

The divergence of F is:

$$F(x, y) = \langle P(x, y), Q(x, y) \rangle : \operatorname{div} F = P_x + Q_y$$

$$F(x, y, z) = \langle P(x, y, z), Q(x, y, z), R(x, y, z) \rangle : \operatorname{div} F = P_x + Q_y + R_z$$

This represents how much is flowing out of a given point. Negative divergence means flowing in.

A sink has negative divergence

A source has positive divergence

$$\text{Ex: } F(x, y, z) = \langle x^2, y, -z \rangle$$

$$\operatorname{div} F = 2x + 1 - 1 = 2x$$

Therefore the sinks are (x, y, z) with $x < 0$, and the sources are (x, y, z) with $x > 0$.

$$\text{“} \underline{\operatorname{div} F = \nabla \cdot F} \text{”}$$

The curl of F is “ $\nabla \times F$ ”
If F is 2D, we add a zero as the z -component.

A vector field F is conservative if and only if its curl is zero everywhere.

10/18 - Scalar Line Integrals

For line integrals, we are given a parametrized curve C of the form $r(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$, $a \leq t \leq b$. Then

$$\int_C f \cdot ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2 + z'(t)^2} dt$$

In other words,

$$\int_C f \cdot ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \cdot \|r'(t)\| dt$$

The $\|r'(t)\|$ comes from the length of a tiny piece of C at t . It is like Jacobians, scaling up dt to match the size of a piece of C .

Ex: $r(t) = \langle t^2, 3t^2 \rangle$ $0 \leq t \leq 4$.

Calculate $\int_C x+y \cdot ds$.

Sol: $\int_C x+y \cdot ds = \int_0^4 t^2 + 3t^2 \cdot ds$.

$$ds = \|r'(t)\| dt = \sqrt{(2t)^2 + (6t)^2} dt = \sqrt{4t^2 + 36t^2} dt = 2\sqrt{10} t dt$$

$$\int_0^4 8\sqrt{10} t^3 dt = 2\sqrt{10} t^4 \Big|_0^4 = 512\sqrt{10}$$

Ex: Let C be the path which traverses the unit circle 1.5 times at regular speed. Calculate $\int_C x^2 ds$.

Sol: $r(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$, $0 \leq t \leq 3\pi$.

$$\int_C x^2 ds = \int_0^{3\pi} \cos^2 t \|r'(t)\| dt = \int_0^{3\pi} \cos^2 t \sqrt{(-\sin t)^2 + \cos^2 t} dt =$$

$$\int_0^{3\pi} \cos^2 t dt = \left. \frac{t}{2} + \frac{\sin 2t}{4} \right|_0^{3\pi} = \frac{3\pi}{2}.$$

Scalar line integrals can be used to compute the lengths of curves.

Ex: Compute the length of the helix $r(t) = \langle 2\cos(2t), 2\sin(2t), 3t \rangle$, $0 \leq t \leq 4\pi$.

Sol: The length is given by $\int_C 1 ds$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C 1 ds &= \int_0^{4\pi} \|r'(t)\| dt = \int_0^{4\pi} \sqrt{(-4\sin 2t)^2 + (4\cos 2t)^2 + 9} dt \\ &= \int_0^{4\pi} 5 dt = 20\pi. \end{aligned}$$