

# Applied mathematics III

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# Chapter 4

## Vector Calculus

### 4.1 Scalar and Vector Fields

- Vector calculus concerns two kinds of functions, namely, **vector functions**, whose values are vectors

$$V = V(p) = (v_1(p), v_2(p), v_3(p))$$

and **scalar functions**, whose values are scalars

$f = f(p)$ , where  $p$  is a point in 3-dimension.

- A vector function defines a vector field and scalar field defines a scalar field

#### Example:

- Velocity, gravitational, electric and gradient are vector fields
- $f(p) = f(x, y, z) = \sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^2}$  is scalar field



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## 4.2 Vector Calculus

- Convergence, continuity and differentiability are the basic concept of calculus.

## 4.3 Curves, Arc Length and Tangent

### Curves

- A curve  $C$  is a path of moving body.

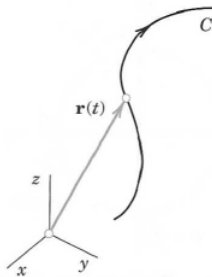


Fig. 198. Parametric representation of a curve



- It has parametric representation with parameter  $t$ ,  
 $r(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$

**Example:** Give the parametric representation of curve  $C$  along

- 1 Circle  $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = 4, z = 0$
- 2 Ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, z = 0$
- 3 Straight line through a point  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$  in the direction of constant vector  $(b_1, b_2, b_3)$
- 4 Straight line  $y = 2x + 3, z = 7x$



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Solution:

- ❶  $C : r(t) = (a + 2\cos t, b + 2\sin t, 0)$  in CCW, positive sense  
or  $C : r^*(t) = (a + 2\cos t, b - 2\sin t, 0)$  in CW, negative sense
- ❷  $C : r(t) = (a\cos t, b\sin t, 0)$
- ❸  $C : r(t) = (a_1, a_2, a_3) + t(b_1, b_2, b_3) = (a_1 + tb_1, a_2 + tb_2, a_3 + tb_3)$
- ❹  $C : r(t) = (t, 2t + 3, 7t)$

Arc

- An arc of a curve is the portion between any two points of the curve

Tangent to a Curve

- Tangents are straight lines touching a curve.
- If  $r'(t) = (x'(t), y'(t), z'(t)) \neq 0$ , we call  $r'(t)$  a tangent vector of curve  $C$  at point  $P$



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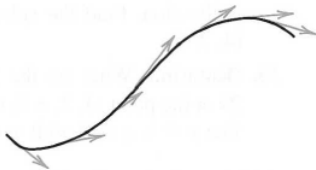


Fig. 193. Field of tangent vectors of a curve

- The corresponding unit vector is the unit tangent vector

$$u = \frac{r'(t)}{\|r'(t)\|}$$

**Example:** Find the tangent to the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  at  $P : (\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$



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Solution:

$$C : r(t) = (2\cos t, 2\sin t), \quad r'(t) = (-2\sin t, 2\cos t)$$

The tangent to curve C is  $q(t) = (\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}) + t(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$

Length of a Curve

- The length of a curve  $C : r(t)$ ,  $a \leq t \leq b$  is given by

$$l = \int_a^b \sqrt{r'(t) \cdot r'(t)} dt$$



Fig. 207. Length of a curve

Arc Length of a Curve

- The arc length of a curve  $C : r(\bar{t})$ ,  $a \leq \bar{t} \leq t$  is given by

$$s(t) = \int_a^t \sqrt{r'(\bar{t}) \cdot r'(\bar{t})} d\bar{t}$$



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**Example:** Find the length of circular helix  $r(t) = (2\cos t, 2\sin t, t)$  from  $(2, 0, 0)$  to  $(2, 0, 24\pi)$

**Solution:**  $r'(t) = (-2\sin t, 2\cos t, 1)$ ,

$$r' \cdot r' = (-2\sin t, 2\cos t, 1) \cdot (-2\sin t, 2\cos t, 1) = 9$$

$$\text{Length } l = \int_0^{24\pi} \sqrt{r'(t) \cdot r'(t)} dt = \int_0^{24\pi} \sqrt{9} dt = 72\pi$$

#### 4.4 Gradient of a Scalar Field, Divergence and Curl of a Vector Field

##### Gradient of a Scalar Field

- The gradient of a given scalar function is the vector function defined by

$$\nabla f = (f_x, f_y, f_z)$$

**Example:** Find the gradient of  $f(x, y, z) = xy + y^2z^3$

**Solution:**  $\nabla f = (f_x, f_y, f_z) = (y, x + 2yz^3, 3y^2z^2)$





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- A vector field  $F$  is called **conservative** when there exists a differentiable function  $f$  such that
$$F = \nabla f$$
- The function  $f$  is called the **potential function** for field  $F$

**Example:** The vector field given by  $F(x, y) = 2xi + yj$  is conservative since there exist a potential function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + \frac{y^2}{2}$  such that
$$F = \nabla f = 2xi + yj$$

Test for conservative vector field in planes.

- Let  $M(x, y)$  and  $N(x, y)$  have continuous first partial derivatives on an open disk  $R$
- The vector field  $F(x, y) = Mi + Nj$  is conservative iff
$$M_y = N_x$$



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**Example:** Determine whether the following vector field is conservative and if so find its potential function

- ①  $F(x, y) = xi + yj$
- ②  $F(x, y) = x^2yi + xyj$
- ③  $F(x, y) = 2xyi + (x^2 - y)j$

**Solution:**

1.  $M_y = N_x = 0$ ,  $f = x^2/2 + y^2$   
Hence, F is conservative
2.  $M_y = x^2 \neq N_x = y$
3.  $M_y = N_x = 2x$ , this imply F is conservative

There is  $f$  such that  $\nabla f = F$

$$f_x i + f_y j = 2xyi + (x^2 - y)j$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f = \int f_x dx = x^2y + g(y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f_y = x^2 + g'(y) = x^2 - y$$

$$\Leftrightarrow g(y) = -y^2/2$$

Therefore, potential function  $f = x^2y - y^2/2$



## Divergence of a Vector Field

- The divergence of a vector field of  $F(x, y) = Mi + Nj$  in xy-plane is given by  $\text{div } F(x, y) = \nabla \cdot F = M_x + N_y$
- The divergence of a vector field of  $F(x, y, z) = Mi + Nj + Pk$  in xyz-space is given by  $\text{div } F(x, y, z) = \nabla \cdot F = M_x + N_y + P_z$

**Example:** Find the divergence of  $F(x, y, z) = x^3y^2zi + x^2zj + x^2yk$  at  $(2, 1, -1)$

**Solution:**  $\text{div } F(x, y, z) = \nabla \cdot F = M_x + N_y + P_z = 3x^2y^2z$   
 $\text{div } F(2, 1, -1) = -12$



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## Curl of a Vector Field

- Curl of a vector field  $F(x, y, z) = Mi + Nj + Pk$  is given by  
$$\text{curl}F(x, y, z) = \nabla \times F = (P_y - N_z)i - (P_x - M_z)j + (N_x - M_y)k$$

**Example:** Find the curl of  $F(x, y, z) = yzi + 3zxj + zk$  with right handed

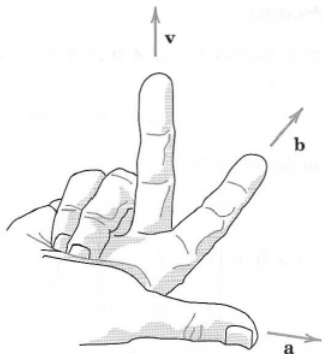


Fig. 184. Right-handed

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**Solution:**

$$\text{curl}F(x, y, z) = (P_y - N_z)i - (P_x - M_z)j + (N_x - M_y)k = -3xi + yj + 2zk$$

Test for conservative vector field in space:

- The vector field  $F(x, y, z) = Mi + Nj + Pk$  is conservative iff  $\text{curl}F=0$ , i.e.,  $P_y = N_z, P_x = M_z, N_x = M_y$

**Example:** If  $F(x, y, z) = 2xyi + (x^2 + y^2)j + 2zk$  is conservative, find  $f(x, y, z)$

**Solution:**  $\text{curl}F(x, y, z) = (P_y - N_z)i - (P_x - M_z)j + (N_x - M_y)k = 0$

$$f = \int Mdx + g(y, z) = x^2y + g(y, z)$$

Hence,  $f = x^2y + yz^2$

**4.5 Line Integrals, Line Integral path independent and Green's Theorem**

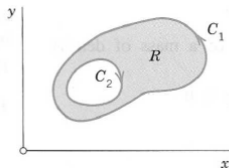


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## Line Integrals

The curve  $C$  is the path of integration,  $A : r(a)$  its initial point and  $B : r(b)$  its terminal point

- i. Let  $f$  be continuous scalar field in a region containing a smooth curve.
  - If a curve  $C$  is given by  $r(t) = x(t)i + y(t)j + z(t)k$ , where  $a \leq t \leq b$ , then the line integral of  $f$  over  $C$  is given by
$$\int_C f(x, y, z) ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \|r'(t)\| dt$$
  - **NB.** If  $C_1$  in CCW and  $C_2$  in CW, then
$$\int_{C_1} f(x, y, z) ds = - \int_{C_2} f(x, y, z) ds$$



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**Example:** Evaluate  $\int_C (x^2 - y + 3z) ds$  if  $C : y = 2x, z = x, 0 \leq x \leq 1$

**Solution:**  $C : r(t) = (t, 2t, t), 0 \leq t \leq 1, r'(t) = (1, 2, 1)$

$$\int_C (x^2 - y + 3z) ds = \int_0^1 (t^2 - 2t + 3t) \sqrt{6} dt = 5\sqrt{6}/6$$

- ii. Let  $F$  be continuous **vector field** in a region containing a smooth curve.
- If  $C$  is given by  $r(t) = x(t)i + y(t)j + z(t)k$ , where  $a \leq t \leq b$ , then the line integral of  $F$  over  $C$  is given by
$$\int_C F(x, y, z) ds = \int_a^b F(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \cdot r'(t) dt$$
  - This line integral is used to find **work done** by force  $F$  in the displacement along a curve  $C : r(t)$



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Properties of line integral:

- i.  $\int_C kF.dr = k \int_C F.dr$
- ii.  $\int_C (F + G).dr = \int_C F.dr + \int_C G.dr$
- iii.  $\int_C F.dr = \int_{C_1} F.dr + \int_{C_2} F.dr, \quad C = C_1 + C_2$

**Example:** Find the work done (line integral) by the force  $F = -xi/2 - yj/2 + k/4$  on a particle as it moves along the helix given by  $r(t) = costi + sintj + tk$  from  $(1, 0, 0)$  to  $(-1, 0, 3\pi)$

**Solution:**  $W = \int_C F(x(t), y(t), z(t)).r'(t)dt$   
$$= \int_0^{3\pi} \left(-\frac{costi}{2} - \frac{sintj}{2} + \frac{k}{4}\right).(-sinti + costj + k)dt = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

**Line Integral path Independent**

- If  $F$  is continuous on an open connected region, the line integral  $\int_C F.dr$  is the **path independent** iff  $F$  is **conservative** and  $\int_C F.dr = f(B) - f(A)$ ,  
where  $A : r(a) \rightarrow B : r(b)$ ,  $f$  is **potential function**





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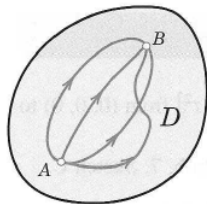


Fig. 222. Path independence

**Example:** For the force field given by  $F(x, y, z) = e^x \cos yi - e^x \sin yj + 2k$ . Show that  $\int_C F \cdot dr$  is path independent, and find the work done by  $F$  on an object moving along a curve  $C$  from  $(0, \pi/2, 1)$  to  $(1, \pi, 3)$ .

**Solution:** Since  $\text{curl} F = 0$ , then  $F$  is conservative.

$$f = \int e^x \cos y dx + g(y, z)$$

$$f_y = -e^x \sin y + g'(y, z) = -e^x \sin y$$



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$$g(y, z) = k(x, y)$$

$$f = e^x \cos y + k(x, y)$$

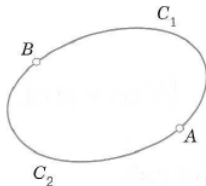
$$f_z = k'(x, y) = 2$$

$$k(x, y) = 2z$$

$$\text{Hence, } f(x, y, z) = e^x \cos y + 2z$$

$$W = \int_C F \cdot dr = f(1, \pi, 3) - f(0, \pi/2, 1) = 4 - e$$

**Note that**  $\int_C F \cdot dr = 0$  for every closed curve  $C$  in region  $R$ ,  
 $C = C_1 \cup C_2$ .



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## Green's Theorem (Transformation between double integral and line integral)

- Let  $R$  be a simply connected region with a piecewise smooth boundary  $C$ , oriented CCW.
- If  $F(x, y) = M(x, y)i + N(x, y)j$ , then
$$\int_C F \cdot dr = \int_C (Mdx + Ndy) = \iint_R (N_x - M_y) dA$$



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### Example:

1. Use Green's theorem to evaluate the line integral  $\int_C y^3 dx + (x^3 + 3xy^2) dy$ , where C is the path from (0,0) to (1,1) along  $y = x^3$  and from (1,1) to (0,0) along  $y = x$ .

### Solution:

$$W = \int_C y^3 dx + (x^3 + 3xy^2) dy = \iint_R (N_x - M_y) dA = \int_0^1 \int_{x^3}^x (3x^2 + 3y^2 - 3y^2) dy dx = 1/4$$

2. Find the work done by  $F(x, y) = y^3 i + (x^3 + 3xy^2) j$  along a particle travels once around the circle of radius 3.

### Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C y^3 dx + (x^3 + 3xy^2) dy &= \iint_R (N_x - M_y) dA = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^3 3r^2 \cos^2 \theta r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^3 3r^2 \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} r dr d\theta = 243\pi/4 \end{aligned}$$



## 4.6 Surface integral, Gauss Divergence theorem and its application

### Surface Integrals

1. Let  $S$  be a surface with equation  $z = f(x, y)$  and let  $R$  be its projection onto the  $xy$ -plane. Then the surface integral of  $f$  over  $S$  is given by

$$\int \int_S f(x, y, z) dS = \int \int_R f(x, y, g(x, y)) \sqrt{1 + g_x^2 + g_y^2} dA \quad (1)$$

2. Let  $S$  be a surface with equation  $y = f(x, z)$  and let  $R$  be its projection onto the  $xz$ -plane. Then the surface integral of  $f$  over  $S$  is given by

$$\int \int_S f(x, y, z) dS = \int \int_R f(x, g(x, z), z) \sqrt{1 + g_x^2 + g_z^2} dA \quad (2)$$



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3. Let  $S$  be a surface with equation  $x = f(y, z)$  and let  $R$  be its projection onto the  $yz$ -plane. Then the surface integral of  $f$  over  $S$  is given by

$$\int \int_S f(x, y, z) dS = \int \int_R f(g(y, z), y, z) \sqrt{1 + g_y^2 + g_z^2} dA \quad (3)$$

**Example:** Find surface integral  $\int \int_S yz dS$ ,  $S : z = 3 - x - y$  in first-octant

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \int \int_S yz dS &= \int \int_S y(3 - x - y) \sqrt{1 + z_x^2 + z_y^2} dA = \\ \int_0^3 \int_0^{3-x} \sqrt{3} y(3 - x - y) dy dx &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



## Representation of Surface

- Representation of a surface  $S$  in xyz-space is  $z = f(x, y)$  or  $g(x, y, z) = 0$

**Example:**  $z = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2 - y^2}$  or  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - a^2 = 0$ , ( $z \geq 0$ ) represents a hemisphere of radius  $a$  and center 0.

- The surfaces are two dimensional.
- Hence we need two parameters  $u$  and  $v$ .
- The parametric representation of a surface  $S$  in space is of the form

$$r(u, v) = x(u, v)i + y(u, v)j + z(u, v)k,$$

where  $(u, v)$  in region  $R$  of the  $uv$ -plane



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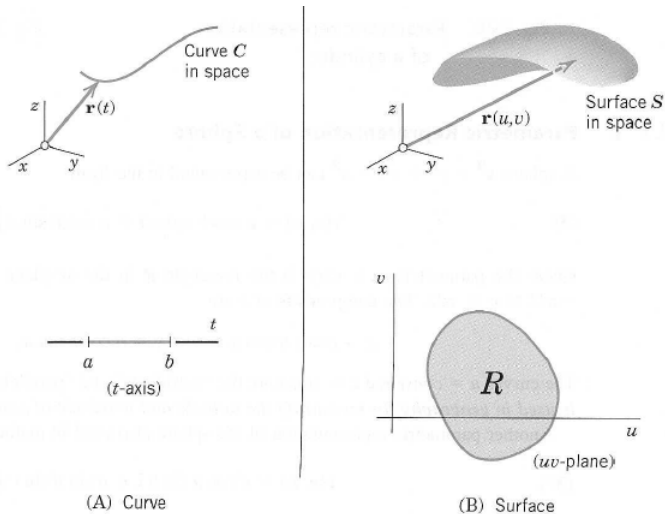


Fig. 239. Parametric representations of a curve and a surface





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Example:

1. Give the parametric representation of circular cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ ,  $-1 \leq z \leq 1$ , has a radius  $a$ , height  $z$  and the  $z$ -axis as axis.

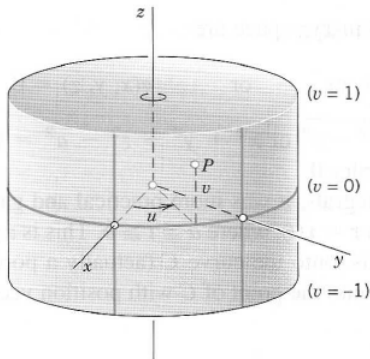


Fig. 240. Parametric representation of a cylinder



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Solution:

$r(u, v) = (a \cos u, a \sin u, v)$ ,  $0 \leq u \leq 2\pi$ ,  $-1 \leq v \leq 1$  in the plane

2. Give the parametric representation of the plane  $x + y + z = 1$

Solution:

$$S: r(u, v) = (u, v, 1 - u - v), \quad 0 \leq u \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq v \leq 1 - u$$

3. Give the parametric representation of sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$

- Note that the cross product of  $r_u$  and  $r_v$  gives a normal vector of S at P,  $N = r_u \times r_v$
- The corresponding **unit normal vector**  $n$  of S at P is

$$n = \frac{N}{\|N\|} = \frac{r_u \times r_v}{\|r_u \times r_v\|},$$

where  $r_u$  and  $r_v$  are tangential to S at P.



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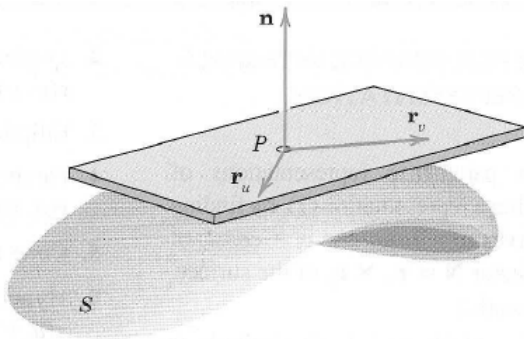


Fig. 242. Tangent plane and normal vector



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**Example:** Find the unit normal vector to the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$

**Solution:** Let  $g(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - a^2 = 0$

- $N = \nabla g = 2xi + 2yj + 2zk$  is normal vector
- $n = \frac{N}{\|N\|} = \frac{xi + yj + zk}{a}$
- For a given vector function  $F$ , the surface integral of  $F$  over  $S$  by  $\int \int_S F \cdot n dA = \int \int_R F(r(u, v)) \cdot N(u, v) du dv$ ,  
where  $N(u, v) = r_u \times r_v$ ,  $N = \|N\| n$ ,  $n dA = N du dv$
- This integral is also called **flux integral**.

**Example:**

1. Compute the flux of water through the parabolic cylinder  
S:  $y = x^2$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 2$ ,  $0 \leq z \leq 3$  if the velocity vector is  
 $V = F = 3z^2i + 6j + 6xz k$



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Solution:

- $S : r(u, v) = ui + u^2j + vk, 0 \leq u \leq 2, 0 \leq v \leq 3$
  - $N = r_u \times r_v = (1, 2u, 0) \times (0, 0, 1) = 2ui - j, F(r(u, v)) = 3v^2i + 6j + 6uv$
  - $\int \int_S F \cdot n dA = \int \int_R F(r(u, v)) \cdot N(u, v) du dv = 72$
2. Evaluate the surface integral  $\int \int_S (x + z) dS$ ,  
where S is the first octant portion of the cylinder  $y^2 + z^2 = 9$   
between  $x=0$  and  $x=4$ .

Solution:

- In parametric form the surface is given by  
 $r(x, \theta) = xi + 3\cos\theta j + 3\sin\theta k, 0 \leq x \leq 4, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$
- $r_x = i, r_\theta = -3\sin\theta j + 3\cos\theta k$
- $\|r_x \times r_\theta\| = 3$
- $\int \int_S (x + z) dS = \int \int_D (x + 3\sin\theta) 3 dA$   
 $= \int_0^4 \int_0^{\pi/2} (3x + 9\sin\theta) d\theta dx = 12\pi + 36$



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Divergence theorem (Transformation between a triple integral and surface integral)

- Let  $Q$  be a solid region bounded by a closed surface  $S$  oriented by a unit normal vector  $n$  directed outward from  $Q$ .
- Then surface integral is  $\int \int_S F \cdot n dS = \int \int \int_Q \text{div} F dv$

Example:

1. Let  $Q$  be the solid region bounded by the coordinate planes and the plane  $2x+2y+z=6$  and  $F = xi + y^2j + 2k$ . Find  $\int \int_S F \cdot n dS$ , where  $S$  is the surface of  $Q$ .

Solution:

- $Q$  is bounded by four subsurfaces;  $S_1$ :xz-plane,  $S_2$  yz-plane,  $S_3$  xy-plane and  $S_4$ :  $2x+2y+z=6$
- $\text{Div} F = M_x + N_y + P_z = 2 + 2y$
- $Q = \{(x, y, z) : 0 \leq z \leq 6 - 2x - 2y, 0 \leq x \leq 3 - y, 0 \leq y \leq 3\}$



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Solution:

- $\int \int_S F \cdot ndS = \int \int \int_Q \text{div} F dv = \int_0^3 \int_0^{3-y} \int_0^{6-2x-2y} dz dx dy = 63/2$
- 2. Let Q be the solid region between the paraboloid  $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$  and the xy-plane. Find  $\int \int_S F \cdot ndS$ , where  $F = 2zi + xj + y^2k$ .

Solution:

- $\int \int_S F \cdot ndS = \int \int \int_Q \text{div} F dv = \int \int \int_Q 0 dv = 0$
- 3. Let Q be the solid bounded by the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ , the plane  $x + z = 6$ , and the xy-plane. Find  $\int \int_S F \cdot ndS$  where S is the surface of Q and  $F = (x^2 + \sin z)i + (xy + \cos z)j + e^y k$

Solution:  $Q =$

$$\left\{ (x, y, z) : 0 \leq z \leq 6 - x, -2 \leq x \leq 2, -\sqrt{4 - x^2} \leq y \leq \sqrt{4 - x^2} \right\}$$

$$\int \int_S F \cdot ndS = \int \int \int_Q \text{div} F dv = \int \int \int_Q 3x dv =$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 \int_0^{6-r\cos\theta} (3r\cos\theta) r dr d\theta = -12\pi$$

