

# Vector Calculus HW #6 due Tues 6 Mar 2007 E7Z

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## Problem 1.49

(a) Let  $F_1 = x^2 \hat{z}$  and  $F_2 = x \hat{x} + y \hat{y} + z \hat{z}$ . Calculate the divergence and curl of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ . Which one can be written as the gradient of a scalar? Find a scalar potential that does the job. Which one can be written as the curl of a vector? Find a suitable vector potential.

$$\nabla \cdot F_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} x^2 = 0 \quad \therefore \vec{F}_1 = \nabla \times \vec{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{matrix} \hat{x} (\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z}) \\ \hat{y} (\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x}) \\ \hat{z} (\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y}) \end{matrix}$$

$$F_x = 0 \quad \therefore \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z}$$

$$F_y = 0 \quad \therefore \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x}$$

$$F_z = x^2 = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \quad ; \quad \text{Let } A_x = 0, \text{ then } \int dA_y = \int x^2 dx$$

Can let  $A_z = 0$  also

$$A_y = \frac{x^3}{3} \rightarrow \vec{A}_1 = \frac{x^3}{3} \hat{y}$$

$$\nabla \times F_1 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 0 & 0 & x^2 \end{vmatrix} = -\hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x^2 = -2x \hat{y} \neq 0 \quad \therefore F_1 \neq \nabla U$$

$$\nabla \cdot F_2 = \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} = 3 \neq 0 \quad \therefore F_2 \neq \nabla \cdot \vec{A}$$

$$\nabla \times F_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \therefore F_2 = \nabla U = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \hat{y} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \hat{z} = \hat{x} x + \hat{y} y + \hat{z} z$$

$$x = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \rightarrow U = \int x dx = \frac{x^2}{2}, \text{ similarly } U = \frac{y^2}{2}, U = \frac{z^2}{2}$$

$$U_2 = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{z^2}{2} + \text{Constant}$$

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(b) Show that  $\vec{F}_3 = yz\hat{x} + xz\hat{y} + xy\hat{z}$  can be written both as the gradient of a scalar and as the curl of a vector. Find scalar and vector potentials for this function.

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F}_3 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ yz & xz & xy \end{vmatrix} = \hat{x} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} xz - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} xz \right) - \hat{y} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} xy - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} yz \right) + \hat{z} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} xz - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} xy \right)$$

$$= \hat{x}(x-x) - \hat{y}(y-y) + \hat{z}(z-z) = 0$$

Therefore  $\vec{F}_3 = \nabla U = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \hat{y} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \hat{z}$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = yz \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = xz \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = xy$$

$$U = xyz$$

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$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial z}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} yz + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} xz + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} xy$$

$$= 0 + 0 + 0$$

Therefore  $\vec{F}_3 = \nabla \times \vec{A}$

$$F_x = (\nabla \times \vec{A})_x = \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} = yz$$

$$F_y = (\nabla \times \vec{A})_y = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} = xz$$

$$F_z = (\nabla \times \vec{A})_z = \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} = xy$$

This is so symmetric, I may need to keep all terms. Try getting half from each.

$$x: \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} yz \rightarrow A_z = \int \frac{1}{2} yz dy = \frac{y^2}{4} z$$

$$- \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} yz \rightarrow A_y = - \int \frac{1}{2} yz dz = - \frac{yz^2}{4}$$

$$y: \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} xz \rightarrow A_x = \frac{xz^2}{4}, \quad - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} = \frac{xz}{2} \rightarrow A_z = - \frac{xz^2}{4}$$

$$z: \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} = \frac{xy}{2} \rightarrow A_y = \frac{xy^2}{4}, \quad \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} = \frac{-xy}{2} \rightarrow A_x = - \frac{xy^2}{4}$$

Put those together:  $A_x = \frac{xz^2 - xy^2}{4}$ ,  $A_y = \frac{x^2y - yz^2}{4}$ ,  $A_z = \frac{zy^2 - zx^2}{4}$

Trust  
check it

**Problem 1.52**

(a) Which of the vectors in Problem 1.15 can be expressed as the gradient of a scalar? Find a scalar function that does the job.

(b) Which can be expressed as the curl of a vector? Find such a vector.

**Problem 1.15** Calculate the divergence of the following vector functions:

(a)  $\mathbf{v}_a = x^2 \hat{i} + 3xz^2 \hat{j} - 2xz \hat{k}$ .  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_a = 0$  from problem (1.15)  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_a = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$

(b)  $\mathbf{v}_b = xy \hat{i} + 2yz \hat{j} + 3zx \hat{k}$ .

(c)  $\mathbf{v}_c = y^2 \hat{i} + (2xy + z^2) \hat{j} + 2yz \hat{k}$ .  $\nabla \times \mathbf{v}_c = 0$  from problem (1.18)

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_c = \nabla U$

(a)  $(\nabla \times \mathbf{A})_x = v_{ax} = x^2 = \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z}$

$(\nabla \times \mathbf{A})_y = v_{ay} = 3xz^2 = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x}$

$(\nabla \times \mathbf{A})_z = v_{az} = -2xz = \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y}$

y: If we let  $A_x = 0$ , then  $-A_z = \int 3xz^2 dx = \frac{3}{2}x^2 z^2$

x:  $\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} = 0$  so  $A_y = -\int x^2 dz = -x^2 z$

z: Check these:  $\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(-x^2 z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(0) = -2xz \checkmark$

So  $\mathbf{A} = (-x^2 z) \hat{j} - (\frac{3}{2}x^2 z^2) \hat{k}$

(c)  $\mathbf{v}_c = \nabla U = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \hat{k}$

$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = y^2$ ,  $(2xy + z^2) = \frac{\partial U}{\partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = 2yz$

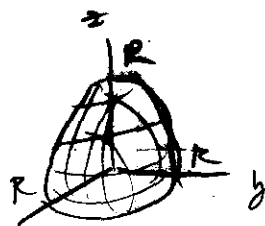
$U = \int 2yz dz = 2y \frac{z^2}{2} = yz^2$

$U = \int y^2 dx = xy^2$

If  $U = xy^2 + yz^2$ , check  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = 2xy + z^2 \checkmark$

Problem 1.53 Check the divergence theorem for the function

$$\mathbf{v} = r^2 \cos \theta \hat{r} + r^2 \cos \phi \hat{\theta} - r^2 \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{\phi}.$$



using as your volume one octant of the sphere of radius  $R$  (Fig. 1.45). Make sure you include the entire surface. [Answer:  $\pi R^4/4$ ]

Divergence theorem:  $\int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) d\tau = \int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$

In spherical coordinates, the divergence is

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 v_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta v_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi}$$

for this function

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 r^2 \cos \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta r^2 \cos \phi) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (-r^2 \cos \theta \sin \phi) \\ &= \frac{\cos \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^4) + \frac{r^2 \cos \phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta) - \frac{r^2 \cos \theta}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (\sin \phi) \\ &= \frac{\cos \theta}{r^2} (4r^3) + \frac{r \cos \phi}{\sin \theta} (\cos \theta) - \frac{r \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} (\cos \phi) \end{aligned}$$

these cancel

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 4r \cos \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) d\tau &= \int (4r \cos \theta) r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi = 4 \int_0^R r^3 dr \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \theta \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{\pi/2} d\phi \\ &= 4 \frac{R^4}{4} \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \theta \sin \theta d\theta \end{aligned}$$

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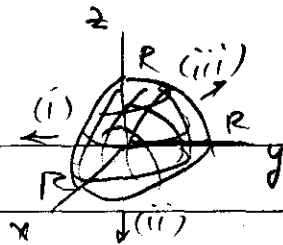
$$\int \sin x \cos x dx = \frac{\sin^2 x}{2} = -\frac{\cos^2 x}{2} + \text{const} = -\frac{\cos 2x}{4} + \text{const}$$

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{1}{2} (1^2 - 0^2) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) d\tau = \frac{\pi R^4}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{\pi R^4}{4}$$

Now check  $\int \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$ , which has four surfaces for  $d\mathbf{a}$

1.53 Continued  $\vec{v} = r^2 \cos \theta \hat{r} + r^2 \cos \theta \hat{\theta} - r^2 \sin \theta \hat{\phi}$



(i) Left side = x-z plane, y=0

$\phi = 0, \vec{d\bar{a}} = -r dr d\theta \hat{\phi}$

$\int \vec{v} \cdot \vec{d\bar{a}} = \int_{\phi=0} (-r^2 \cos \theta \sin \phi) (-r dr d\theta) = 0$

(ii) Bottom = x-y plane, z=0,  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\vec{d\bar{a}} = r dr d\phi \hat{\theta}$

$\int \vec{v} \cdot \vec{d\bar{a}} = \int_0^R (r^2 \cos \phi) (r dr d\phi) = \int_0^R r^3 dr \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \phi d\phi$   
 $= \frac{r^4}{4} \Big|_0^R \cdot \sin \phi \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{R^4}{4} \cdot (1-0) = \frac{R^4}{4}$

(iii) Back side, y-z plane, x=0,  $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\vec{d\bar{a}} = r dr d\theta \hat{\phi}$

$\int \vec{v} \cdot \vec{d\bar{a}} = \int_0^R (-r^2 \cos \theta \sin \phi) (r dr d\theta) = \int_0^R r^3 dr \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \phi \cos \theta d\theta$   
 $\sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1$   
 $= -\frac{r^4}{4} (1)(1) = -\frac{R^4}{4}$

(iv) Front curved surface: r=R,  $\vec{d\bar{a}} = d\theta d\phi \hat{r}$

$\vec{d\bar{a}} = (R d\theta) (R \sin \theta d\phi) \hat{r}$

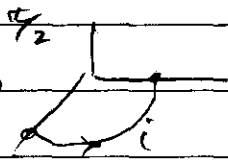
$\int \vec{v} \cdot \vec{d\bar{a}} = \int (R^2 \cos \theta) (R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi)$   
 $= R^4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \theta \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = \frac{\pi}{2} R^4 \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta \Big|_0^{\pi/2}$   
 $= \frac{\pi R^4}{4}$

$\oint \vec{v} \cdot \vec{d\bar{a}} = \frac{\pi R^4}{4} = \int (\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) dz$  ✓

Divergence theorem is satisfied.

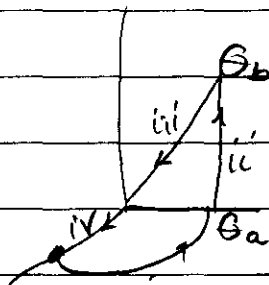
**Problem 1.56** Compute the line integral of  $\vec{d}l = \hat{r} dr + \hat{\theta} r d\theta + \hat{\phi} r \sin\theta d\phi$   
 $\mathbf{v} = (r \cos^2 \theta) \hat{r} - (r \cos \theta \sin \theta) \hat{\theta} + 3r \hat{\phi}$

around the path shown in Fig. 1.50 (the points are labeled by their Cartesian coordinates). Do it either in cylindrical or in spherical coordinates. Check your answer, using Stokes' theorem.  
 [Answer:  $3\pi/2$ ]

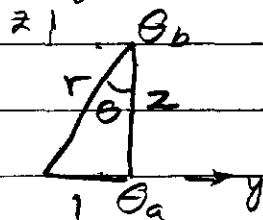
(i)  $r=1, \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \phi \Big|_0^{\pi/2}$    $d\phi$   
 $dr=0, d\theta=0$

$$\int \vec{v} \cdot \vec{d}l = \int_0^{\pi/2} 3r \cdot r \sin\theta d\phi = 3r^2 \Big|_{r=1} \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \phi \Big|_0^{\pi/2}$$

$$= 3 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = 3\pi/2$$

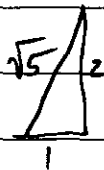


(ii)  $d\phi=0, \theta \Big|_{\pi/2}^{\theta_b}, r \Big|_1^{\frac{1}{\sin\theta}}$   
 $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $r = \frac{1}{\sin\theta}$   
 $\frac{1}{r} = \sin\theta$   
 $dr = -\frac{\cos\theta}{\sin^2\theta} d\theta$



$$\frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} = \frac{1}{2} = \tan\theta_b$$

(iii)  $r \Big|_1^{\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}}, d\phi=0, d\theta=0$   
 $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}, \theta = \theta_b$



$$\theta_b = 26.56^\circ$$

$$\sin\theta_b = 0.447$$

$$\sin^2\theta_b = 0.200$$

$$\cos\theta_b = 0.894$$

$$\cos^2\theta_b = 0.800$$

(iv)  $r \Big|_0^1, d\theta = d\phi = 0$   
 $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \phi = 0$

(ii)  $\int \vec{v} \cdot \vec{d}l = \int v_r dr + \int v_\theta d\theta = \int r \cos^2\theta dr - \int (r \cos\theta \sin\theta) r d\theta$

$$= \int \frac{\cos^2\theta}{\sin^2\theta} \left( \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin^2\theta} \right) d\theta - \int \frac{\cos\theta \sin\theta}{\sin^2\theta} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\cos^3\theta}{\sin^2\theta} + \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} = \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} \left( \frac{\cos^2\theta}{\sin^2\theta} + 1 \cdot \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\sin^2\theta} \right) = \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} \frac{(\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta)}{\sin^2\theta}$$

$$\int \vec{v} \cdot \vec{d}l = \int \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin^3\theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2\sin^2\theta} \Big|_{\pi/2}^{\theta_b} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{0.20} - \frac{1}{1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (5 - 1) = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iii)} \quad \int \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} &= \int v_r dr = \int r \cos^2 \theta dr = \frac{r^2}{2} \cos^2 \theta \Big|_5^0 \\
 &= 0.4 (0-5) \\
 &= -2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(iv)} \quad \int \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int v_r dr = \int r \cos^2 \theta dr = \frac{r^2}{2} \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

$$\oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2 - 2 + 0 = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

(i)   (ii)   (iii)   (iv)

To check with Stokes' theorem, I need  $\nabla \times \vec{v}$   
 In spherical coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\nabla \times \vec{v})_r &= \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta v_\phi - \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \phi} \right] \\
 \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \phi} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (r \cos \theta \sin \theta) = 0 \\
 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta v_\phi &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta (3r) = 3r \cos \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(\nabla \times \vec{v})_r = \frac{3r \cos \theta}{r \sin \theta} = 3 \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\nabla \times \vec{v})_\theta &= \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r v_\phi) \right] \\
 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r v_\phi) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \cdot 3r) = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} 3r^2 = 6r \\
 \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \phi} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} r \cos^2 \theta = 0 \rightarrow (\nabla \times \vec{v})_\theta = \frac{1}{r} (-6r)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\nabla \times \vec{v})_\phi &= \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r v_\theta) - \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \quad \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} r \cos^2 \theta = -2r \cos \theta \sin \theta \\
 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r v_\theta) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta) = -2r \cos \theta \sin \theta \rightarrow (\nabla \times \vec{v})_\phi =
 \end{aligned}$$

1.56 continued: Stokes' theorem:  $\oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int (\nabla \times \vec{v}) \cdot d\vec{a}$

$$(\nabla \times \vec{v}) = 3 \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \hat{r} - 6 \hat{\theta} + 0 \hat{\phi}$$

Back face:  $d\vec{a} = -r dr d\theta \hat{\phi}$ ,  $(\nabla \times \vec{v}) \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$

Bottom:  $d\vec{a} = -r \sin \theta dr d\phi \hat{\theta}$ ,  $(\nabla \times \vec{v}) \cdot d\vec{a} = +6r \sin \theta dr d\phi$   
 $\theta = \pi/2$

$$\begin{aligned} \int (\nabla \times \vec{v}) \cdot d\vec{a} &= \int_{r=0}^1 6r dr \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta \\ &= \frac{6r^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 \cdot \theta \Big|_0^{\pi/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 3 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{3\pi}{2} = \oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Stokes' theorem checks.