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## GAUSS' THEOREM and STOKES' THEOREM

Kursvecka 3

Kapitel 8-9 (*Vektoranalys*, 1:e uppl, Frassinetti/Scheffel)



# This week

## Gauss' theorem:

- Divergence
  - definition
  - physical meaning
- The Gauss' theorem

## Stokes' theorem:

- Curl
  - definition
  - physical meaning
- Stokes' theorem
- The Green's formula in the plane
- Culf-free fields and scalar potentials
- Solenoidal fields and vector potentials

# Connections with previous and next topics

## Gauss' theorem:

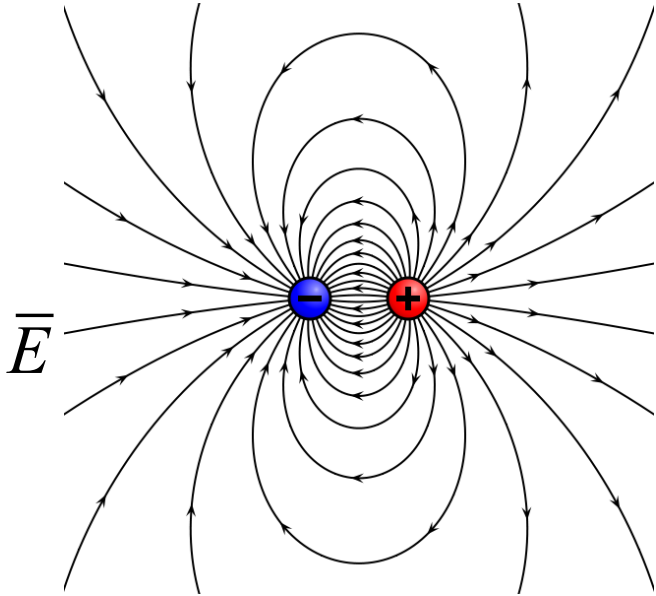
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- It can be used to calculate the flux (in some specific cases)
- Applications: in "Electromagnetic Theory" to calculate the flux of electric field (i.e. with the Gauss' law).

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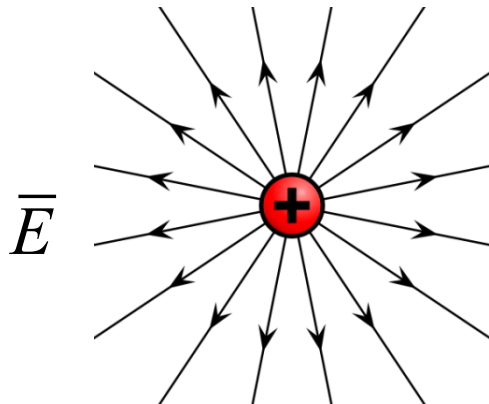
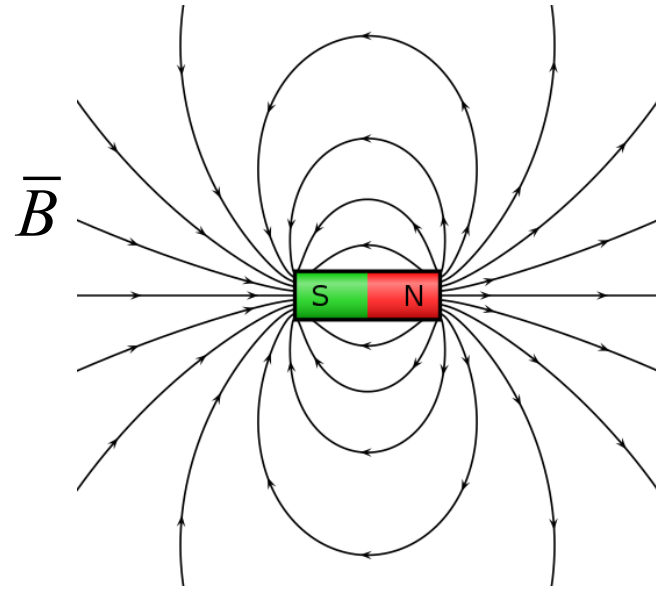
- Vector fields
- It can be used to calculate line integrals (in some specific cases).
- Important implication for the conservative fields and the potential
- Applications in "Electromagnetic Theory" to calculate the magnetic field (Ampere's law).

# TARGET PROBLEM : the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> equations of Maxwell

ELECTRIC FIELD  $\vec{E}$



MAGNETIC FIELD  $\vec{B}$

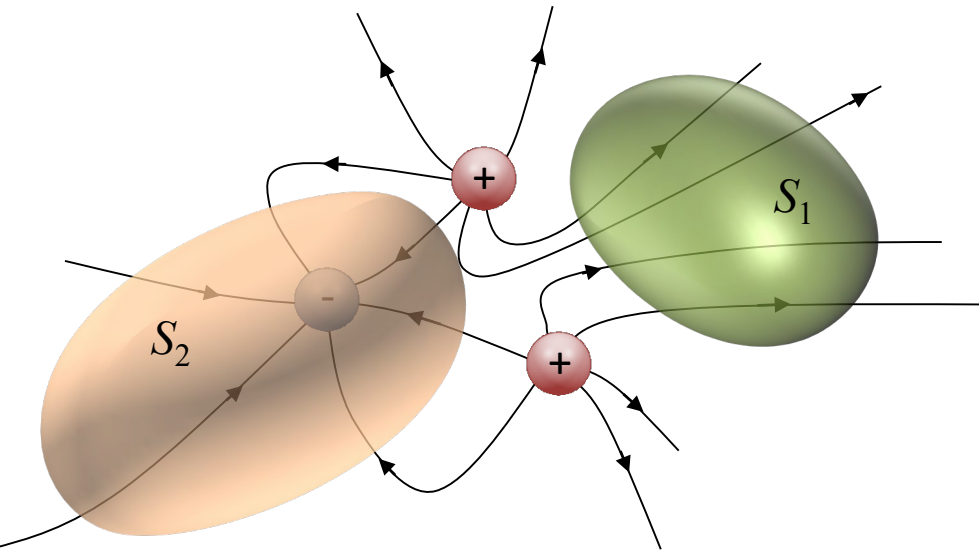


**Magnetic monopoles  
do not exist in nature.**

- How can we express this information for  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  using the mathematical formalism?

# TARGET PROBLEM: the 1<sup>st</sup> equation of Maxwell

Let's consider some ELECTRIC CHARGES and two closed surfaces,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$



$S_1$  does not contain any charge.  
It has no sources and no sinks:  
no field lines destroyed and  
no field lines created inside  $S_1$

$$\iint_{S_1} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$$

$S_2$  contains a negative charge (a sink).  
The field lines are destroyed inside  $S_2$

$$\iint_{S_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} < 0$$

$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

**Gauss' law**

(see the 6<sup>th</sup> week of this course for details or "Teoretisk elektroteknik")

We want to find: (1) the differential form of the Gauss' law.

(i.e. to express the Gauss' law without using integrals)

(2) the corresponding expressions for the magnetic field

- the divergence of a vector field  $\vec{A}$ ,  $\text{div } \vec{A}$

- the Gauss's theorem  $\oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iiint_V \text{div } \vec{A} dV$

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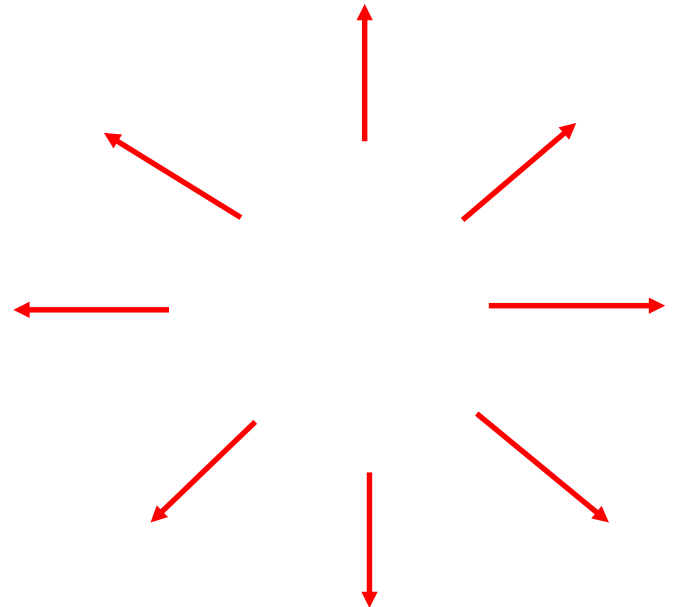
**DEFINITION**

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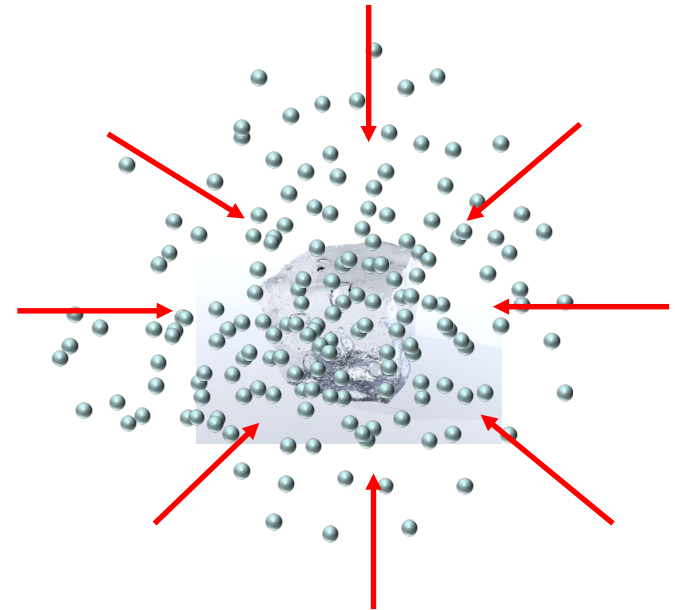
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- If cooled, the gas contracts creating a velocity field that converges to the cooling position. The divergence of the field is negative
- At the heating position we have a **source** of the velocity field
- At the cooling position we have a **sink** of the velocity field



**The divergence is a measure of the strength of sources and sinks.**

(This is only “intuitive”. From a formal point of view, this statement will be clear using the Gauss’ theorem)

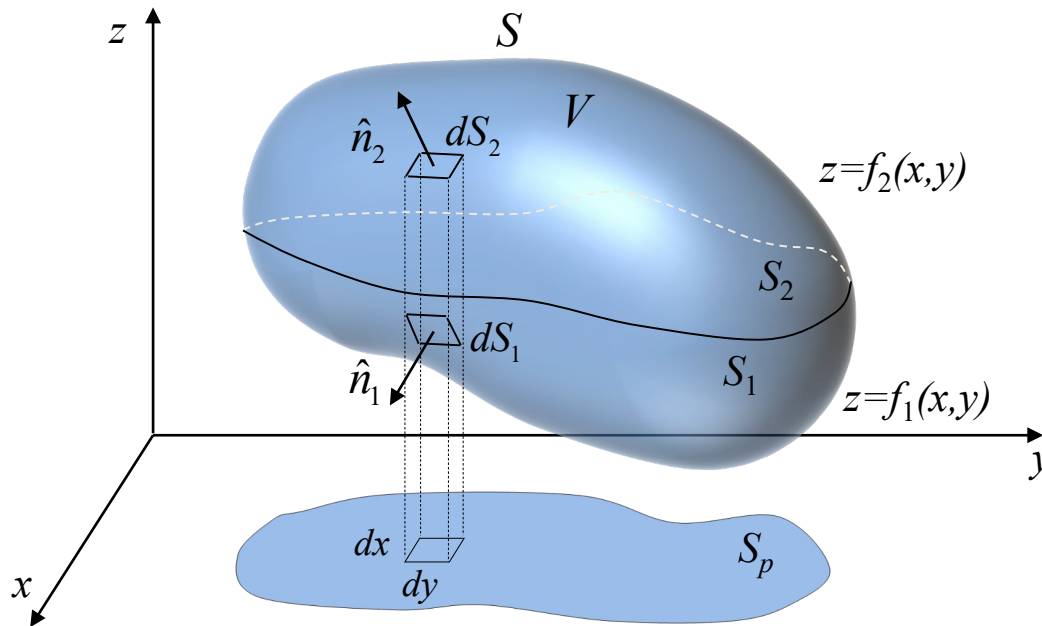
# THE GAUSS' THEOREM

$$\oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iiint_V \text{div} \vec{A} dV$$



(2)

where **S is a closed surface** that forms the boundary of the volume V and  $\vec{A}$  is a continuously differentiable vector field defined on V.



$$dxdy = dS_2 \hat{n}_2 \cdot \hat{e}_z = d\vec{S}_2 \cdot \hat{e}_z$$

$$dxdy = -dS_1 \hat{n}_1 \cdot \hat{e}_z = -d\vec{S}_1 \cdot \hat{e}_z$$



# THE GAUSS' THEOREM

PROOF

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_V \operatorname{div} \vec{A} dV &= \iiint_V \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \right) dxdydz = \\ &= \iiint_V \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} dxdydz + \iiint_V \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} dxdydz + \iiint_V \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} dxdydz \end{aligned}$$

Let's calculate the last term:

$$\iiint_V \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} dxdydz = \iint_{S_p} dxdy \int_{f_1(x,y)}^{f_2(x,y)} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} dz = \iint_{S_p} [A_z(x, y, f_2(x, y)) - A_z(x, y, f_1(x, y))] dxdy =$$

$dxdy$  is the projection on  $S_p$  of the small element surfaces on  $dS_1$  and  $dS_2$ .

Therefore:  $dxdy = -\hat{e}_z \cdot \hat{n}_1 dS_1 = \hat{e}_z \cdot \hat{n}_2 dS_2$

$$= \iint_{S_2} A_z(x, y, f_2(x, y)) \hat{e}_z \cdot \hat{n}_2 dS_2 + \iint_{S_1} A_z(x, y, f_1(x, y)) \hat{e}_z \cdot \hat{n}_1 dS_1 = \iint_S A_z \hat{e}_z \cdot \hat{n} dS$$

Which means:

$$\iiint_V \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} dV = \iint_S A_z \hat{e}_z \cdot \hat{n} dS \quad (3)$$

# THE GAUSS' THEOREM

## PROOF

In the same way we get:

$$\iiint_V \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} dV = \iint_S A_x \hat{e}_x \cdot \hat{n} dS \quad (4)$$

$$\iiint_V \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} dV = \iint_S A_y \hat{e}_y \cdot \hat{n} dS \quad (5)$$

Adding together equations (3), (4) and (5) we finally obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_V \operatorname{div} \bar{A} dV &= \iiint_V \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} dx dy dz + \iiint_V \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} dx dy dz + \iiint_V \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} dx dy dz = \\ &= \iint_S A_x \hat{e}_x \cdot \hat{n} dS + \iint_S A_y \hat{e}_y \cdot \hat{n} dS + \iint_S A_z \hat{e}_z \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iint_S \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{S} \end{aligned}$$

# Rearrange in logic order the steps to prove the Gauss' theorem

- Add all the three terms together in order to obtain the flux of  $\bar{A}$ .
- Write down the volume integral of  $\text{div}\bar{A}$
- Consider the projection of the surface element on the  $xy$  plane, it will be  $dxdy$ . The projection will identify a infinitesimal surface element ( $dS_2$ ) on the lower surface.
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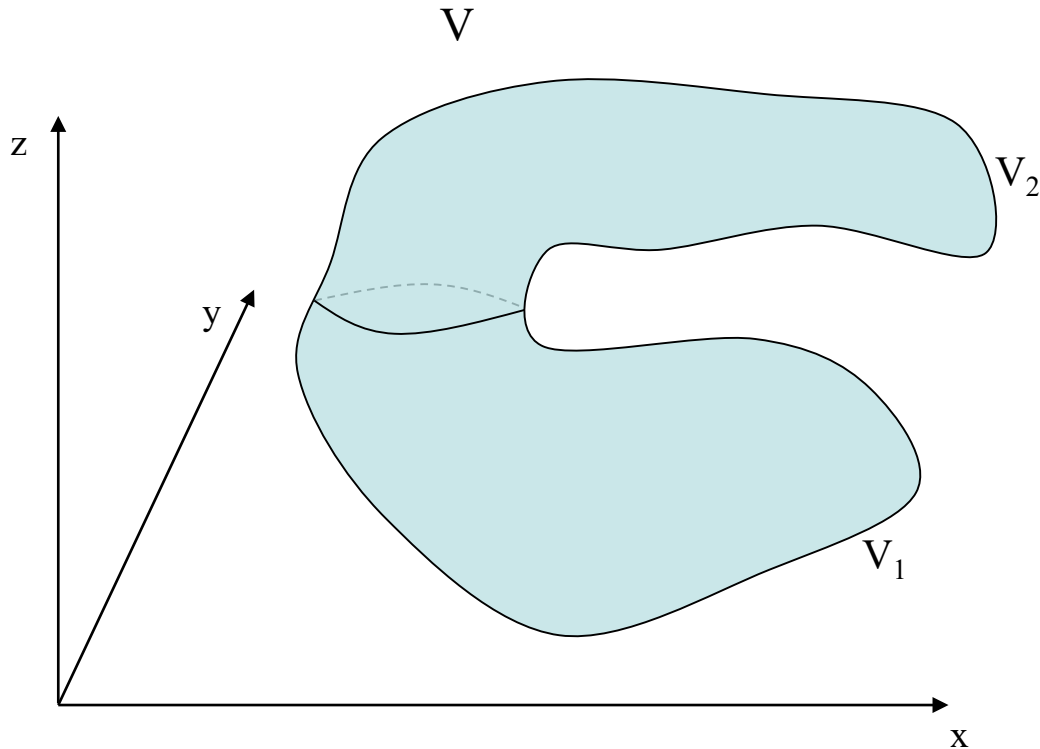
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# THE GAUSS' THEOREM

## PROOF

What if we consider a more complicated volume?



We divide the volume  $V$  in smaller and “simpler” volumes

$$V = V_1 + V_2 + \dots = \sum_i V_i$$


$$\iiint_V \text{div} A dV = \sum_i \iiint_{V_i} \text{div} A dV =$$

$$\sum_i \iint_{S_i} A \cdot dS = \iint_S A \cdot dS$$

# PHYSICAL MEANING

Suppose that  $\vec{v}(\vec{r})$  is the velocity field of a gas

Let's apply the Gauss' theorem to a volume  $V$  of the gas

$$\oint_S \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iiint_V \text{div}(\vec{v}) dV$$


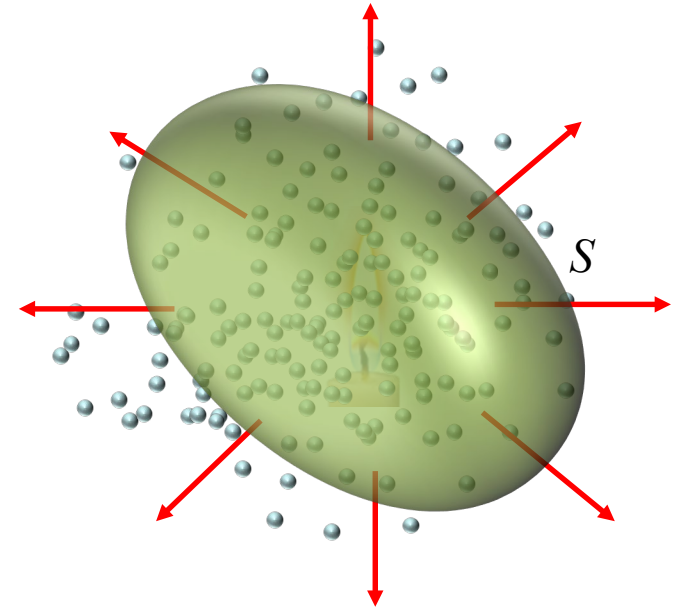
This term is the gas volume per second [ $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ ]  
that flows outwards (*or inwards*) through a closed surface  $S$

If there are no sinks and no sources:

the amount of gas that flows inwards through  
a closed surface  $S$  is equal to the amount of gas  
that flows outwards.

This implies that the flow  $\oint_S \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{S}$  is zero.

Therefore,  $\text{div}(\vec{v}) = 0$



# TARGET PROBLEM

**Magnetic monopoles do not exist in nature.**

How can this statement be mathematically expressed?

Magnetic monopoles do not exist  $\Rightarrow$  the flux of **B** is zero

Let's apply the Gauss' theorem to the magnetic field:



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Gauss} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \iint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iiint_V \text{div} \vec{B} dV \\ \iint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \text{div} \vec{B} = 0$$

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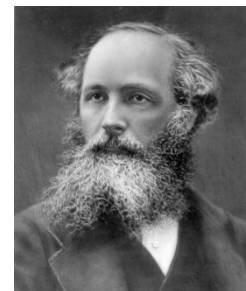
Exercise: apply the Gauss' theorem

to the Gauss' law:  $\iint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$

where S is a closed surface and Q the total charge inside S.

Tip: Q is related to the charge density  $\rho_c$  via  $Q = \int_V \rho_c dV$

*One of the four  
Maxwell's  
equations*



# **WHICH STATEMENT IS WRONG?**

- 1- The divergence of a vector field is a scalar**
- 2- The divergence is related to the flux**
- 3- The Gauss' theorem translates a surface integral into a volume integral**
- 4- The Gauss' theorem can be applied also to an open surface**



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## CURL (ROTATIONEN)

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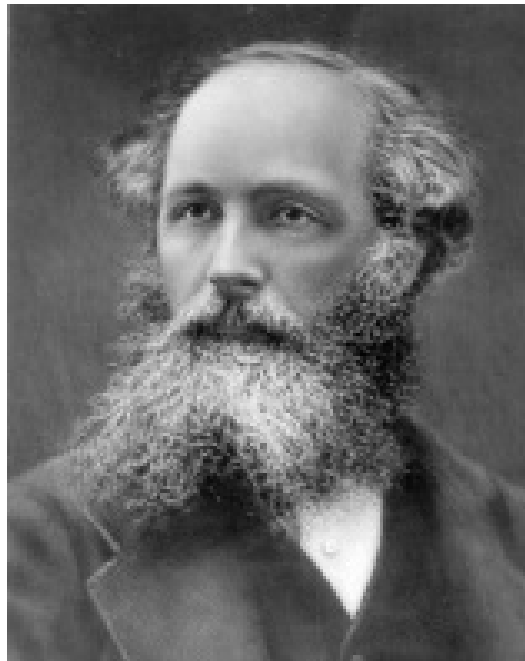
## STOKES' THEOREM

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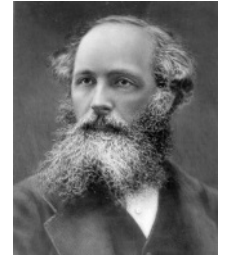


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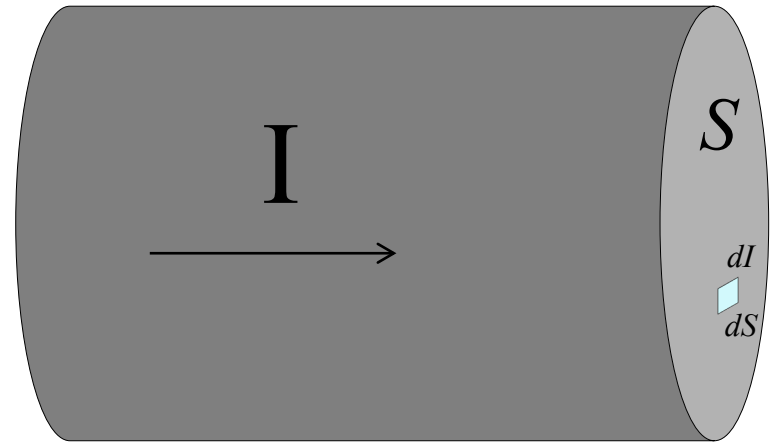
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Consider a conductor with an electric current  $I$ .

Assume that the section of the conductor perpendicular to  $I$  has area  $S$ .

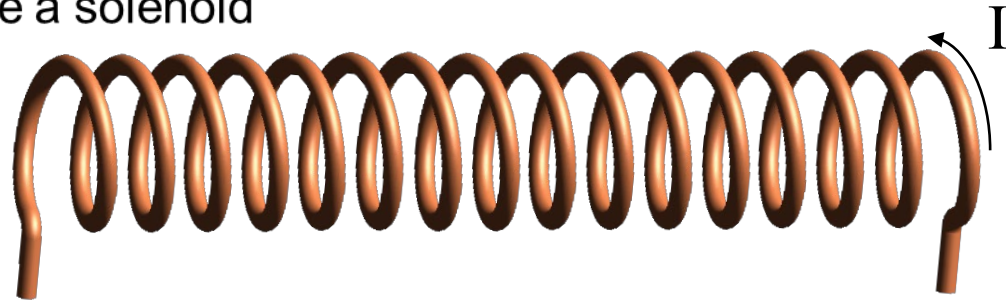
- If the electric current is uniform, then the current density  $\vec{j}$  is:  $|\vec{j}| = \frac{I}{S}$



# TARGET PROBLEM

$$\begin{cases} \text{rot} \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j} \\ I = \iint_S \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{S} \end{cases} \quad (\text{4th Maxwell's equation in stationary conditions})$$

- Calculate the magnetic field generated by the current  $I$
- Calculate the magnetic field inside a solenoid



We need:

(1) the definition of “**curl**” (or rotor) of a vector field:  $\text{rot} \vec{A}$

(2) the **Stokes' theorem**  $\oint_L \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_S \text{rot} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S}$

# THE CURL (ROTATIONEN) $\text{rot } \vec{A}$

DEFINITION (in a Cartesian coordinate system)

$$\text{rot } \vec{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{e}_x & \hat{e}_y & \hat{e}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix} = \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

$\text{rot}$  stands for “rotation”

In fact, the curl is a measure of how much the direction of a vector field changes in space, i.e. how much the field “rotates”.

In every point of the space,  $\text{rot } \vec{A}$  is a vector whose length and direction describe the rotation of the field  $\vec{A}$ .

The direction is the axis of rotation of  $\vec{A}$

The magnitude is the magnitude of rotation of  $\vec{A}$

# THE CURL $\overline{\text{rot}} \vec{A}$

## PHYSICAL MEANING

Consider the rotation of a rigid body around the z-axis.

The position vector of a point **P** on located at the distance  $\rho$  from the origin is:

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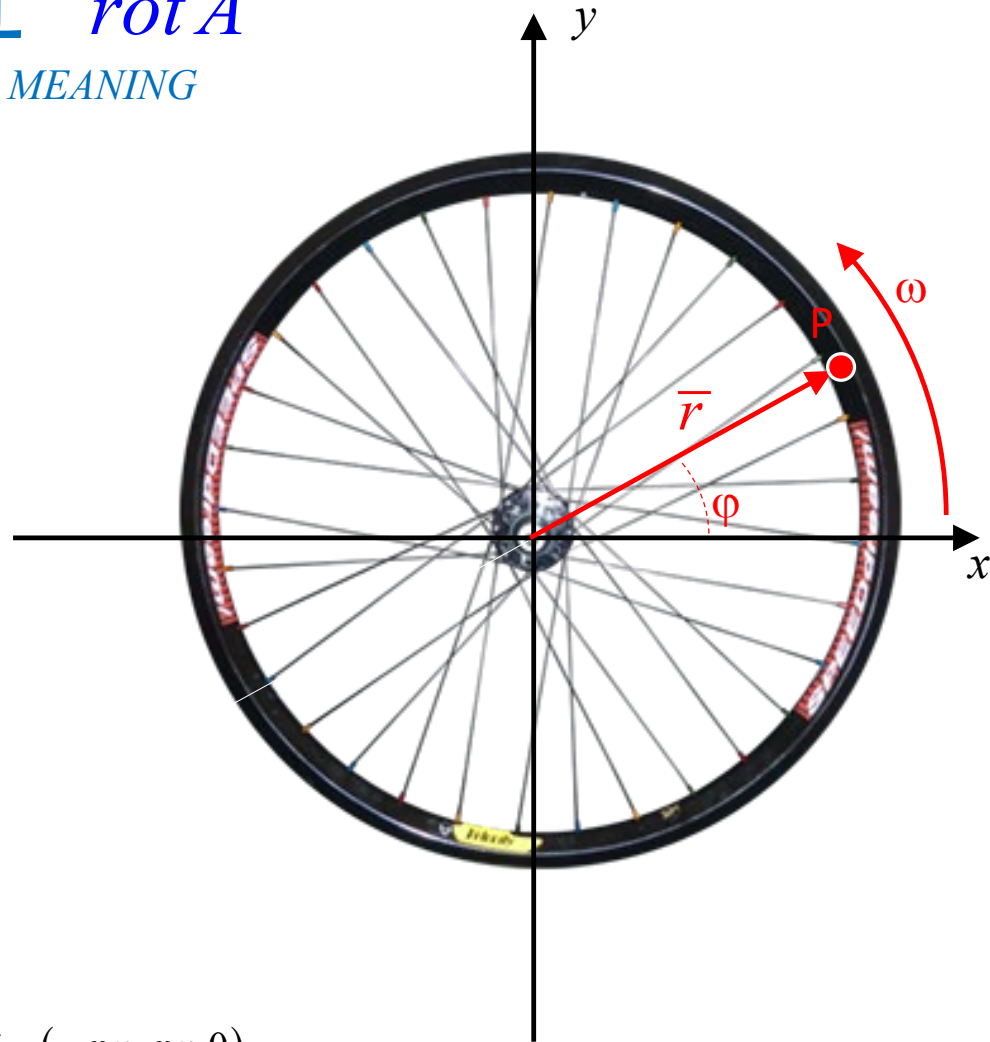
If **P** rotates with constant angular velocity  $\omega$ , the angle  $\varphi$  is :  $\varphi(t) = \omega t$ .

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = \rho \cos(\omega t) \\ y(t) = \rho \sin(\omega t) \end{cases}$$

The velocity of the point **P** is:

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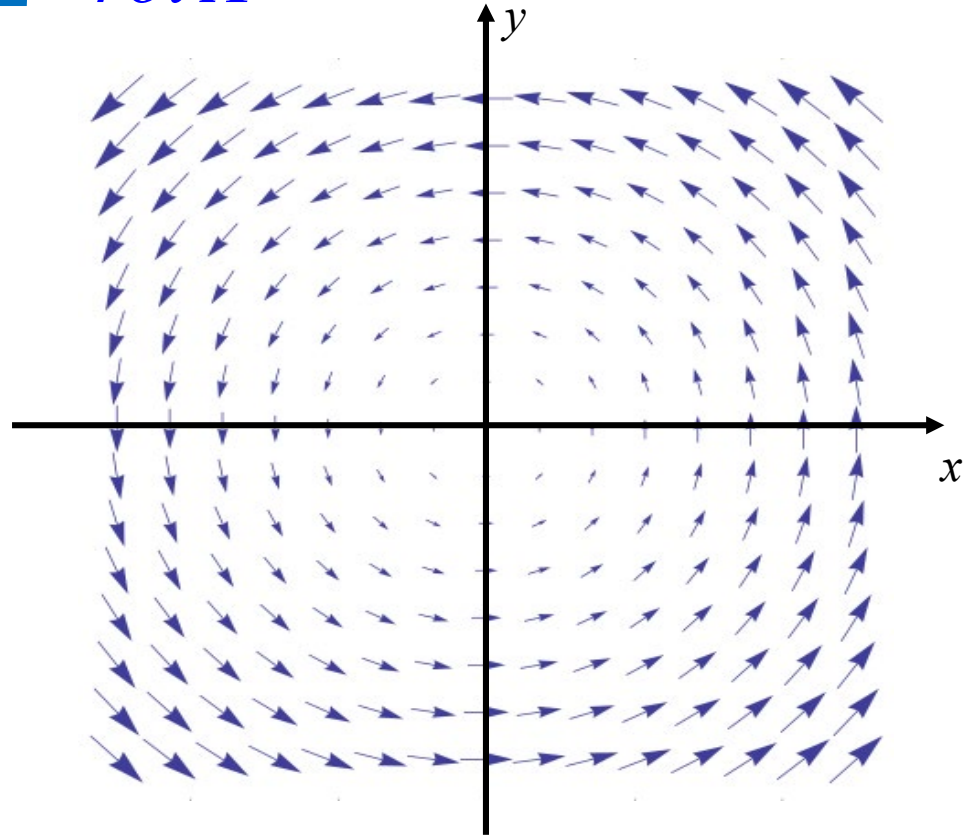


# THE CURL $\text{rot } \vec{A}$

## EXAMPLE

$$\vec{v}(x, y, z) = (-\omega y, \omega x, 0)$$

Exercise: calculate the curl of  $\vec{v}$



**Direction:** the direction is the axis of rotation, i.e. perpendicular to the plane of the figure

The sign (negative, in this case) is determined by the right-hand rule

**Magnitude:** the amount of rotation

In this example, it is constant and independent of the position, i.e. the amount of rotation is the same at any point.

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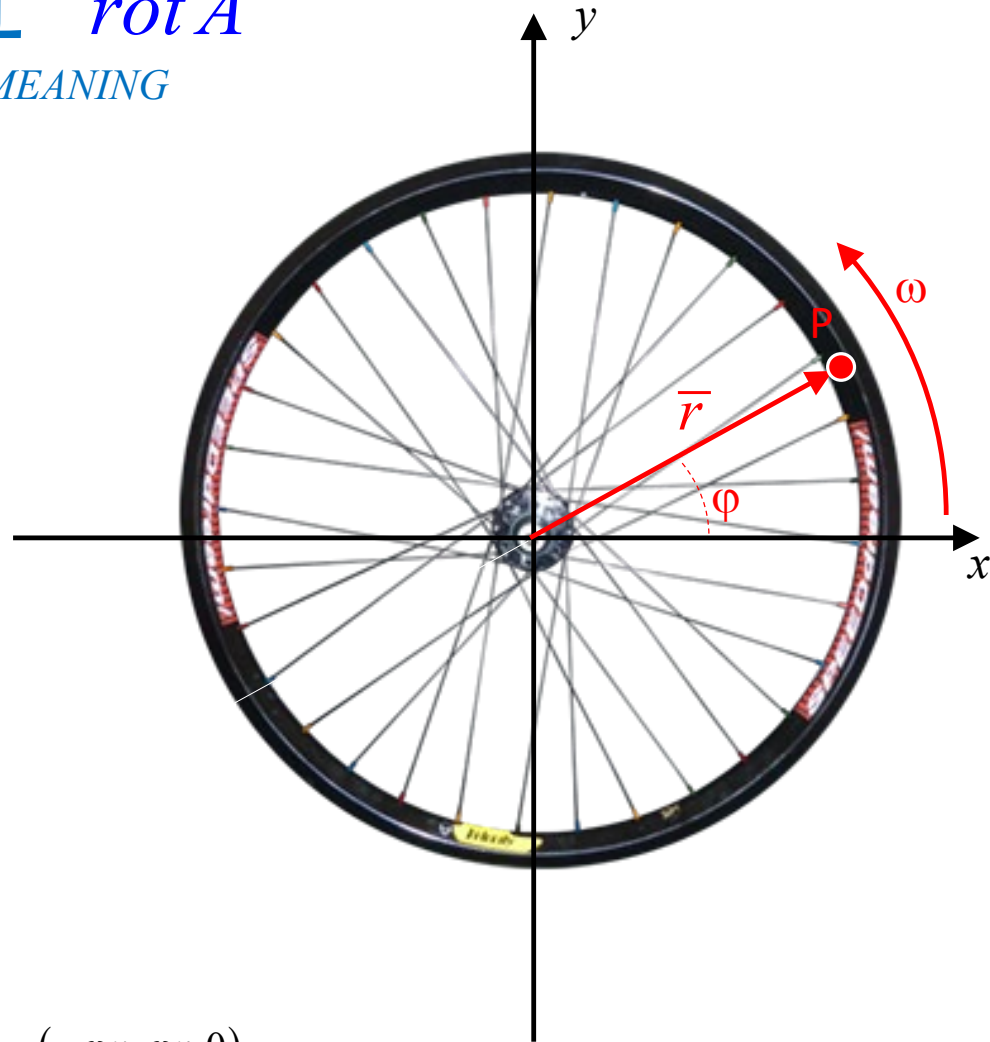
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Therefore  $\overline{rot \vec{v}} = (0, 0, 2\omega) \Rightarrow \vec{\omega} = \frac{1}{2} \overline{rot \vec{v}}$



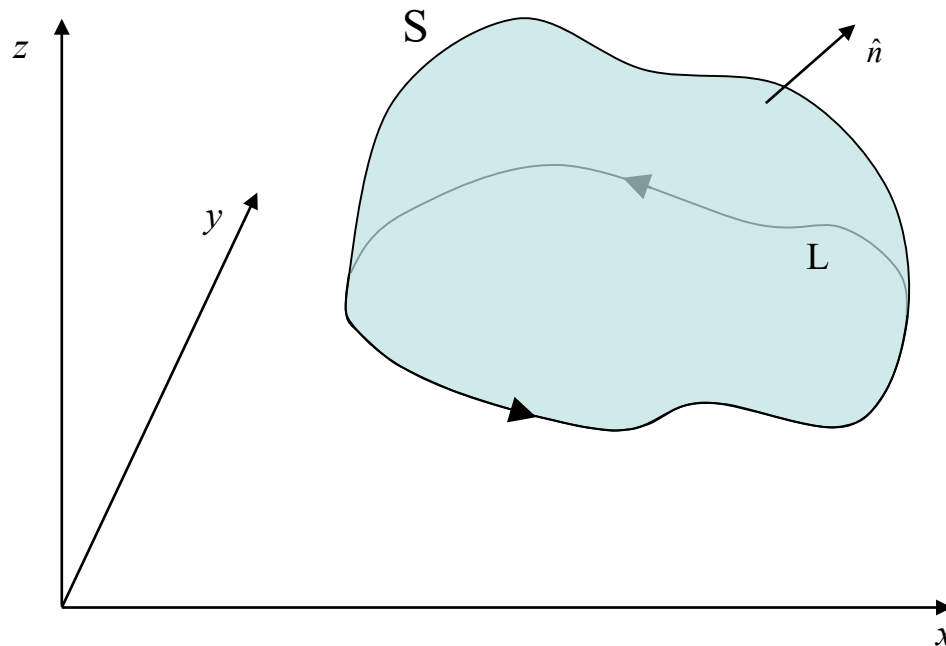


# THE STOKES' THEOREM

$$\oint_L \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} = \iint_S \text{rot} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{S}$$

where  $\bar{A}$  is a vector field,  **$L$  is a closed curve** and  $S$  is a surface whose boundary is defined by  $L$ .

$L$  must be positively oriented relative to  $S$ . Both  $L$  and  $S$  must be “stykkvis glatta”.  $\bar{A}$  must be continuously differentiable on  $S$ .



# THE STOKES' THEOREM

## PROOF

Five steps:

1. We divide  $S$  in “many” “smaller”  
(infinitesimal) surfaces:

$$S = \sum_i S^i$$

2. We project  $S^i$  on:

the xy-plane  $S_z^i$

the yz-plane  $S_x^i$

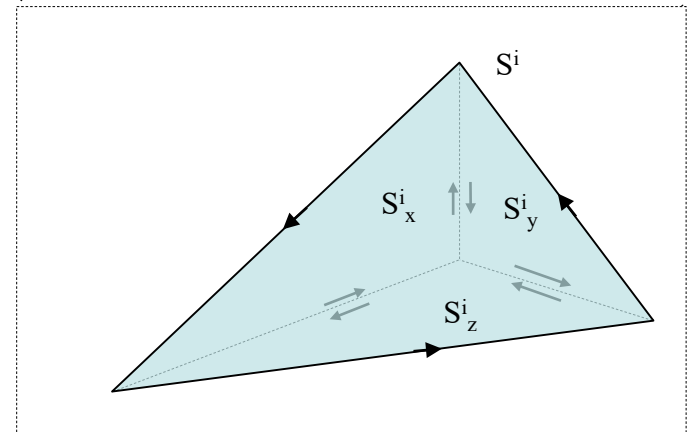
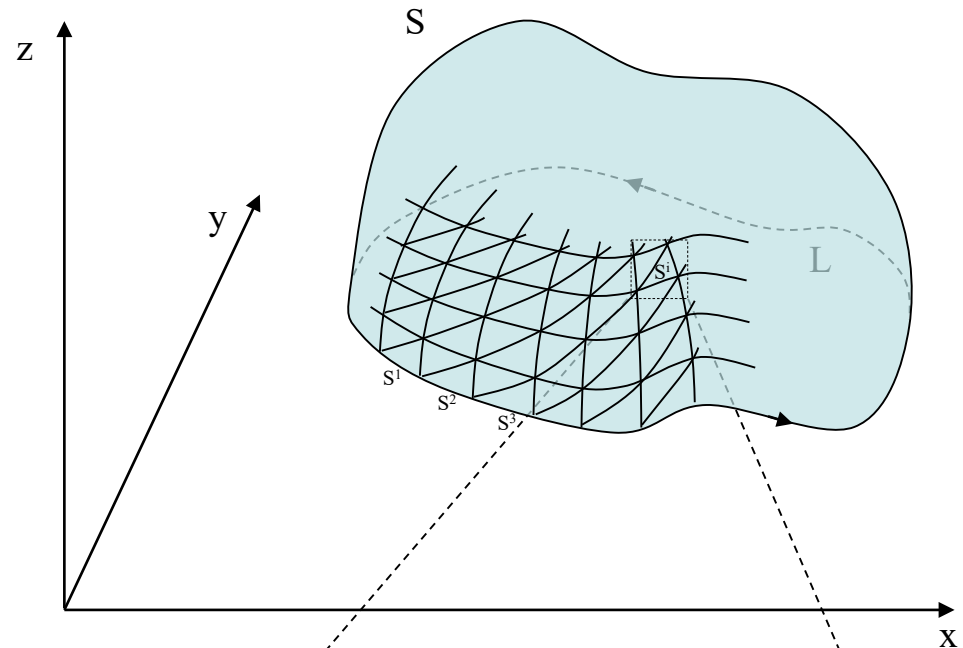
the xz-plane  $S_y^i$

3. We prove the Stokes' theorem on  $S_z^i$ ,

(the only difficult part)

4. We add the results for the projections together  
and we obtain the Stokes' theorem on  $S^i$

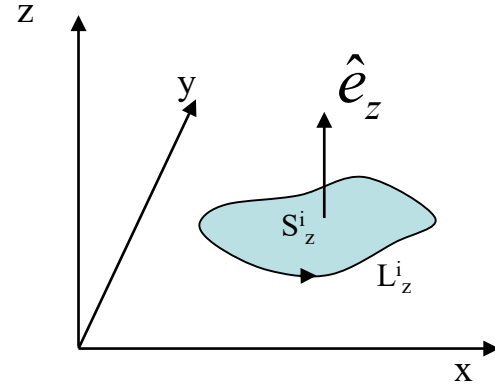
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# THE STOKES' THEOREM

## PROOF

Let's consider the plane surface  $S_z^i$  located in the xy-plane (i.e.  $z=\text{constant}=z_0$ ) with boundary defined by the curve  $L_z^i$



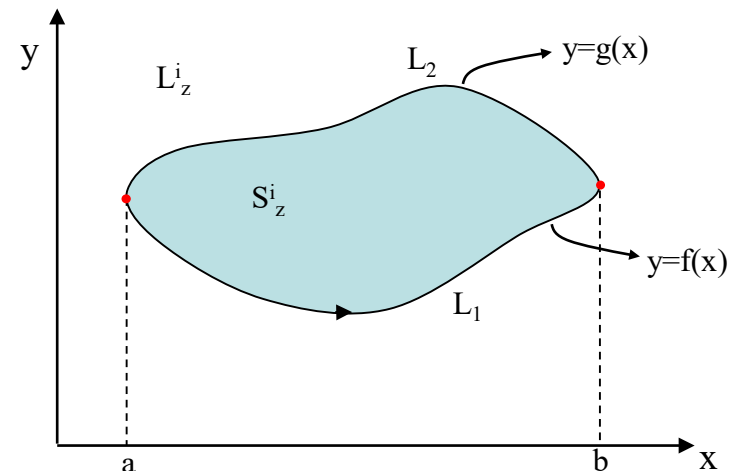
Let's calculate  $\oint_{L_z^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r}$

$$\oint_{L_z^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} = \underbrace{\oint_{L_z^i} A_x(x, y, z_0) dx}_{\text{Term 1}} + \underbrace{\oint_{L_z^i} A_y(x, y, z_0) dy}_{\text{Term 2}} + \underbrace{\oint_{L_z^i} A_z(x, y, z_0) dz}_{\text{Term 3}}$$

**Term 3** = 0 ( $z=\text{constant}! \Rightarrow dz=0$ )

**Term 1**

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{L_z^i} A_x(x, y, z_0) dx &= \oint_{L_1 + L_2} A_x(x, y, z_0) dx = \\ &= \int_{L_1} A_x(x, y, z_0) dx + \int_{L_2} A_x(x, y, z_0) dx = \\ &= \int_a^b A_x(x, f(x), z_0) dx + \int_b^a A_x(x, g(x), z_0) dx = \end{aligned}$$



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## PROOF

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_a^b A_x(x, f(x), z_0) dx - \int_a^b A_x(x, g(x), z_0) dx = \int_a^b [A_x(x, f(x), z_0) - A_x(x, g(x), z_0)] dx = \\
 &\int_a^b \int_{g(x)}^{f(x)} \frac{\partial A_x(x, y, z_0)}{\partial y} dx dy = - \int_a^b \int_{f(x)}^{g(x)} \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} dx dy = - \iint_{S_z^i} \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} dx dy
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we get:

**Term 1**  $\oint_{L_z^i} A_x(x, y, z_0) dx = - \iint_{S_z^i} \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} dx dy$

In a similar way:

**Term 2**  $\oint_{L_z^i} A_y(x, y, z_0) dx = \iint_{S_z^i} \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} dx dy$

It is the z-component of  $\text{rot} \bar{A}$  !!

Adding **Term 1**, **Term 2** and **Term 3**:

$$\oint_{L_z^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_{S_z^i} \left( \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) dx dy$$

# THE STOKES' THEOREM

So can rewrite it as:

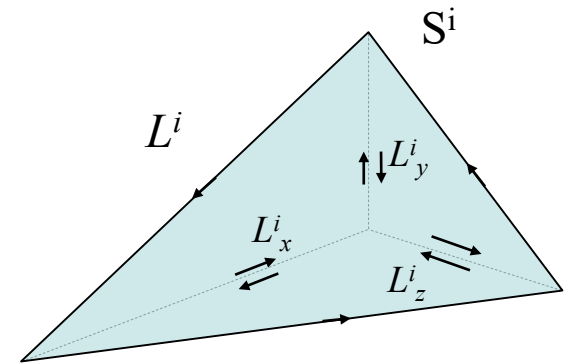
$$\oint_{L_z^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} = \iint_{S_z^i} (\text{rot} \bar{A})_z dx dy = \iint_{S^i} (\text{rot} \bar{A})_z \hat{e}_z \cdot d\bar{S}$$

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$$\oint_{L_x^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} = \iint_{S^i} (\text{rot} \bar{A})_x \hat{e}_x \cdot d\bar{S}$$



Now let's add everything together:

$$\oint_{L_x^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} + \oint_{L_y^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} + \oint_{L_z^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} = \oint_{\mathbf{L}^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r}$$

# THE STOKES' THEOREM

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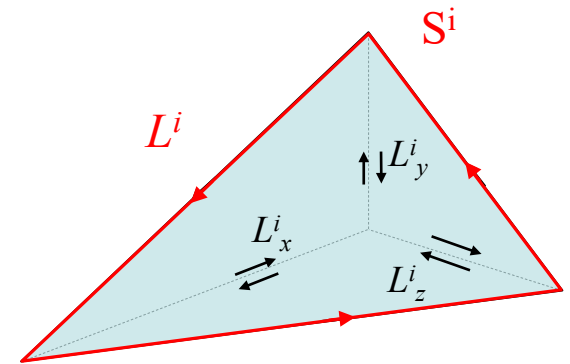
$$\oint_{L_z^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} = \iint_{S_z^i} (rot \bar{A})_z dx dy = \iint_{S^i} (rot \bar{A})_z \hat{e}_z \cdot d\bar{S}$$

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Now let's add everything together:

$$\underbrace{\oint_{L_x^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r}}_{\rightarrow} + \underbrace{\oint_{L_y^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r}}_{\rightarrow} + \underbrace{\oint_{L_z^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r}}_{\rightarrow} = \oint_{L^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r}$$

$$\underbrace{\iint_{S^i} (rot \bar{A})_x \hat{e}_x \cdot d\bar{S}}_{\rightarrow} + \underbrace{\iint_{S^i} (rot \bar{A})_y \hat{e}_y \cdot d\bar{S}}_{\rightarrow} + \underbrace{\iint_{S^i} (rot \bar{A})_z \hat{e}_z \cdot d\bar{S}}_{\rightarrow} = \iint_{S^i} rot \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{S}$$

# THE STOKES' THEOREM

PROOF

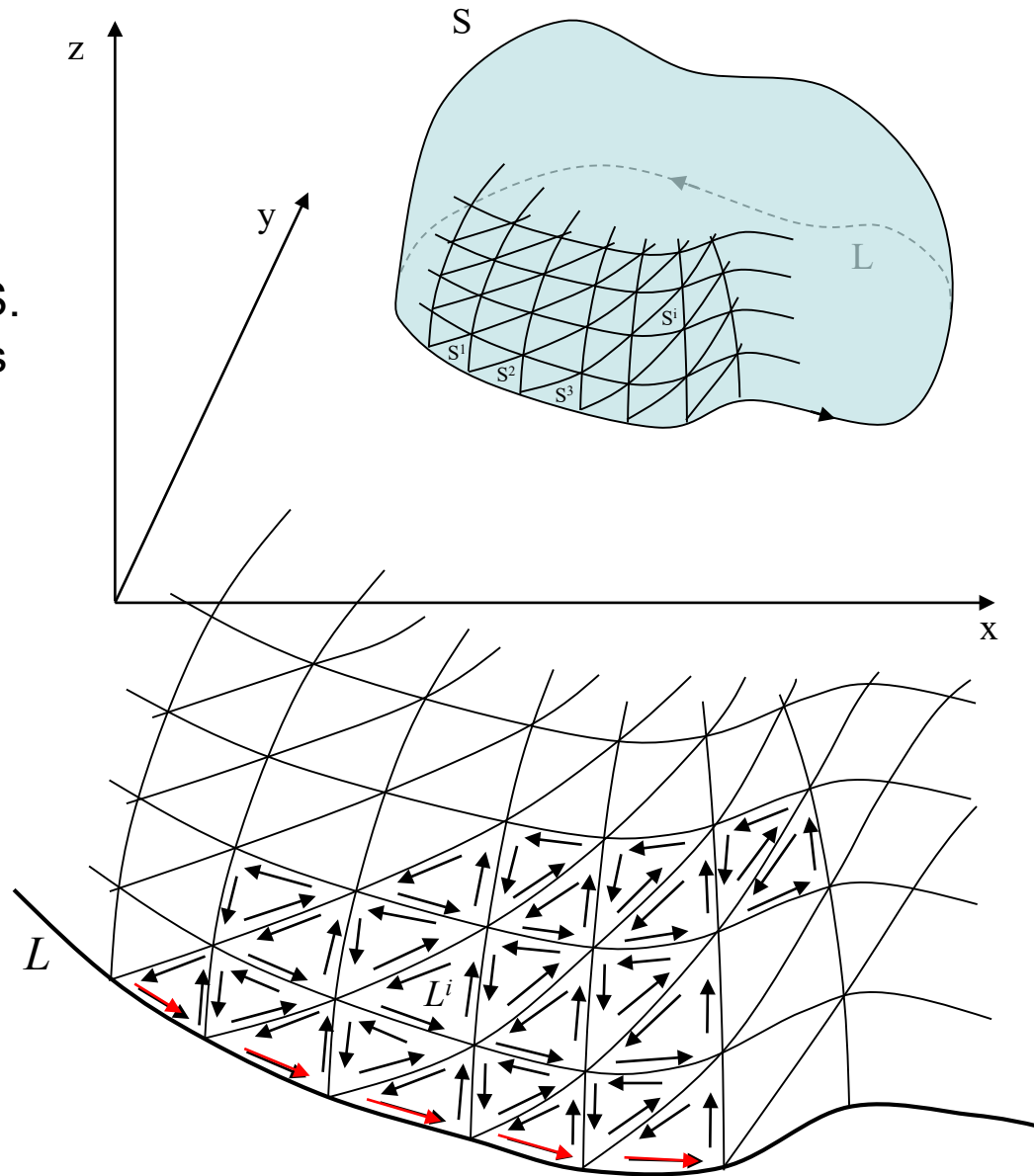
$$\oint_{L^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} = \iint_{S^i} \text{rot} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{S}$$

But we are interested in the whole S.  
So we add these small contributions  
altogether:

$$\underbrace{\sum_i \iint_{S^i} \text{rot} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{S}}_{\text{II}} = \iint_S \text{rot} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{S}$$

$$\underbrace{\sum_i \oint_{L^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r}}_{\text{II}} = \oint_L \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r}$$

$$\oint_L \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} = \iint_S \text{rot} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{S}$$



# Rearrange in logic order the steps to prove the Stokes' theorem

- Prove the Stokes' theorem on  $S_z^i$ :
  - (a) - Write the line integral of the vector field along the boundary of  $S_z^i$  and split the integral into three terms.
  - (b) - Consider only the integral in  $dx$  and prove that  $\int_{L_z^i} A_x(x, y, z_0) dx = - \iint_{S_z^i} \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} dx dy$
  - (c) - Repeat the same for the integral in  $dy$  and  $dz$
  - (d) - Add the three integrals in  $dx, dy$  and  $dz$  to obtain  $\int_{L_z^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} = \iint_{S_z^i} (rot \bar{A})_z dx dy$
  - (e) - Rewrite  $dx dy$  to obtain  $\int_{L_z^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} = \iint_{S^i} (rot \bar{A})_z \hat{e}_z \cdot d\bar{S}$
- Prove the Stokes' theorem on  $S$ : add together all the expressions obtained for  $S^i$
- Consider a closed path and a surface whose boundary is defined by the closed path.
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- Divide the surface in small areas  $S^i$  and consider the projection of  $S^i$  on the  $xy, yz, xz$  planes



# Rearrange in logic order the steps to prove the Stokes' theorem

- 3 - Prove the Stokes' theorem on  $S_z^i$ :
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  - 3.(b) - Consider only the integral in  $dx$  and prove that  $\int_{L_z^i} A_x(x, y, z_0) dx = - \iint_{S_z^i} \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} dx dy$
  - 3.(c) - Repeat the same for the integral in  $dy$  and  $dz$
  - 3.(d) - Add the three integrals in  $dx, dy$  and  $dz$  to obtain  $\int_{L_z^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} = \iint_{S_z^i} (rot \bar{A})_z dx dy$
  - 3.(e) - Rewrite  $dx dy$  to obtain  $\int_{L_z^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} = \iint_{S^i} (rot \bar{A})_z \hat{e}_z \cdot d\bar{S}$
- 5 - Prove the Stokes' theorem on  $S$ : add together all the expressions obtained for  $S^i$
- 1 - Consider a closed path and a surface whose boundary is defined by the closed path.
- 4 - Prove the Stokes' theorem on  $S^i$ :
  - 4.(a) - Repeat the same procedure for  $S_x^i$  and  $S_y^i$
  - 4.(b) - add together the expressions for the integrals in  $S_x^i$  to  $S_y^i$  and  $S_z^i$  obtaining:  $\int_{L^i} \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} = \iint_{S^i} rot \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{S}$
- 2 - Divide the surface in small areas  $S^i$  and consider the projection of  $S^i$  on the  $xy, yz, xz$  planes

# TARGET PROBLEM

$$\begin{cases} \text{rot} \bar{B} = \mu_0 \bar{j} \\ I = \iint_S \bar{j} \cdot d\bar{S} \end{cases} \quad \text{(4th Maxwell's equation in stationary conditions)}$$

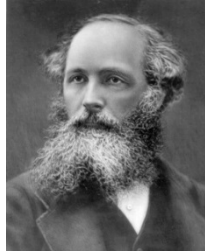
Using the Stokes' theorem we can find an expression that relates directly  $\bar{B}$  with  $I$ :

$$\oint_L \bar{B} \cdot d\bar{r} = \iint_S \text{rot} \bar{B} \cdot d\bar{S} = \iint_S \mu_0 \bar{j} \cdot d\bar{S} = \mu_0 \iint_S \bar{j} \cdot d\bar{S} = \mu_0 I \quad \Rightarrow \quad \oint_L \bar{B} \cdot d\bar{r} = \mu_0 I$$

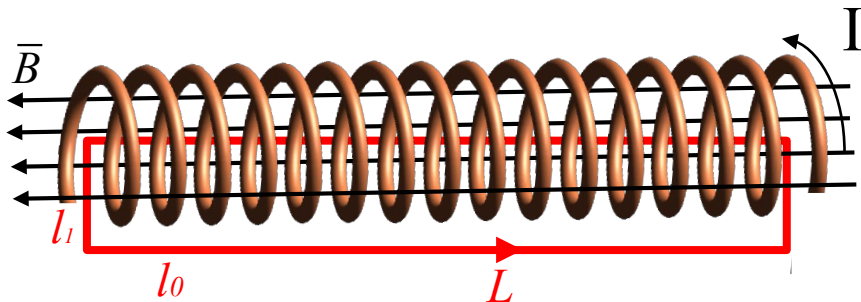
Stokes' theorem



4<sup>th</sup> Maxwell's equation  
(in stationary condition)



Ampere's law



Using the Ampere's law:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \oint_L \bar{B} \cdot d\bar{r} &= \mu_0 NI \\ \oint_L \bar{B} \cdot d\bar{r} &= |\bar{B}| l_0 + 0l_0 + 0l_1 + 0l_1 = |\bar{B}| l_0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow |\bar{B}| = \frac{\mu_0 NI}{l_0}$$

# THE GREEN FORMULA IN THE PLANE

**THEOREM** (9.2 in the textbook)

$$\iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dx dy = \oint_L (P dx + Q dy)$$

PROOF

We can start from Stokes' theorem  $\oint_L \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_S \text{rot } \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \oint_L \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \oint (A_x dx + A_y dy + A_z dz) = \oint (A_x dx + A_y dy) \\ &\quad \uparrow \\ &\quad \text{But we are in a plane,} \\ &\quad \text{so we can assume } \vec{A} = (A_x, A_y, 0) \end{aligned} \right\} \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) dx dy = \oint_L (A_x dx + A_y dy)$$

$$\iint_S \text{rot } \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_S \left( \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) \underbrace{\hat{e}_z \cdot \hat{e}_z}_{=1} dx dy$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{e}_x & \hat{e}_y & \hat{e}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

which is the Green formula  
for  $P=A_x$  and  $Q=A_y$

# CURL FREE FIELD AND SCALAR POTENTIAL

## (virvelfria fält och skalär potential)

**DEFINITION:** A vector field  $\bar{A}$  is “curl free” if  $\text{rot } \bar{A} = 0$  *Sometimes called “irrotational”*

If  $\bar{A}$  is continuously derivable and defined in a simply connected domain, then:

**THEOREM** (9.3 in the textbook)

$$\text{rot } \bar{A} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \bar{A} \text{ has a scalar potential } \phi, \bar{A} = \text{grad } \phi$$

PROOF

$$(1) \text{rot } \bar{A} = 0$$

$$\oint_L \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{r} = \iint_S \text{rot } \bar{A} \cdot d\bar{S} = 0$$

So, if the curl is zero, also the circulation is zero  $\Rightarrow$  then the field is conservative and has a scalar potential. *See theorems 6.3 and 6.4 in the textbook or the slides of week 2.*

$$(2) \bar{A} = \text{grad } \phi$$

$$\text{rot } \bar{A} = \text{rot grad } \phi = \text{rot} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{e}_x & \hat{e}_y & \hat{e}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}, \dots, \dots \right) = (0, 0, 0)$$

# SOLENOIDAL FIELD AND VECTOR POTENTIAL

**DEFINITION:** A vector field  $\vec{B}$  is called **solenoidal** if  $\text{div}\vec{B} = 0$

**DEFINITION:**  $\vec{A}$  is a vector potential of the vector field  $\vec{B}$  if  $\vec{B} = \text{rot}\vec{A}$

**THEOREM** (9.4 in the book)  $\vec{B}$  has a vector potential  $\vec{A}$  if and only if  $\vec{B}$  has divergence zero:  
$$\vec{B} = \text{rot}\vec{A} \Leftrightarrow \text{div}\vec{B} = 0$$

PROOF

$$(1) \vec{B} \text{ has a vector potential} \Rightarrow \vec{B} = \text{rot}\vec{A} \Rightarrow \text{div}\vec{B} = \text{div}(\text{rot}\vec{A}) = 0$$

$$(2) \text{div}\vec{B} = 0$$

Let's try to find a solution  $\vec{A}$  to the equation  $\vec{B} = \text{rot}\vec{A}$

We start looking for a particular solution  $\vec{A}^*$  of this kind:

$$\vec{A}^* = (A_x^*(x, y, z), A_y^*(x, y, z), 0)$$

## PROOF

Assuming  $\bar{B} = \text{rot} \bar{A}$  we obtain:

$$-\frac{\partial A_y^*}{\partial z} = B_x \quad \Rightarrow \quad A_y^*(x, y, z) = -\int_{z_0}^z B_x(x, y, z) dz + F(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial A_x^*}{\partial z} = B_y \quad \Rightarrow \quad A_x^*(x, y, z) = \int_{z_0}^z B_y(x, y, z) dz + G(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial A_y^*}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x^*}{\partial y} = B_z \quad \Rightarrow \quad -\int_{z_0}^z \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} dz + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} - \int_{z_0}^z \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial y} dz - \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} = B_z$$

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$$\text{But } \text{div} \bar{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \underbrace{\int_{z_0}^z \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} dz}_{= B_z(x, y, z) - B_z(x, y, z_0)} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} = B_z \Rightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} = B_z(x, y, z_0)$$

A solution to this equation is: 
$$\begin{cases} F(x, y) = 0 \\ G(x, y) = -\int_{y_0}^y B_z(x, y, z_0) dy \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{A}^* = \left( \int_{z_0}^z B_y(x, y, z) dz - \int_{y_0}^y B_z(x, y, z_0) dy, \quad -\int_{z_0}^z B_x(x, y, z) dz, \quad 0 \right)$$

The general solution can be found using  $\bar{B} = \text{rot} \bar{A}$  :

$$\text{rot}(\bar{A} - \bar{A}^*) = \bar{B} - \bar{B} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{A} - \bar{A}^* = \text{grad} \psi \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{A} = \bar{A}^* + \text{grad} \psi$$

# WHICH STATEMENT IS WRONG?

- 1- The curl of a vector field is a scalar
- 2- The curl is related to the line integral of a field along a closed curve
- 3- Stokes' theorem translates a line integral into a surface integral
- 4- The Stokes' theorem can be applied only to a closed curve