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# *Electromagnetism*

Introduction to Electrodynamics 4th David J. Griffiths

Chap.1

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# Exercise List

1.  $\nabla \cdot (r^3 \mathbf{r})$

2.  $\nabla^2 \left( \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r^2} \right) \right)$

3.  $\sum_{mn} \epsilon_{imn} \epsilon_{jmn} = 2\delta_{ij}$

4.  $\sum_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} = 6$

5. Prove the product rules in page 23

6. If  $u, v$  are two scalar functions, prove that

$$\oint_S u \bar{\nabla} v \cdot d\bar{\ell} = \int_S (\bar{\nabla} u) \times (\bar{\nabla} v) \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$

7. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a 3 by 3 matrix and its  $i$ -th row  $j$ -th column component is denoted as  $A_{ij}$ , show

$$\det \mathbf{A} = \sum_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} A_{1i} A_{2j} A_{3k}$$

8. More problems in Griffiths:

1.5\*, 1.7\*, 1.12, 1.13\*, 1.16\*, 1.25, 1.26, 1.33\*,  
1.36, 1.38\*, 1.40\*, 1.43\*, 1.46\*, 1.47, 1.49\*, 1.64

1.

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot (r^3 \mathbf{r}) &= \sum_i \partial_i (r^3 r_i) \\ &= \sum_i [r_i \partial_i (r^3) + r^3 \partial_i (r_i)] \\ &= \sum_i \left\{ r_i \left[ \partial_i \left( \sum_j r_j^2 \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right] + r^3 \right\} \\ &= 3r^3 + \sum_i \left\{ r_i \left[ \frac{3}{2} \left( \sum_{j'} r_{j'}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_j 2r_j \frac{\partial r_j}{\partial r_i} \right] \right\} \\ &= 3r^3 + \sum_i \left\{ r_i \left[ 3r \sum_j r_j \delta_{ij} \right] \right\} \\ &= 3r^3 + \sum_i [r_i (3rr_i)] \\ &= 3r^3 + 3r^3 = 6r^3\end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot (r^3 \mathbf{r}) &= \nabla \cdot (r^4 \hat{\mathbf{r}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_r (r^2 r^4) \\ &= 6r^3 \\ &= \nabla^2 \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_r \left( r^2 \frac{1}{r} \right) \right) \\ &= \nabla^2 \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_r \left[ r^2 \partial_r \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{r^4}\end{aligned}$$

3.

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{mn} \epsilon_{imn} \epsilon_{jmn} &= \sum_{mn} (\delta_{ij} \delta_{mm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jm}) \\ &= 3\delta_{ij} - \delta_{ij} \\ &= 2\delta_{ij} \\ 4. \quad \sum_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} &= \sum_{ijk} 2\delta_{ii} \\ &= 6\end{aligned}$$

## 5.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[ \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \right]_i \\
&= \partial_i (\varepsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k) \\
&= \varepsilon_{ijk} \partial_i A_j B_k + \varepsilon_{ijk} A_j \partial_i B_k \\
&= B_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \partial_i A_j - A_j \varepsilon_{jik} \partial_i B_k \\
&= B_i \varepsilon_{ijk} \partial_j A_k - A_i \varepsilon_{ikj} \partial_k B_j \\
&= \left[ \mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \right]_i
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[ \nabla \times (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \right]_i \\
&= \varepsilon_{ijk} \partial_j (\varepsilon_{kmn} A_m B_n) \\
&= \varepsilon_{kij} \varepsilon_{kmn} (B_n \partial_j A_m + A_m \partial_j B_n) \\
&= (\delta_{im} \delta_{jn} - \delta_{in} \delta_{jm}) (B_n \partial_j A_m + A_m \partial_j B_n) \\
&= (B_j \partial_j A_i + A_i \partial_j B_j) - (B_i \partial_j A_j + A_j \partial_j B_i) \\
&= \left[ (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{B} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} \right]_i
\end{aligned}$$

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&= B_j \partial_i A_j + A_j \partial_i B_j \\
&= B_j \partial_i A_j + A_j \partial_i B_j + (B_j \partial_j A_i - B_j \partial_j A_i) + (A_j \partial_j B_i - A_j \partial_j B_i) \\
&= (B_j \partial_i A_j + A_j \partial_i B_j - B_j \partial_j A_i - A_j \partial_j B_i) + A_j \partial_j B_i + B_j \partial_j A_i \\
&= \left[ B_j (\partial_i A_j - \partial_j A_i) + A_j (\partial_i B_j - \partial_j B_i) \right] + A_j \partial_j B_i + B_j \partial_j A_i \\
&= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left[ B_j \partial_m A_n (\delta_{im} \delta_{jn} - \delta_{in} \delta_{jm}) + A_j \partial_m B_n (\delta_{im} \delta_{jn} - \delta_{in} \delta_{jm}) \right] \\ + A_j \partial_j B_i + B_j \partial_j A_i \end{array} \right\} \\
&= (\delta_{im} \delta_{jn} - \delta_{in} \delta_{jm}) (A_j \partial_m B_n + B_j \partial_m A_n) + A_j \partial_j B_i + B_j \partial_j A_i \\
&= \varepsilon_{kij} \varepsilon_{kmn} (A_j \partial_m B_n + B_j \partial_m A_n) + A_j \partial_j B_i + B_j \partial_j A_i \\
&= \varepsilon_{ijk} A_j \varepsilon_{kmn} \partial_m B_n + \varepsilon_{kij} B_j \varepsilon_{kmn} \partial_m A_n + A_j \partial_j B_i + B_j \partial_j A_i \\
&= \left[ \mathbf{A} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{B} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) + (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} + (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A} \right]_i
\end{aligned}$$

6.

$$\begin{aligned} & \oint u \vec{\nabla} v \cdot d\vec{\ell} \\ &= \int_S \vec{\nabla} \times (u \vec{\nabla} v) \cdot d\mathbf{a} \\ &= \int_S \sum_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j (u \partial_k v) da_i \\ &= \int_S \sum_{ijk} \left[ \epsilon_{ijk} (\partial_j u) (\partial_k v) + u \underbrace{\left( \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j \partial_k v \right)}_0 \right] da_i \\ &= \int_S (\vec{\nabla} u) \times (\vec{\nabla} v) \cdot d\mathbf{a} \end{aligned}$$

7.

If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a 3 by 3 matrix and its  $i$ -th row  $j$ -th column component is denoted as  $A_{ij}$ , show that:

$$\begin{aligned} \det \mathbf{A} &= \sum_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} A_{1i} A_{2j} A_{3k} \\ |\mathbf{A}| &= A_{11} \begin{vmatrix} A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{32} & A_{33} \end{vmatrix} - A_{12} \begin{vmatrix} A_{21} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{33} \end{vmatrix} + A_{13} \begin{vmatrix} A_{21} & A_{22} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} A_{1i} A_{2j} A_{3k} \end{aligned}$$

• **Problem 1.5** Prove the **BAC-CAB** rule by writing out both sides in component form.

$$[\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})]_i = \sum_{jkmn} \varepsilon_{ijk} A_j \varepsilon_{kmn} B_m C_n = \sum_{jkmn} (\delta_{im} \delta_{jn} - \delta_{in} \delta_{jm}) A_j B_m C_n = \sum_{jk} (A_j B_i C_j - A_j B_j C_i) = [\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C}) - \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})]_i$$

• **Problem 1.7** Find the separation vector  $\vec{r}$  from the source point (2,8,7) to the field point (4,6,8). Determine its magnitude ( $r$ ), and construct the unit vector  $\hat{\vec{r}}$ .

$$\vec{r} = (4, 6, 8) - (2, 8, 7) = (2, -2, 1) = 3 \underbrace{\left( \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right)}_{\hat{\vec{r}}}$$

**Problem 1.12** The height of a certain hill (in feet) is given by

$$h(x, y) = 10(2xy - 3x^2 - 4y^2 - 18x + 28y + 12),$$

where  $y$  is the distance (in miles) north,  $x$  the distance east of South Hadley.

- (a) Where is the top of the hill located?
- (b) How high is the hill?
- (c) How steep is the slope (in feet per mile) at a point 1 mile north and one mile east of South Hadley? In what direction is the slope steepest, at that point?

$$\nabla h(x, y) = \nabla \left[ 10(2xy - 3x^2 - 4y^2 - 18x + 28y + 12) \right]$$

$$= 10(2y - 6x - 18, 2x - 8y + 28)$$

$$= 0 \text{ when } (x, y) = (-2, 3) \dots\dots (a)$$

$$\Rightarrow h(-2, 3) = 10 \left[ 2(-2)3 - 3(-2)^2 - 4(3)^2 - 18(-2) + 28(3) + 12 \right] = 720 \text{ ft.} \dots\dots (b)$$

$$\nabla h(1, 1) = 10(-22, 22) = 220\sqrt{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \text{ ft. per mile.} \dots\dots (c)$$

**Problem 1.13** Let  $\mathbf{r}$  be the separation vector from a fixed point  $(x', y', z')$  to the point  $(x, y, z)$ , and let  $r$  be its length. Show that

- (a)  $\nabla(r^2) = 2\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ .
- (b)  $\nabla(1/r) = -\hat{\mathbf{r}}/r^2$ .
- (c) What is the *general* formula for  $\nabla(r^n)$ ?

$$\vec{\mathbf{r}} = (x, y, z) - (x', y', z') = (\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z) \quad r = \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2 + \Delta z^2}$$

$$(a) \nabla(r^2) = 2r \nabla r = 2r \left( \frac{2\Delta x}{2r}, \frac{2\Delta y}{2r}, \frac{2\Delta z}{2r} \right) = 2(\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z) = 2\hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$(b) \nabla\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) = -\frac{1}{r^2} \nabla r = -\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{1}{r} \hat{\mathbf{r}} = -\frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2}$$

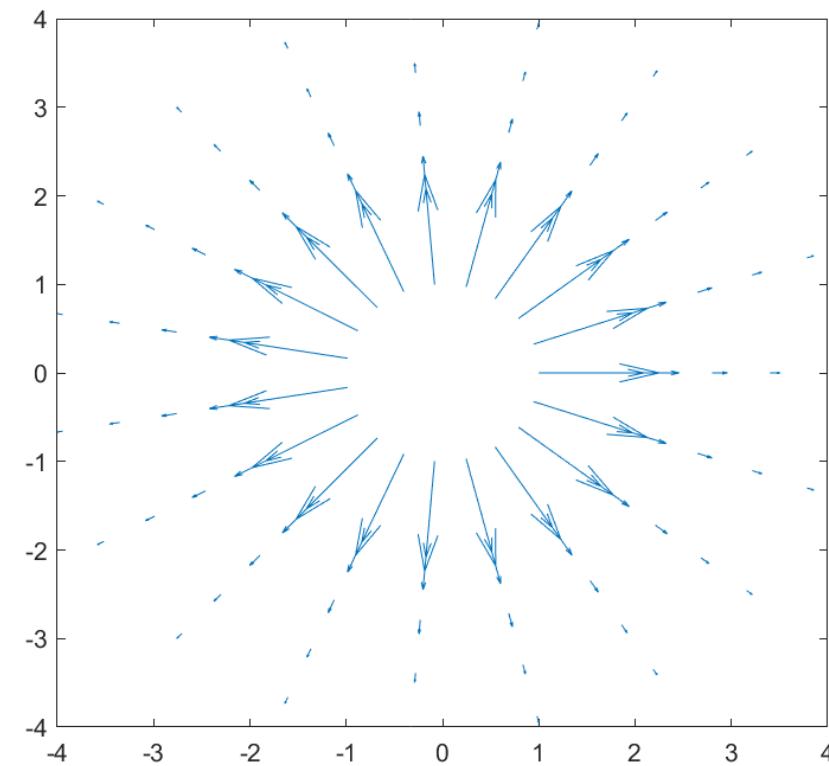
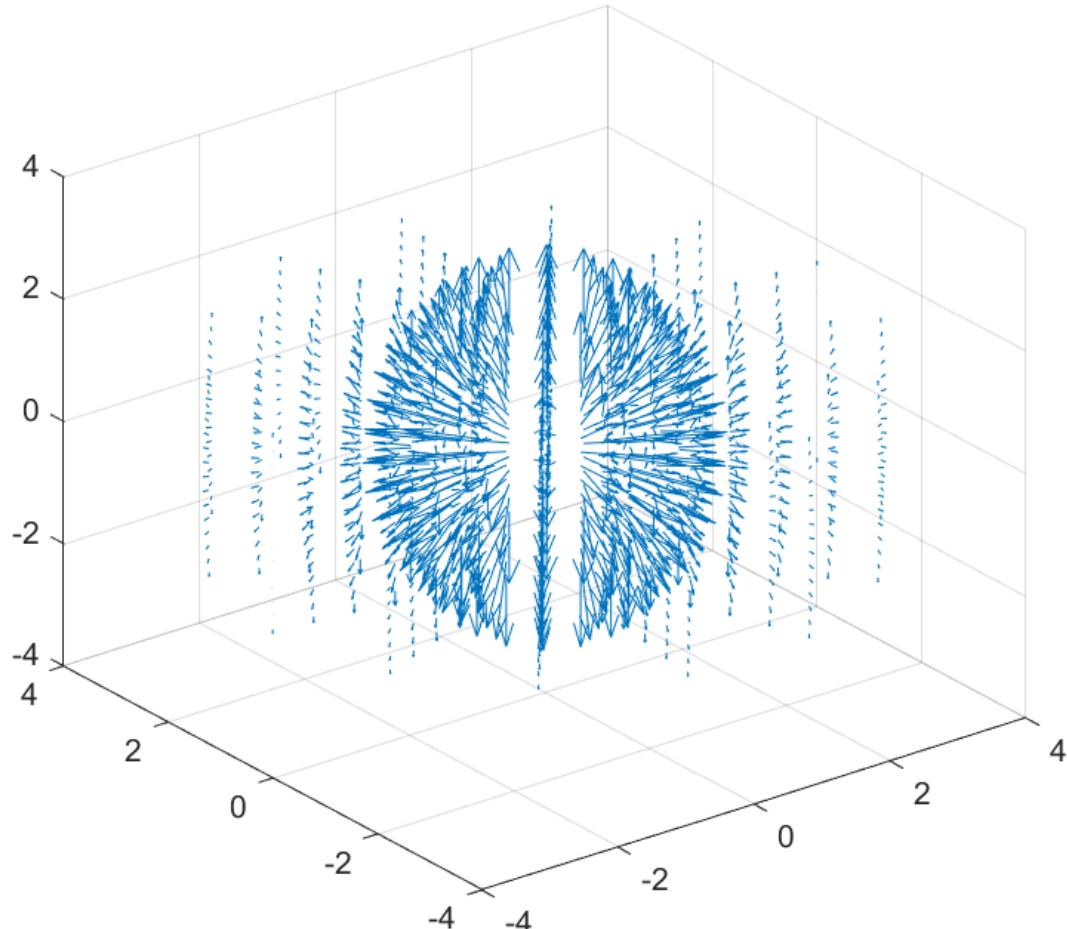
$$(c) \nabla(r^n) = n r^{n-1} \nabla r = n r^{n-1} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

### Problem 1.16 Sketch the vector function

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$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2},$$

and compute its divergence. The answer may surprise you... can you explain it?



### Problem 1.25

(a) Check product rule (iv) (by calculating each term separately) for the functions

$$\mathbf{A} = x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + 2y \hat{\mathbf{y}} + 3z \hat{\mathbf{z}}; \quad \mathbf{B} = 3y \hat{\mathbf{x}} - 2x \hat{\mathbf{y}}.$$

(b) Do the same for product rule (ii).

(c) Do the same for rule (vi).

$$\mathbf{A} = (x, 2y, 3z) \quad \mathbf{B} = (3y, -2x, 0)$$

$$(a) \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = \nabla \cdot \left( \begin{vmatrix} 2y & 3z \\ -2x & 0 \end{vmatrix}, - \begin{vmatrix} x & 3z \\ 3y & 0 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} x & 2y \\ 3y & -2x \end{vmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \nabla \cdot (6xz, 9yz, -2x^2 - 6y^2) = 6z + 9z + 0 = 15z$$

$$\mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) = (3y, -2x, 0) \cdot (0, 0, 0) - (x, 2y, 3z) \cdot (0, 0, -5) = 15z$$

$$(b) \nabla(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = \nabla(3xy - 4xy) = (-y, -x)$$

$$\mathbf{A} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{B} \times \underbrace{(\nabla \times \mathbf{A})}_{0} + (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} + (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A}$$

$$= (x, 2y, 3z) \times (0, 0, -5) + 0 + (x\partial_x + 2y\partial_y + 3z\partial_z)(3y, -2x, 0) + (3y\partial_x - 2x\partial_y + 0)(x, 2y, 3z)$$

$$= (-10y, 5x, 0) + (6y, -2x, 0) + (3y, -4x, 0) = (-y, -x)$$

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$$(c) \nabla \times (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = \nabla \times (6xz, 9yz, -2x^2 - 6y^2) = (-12y - 9y, 4x + 6x, 0) = (-21y, 10x, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{B}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) \\ &= (3y, -4x, 0) - (6y, -2x, 0) + (x, 2y, 3z)(0 + 0 + 0) - (3y, -2x, 0)(1 + 2 + 3) \\ &= (-y, -x) \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 1.26** Calculate the Laplacian of the following functions:

$$(a) T_a = x^2 + 2xy + 3z + 4.$$

$$(a) \nabla^2 T_a = 2$$

$$(b) T_b = \sin x \sin y \sin z.$$

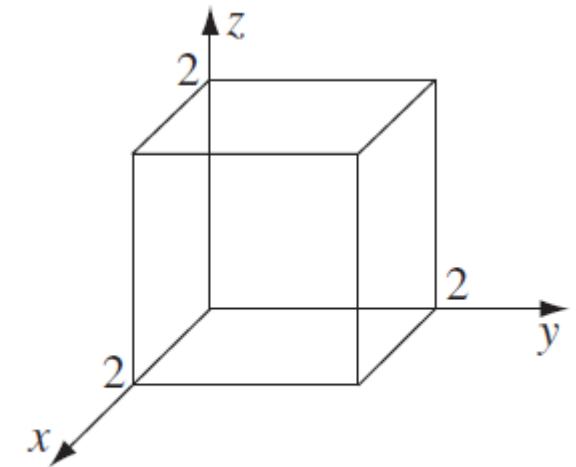
$$(b) \nabla^2 T_b = -3T_b$$

$$(c) T_c = e^{-5x} \sin 4y \cos 3z.$$

$$(c) \nabla^2 T_c = (25 - 16 - 9)T_c = 0$$

$$(d) \mathbf{v} = x^2 \hat{x} + 3xz^2 \hat{y} - 2xz \hat{z}.$$

$$(d) \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} = (\nabla^2 v_x, \nabla^2 v_y, \nabla^2 v_z) = (2, 6, 0)$$



**FIGURE 1.30**

**Problem 1.33** Test the divergence theorem for the function  $\mathbf{v} = (xy) \hat{x} + (2yz) \hat{y} + (3zx) \hat{z}$ . Take as your volume the cube shown in Fig. 1.30, with sides of length 2.

$$\mathbf{v} = (xy) \hat{x} + (2yz) \hat{y} + (3zx) \hat{z} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = y + 2z + 3x$$

$$\int \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} d\tau = \int_0^2 \int_0^2 \int_0^2 (y + 2z + 3x) dx dy dz = \int_0^2 \int_0^2 \left( y \times 2 + 2z \times 2 + \frac{3}{2} \times 4 \right) dy dz = \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \right) \times 2 \times 2 \times 4 = 48$$

$$\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \underbrace{\int_0^2 \int_0^2 (0) y dy dz}_{x=0} + \underbrace{\int_0^2 \int_0^2 (2) y dy dz}_{x=2} + \underbrace{\int_0^2 \int_0^2 2(0) z dx dz}_{y=0} + \underbrace{\int_0^2 \int_0^2 2(2) z dx dz}_{y=2} + \underbrace{\int_0^2 \int_0^2 3(0) x dx dy}_{z=0} + \underbrace{\int_0^2 \int_0^2 3(2) x dx dy}_{z=2}$$

$$= 0 + 8 + 0 + 16 + 0 + 24 = 48$$

### Problem 1.36

(a) Show that

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} f(\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \int_{\mathcal{S}} [\mathbf{A} \times (\nabla f)] \cdot d\mathbf{a} + \oint_{\mathcal{P}} f \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l}. \quad (1.60)$$

(b) Show that

$$\int_{\mathcal{V}} \mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) d\tau = \int_{\mathcal{V}} \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) d\tau + \oint_{\mathcal{S}} (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{a}. \quad (1.61)$$

$$(a) \int_{\mathcal{S}} f(\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \int_{\mathcal{S}} \sum_{ijk} f \epsilon_{ijk} (\partial_j A_k) da_i = \int_{\mathcal{S}} \sum_{ijk} \left[ \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j (f A_k) - \epsilon_{ijk} (\partial_j f) A_k \right] da_i$$

$$= \int_{\mathcal{S}} [\nabla \times (f \mathbf{A}) - (\nabla f) \times \mathbf{A}] \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \oint_{\mathcal{P}} f \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} + \int_{\mathcal{S}} [\mathbf{A} \times (\nabla f)] \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$

$$(b) \int_{\mathcal{V}} \mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) d\tau = \int_{\mathcal{V}} \sum_{ijk} B_i \epsilon_{ijk} (\partial_j A_k) d\tau = \int_{\mathcal{V}} \sum_{ijk} \left[ \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j (B_i A_k) - \epsilon_{ijk} (\partial_j B_i) A_k \right] d\tau$$

$$= \int_{\mathcal{V}} [\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B})] d\tau = \oint_{\mathcal{S}} (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{a} + \int_{\mathcal{V}} \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) d\tau$$

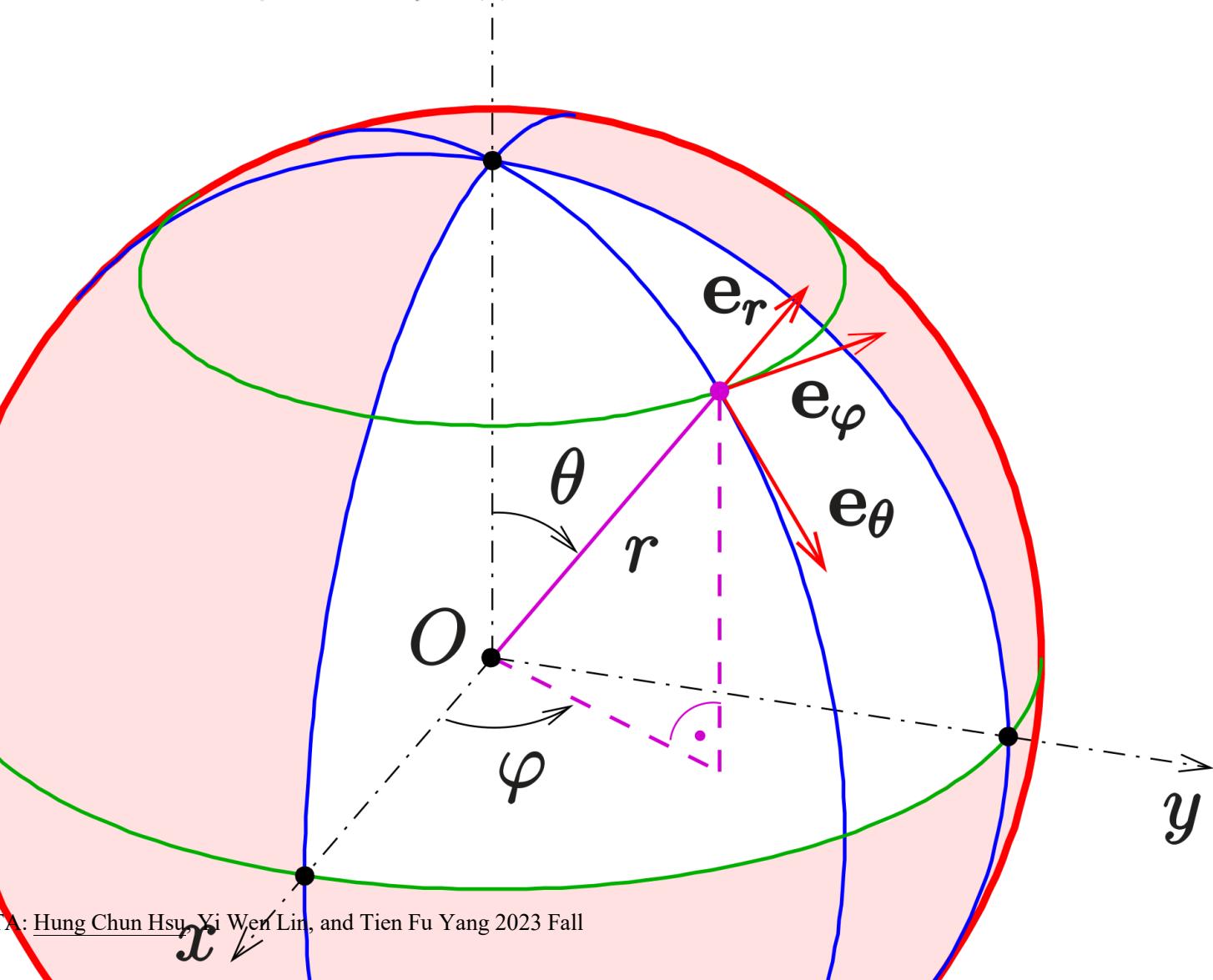
**Problem 1.38** Express the unit vectors  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\theta}, \hat{\phi}$  in terms of  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{y}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}$  (that is, derive

Eq. 1.64). Check your answers several ways ( $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} = 1$ ,  $\hat{\theta} \cdot \hat{\phi} = 0$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\theta} = \hat{\phi}$ , ...).

Also work out the inverse formulas, giving  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{y}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}$  in terms of  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\theta}, \hat{\phi}$  (and  $\theta, \phi$ ).  $\wedge \mathcal{Z}$

$$(\hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\theta}, \hat{\phi}) = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{y}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}) = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & \cos \phi \\ \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \\ \hat{\theta} \\ \hat{\phi} \end{pmatrix}$$



■ **Problem 1.40** Compute the divergence of the function

$$\mathbf{v} = (r \cos \theta) \hat{\mathbf{r}} + (r \sin \theta) \hat{\mathbf{\theta}} + (r \sin \theta \cos \phi) \hat{\mathbf{\phi}}.$$

Check the divergence theorem for this function, using as your volume the inverted hemispherical bowl of radius  $R$ , resting on the  $xy$  plane and centered at the origin (Fig. 1.40).

$$\mathbf{v} = (r \cos \theta) \hat{\mathbf{r}} + (r \sin \theta) \hat{\mathbf{\theta}} + (r \sin \theta \cos \phi) \hat{\mathbf{\phi}}$$

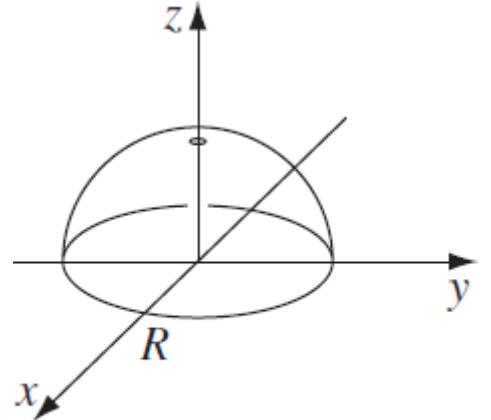
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_r (r^2 v_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \partial_\theta (\sin \theta v_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \partial_\phi (v_\phi)$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_r (r^3 \cos \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \partial_\theta (r \sin^2 \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \partial_\phi (r \sin \theta \cos \phi)$$

$$= 3 \cos \theta + 2 \cos \theta - \sin \phi = 5 \cos \theta - \sin \phi$$

$$\int \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} d\tau = \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^0 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R (5 \cos \theta - \sin \phi) r^2 dr d\phi d(-\cos \theta) = \frac{1}{3} R^3 (10\pi) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{5\pi R^3}{3}$$

$$\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^0 r \cos \theta r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \Big|_{r=R} + \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R r \sin \theta r dr d\phi \Big|_{\theta=\frac{\pi}{2}} = \pi R^3 + \frac{2\pi R^3}{3} = \frac{5\pi R^3}{3}$$



**FIGURE 1.40**

**Problem 1.43**

(a) Find the divergence of the function

$$\mathbf{v} = s(2 + \sin^2 \phi) \hat{s} + s \sin \phi \cos \phi \hat{\phi} + 3z \hat{z}.$$

(b) Test the divergence theorem for this function, using the quarter-cylinder (radius 2, height 5) shown in Fig. 1.43.

(c) Find the curl of  $\mathbf{v}$ .

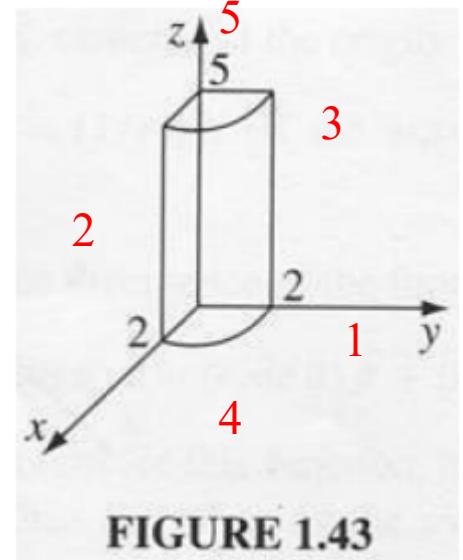
$$(a) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (sv_s) + \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 2(2 + \sin^2 \phi) + \cos^2 \phi - \sin^2 \phi + 3 = 8$$

(b)

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} d\tau = 8 \times \text{volume} = 40\pi$$

$$\oint_A \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \oint_A [s(2 + \sin^2 \phi), s \sin \phi \cos \phi, 3z] \cdot (sd\phi dz, dsdz, sdsd\phi)$$

$$= \oint_A s(2 + \sin^2 \phi) sd\phi dz + s \sin \phi \cos \phi dsdz + 3zsdsd\phi = \overbrace{2^2 \left( 2 \times \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \times 5}^{\text{face 1}} + \overbrace{\vec{0}}^{\text{face 2}} + \overbrace{\vec{0}}^{\text{face 3}} + \overbrace{\vec{0}}^{\text{face 4}} + \overbrace{3 \times 5 \times 2 \times \frac{\pi}{2}}^{\text{face 5}} = 40\pi$$



**FIGURE 1.43**

■ **Problem 1.43**

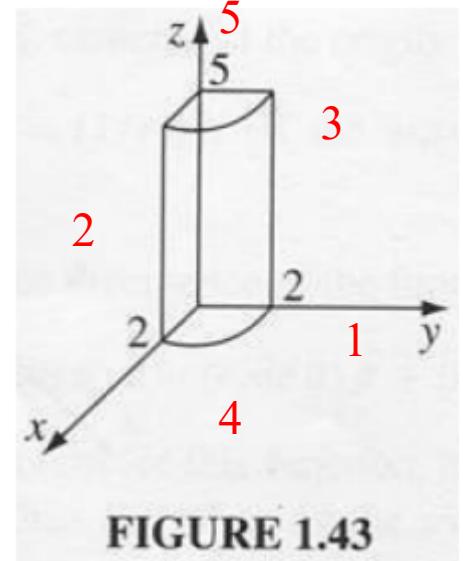
(a) Find the divergence of the function

$$\mathbf{v} = s(2 + \sin^2 \phi) \hat{s} + s \sin \phi \cos \phi \hat{\phi} + 3z \hat{z}.$$

(b) Test the divergence theorem for this function, using the quarter-cylinder (radius 2, height 5) shown in Fig. 1.43.

(c) Find the curl of  $\mathbf{v}$ .

$$(c) \nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \left[ \left( \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial z} \right), \left( \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial s} \right), \frac{1}{s} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (sv_\phi) - \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial \phi} \right) \right] = \left[ 0, 0, \frac{1}{s} (2s \sin \phi \cos \phi - 2s \sin \phi \cos \phi) \right] = 0$$



**FIGURE 1.43**

### Problem 1.46

(a) Show that

$$x \frac{d}{dx}(\delta(x)) = -\delta(x).$$

[Hint: Use integration by parts.]

$$\begin{aligned} \int f(x) \left[ x \frac{d}{dx} \delta(x) \right] dx &= f(x)x\delta(x) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)x] \delta(x) dx = - \int (f(x) + f'(x)x) \delta(x) dx \\ &= - \int f(x) \delta(x) dx \Rightarrow x \frac{d}{dx} \delta(x) = -\delta(x) \end{aligned}$$

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(b) Let  $\theta(x)$  be the **step function**:

$$\theta(x) \equiv \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}. \quad (1.95)$$

Show that  $d\theta/dx = \delta(x)$ .

$$\theta(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int f(x)\theta'(x)dx &= f(x)\theta(x) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int f'(x)\theta(x)dx = f(\infty) - \int_0^{\infty} f'(x)dx = f(\infty) - f(\infty) + f(0) = f(0) \\ \Rightarrow \theta'(x) &= \delta(x) \end{aligned}$$

### Problem 1.47

- (a) Write an expression for the volume charge density  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$  of a point charge  $q$  at  $\mathbf{r}'$ . Make sure that the volume integral of  $\rho$  equals  $q$ .
- (b) What is the volume charge density of an electric dipole, consisting of a point charge  $-q$  at the origin and a point charge  $+q$  at  $\mathbf{a}$ ?
- (c) What is the volume charge density (in spherical coordinates) of a uniform, infinitesimally thin spherical shell of radius  $R$  and total charge  $Q$ , centered at the origin? [Beware: the integral over all space must equal  $Q$ .]

$$(a) \rho(\mathbf{r}) = q\delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

$$(b) \rho(\mathbf{r}) = q\delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{a}) - q\delta^3(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\begin{aligned}(c) Q &= \int \rho(\mathbf{r}') d\tau = \int q(R) \delta(r' - R) r'^2 \sin\theta' dr' d\theta' d\phi' \\&= \int q(R) R^2 (2)(2\pi) \Rightarrow q(R) = \frac{Q}{4\pi R^2} \Rightarrow \rho(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{Q}{4\pi R^2} \delta(r' - R)\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 1.49** Evaluate the integral

$$J = \int_{\mathcal{V}} e^{-r} \left( \nabla \cdot \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2} \right) d\tau$$

(where  $\mathcal{V}$  is a sphere of radius  $R$ , centered at the origin) by two different methods, as in Ex. 1.16.

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Sol.2:

Sol.1:

$$J = \int_{\mathcal{V}} e^{-r} 4\pi \delta^3(\mathbf{r}) d\tau = 4\pi$$

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \int_{\mathcal{V}} e^{-r} \left( \nabla \cdot \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2} \right) d\tau = - \int_{\mathcal{V}} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2} \cdot (\nabla e^{-r}) d\tau + \oint_S e^{-r} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2} \cdot d\mathbf{a} \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{V}} \frac{e^{-r}}{r^2} r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi + \oint_S \frac{e^{-r}}{r^2} r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = -4\pi e^{-r} \Big|_0^R + 4\pi e^{-R} = 4\pi \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 1.64** In case you're not persuaded that  $\nabla^2(1/r) = -4\pi\delta^3(\mathbf{r})$  (Eq. 1.102 with  $\mathbf{r}' = \mathbf{0}$  for simplicity), try replacing  $r$  by  $\sqrt{r^2 + \epsilon^2}$ , and watching what happens as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .<sup>16</sup> Specifically, let

$$D(r, \epsilon) \equiv -\frac{1}{4\pi} \nabla^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + \epsilon^2}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a) D(r, \epsilon) &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \nabla^2 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + \epsilon^2}} \right) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + \epsilon^2}} \right) \right] = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r^2 \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) (r^2 + \epsilon^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} (2r) \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ -r^3 (r^2 + \epsilon^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right] = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r^2} \left[ 3r^2 (r^2 + \epsilon^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{3}{2} r^3 (r^2 + \epsilon^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} (2r) \right] = \frac{3}{4\pi} (r^2 + \epsilon^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} (r^2 + \epsilon^2 - r^2) \\ &= \frac{3\epsilon^2}{4\pi} (r^2 + \epsilon^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} D(0, \epsilon) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{4\pi \epsilon^3} = \infty$$

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$$(c) \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} D(r, \epsilon) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{3\epsilon^2}{4\pi} (r^2 + \epsilon^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{3\epsilon^2}{4\pi r^5} \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon^2}{r^2}\right)^{-\frac{5}{2}} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{3\epsilon^2}{4\pi r^5} \left(1 - \frac{5}{2} \frac{\epsilon^2}{r^2} + \frac{25}{4} \frac{\epsilon^4}{r^4} - \dots\right) = 0$$

$$(d) \int D(r', \epsilon) d\tau = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int \nabla \cdot \left[ \nabla \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{r'^2 + \epsilon^2}} \right) \right] d\tau = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_{r' \rightarrow \infty} \nabla \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{r'^2 + \epsilon^2}} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \oint_{r' \rightarrow \infty} (-r') (r'^2 + \epsilon^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} r'^2 \sin \theta' d\theta' d\phi' = \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon^2}{r'^2}\right)_{r' \rightarrow \infty}^{-\frac{3}{2}} = 1$$