

Recall: we define a surface  $M$  by a fct.  $f \in C^1(U, \mathbb{R}^3)$  ( $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  a domain) with normal vector  $n := \frac{\partial f}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \neq 0$ . Then we define:

- the surface area  $\sigma(M) := \int_U \|n\| \, dS$ ,
- for  $\Phi \in C(M, \mathbb{R})$ , the surface integral  $\int_M \Phi \, d\sigma := \int_U \Phi \circ f \|n\| \, dS$ ,
- for  $F \in C(M, \mathbb{R}^3)$ , the flux integral  $\int_M F \cdot \hat{n} \, d\sigma := \int_U (F \circ f) \cdot n \, dS$ .  
 $\hat{n} := \frac{n}{\|n\|}$

Examples:

- Surface area of a sphere: We can choose  $f(\theta, \varphi) = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \varphi \\ \sin \theta \sin \varphi \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\varphi \in [0, 2\pi]$ ,  $\theta \in [0, \pi]$ .  
(as for spherical coordinates,  $r=1$ )

$$\text{Then: } \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \cos \varphi \\ \cos \theta \sin \varphi \\ -\sin \theta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial \varphi} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta \sin \varphi \\ \sin \theta \cos \varphi \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \times \frac{\partial f}{\partial \varphi} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 + \sin^2 \theta \cos \varphi \\ \sin^2 \theta \sin \varphi - 0 \\ \cos \theta \sin \theta (\cos^2 \varphi + \sin^2 \varphi) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin^2 \theta \cos \varphi \\ \sin^2 \theta \sin \varphi \\ \cos \theta \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|n\|^2 = \underbrace{\sin^4 \theta \cos^2 \varphi + \sin^4 \theta \sin^2 \varphi}_{= \sin^4 \theta} + \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta = \sin^2 \theta (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) = \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \|n\| = \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma(\text{sphere}) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\varphi = 2\pi (-\cos \theta) \Big|_0^\pi = 4\pi.$$

•  $M =$  upper hemisphere of radius 1 centered at  $O$ ,  $\Phi(x, y, z) = (x^2 + y^2)z$ .

We use the same  $f$  as above with  $\varphi \in [0, 2\pi]$  but  $\theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  only.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \int_M \Phi \, d\sigma &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \Phi(f(\theta, \varphi)) \|n(\theta, \varphi)\| \, d\theta \, d\varphi \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^2 \theta (\cos^2 \varphi + \sin^2 \varphi) \cos \theta \underbrace{\sin \theta}_{=\|n\|} \, d\theta \, d\varphi \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^3 \theta \cos \theta \, d\theta \, d\varphi \\
 &= 2\pi \left. \frac{1}{4} \sin^4 \theta \right|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

• Same  $M$ ,  $F = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow F(f(\theta, \varphi)) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

, since  $(\sin \theta \cos \varphi)^2 + (\sin \theta \sin \varphi)^2 + (\cos \theta)^2 = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \int_M F \cdot \hat{n} \, d\sigma &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \underbrace{F(f(\theta, \varphi))}_{= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} \cdot \underbrace{n(\theta, \varphi)}_{= \begin{pmatrix} \sin^2 \theta \cos \varphi \\ \sin^2 \theta \sin \varphi \\ \cos \theta \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}} \, d\theta \, d\varphi \\
 &\quad \text{outward pointing} \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin^2 \theta \cos \varphi + \sin^2 \theta \sin \varphi + \cos \theta \sin \theta) \, d\theta \, d\varphi \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^2 \theta \, d\theta \underbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} (\cos \varphi + \sin \varphi) \, d\varphi}_{= 0} + 2\pi \left. \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta \right|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\
 &= \pi
 \end{aligned}$$

Next, we relate flux integrals to volume integrals ("Green's theorem one dimension higher")

## 3.6 Divergence Theorem

Let us state and discuss the result; we omit proofs.

The divergence thm. holds in any dimension:

Theorem (Divergence Theorem; also called Gauss' Theorem):

Let  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a domain and let  $V \subset D$  s.t.

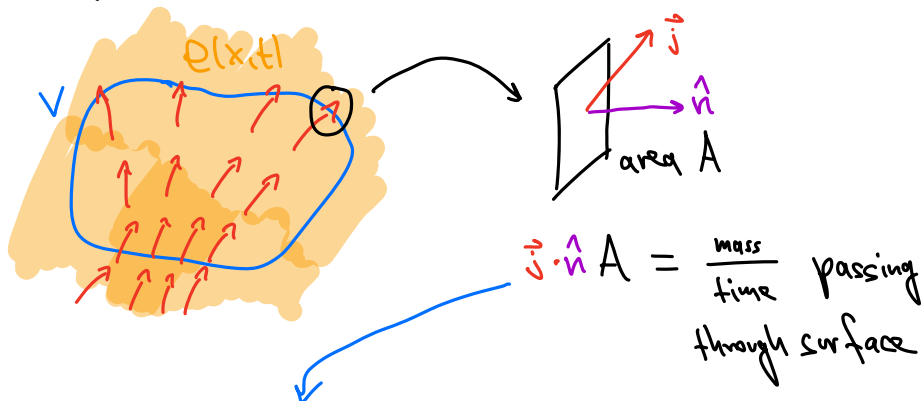
- $\bar{V} \subset D$ , and  $\bar{V}$  bounded and regular,
- $\partial V$  has non-vanishing piece-wise continuous normal field  $n$ ,
- $F \in C^1(D, \mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Then  $\int_{\partial V} F \cdot \hat{n} \, d\sigma = \int_V \underbrace{\nabla \cdot F}_{= \text{div } F} \, dx$ , with  $\hat{n}$  the outward pointing unit normal vector. ("divergence of  $F$ ")

Some interpretation / connection to physics:

Let

- $\rho(x, t)$  = density at point  $x$  at time  $t$  (e.g., mass density or probability density).
- $m_V(t) = \int_V \rho(x, t) \, d^3x$  = total mass in domain  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ .
- $\vec{j}(x, t)$  = flux density (units:  $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{time} \cdot \text{area}}$ ) =  $\rho(x, t) \cdot \vec{u}(x, t)$ , with  $\vec{u}(x, t)$  the velocity vector field.



integrate up small area elements  $\vec{j} \cdot \hat{n} dA$ ; minus sign since mass flows out

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Change of mass in time is  $\frac{dm_v(t)}{dt} = - \int_{\partial V} \vec{j} \cdot \hat{n} d\sigma = - \int_V \operatorname{div} \vec{j} d^3x$

by def. of  $m_v(t)$

$= \int_V \frac{\partial \rho(x,t)}{\partial t} d^3x$

$\Rightarrow$  Since this holds  $\forall$  domains  $V$ , we have deduced the

continuity equation  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div} \vec{j} = 0.$

For heat ("Fourier's law") or other diffusion processes ("Fick's law") we have  $\vec{j} = -\vec{\nabla} \rho.$

$\Rightarrow \operatorname{div} \vec{j} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \rho = -\Delta \rho,$

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_n^2} = \text{Laplace operator}$

which leads to the heat eq. or diffusion eq.  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \Delta \rho.$

Another result is a generalization of Green's thm. to general surfaces  $M.$

Theorem (Stokes' theorem):

Let  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a domain, let  $M \subset D$  a smooth surface that is bounded and orientable, and let  $\partial M$  have smooth parametrization with orientation anti-clockwise w.r.t. to the normal field of  $M.$  Let  $F \in C^1(D, \mathbb{R}^3).$

Then  $\int_{\partial M} F \cdot dx = \int_M \underbrace{(\nabla \times F)}_{=: \operatorname{curl} F} \cdot \hat{n} d\sigma.$

Note:

- "Orientable" means that a normal vector field can be chosen consistently (always the case for  $M := \text{range } f$ ).
- For flat surfaces we recover Green's thm.: set  $F = \begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\hat{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Before we discuss examples, a few interesting implications.

Corollary: With the same notation as in Stokes' thm., assume that  $M$  has no boundary. Then  $\int_M (\nabla \times F) \cdot \hat{n} \, d\sigma = 0$  for any  $F \in C^1(D, \mathbb{R}^3)$ .

Corollary: Let  $F \in C^1(D, \mathbb{R}^3)$ ,  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  a simply connected domain. Then  $F$  conservative  $\Leftrightarrow \nabla \times F = 0$ .

Sketch of proof: " $\Rightarrow$ " If  $F = \nabla \phi$ , then  $\nabla \times F = \nabla \times \nabla \phi = 0$ , see homework.

" $\Leftarrow$ " Let  $\gamma$  be a closed curve. Under the stated assumptions one can show that there is a "capping surface"  $M$  s.t.  $\partial M = \gamma$ .

Then  $\int_{\gamma} F \cdot dx = \int_M (\nabla \times F) \cdot \hat{n} \, d\sigma = 0 \Rightarrow F$  conservative.  $\square$