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Section 16.5: Curl and Divergence



• Curl

"How much is it swirling around the point (x, y, z) ?"

The **curl** of a vector field $\vec{F} = P\vec{i} + Q\vec{j} + R\vec{k}$ is defined by

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ P & Q & R \end{vmatrix} = \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \right) \vec{i} + \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \right) \vec{j} + \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \vec{k}$$

$$= \text{curl } \vec{F}$$

Example: $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle xz, xyz, -y^2 \rangle$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P_x = x \quad P_y = 0 \\ Q_x = yz \quad Q_z = xy \\ R_x = 0 \quad R_y = -2y \end{array} \right\} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = (-2y - xy) \vec{i} + (x - 0) \vec{j} + (yz - 0)$$

$$= \langle -y(2+x), x, yz \rangle$$

Theorem: If a function of 3-variables f has continuous 2nd order partial derivatives, then $\text{curl}(\nabla f) = \vec{0}$

This follows from Clairaut's theorem: $\nabla f = \langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \rangle$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\nabla f) = \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z \partial y} \right) \vec{i} + \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z \partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial z} \right) \vec{j} + \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} \right) \vec{k}$$

$$= \vec{0}$$

$$\left\langle \frac{x}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} \right\rangle$$

In other words: If \vec{F} is conservative, then $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{0}$



Roughly speaking, this is because \vec{F} doesn't have "singularities" if it's conservative. We also have the converse!

Theorem: If \vec{F} is a vector field defined for all of \mathbb{R}^3 whose component functions have continuous 2nd order partial derivatives, and $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{0}$, then \vec{F} is conservative.

The proof of this theorem uses Stokes' theorem & will be proved later.

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = \vec{0} \iff \vec{F} \text{ is conservative}$$

Example: Show that $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle y^2 z^3, 2xy z^3, 3xy^2 z^2 \rangle$ is conservative.

Then find f such that $\nabla f = \vec{F}$.

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ P & Q & R \end{vmatrix} = \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \right) \vec{i} + \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \right) \vec{j} + \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \vec{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} &= 2y \cdot z^3 & \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} &= 2y z^3 & \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} &= 3y^2 z^2 \\ \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} &= 3y^2 z^2 & \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} &= 6xy z^2 & \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} &= 6xy z^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (6xy z^2 - 6xy z^2) \vec{i} + (3y^2 z^2 - 3y^2 z^2) \vec{j} \\ & + (2y z^3 - 2y \cdot z^3) \vec{k} = \vec{0} \\ \Rightarrow & \vec{F} \text{ is conservative.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(x, y, z) &= y^2 z^3 \Rightarrow f(x, y, z) = y^2 z^3 x + k_1(y, z) \\ f_y(x, y, z) &= 2xy z^3 \Rightarrow f(x, y, z) = xy^2 z^3 + k_2(x, z) \\ f_z(x, y, z) &= 3xy^2 z^2 \Rightarrow f(x, y, z) = xy^2 z^3 + k_3(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{f(x, y, z) = y^2 z^3 x + C}$$

□ Divergence

"How much fluid is coming out of or going into a point?"

$$\text{div } \vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right\rangle \cdot \langle P, Q, R \rangle$$

Example: $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle xz, xy z, -y^2 \rangle$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} = z + xz$$

Theorem: If $\vec{F} = P\vec{i} + Q\vec{j} + R\vec{k}$ is a vector field on \mathbb{R}^3 and $P, Q,$ and R have a continuous second-order partial derivatives, then

$$\text{div } \text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) = 0$$

This follows from Clairaut again.

Vector forms of Green's Theorem

Note: $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \oint_C P dx + Q dy$, $F = \langle P, Q \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow \text{In } \mathbb{R}^2, \text{ curl}(F) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ P & Q & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \hat{k} \quad \langle 0, 0, \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \rangle$$

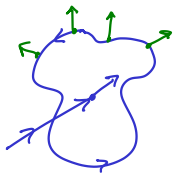
And $\text{curl}(F) \cdot \hat{k} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$

$$\oint_C P dx + Q dy = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

\therefore Green's Theorem can be re-written:

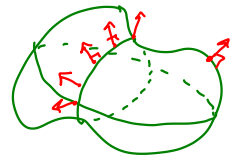
$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_D (\text{curl } \vec{F}) \cdot \hat{k} dA$$

• If C is the trace of $\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j}$ $a \leq t \leq b$



Unit tangent: $\vec{T}(t) = \frac{1}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} \langle x'(t), y'(t) \rangle$

Unit normal: $\vec{n}(t) = \frac{1}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} \langle y'(t), -x'(t) \rangle$



\Rightarrow We can re-write Green's theorem:

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} ds = \iint_D \text{div } \vec{F}(x,y) dA$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} ds &= \int_a^b (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n})(t) |\vec{r}'(t)| dt = \int_a^b \frac{1}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} (P y' - Q x') \cdot |\vec{r}'(t)| dt \\ &= \int_a^b P dy - Q dx \end{aligned}$$

Section 16.6: Parametric surfaces and their areas

It's like a curve, but with two variables:

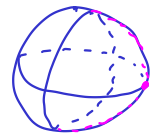
$$\vec{r}(u,v) = x(u,v)\hat{i} + y(u,v)\hat{j} + z(u,v)\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r}(\varphi, \theta) = \langle \sin\varphi \cos\theta, \sin\varphi \sin\theta, \cos\varphi \rangle$$

$$x = \sin\varphi \cos\theta$$

$$y = \sin\varphi \sin\theta$$

$$z = \cos\varphi$$



Examples

• $\vec{r}(u,v) = \langle 2\cos u, v, 2\sin u \rangle$

• $\vec{r}(u,v) = \langle (2+\sin v)\cos u, (2+\sin v)\sin u, u + \cos v \rangle$

• $\vec{r}(u,v) = \langle u, v, \sin(u^2 - 2v) \rangle$

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 $f(x,y) = \sin(x^2 - 2y)$



□ Tangent planes

Example: Find the plane tangent to $x=u^2$, $y=v^2$, $z=u+2v$, at the point $(1,1,3)$

$$\vec{r}_u = \langle x_u, y_u, z_u \rangle = \langle 2u, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_v = \langle x_v, y_v, z_v \rangle = \langle 0, 2v, 2 \rangle$$

$$\begin{matrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \end{matrix}$$

$$dS = |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| du dv$$

$$\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2u & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2v & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \langle -2v, -4u, 4uv \rangle \quad \text{at } (1,1,3), u=1, v=1 \Rightarrow \vec{n} = \langle -2, -4, 4 \rangle$$

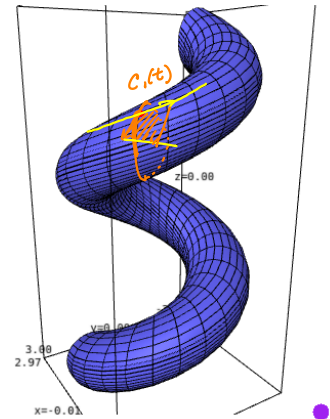
\Rightarrow The tangent plane is $-2(x-1) - 4(y-1) + 4(z-3) = 0$

Surface Area of parameterized surface

$$r(u,v) = \langle x(u,v), y(u,v), z(u,v) \rangle, (u,v) \in D$$

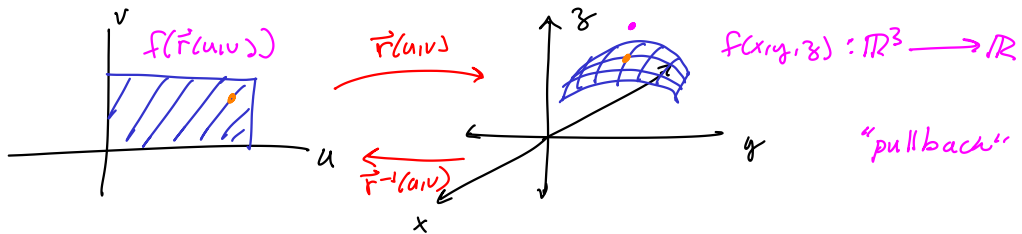
$$A(S) = \iint_D |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| dA$$

where $r_u = \langle x_u, y_u, z_u \rangle$ $r_v = \langle x_v, y_v, z_v \rangle$



Section 16.7: Surface Integrals

• The surface integral of a function $f(x,y,z)$ over a surface S given by $\vec{r}(u,v)$ is

$$\iint_S f(x,y,z) dS = \iint_D f(\vec{r}(u,v)) \underbrace{|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v|}_{dS} dA$$


$$f(\vec{r}(u,v)) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

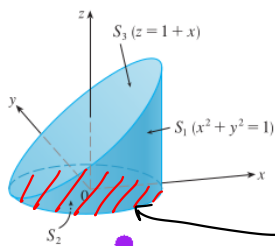
$$r(u,v) = \langle u, v, g(u,v) \rangle$$

$$z = g(x,y) = xy + yz + xz$$

$$S = \Gamma(g)$$

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

Example: Evaluate $\iint_S z \, dS$ S is the surface whose sides S_1 are given by a cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$, whose bottom is the $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ in $z=0$ plane, whose top is given by $z=1+x$.



1. Parameterize S_1 :

$$S_1(\theta, z) = \langle x = \cos \theta, y = \sin \theta, z = z \rangle$$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

$$0 \leq z \leq 1 + \cos \theta$$

$$S_2(x, y) = \langle r, \theta, 0 \rangle, \quad 0 \leq r \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

$$dS = |\vec{r}_\theta \times \vec{r}_z| \, d\theta \, dz$$

$$\vec{r}_\theta \times \vec{r}_z = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \vec{r}_\theta = \langle -\sin \theta, \cos \theta, 0 \rangle \\ \vec{r}_z = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle \end{vmatrix} = \langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta, 0 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{r}_\theta \times \vec{r}_z| = 1$$

$$\iint_{S_1} z \, dS = \iint_D z |\vec{r}_\theta \times \vec{r}_z| \, d\theta \, dz = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{1+\cos \theta} z \, dz \, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos \theta)^2 \, d\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

2. Integrate over S_3 : $z > 1+x$

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

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 1 \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$$

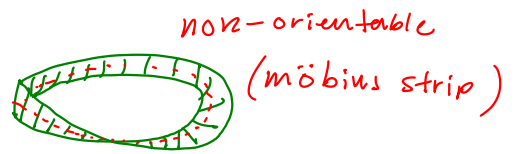
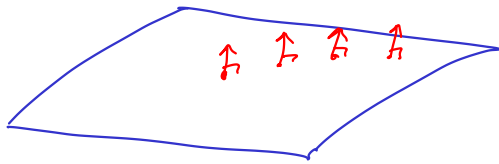
$$\vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_y = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \vec{r}_x = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle \\ \vec{r}_y = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle \end{vmatrix} = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$\iint_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (1+x) \sqrt{2} \, r \, dr \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (r + r^2 \cos \theta) \sqrt{2} \, dr \, d\theta = |\vec{r}_x \times \vec{r}_y| = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{3\pi}{2} + \left(\frac{3}{2} + \sqrt{2}\right)\pi$$

(The integral over S_2 will be zero since $z=0$ in S_2)

☐ Oriented Surfaces.



$$\vec{n} = \frac{\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v}{|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v|} \quad \text{unit normal vector field for } \vec{r}(u,v)$$