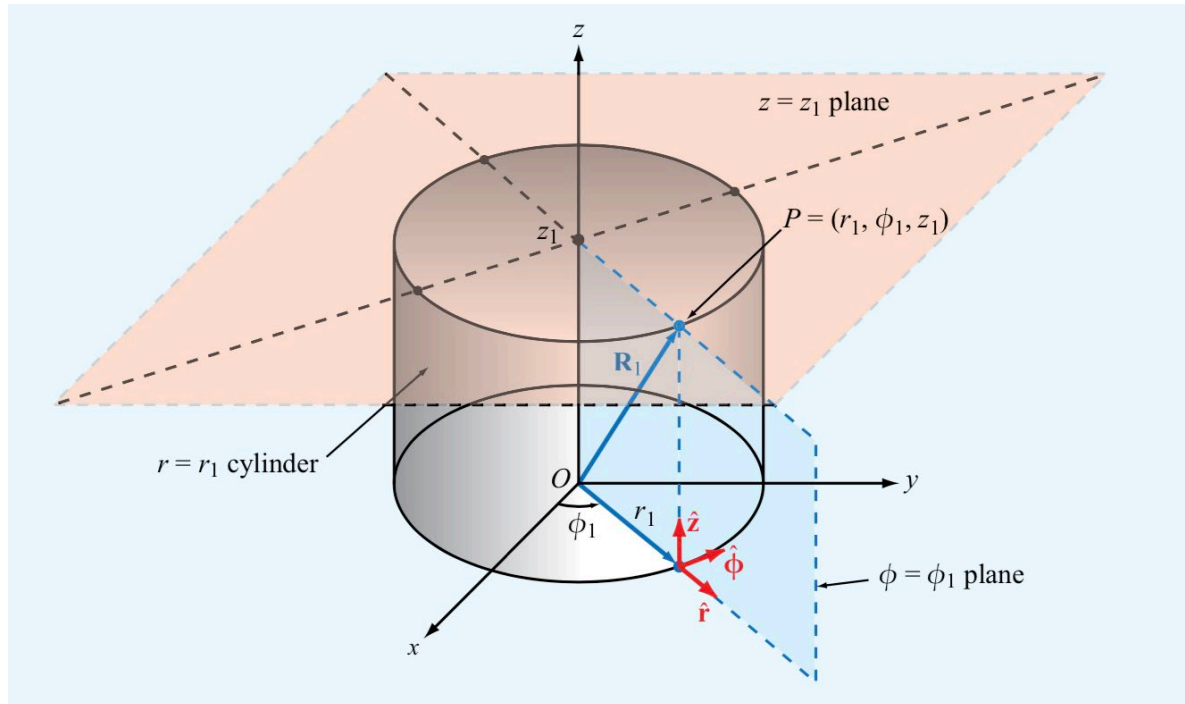
$$d\vec{S}_y = \hat{y}dxdz$$

$$d\vec{S}_z = \hat{z}dxdy$$



Differential volume: $d\mathcal{V} = dxdydz$

Cylindrical Coordinates

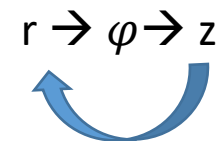


$$0 \leq r < \infty$$

$$0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$$

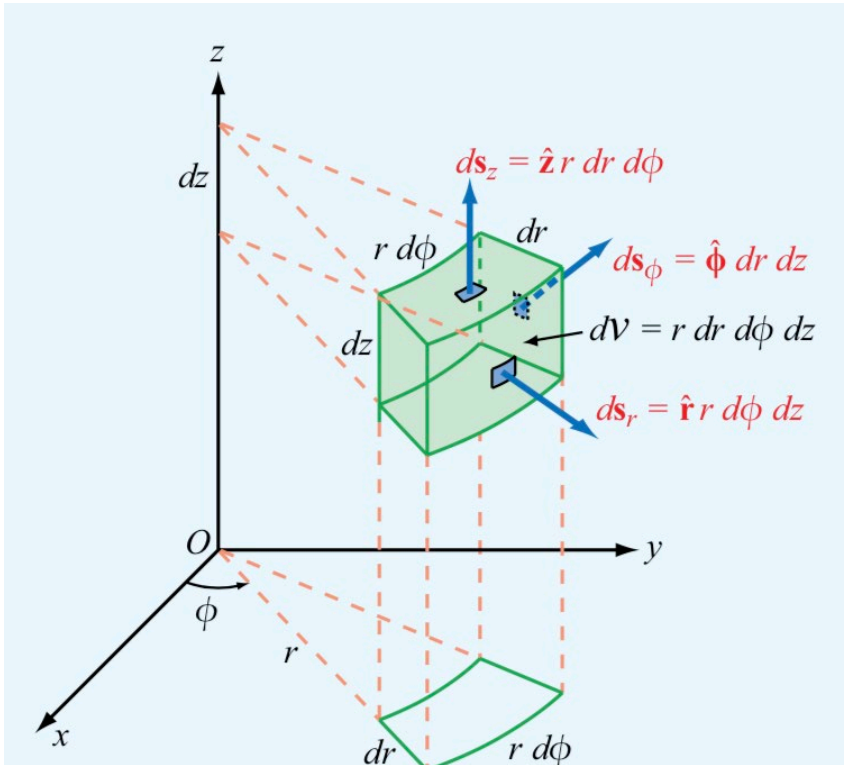
$$-\infty < z < \infty$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \times \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \quad \hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$$



$$\vec{A} = \hat{a}|\vec{A}| = \hat{\mathbf{r}}A_r + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}A_\phi + \hat{\mathbf{z}}A_z$$

Cylindrical Coordinates



Differential Length:

$$dl_r = dr, dl_\phi = r d\phi, dl_z = dz$$

$$d\vec{l} = \hat{r} dl_r + \hat{\phi} dl_\phi + \hat{z} dl_z$$

$$d\vec{l} = \hat{r} dr + \hat{\phi} r d\phi + \hat{z} dz$$

Differential surface area:

$$d\vec{S}_r = \hat{r} dl_\phi dl_z = \hat{r} r d\phi dz \quad (\phi - z \text{ cylindrical surface})$$

$$d\vec{S}_\phi = \hat{\phi} dl_r dl_z = \hat{\phi} dr dz \quad (r - z \text{ plane})$$

$$d\vec{S}_z = \hat{z} dl_r dl_\phi = \hat{z} r dr d\phi \quad (r - \phi \text{ plane})$$

Differential volume: $d\mathcal{V} = dl_r dl_\phi dl_z = r dr d\phi dz$

Spherical Coordinates

$$\hat{R} \times \hat{\theta} = \hat{\phi} \quad \hat{\theta} \times \hat{\phi} = \hat{R} \quad \hat{\phi} \times \hat{R} = \hat{\theta} \quad R \rightarrow \theta \rightarrow \phi$$

$$\vec{A} = \hat{a}|\vec{A}| = \hat{R}A_R + \hat{\theta}A_\theta + \hat{\phi}A_\phi$$

$$0 \leq R < \infty \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi \quad 0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$$

Differential Length:

$$dl_R = dR, dl_\theta = R d\theta, dl_\phi = R \sin\theta d\phi$$

$$d\vec{l} = \hat{R}dl_R + \hat{\theta}dl_\theta + \hat{\phi}dl_\phi$$

$$d\vec{l} = \hat{R}dR + \hat{\theta}Rd\theta + \hat{\phi}R\sin\theta d\phi$$

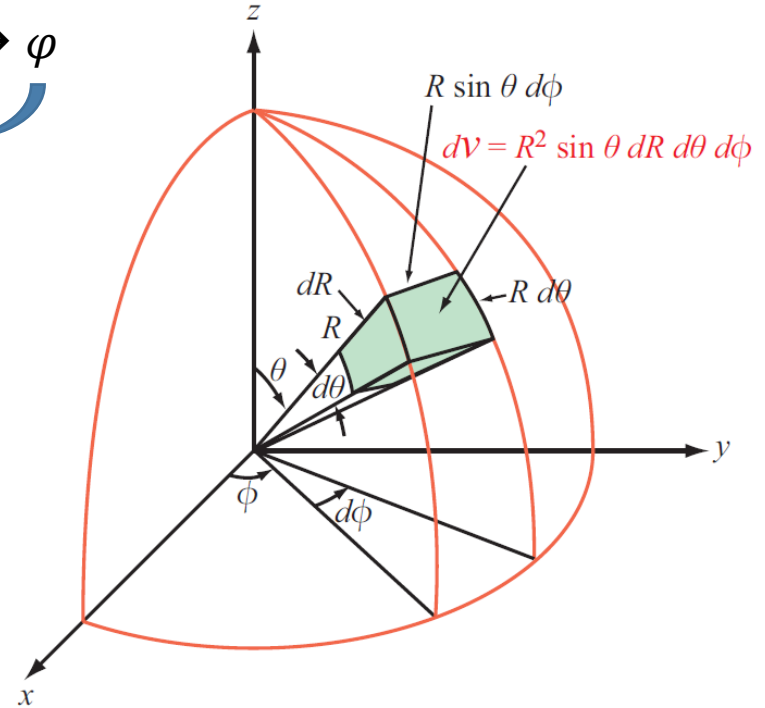
Differential surface area:

$$d\vec{S}_R = \hat{R}dl_\theta dl_\phi = \hat{R}R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \quad (\theta - \phi \text{ spherical surface})$$

$$d\vec{S}_\theta = \hat{\theta}dl_R dl_\phi = \hat{\theta}R \sin\theta dR d\phi \quad (R - \phi \text{ plane})$$

$$d\vec{S}_\phi = \hat{\phi}dl_R dl_\theta = \hat{\phi}R dR d\theta \quad (R - \theta \text{ plane})$$

Differential volume: $d\mathcal{V} = dl_R dl_\theta dl_\phi = R^2 \sin\theta dR d\theta d\phi$



Transformations

Cartesian to cylindrical:

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \varphi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right)$$

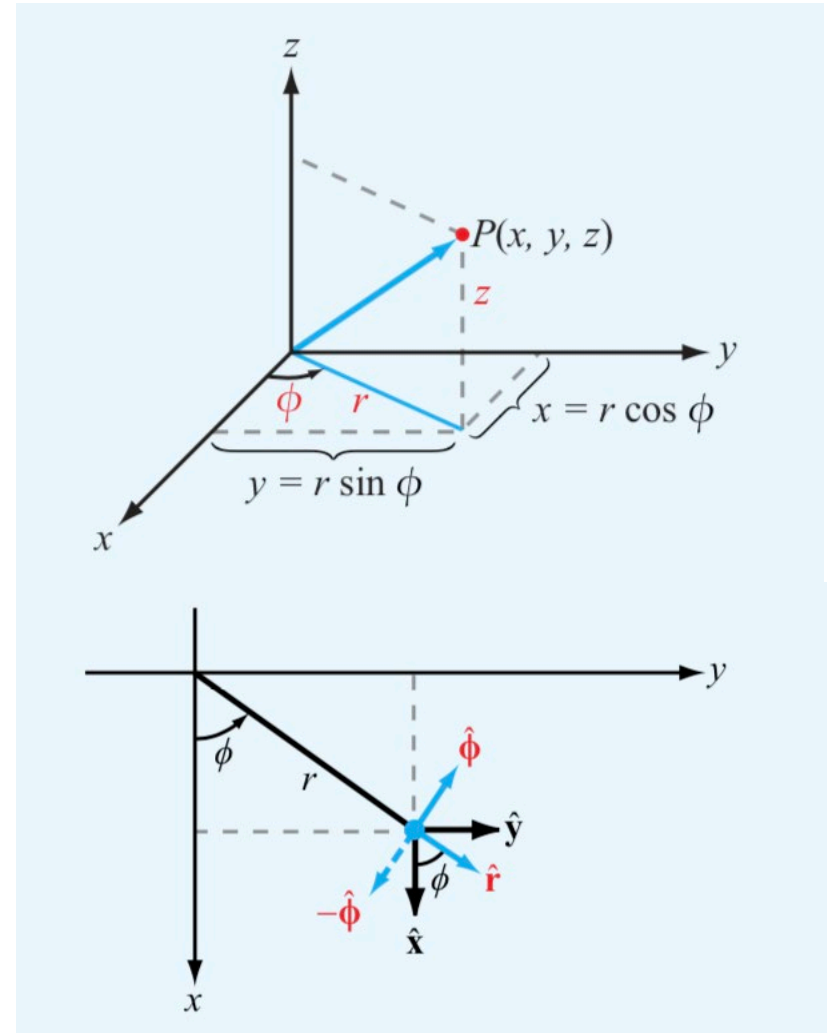
$$x = r \cos \varphi \quad y = r \sin \varphi$$

$$\hat{r} \cdot \hat{x} = \cos \varphi \quad \hat{r} \cdot \hat{y} = \sin \varphi$$

$$\hat{\varphi} \cdot \hat{x} = -\sin \varphi \quad \hat{\varphi} \cdot \hat{y} = \cos \varphi$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \hat{r} = \hat{x} \cos \varphi + \hat{y} \sin \varphi \\ \hat{\varphi} = -\hat{x} \sin \varphi + \hat{y} \cos \varphi \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \hat{x} = \hat{r} \cos \varphi - \hat{\varphi} \sin \varphi \\ \hat{y} = \hat{r} \sin \varphi + \hat{\varphi} \cos \varphi \end{array} \right.$$



Transformations

Cartesian to spherical:

$$R = \sqrt[+]{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z} \right) \quad \varphi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$x = R \sin \theta \cos \varphi \quad y = R \sin \theta \sin \varphi \quad z = R \cos \theta$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{R} = \hat{x} \sin \theta \cos \varphi + \hat{y} \sin \theta \sin \varphi + \hat{z} \cos \theta \\ \hat{\theta} = \hat{x} \cos \theta \cos \varphi + \hat{y} \cos \theta \sin \varphi - \hat{z} \sin \theta \\ \hat{\varphi} = -\hat{x} \sin \varphi + \hat{y} \cos \varphi \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{x} = \hat{R} \sin \theta \cos \varphi + \hat{\theta} \cos \theta \cos \varphi - \hat{\varphi} \sin \varphi \\ \hat{y} = \hat{R} \sin \theta \sin \varphi + \hat{\theta} \cos \theta \sin \varphi + \hat{\varphi} \cos \varphi \\ \hat{z} = \hat{R} \cos \theta - \hat{\theta} \sin \theta \end{array} \right.$$

Gradient of Scalar Field

We will introduce: Gradient \rightarrow for scalar fields

Example of gradient \rightarrow scalar field \rightarrow temperature

Scalar Field \rightarrow temperature $T(x, y, z)$

$$d\vec{l} = \hat{x}dx + \hat{y}dy + \hat{z}dz$$

dT along differential direction $d\vec{l}$

$$dT = \underbrace{\left[\hat{x} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right]}_{\text{Vector}} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Vector = temperature change in direction

Gradient of T (*grad* T)

$$\vec{\nabla} T = \text{grad } T = \hat{x} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}$$

Define gradient operator:

$$\vec{\nabla} = \hat{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

Divergence, curl \rightarrow for vector fields

Vector Analysis

\vec{E} and \vec{H} are vector fields

Gradient of Scalar Field

Gradient operator on scalar function \rightarrow results in vector with:

mag = max rate of change of physical scalar per unit distance

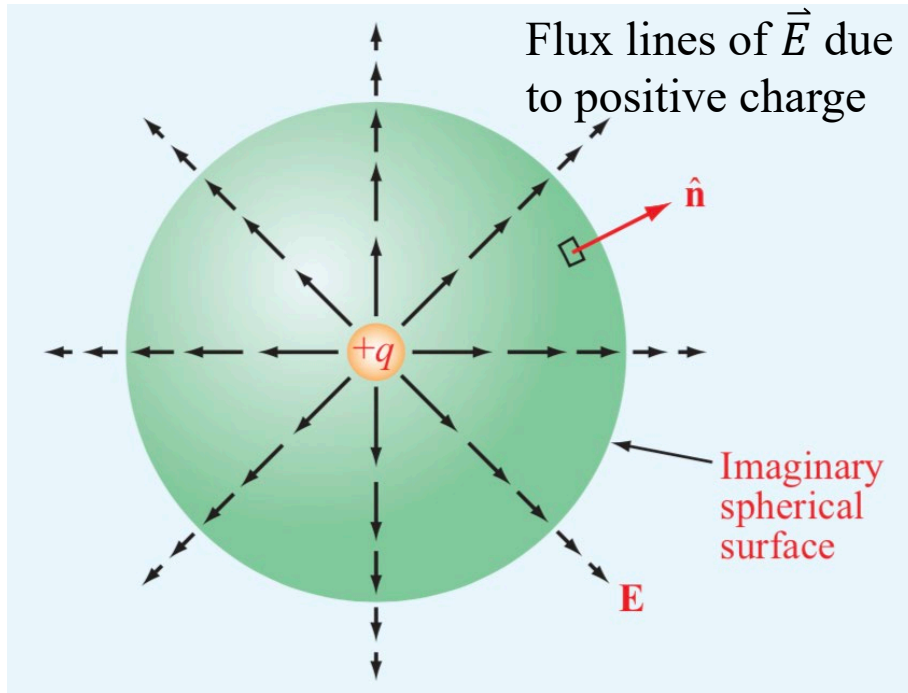
Direction = direction of max increase

$$\vec{\nabla} = \hat{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\vec{\nabla}_{cyl} = \hat{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \hat{\phi} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\vec{\nabla}_{sph} = \hat{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} + \hat{\theta} \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \hat{\phi} \frac{1}{R \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

Divergence of Vector Field



Recall Coulomb's Law \rightarrow positive point charge q

\vec{E} field will point outward, proportional to q and decreases as $\frac{1}{R^2}$

$$\vec{E} = \hat{R} \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \text{ (V/m)}$$

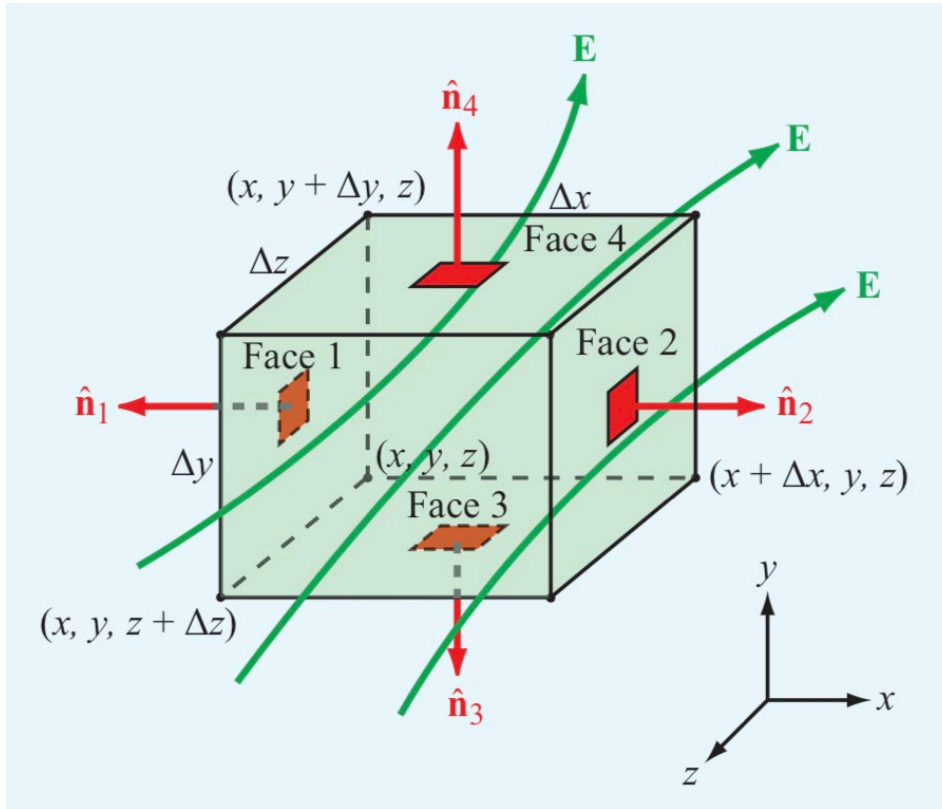
At surface boundary \rightarrow define flux density: amount of outward flux crossing unit surface

$$\text{Flux density of } \vec{E} = \frac{\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}}{|d\vec{s}|} = \frac{\vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} ds}{ds} = \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n}, \quad \hat{n} = \text{normal to } d\vec{s}$$

$$\text{Total flux} = \oint_s \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

Enclosed imaginary surface

Divergence of Vector Field



Differential rectangular volume for divergence of \vec{E}

$$\vec{E} = \hat{x}E_x + \hat{y}E_y + \hat{z}E_z$$

We sum up the flux through the 6 faces:

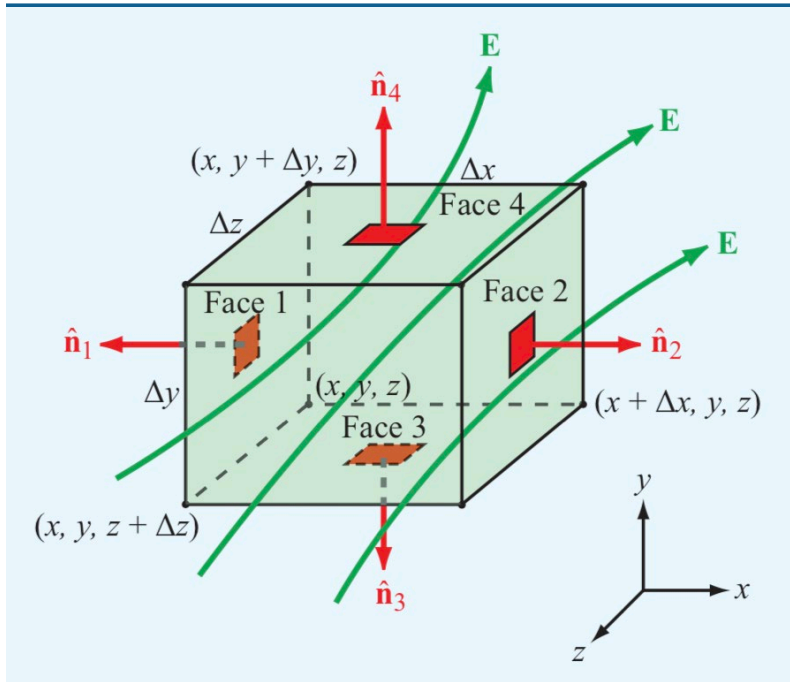
Face 1

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= \int_{\text{face1}} \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n}_1 ds \\ &= \int (\hat{x}E_x + \hat{y}E_y + \hat{z}E_z) \cdot (-\hat{x}) dy dz \end{aligned}$$

$$F_1 = -E_x(1)\Delta y \Delta z$$

Value at center
(small surface)

Divergence of Vector Field



Differential rectangular volume for divergence of \vec{E}

$$\vec{E} = \hat{x}E_x + \hat{y}E_y + \hat{z}E_z$$

Face 2

$$F_2 = E_x(2)\Delta y\Delta z$$

We shrink volume to Δx and have:

$$E_x(2) = E_x(1) + \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x}\Delta x \quad (\text{Taylor series 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ order})$$

$$F_2 = [E_x(1) + \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x}\Delta x]\Delta y\Delta z$$

$$F_1 + F_2 = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x}\Delta x\Delta y\Delta z$$

Do same $\underbrace{F_3, F_4}_{\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y}}, \underbrace{F_5, F_6}_{\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z}}$

Divergence of Vector Field

$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \left[\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} \right] \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$$

$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = (\text{div } \vec{E}) \Delta \mathcal{V} \quad \leftarrow \text{Differential volume}$$

Shrink $\Delta \mathcal{V} \rightarrow 0$ $\text{div } \vec{E}$: divergence of \vec{E} \rightarrow $\text{div } \vec{E} = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z}$

Shrink $\Delta \mathcal{V} \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow$ divergence of \vec{E} defined at a point as $(\text{div } \vec{E})$: net outward flux per unit volume over closed surface:

$$\text{div } \vec{E} \equiv \lim_{\Delta \mathcal{V} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}}{\Delta \mathcal{V}} \quad S \text{ is surface encloses elemental volume } \mathcal{V}$$

We use $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}$ to indicate $\text{div } \vec{E}$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \text{div } \vec{E} = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z}$$

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}$: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{positive if net flux lines out so enclosed volume contains source} \\ \text{negative if net flux lines in so enclosed volume contains sink} \\ \text{Zero: net flux =0 } \rightarrow \text{divergence-less} \end{array} \right.$

Divergence of Vector Field

$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} \Delta\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \int_v \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} d\mathcal{V}$$

Divergence theorem

$$\underbrace{\int_v \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} d\mathcal{V}}_{\text{Divergence of field from volume}} = \underbrace{\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}}_{\text{Sum of flux through surface enclosing the volume}}$$

Divergence of field
from volume

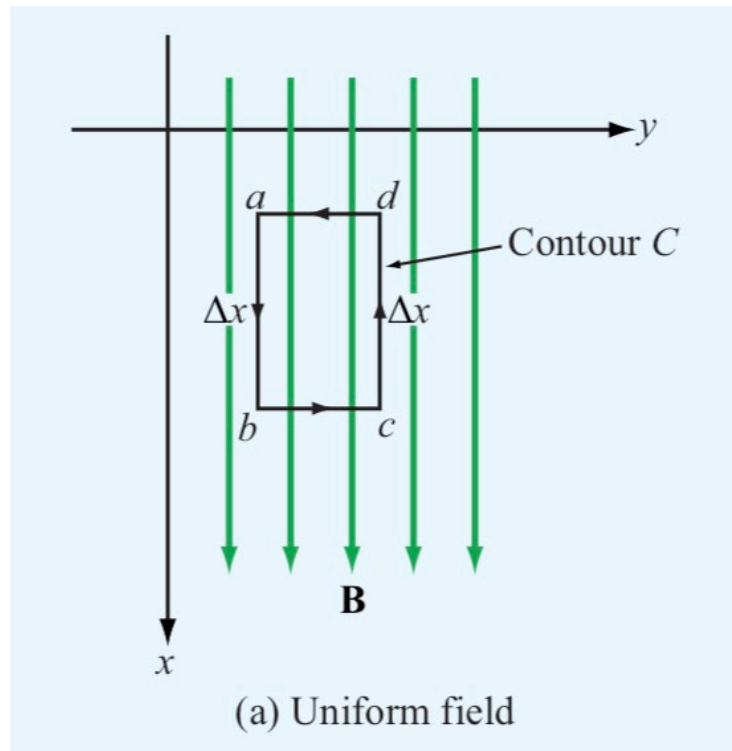
Sum of flux through surface
enclosing the volume

Curl of Vector Field

Curl of vector, $\vec{B} \rightarrow$ rotation or circulation

$$\text{circulation} = \oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Consider uniform \vec{B} field: $\vec{B} = \hat{x}B_0$ magnetic flux density

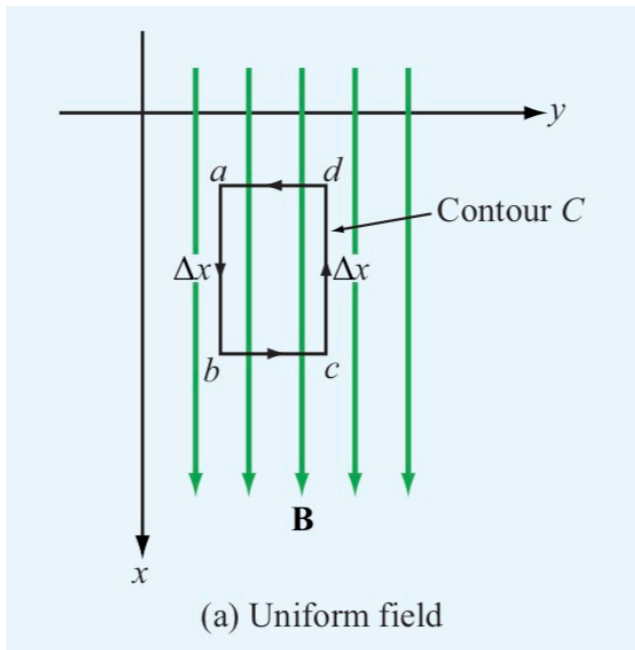


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$$\begin{aligned} \text{circulation} &= \int_a^b \hat{x}B_o \cdot \hat{x}dx + \overbrace{\int_b^c \hat{x}B_o \cdot \hat{y}dy}^{=0 \text{ since } \hat{x} \cdot \hat{y} = 0} \\ &+ \int_c^d \hat{x}B_o \cdot \hat{x}dx + \underbrace{\int_d^a \hat{x}B_o \cdot \hat{y}dy}_{=0 \text{ since } \hat{x} \cdot \hat{y} = 0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{circulation} = B_o\Delta x - B_o\Delta x = 0$$

$$\Delta x = b - a = c - d$$

Circulation of uniform field = 0

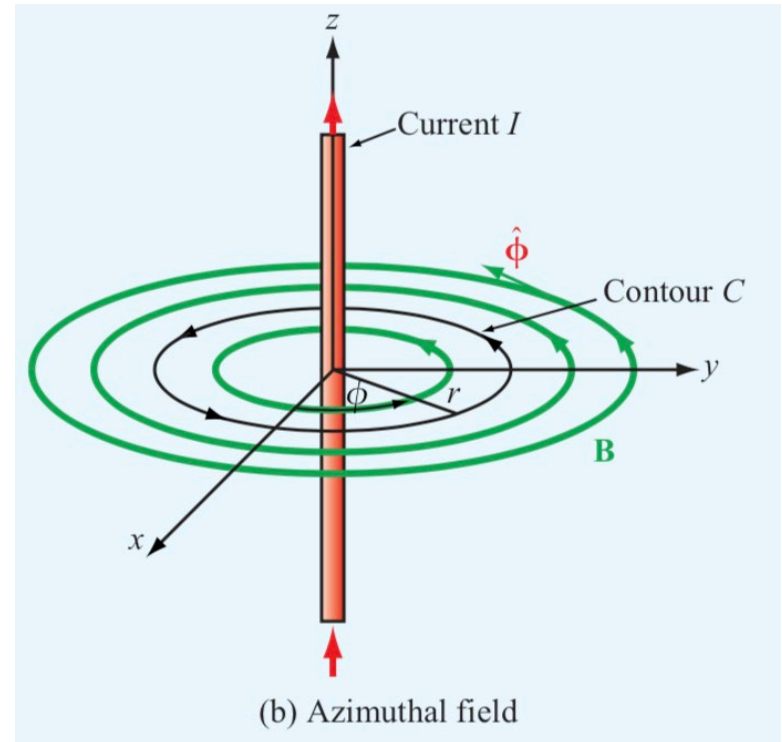
Curl of Vector Field

Consider magnetic flux density, \vec{B} of infinite wire with dc-current = I

$$\vec{B} = \hat{\phi} \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

For circular contour, C , at radius r in x-y plane: $d\vec{l} = \hat{\phi} r d\phi$

$$\text{circulation of } \vec{B} = \int_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l}$$



$$\text{circulation} = \int_0^{2\pi} \hat{\phi} \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \cdot \hat{\phi} r d\phi = \mu_0 I$$

Curl of Vector Field

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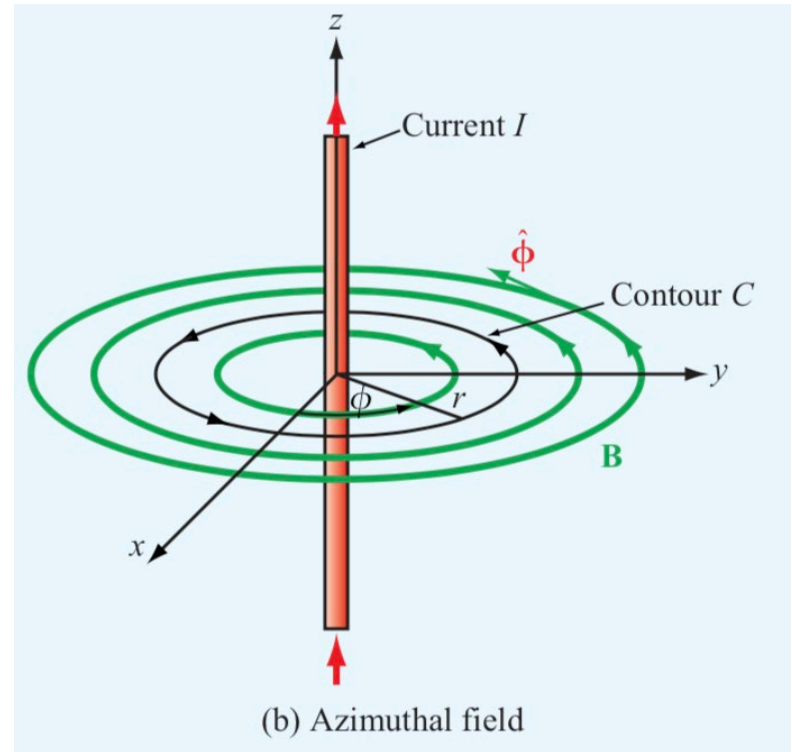
$$\text{circulation of } \vec{B} = \int_c \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Take contour in x - z or y - z planes

circulation = 0 because there is no ϕ component

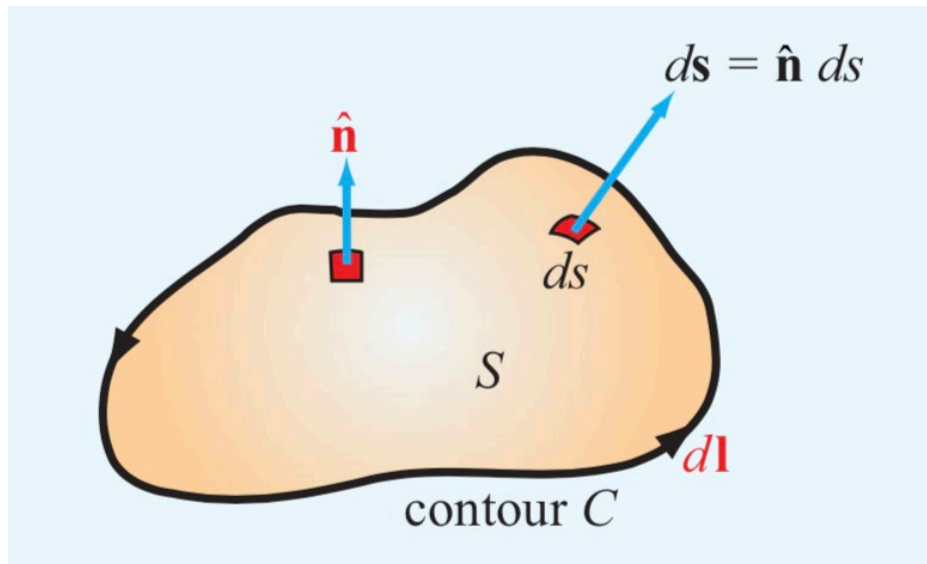
→ Circulation depends on contour and direction

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \lim_{\Delta S \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta S} \left[\hat{n} \oint_c \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} \right]_{max}$$



Curl of Vector Field

$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \text{curl of } \vec{B} = \text{circulation of } \vec{B} \text{ per unit area, with area } \Delta S \text{ of contour } C$
selected such that circulation is maximum



$$\vec{B} = \hat{x}B_x + \hat{y}B_y + \hat{z}B_z$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \hat{x} \left(\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{y} \left(\frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{z} \left(\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

Useful Vector Identities

$$\vec{v} \times (\vec{A} + \vec{B}) = \vec{v} \times \vec{A} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{A}) = 0$$

$$\vec{v} \times (\vec{v}V) = 0$$

Stoke's Theorem

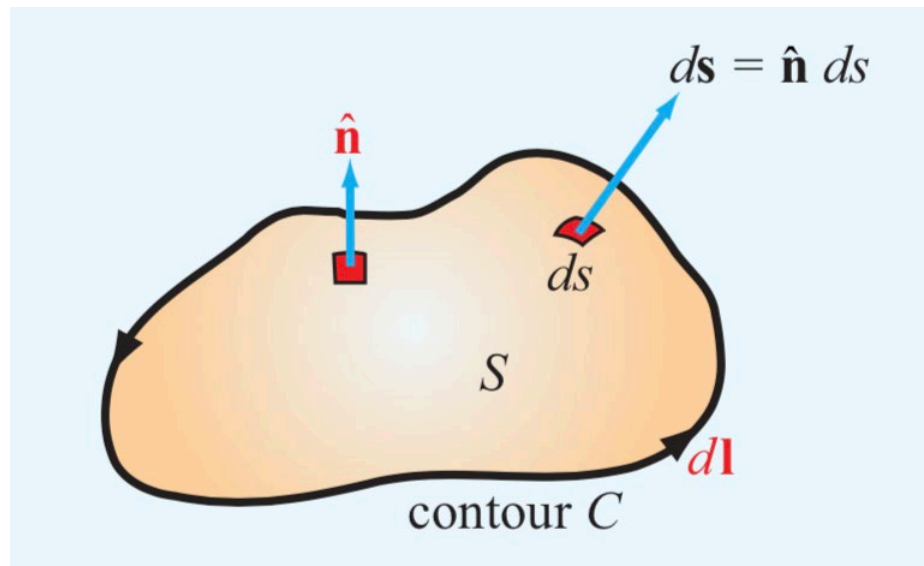
Surface integral of curl of vector over open surface S

→ equivalent to line integral of vector along contour, C , bounding surface, S

$$\int_S (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \cdot d\vec{S} = \oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Surface integral
of field curl

Contour line integral of
field enclosing surface



Laplacian Operator

Divergence of the gradient of a scalar: $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} V)$

$$\vec{\nabla} V = \hat{x} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial V}{\partial z}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} V) = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$$

Laplacian of scalar: $\nabla^2 V = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} V) = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$

Laplacian of vector: $\vec{E} = \hat{x}E_x + \hat{y}E_y + \hat{z}E_z$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) \vec{E}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \hat{x} \underbrace{\nabla^2 E_x}_{\text{Laplacian of vector component}} + \hat{y} \nabla^2 E_y + \hat{z} \nabla^2 E_z$$

Laplacian of vector component

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})$$

Maxwell's Equations

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_V$$

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

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

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

- Hold in any material including vacuum
- 1873 James Clark Maxwell obtained from experiments
by: Coulomb, Gauss, Ampere, Faraday

Unified theory of electricity and magnetism

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{H} = \text{magnetic field intensity} \\ \vec{B} = \text{magnetic flux density} \end{array} \right\} \vec{B} = \mu \vec{H} \quad \mu = \text{magnetic permeability}$$

ρ_V = electric charge density per unit volume

\vec{J} = current density per unit area

Maxwell's Equations

Static $\rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = 0$, ρ_V and \vec{J} are constant

Electrostatics:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_V$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0$$

Static \rightarrow decoupled

Magneto statics:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}$$

Electrostatics:

many applications – sensors, displays

Define sources – charge densities, current distributions

Maxwell's Equations

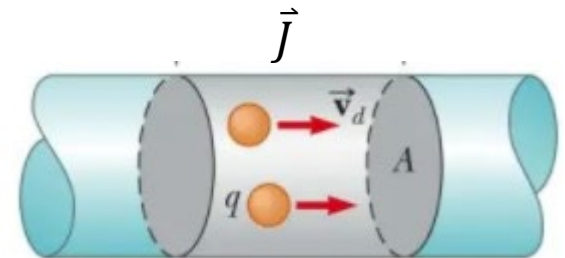
Charge density $\rho_V = \text{volume charge density } \text{C/m}^3 = \frac{dq}{dV}$

$$Q = \int_V \rho_V dV \quad [\text{C}]$$

$\rho_S = \text{surface charge density } [\text{C/m}^2]$

$$\rho_S = \frac{dq}{dS} \quad [\text{C/m}^2]$$

$\rho_l = \text{line charge density} = \frac{dq}{dl} \quad [\text{C/m}]$



Current density

$$\vec{J} = \rho_V \vec{u} \quad [\text{A/m}^2]$$

Charge velocity

$$\vec{I} = \int_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad [\text{A}]$$

Total current flowing
through surface, S

Coulomb's Law

2) In presence of \vec{E} field, force on test charge, q' : $\vec{F} = q'\vec{E}$

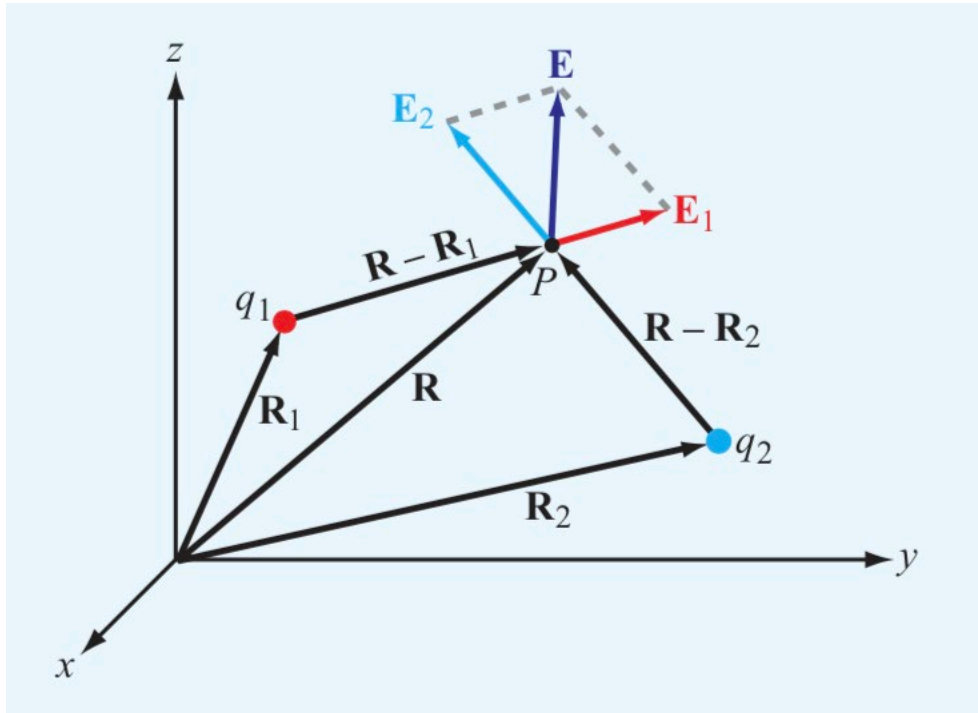
(N)
(C)
(N/C = V/m)

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 \quad \epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \sim \frac{1}{36\pi} \times 10^{-9}$$

ϵ : independent of magnitude of $\vec{E} \rightarrow$ linear
 independent of \vec{E} direction \rightarrow isotropic

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Multiple Charges



$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{q_i (\vec{R} - \vec{R}_i)}{|\vec{R} - \vec{R}_i|^3}$$

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

Diagram illustrating the components of the electric field vector \vec{E} for a single point charge q at position \vec{R}_1 relative to a point \vec{R} :

$$\frac{(\vec{R} - \vec{R}_1)}{|\vec{R} - \vec{R}_1|} \quad \frac{1}{|\vec{R} - \vec{R}_1|^2}$$

Arrows point from the terms in the equation above to the corresponding terms in the expression for \vec{E} above.

Charge distributions

Consider differential $= dq = \rho_V d\mathcal{V}$

$$d\vec{E} = \hat{R}' \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon R'^2} = \hat{R}' \frac{\rho_V d\mathcal{V}'}{4\pi\epsilon R'^2}$$

Differential \vec{E} due to differential charge dq

Volume distribution:
$$\vec{E} = \int_{\mathcal{V}'} d\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{\mathcal{V}'} \hat{R}' \frac{\rho_V d\mathcal{V}'}{R'^2}$$

Surface distribution:
$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{S'} \hat{R}' \frac{\rho_S ds'}{R'^2}$$

Line distribution:
$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{l'} \hat{R}' \frac{\rho_l dl'}{R'^2}$$

Gauss's Law

Differential form of Gauss's Law

From Coulomb's Law \rightarrow obtained expression for \vec{E}

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_V \quad \text{The divergence of the electric flux density} = \text{charge density}$$

Can convert to integral form:
$$\int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} dV = \int_V \rho_V dV = Q$$

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Total enclosed charge in volume, V

Divergence theorem:
$$\underbrace{\int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} dV}_{\text{Integral of field divergence from volume, } V} = \underbrace{\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}}_{\text{Net flux of field through closed surface that bounds volume, } V}$$

Integral of field divergence
from volume, V

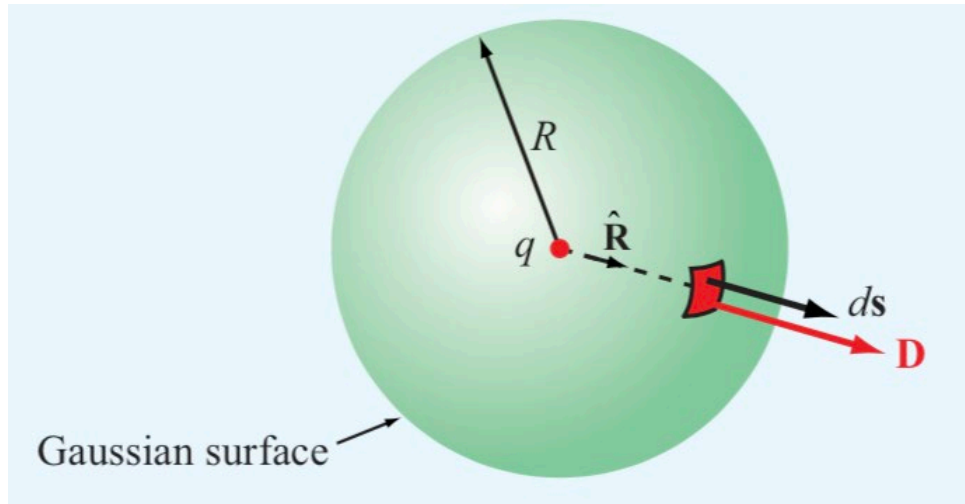
Net flux of field through closed
surface that bounds volume, V

For \vec{D} :

Gauss's Law Integral $\left\{ \int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} dV = \oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = Q \right.$

Gauss's Law – obtain E field from point charge

Consider point charge, q , enclosed by spherical surface of arbitrary radius, R



$$\vec{D} = \hat{R}D_R$$

$$d\vec{s} = \hat{R}ds \quad \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} R^2 \underbrace{\sin\theta d\theta}_2 \underbrace{d\varphi}_{2\pi}$$

Apply Gauss's Law:

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} &= \oint_S \hat{R}D_R \cdot \hat{R}ds \\ &= \oint_S D_R ds = D_R 4\pi R^2 = q \end{aligned}$$

$$D_R 4\pi R^2 = q \quad D_R = \frac{q}{4\pi R^2}$$

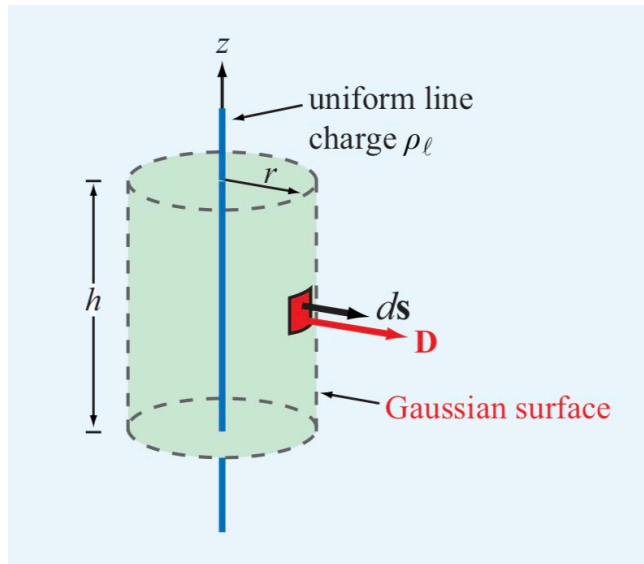
$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} \quad \vec{E} = \frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon} = \hat{R} \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon R^2} \text{ (V/m)} \quad \text{same as from Coulomb's Law}$$

Gauss's Law easier to apply for charge distribution:

integrate \vec{D} over chosen Gaussian surface

Choose Gaussian surface such that \vec{D} is constant in magnitude and either normal or parallel (tangential) to surface

\vec{E} field of infinite line charge



From symmetry, \vec{D} in radial direction, \hat{r} . Cannot depend on φ or z .

$$\vec{D} = \hat{r} D_r$$

Choose cylinder Gaussian surface of radius, r and height, h – around line charge

Total charge within cylinder $\rightarrow Q = \rho_l h$

Since \vec{D} is along \hat{r} , top and bottom of cylinder do not contribute (no field lines emerging)

Only curved cylindrical surface:

$$\oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = Q \quad \int_{z=0}^h \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} \hat{r} D_r \cdot \hat{r} r d\varphi dz = \rho_l h$$
$$2\pi h D_r r = \rho_l h$$

Infinite line charge: $\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon_0} = \hat{r} \frac{D_r}{\epsilon_0} = \hat{r} \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r}$