

DIVERGENCE THEOREM. Let A be a vector field on E in xyz -space. Let V be a compact subset of E , and S its piecewise smooth boundary. Let $r(u, v)$ be a parametric presentation of S on D in uv -plane by outward orientation. Then

$$\int_S A \cdot dS = \int_V \operatorname{div} A \, dV,$$

i.e.,

$$\iint_D A(r(u, v)) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial r}{\partial v} \right) du dv = \iiint_V \operatorname{div} A \, dx dy dz.$$

We prove this for a special case where V is the rectangular parallelepiped determined by the vectors $a\mathbf{i}$, $b\mathbf{j}$ and $c\mathbf{k}$ ($\mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{k}$ are the fundamental vectors in xyz -space and $a, b, c > 0$). Let

$$D = \{(u, v) \mid 0 \leq u \leq 1, 0 \leq v \leq 1\}$$

be the square region, and define

$$S_1 : r_1(u, v) = (au, bv, c)$$

$$S_2 : r_2(u, v) = (av, bu, 0)$$

$$S_3 : r_3(u, v) = (av, b, cu)$$

$$S_4 : r_4(u, v) = (au, b, cv)$$

$$S_5 : r_5(u, v) = (a, bu, cv)$$

$$S_6 : r_6(u, v) = (a, bv, cu)$$

on D . Then the boundary S of V is the union of S_1 , S_2 , $\dots$, and S_6 . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial r_1}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial r_1}{\partial v} &= (a, 0, 0) \times (0, b, 0) = a\mathbf{i} \times b\mathbf{j} = ab\mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial r_2}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial r_2}{\partial v} &= (0, b, 0) \times (a, 0, 0) = b\mathbf{j} \times a\mathbf{i} = -ab\mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial r_3}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial r_3}{\partial v} &= (0, 0, c) \times (a, 0, 0) = c\mathbf{k} \times a\mathbf{i} = ac\mathbf{j} \\ \frac{\partial r_4}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial r_4}{\partial v} &= (a, 0, 0) \times (0, 0, c) = a\mathbf{i} \times c\mathbf{k} = -ab\mathbf{j} \\ \frac{\partial r_5}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial r_5}{\partial v} &= (0, b, 0) \times (0, 0, c) = b\mathbf{j} \times c\mathbf{k} = bci \\ \frac{\partial r_6}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial r_6}{\partial v} &= (0, 0, c) \times (0, b, 0) = c\mathbf{k} \times b\mathbf{j} = -bci \end{aligned}$$

and thus all $r_1(u, v)$, $r_2(u, v)$, $\dots$, and $r_6(u, v)$ have the outward orientation.

Now, we have

$$\int_S A \cdot dS = \int_{S_1} A \cdot dS + \int_{S_2} A \cdot dS + \dots + \int_{S_6} A \cdot dS.$$

Let

$$A = (A_1, A_2, A_3).$$

We first compute $\int_{S_1} A \cdot dS + \int_{S_2} A \cdot dS$. Using the information above, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{S_1} A \cdot dS + \int_{S_2} A \cdot dS &= ab \iint_D A(r_1(u, v)) \cdot \mathbf{k} \, dudv - ab \iint_D A(r_2(u, v)) \cdot \mathbf{k} \, dudv \\
 &= ab \iint_D A_3(r_1(u, v)) \, dudv - ab \iint_D A_3(r_2(u, v)) \, dudv \\
 &= ab \int_0^1 \int_0^1 A_3(au, bv, c) \, dudv - ab \int_0^1 \int_0^1 A_3(av, bu, 0) \, dudv \\
 &= \int_0^b \int_0^a A_3(x, y, c) \, dxdy - \int_0^b \int_0^a A_3(x, y, 0) \, dxdy
 \end{aligned}$$

$x := au$, $y := bv$ in the first term, and $x := av$, $y := bu$ in the second term

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^b \int_0^a (A_3(x, y, c) - A_3(x, y, 0)) \, dxdy \\
 &= \int_0^b \int_0^a \int_0^c \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial z} \, dz \, dxdy \quad (\text{Fundamental Theorem of Calculus}).
 \end{aligned}$$

In the same way, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{S_3} A \cdot dS + \int_{S_4} A \cdot dS &= \int_0^c \int_0^a \int_0^b \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial y} \, dy \, dxdz \\
 \int_{S_5} A \cdot dS + \int_{S_6} A \cdot dS &= \int_0^c \int_0^b \int_0^a \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial x} \, dx \, dydz.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\int_S A \cdot dS = \int_0^c \int_0^b \int_0^a \left(\frac{\partial A_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial z} \right) \, dxdydz = \iiint_V \operatorname{div} A \, dxdydz. \quad \square$$