Surface and Flux Integrals

A surface can be defined in 3 ways:

1. Explicitly:



2. Implicitly:



3. Parametrically:

$$x = x(u, v)$$
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$$z = z(u, v)$$



 $x = 2\cos v$

$$y = 2 \sin v$$

$$z = u$$

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For <u>explicit</u> surfaces

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

we can project onto the x-y plane:







For implicit surfaces

$$h(x, y, z) = 0$$

the unit normal is



Important:

We can sometimes *guess* the normal. E.g. for the sphere above.

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$$d\mathbf{S} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial v} dv \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u} du$$

Area
$$dS = |\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial v} dv \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u} du|$$

The surface integral of a scalar function f(x,y,z) over a surface S is defined to be

$$\iint_{S} f(x, y, z) dS = \lim_{\Delta S \to 0} \sum_{\text{all } \Delta S} f(x, y, z) \Delta S$$

Where dS is the magnitude of the infinitessimal area element dS



Example: Find the surface area of the cone

$$z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$
 with $0 \le z \le 1$.

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Example: Compute the surface area of a sphere of radius R.



Flux integrals

The integral of a vector field F over a surface integral S is

$$\iint_{S} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iint_{S} \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \, dS$$

and is known as a *flux* integral.







To compute a flux integral:

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- 1. Compute the surface element $d\mathbf{S}$
- 2. Put **F** and *d***S** in the same 2D coordinate system and form the dot product between them
- 3. Integrate over the coordinates.







Example: integrate

$$\mathbf{F}(x,y,z) = \left\langle x^2 + y^2, x^2 + y^2, 0 \right\rangle$$

over the cylinder

$$\mathbf{r}(u,v) = \langle 3\cos u, 3\sin u, v \rangle$$



Compute the flux integral

$$\iint_{S} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iint_{S} \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \, dS$$

Where

$$\mathbf{F} = \rho \sin^2 \theta \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} + \rho \cos^2 \theta \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$$

And S is the surface of a sphere of radius R.



Compute

$$\iint_S \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

Over the cylindrical surface S defined by $x^2 + y^2 = 4$.