

Discussion section Monday 11/7

Curl & Divergence!

(Resources @ bottom)

Class so far:

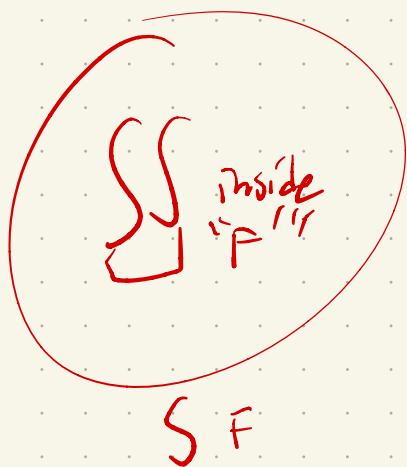
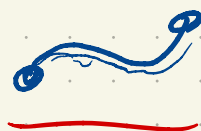
first section:

Derivatives of functions

second section:

integrals

third section: Put it together



ID $\int_a^b f' = f(b) - f(a)$

line integrals $\int_a^b \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f(b) - f(a)$

Greens $\iint_{Q_x - P_y} \nabla \times F = \int_C F \cdot d\vec{r}$

Derivatives of vector functions

① gradient ∇

scalar f \rightarrow vector ∇f

② curl

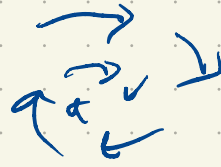
vector F \rightarrow vector $\nabla \times F$

③ Divergence

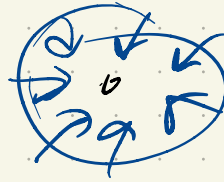
vector $F = (P, Q, R)$ \rightarrow scalar $P_x + Q_y + R_z$

What Do they mean tho??

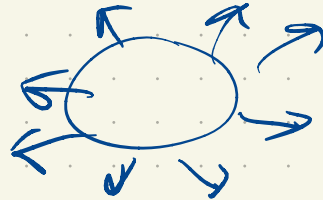
curl is rotation



Divergence is compression



negative Divergence



Positive Divergence?

$f(x, y)$ scalar function

∇f vector field



$$(f_x, f_y, 0)$$

$$\nabla \times \nabla f = (0, 0, Q_x - P_y)$$

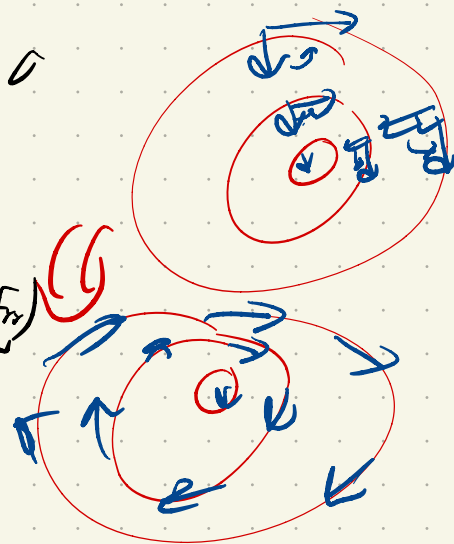
$$\underbrace{f_{yx} - f_{xy}} = 0 \quad \text{ Clairaut's thm }$$

curl-free vector field!

Or... rotate ∇f by 90°

$$F = (-f_y, f_x)$$

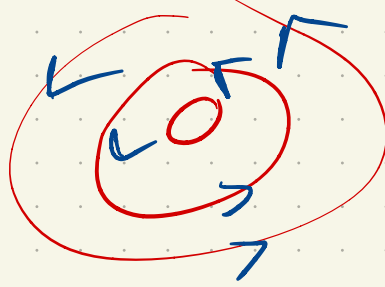
$$\nabla \times F = (0, 0, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_x - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (-f_y)) = (0, 0, f_{xx} + f_{yy})$$



what is curl?

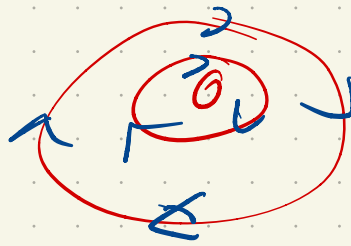
what is Divergence?

a hand max



positive curl

around min



negative curl

$$\nabla \cdot F = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ Q \\ R \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \underbrace{-f_{yx} + f_{xy}} + 0 = 0 \quad \text{by Clairaut's!}$$

Divergence free field!

resources:

3b1b video on curl and divergence: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rB83DpBJQsE&ab_channel=3Blue1Brown

calc blue video on 2d curl and divergence:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EFODp8HlIZI&ab_channel=ProfGhristMath

calc blue video on 3d curl

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntGWiFh0nOU&ab_channel=ProfGhristMath

my little applet on vector field divergence and curl (will make this better)

<https://openprocessing.org/sketch/1728195>