

Ref: 3-1, 3-2.
4-3, 4-4, 4-5. Physics 221.

Lecture 3.

Assignment #2:

3.1, 3.12, 3.17.

Due next friday.

• Differential of V : $V = V(x, y, z)$

$$dV = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} dz$$

$$= \nabla V \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

Difference of V between locations P_1 and P_2 .

$$\int_{P_1}^{P_2} dV = \int_{P_1}^{P_2} \nabla V \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

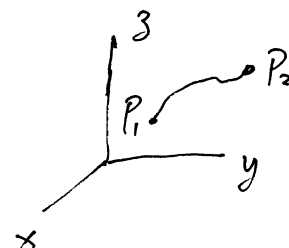
$$V_2 - V_1 = \int_{P_1}^{P_2} (-\vec{E}) \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

i.e.

$$\boxed{V_2 - V_1 = - \int_{P_1}^{P_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell}} \quad (4.39)$$

$\vec{E}$ — electric field. $\vec{E} = \vec{F}/q$.
= electric force per unit charge.

V — electric potential.
= potential energy per unit charge.



(4-39) can be rewritten as

$$\int_{P_1}^{P_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = -(V_2 - V_1) = -\Delta V$$

Meaning:

Work done by $\vec{E}$ -field = loss of potential energy.

($\vec{E}$ -field is conservative).

Along a closed path:

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = 0 \quad (\because V_P - V_P = 0) \quad (4-40)$$

(circulation of $\vec{E} = 0$).

Please read 3-1.1 and 3-1.2.

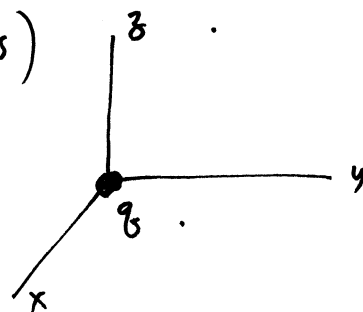
(Gradient operator in cylindrical and spherical coordinates)

e.g.: electric potential of a point charge q located at the origin.

$$V = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{R} \quad (\text{spherical coordinates})$$

Electric field:

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V = -\hat{R} \frac{\partial V}{\partial R} = \frac{\hat{R} q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{R^2}$$



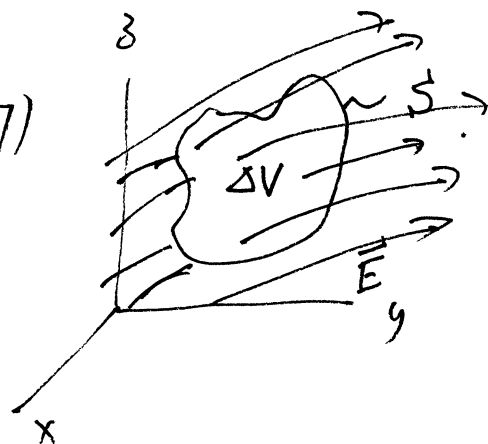
• Divergence of a vector field.

Given a vector field $\vec{E}(x, y, z)$, its divergence is.

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} \equiv \text{div } \vec{E} \equiv \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} \quad (3-28)$$

OR: (equivalent definition) (p.53-54).

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}}{\Delta V} \quad (3-27)$$



Meaning.

① $\nabla \cdot \vec{E}$ is a scalar

② It's the total outward flux of $\vec{E}$ per unit volume.

③ When $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} > 0$, it's a source

$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} < 0$ it's a sink.

④ The magnitude of $\nabla \cdot \vec{E}$ represents the strength of the source (or sink).

e.g. For an electric field $\vec{E}$.

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}}{\Delta V} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{\Delta V} \bigg|_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}.$$

ρ — charge per unit volume . $\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{charge density} \\ \text{— strength of source} \end{array} \right)$

meaning: $+q$ — source of $\vec{E}$.

$-q$ — sink of $\vec{E}$.

e.g. For a magnetic field $\vec{B}$.

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 .$$

Why? because there is no "magnetic charges".
(monopoles)

• When $\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ everywhere,

We say that $\vec{B}$ is divergenceless (sourceless)
or solenoidal .

Gauss' Theorem.

- When the volume in (3.27) is not small:

$$\boxed{\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{E} \cdot dV = \oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}} \quad 3-30$$

called the divergence theorem.

(V is the volume enclosed by S).

- Calculations of divergence in different coordinate systems:

plug in the formulas !

e.g. 3-3. p. 55.

Read: 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5. (Review)

(during the weekend).

• $\vec{E}$ - field due to a point charge $\vec{q}$ at $(0, 0, 0)$.

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{R}}{R^2}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{d}{dR} \left(R^2 \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{R^2} \right) = 0 \quad \text{when } R \neq 0.$$

$$= \infty \quad \text{when } R = 0.$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \rho = 0 \quad \text{when } R \neq 0 \\ = \infty \quad \text{when } R = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ - for a point charge at } R = 0.$$