

# Lec 31

## \* 3D divergence

Notice Divergence, curl, gradient all send some scalar func / scalar field to some scalar func / scalar field

Let  $\vec{F} = \langle P, Q, R \rangle$  (or  $\langle P, Q \rangle$ )

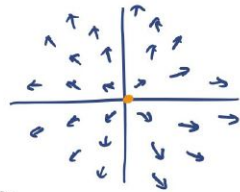
Def  $\text{div } \vec{F} = P_x - Q_y + R_z = \nabla \cdot \vec{F}$  ← measures tendency for vecs to flow out of point

Notation  $\nabla \cdot \vec{F}$  is dot prod of operator - apply derivative to each entry viz.

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

Ex.  $\vec{F} = \left\langle \frac{x}{x^2+y^2}, \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} \right\rangle$

$$\text{div } \vec{F} = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2} + \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2} = 0 \text{ everywhere other than } (0,0)$$



← radial field

Everything sourced here...

Intuition  $\oint_{\partial D} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds = \iint_D \nabla \cdot \vec{F} \, dA$  ← add up net outflow of all points gives net outflow across region

Def A vec field in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is source free or magnetic if for all  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

$$\oint_{\partial D} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds = 0$$

Thm If  $\vec{F}$  source free, then  $\text{div } \vec{F} = 0$  on domain of  $\vec{F}$   
 If domain  $\vec{F}$  simply connected and  $\text{div } \vec{F} = 0$ , then  $\vec{F}$  source free

## \* Fund. operations in vec calc

gradient  $\nabla$  : scalar field  $\rightarrow$  vec field

divergence  $\text{div}$  : vec field  $\rightarrow$  scalar field

curl  $\text{curl}$  : vec field  $\rightarrow$  vec field

## # 3D curl

Def  $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \nabla \times \vec{F}$  ← measures flow around a point  
viz.  
$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right\rangle \cdot \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ P & Q & R \end{vmatrix} = \langle R_y - Q_z, P_z - R_x, Q_x - P_y \rangle$$

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\text{curl } \vec{F}$  points in dir of axis of rotation, and  $\|\text{curl } \vec{F}\|$  measures speed

Circulation Green's

$$\oint_{\partial D} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_D (\text{curl } \vec{F}) \cdot \vec{k} \, dA$$

Thm If  $\vec{F}$  conservative, then  $\text{curl } \vec{F} \equiv \vec{0}$  ← (restatement)  
If domain  $\vec{F}$  simply connected,  $\text{curl } \vec{F} \equiv \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{F}$  conservative