

Solutions, 311-XXI

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21(4/ 8) Introduction to Divergence and Stokes theorems
Sec. 4.(9) p.262(3(a,b*),5,9,10*,11*,17*)

1 Problem 4.9.3b

Use the divergence theorem to solve 4.7.5:

Given $\mathbf{F} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + (z^2 - 1)\mathbf{k}$ find $\int \int \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$ over the closed surface bounded by the planes $z = 0$, $z = 1$, and the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$, where \mathbf{n} is the unit outward normal.

Solution:

By the divergence theorem,

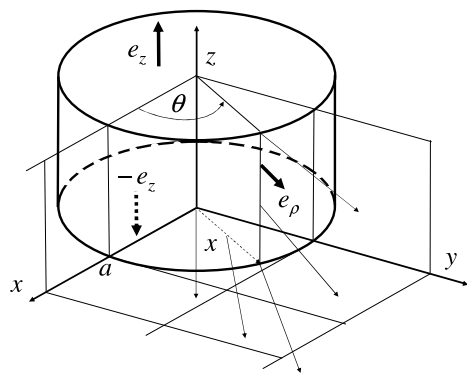
$$\int \int \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \int \int \int \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV$$

so we compute the divergence of \mathbf{F} :

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(z^2 - 1)}{\partial z} = 2 + 2z .$$

Integrating:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \int \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS &= \int \int \int \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV \\ &= \int_{z=0}^1 \int_{\rho=0}^a \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} 2(1+z)\rho d\theta d\rho dz \\ &= 2 \int_{z=0}^1 (1+z) dz \int_{\rho=0}^a \rho d\rho \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} d\theta \\ &= 2(z + z^2/2)_{z=1} (\rho^2/2)_{\rho=a} 2\pi \\ &= 3\pi a^2 . \end{aligned}$$



Geometry for problem 4.9.3b

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2 Problem 4.9.10

By means of Stokes' theorem, find $\int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ around the ellipse $x^2 + y^2 = 1$, $z = y$, where $\mathbf{F} = x\mathbf{i} + (x + y)\mathbf{j} + (x + y + z)\mathbf{k}$.

Solution:

We assume a counterclockwise sense of integration (else change the sign of the result). By Stokes we have that

$$\int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint (\nabla \times_S \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

where S is the region on the plane $z = y$ cut-off by the cylinder. Then, since $z = f(x, y) = y$ we can use the standard formula

$$d\mathbf{S} = (\mathbf{i} + f_x \mathbf{k}) \times (\mathbf{j} + f_y \mathbf{k}) dx dy = (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{j}) dx dy$$

while

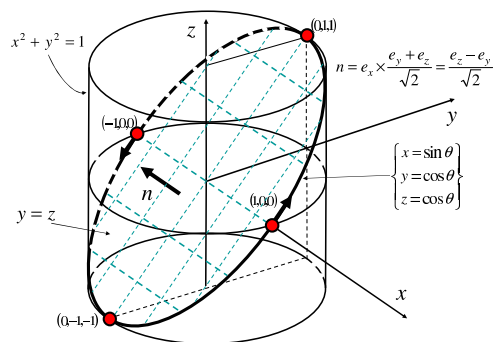
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ x & (x+y) & (x+y+z) \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$$

so that

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = (\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{j}) dx dy = 2 dx dy$$

and the integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \int \int_{\Sigma} 2 dx dy \\ &= 2 \text{Area of } \Sigma \\ &= 2\pi . \end{aligned}$$



3 Problem 4.9.11

Evaluate $\iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$, where $\mathbf{F} = y\mathbf{i} + (x - 2x^3z)\mathbf{j} + xy^3\mathbf{k}$ and S is the surface of a sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$ above the xy plane.

Solution:

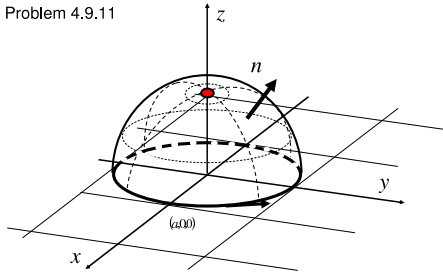
By Stokes' theorem we have

$$\iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \oint_{\Sigma} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{R}$$

where Σ is the circle $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ oriented counterclockwise i.e. $d\mathbf{R} = a\mathbf{e}_{\theta}d\theta = a(-\sin\theta\mathbf{i} + \cos\theta\mathbf{j})d\theta$. On the circle we have that $z = 0$, $x = a\cos\theta$, $y = a\sin\theta$. So the desired integral can be computed as

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} &= \oint_{\Sigma} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{R} \\ &= \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} (a\sin\theta\mathbf{i} + a\cos\theta\mathbf{j}) \cdot a(-\sin\theta\mathbf{i} + \cos\theta\mathbf{j})d\theta \\ &= a^2 \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} (\cos\theta - \sin\theta)d\theta \\ &= a^2 \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \cos 2\theta d\theta = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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4 Problem 4.9.17

Given $\phi(x, y, z) = xyz + 5$, find the surface integral of the normal component of $\nabla\phi$ over $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$.

Solution:

By the divergence theorem

$$\int \int_S \nabla\phi \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int \int \int_V \nabla \cdot \nabla\phi dV = \int \int \int_V \Delta\phi dV .$$

The Laplacian of ϕ is

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla\phi = \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial z^2} = 0 ,$$

so that the integral vanishes.