

Gauss or Divergence theorem.

Thm Let $V \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be a solid with positive orientation of $\partial V =$ the boundary of V . Then

$$\int_{\partial V} w = \int_V dw$$

holds for every 2 form w .

Divergence? let w be a two form.

$$w = f \, dx \wedge dy + g \, dy \wedge dz + h \, dz \wedge dx$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} dw &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \overset{(-1)(-1)=1}{dz \wedge dx \wedge dy} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \overset{(-1)(-1)=1}{dx \wedge dy \wedge dz} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \overset{(-1)(-1)=1}{dy \wedge dz \wedge dx} \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \, dx \wedge dy \wedge dz + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \, dx \wedge dy \wedge dz + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \, dx \wedge dy \wedge dz \end{aligned}$$

Hence for $\vec{X} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \\ h \end{pmatrix}$ we found

$$dw_{\vec{X}} = \operatorname{div}(\vec{X}) \cdot dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$$

And the divergence of

$$\vec{X} = \begin{pmatrix} g \\ h \\ f \end{pmatrix}$$

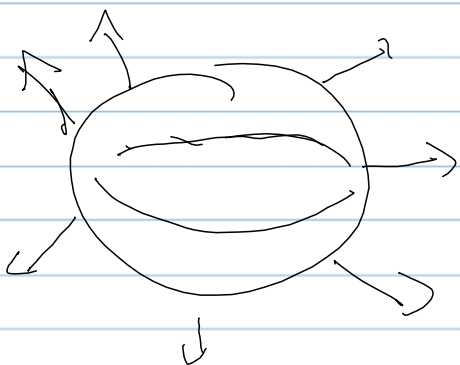
is given by

$$\text{div}(\vec{X}) = \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right)$$

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everybody is differentiated after
his coordinate

Application 1: Let \vec{X} be a vector field
with $\text{div}(\vec{X}) = 0$

Then $\int_{\partial V} (\vec{X} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \, d\sigma = 0$



Divergence free means
no sources

Everything which comes in
goes out

Application (b)

Remark $\int \vec{x} \cdot \vec{n} \, d\sigma$
 $\int \vec{x} \cdot \vec{t} \, d\sigma$
was discovered through physics

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{X}(p) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3} \int_{\partial B(p,r)} (\vec{X} \cdot \vec{n}) \, d\sigma$$

Indeed

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_{B(p,r)} \operatorname{div}(\vec{X}) \, d\sigma}{\operatorname{Vol}(B(p,r))} \implies \operatorname{div}(\vec{X})$$

compare with $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \int_{\partial B(p,r)} \vec{X} \cdot d\vec{s}$

provided $\operatorname{div}(\vec{X})$ is continuous

Application 2 Gauss' formulae

$$(1) \int_V f \Delta g + \int_V \nabla f \cdot \nabla g = \int_{\partial V} f(\nabla g \cdot \vec{n}) \, d\sigma$$

Proof $\vec{X} = f \cdot \nabla g$

$$\operatorname{div}(\vec{X}) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (f \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (f \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (f \frac{\partial g}{\partial z}) \right)$$

$$= \nabla f \cdot \nabla g + f \Delta(g)$$

Recall $\Delta(g) = \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial z^2}$

$$(1)' \quad \int_V f \Delta g - \Delta f g = \oint_{\partial V} (f \nabla g - g \nabla f) \cdot n \neq$$

In particular let f, g be functions which vanish on the boundary of V . Then

$$\boxed{\int_V f \Delta g = \int_V \Delta f g}$$


This is the starting point of the following famous article with title

Can you hear the shape of a drum.

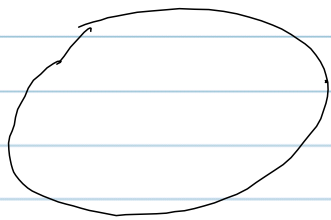
Meaning for different domains V are the eigenvalues of Δ , i.e. those λ such that

$$\Delta(f) = \lambda f$$

$f \neq 0$

different? 

Idea.



$$f|_{\partial D} = 0 \quad \Delta(f) = 0$$

describe vibration of D

Lemma let $n \geq 3$ Then

$$\Delta\left(\frac{1}{|x|^{n-2}}\right) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x \neq 0$$

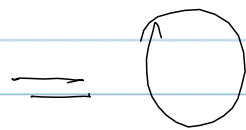
Proof $f(x) = \left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2\right)^{-\frac{n-2}{2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f &= -2x_j \frac{(n-2)}{2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2\right)^{-\frac{n-2}{2}-1} \\ &= -(n-2)x_j \left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2\right)^{-\frac{n-2}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} f = -(n-2) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2\right)^{-\frac{n-2}{2}} + (n-2)(n-2)x_j^2 \left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2\right)^{-\frac{n-2}{2}-2}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} f = -n(n-2) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2\right)^{-\frac{n-2}{2}}$$

$$+ n(n-2) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2\right)^{-\frac{n-2}{2}}$$



Lemma let f be continuous

then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{\partial B(0,r)} f(x) \left(\nabla \left(\frac{1}{|x|} \right) \cdot n \right) d\sigma(x)$$

$$= -4\pi f(0)$$

Proof $\nabla \left(\frac{1}{|x|} \right) = - \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{|x|^3}$

$$\nabla \left(\frac{1}{|x|} \right) \cdot n = \frac{x \cdot x}{|x|^3} = -\frac{|x|^2}{|x|^4} = -\frac{1}{|x|^2}$$

$$|x| = r$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \left(\frac{1}{|x|} \right) \cdot n = -\frac{1}{r^2}$$

$$|\partial B(0,r)| = 4\pi r^2$$

Thus $\int_{\partial B(0,r)} f(x) \frac{1}{r^2} \cong f(0) \frac{4\pi r^2}{r^2} = -f(0) 4\pi$

for f constant

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Lemma $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{\partial B(0,r)} \frac{\nabla f}{|x|} \cdot \nu \, d\sigma(x) = 0$

Proof We may assume $\nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \end{pmatrix}$ is constant

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\partial B(0,r)} \frac{\langle \alpha, x \rangle}{|x|^2} \, d\sigma(x) &= \int \frac{\langle \alpha, -x \rangle}{|x|^2} \, d\sigma(x) \\ &\text{Symmetry} \\ &= - \int \frac{\langle \alpha, x \rangle}{|x|^2} \, d\sigma(x) \end{aligned}$$

Thus for constant ∇f we get 0.

Actually it just remains to see that integral converges

$$\int_{\partial B(0,r)} \frac{\nabla f}{|x|} \cdot \frac{x}{|x|} \, d\sigma(x)$$



$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 &= r^2 \\ z &= \sqrt{r^2 - x^2 - y^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$d(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \sqrt{r^2 - (x^2 + y^2)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (\nabla f \circ \phi) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \sqrt{r^2 - x^2 - y^2} \end{pmatrix} \frac{r}{\sqrt{r^2 - x^2 - y^2}} \, d(x,y)$$

$$= \frac{r}{r^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^r (x_1 R \cos \theta + x_2 R \sin \theta + x_3 \sqrt{r^2 - R^2}) \, d\theta \, R \, dR$$

$$\int_0^r R^2 \, dR$$

• $\left| \frac{r^4}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \int_0^r |x_3 \sqrt{r^2 - R^2}| \, dR \right|$ remains bounded

Gauss' third formula ($dx = dx_1 dx_2 dx_3$)

Try ① We apply Gauss' formula (1) to f and $\frac{1}{|x|}$ and get

$$\int_V \Delta(f) \cdot \frac{1}{|x|} - f \Delta\left(\frac{1}{|x|}\right) dx$$

$$= \int_{\partial V} \left(\frac{\nabla f}{|x|} - f \nabla\left(\frac{1}{|x|}\right) \right) \cdot n dx$$

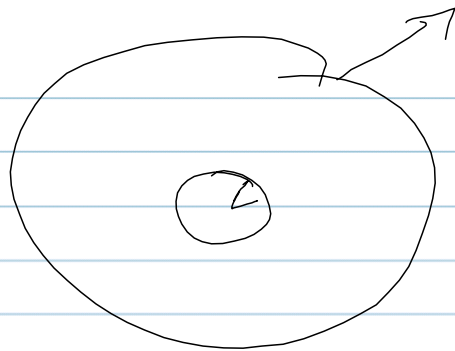
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 $+ f \frac{x}{|x|^3}$

$$= \int_{\partial V} \left(\frac{\nabla f}{|x|} + f \frac{x}{|x|^3} \right) \cdot n dx$$

This formula is incorrect because $\frac{1}{|x|} \Big|_{x=0} = \infty$

Try 2

$$\int_{V=B(0,r)} \Delta(f) \cdot \frac{1}{|x|} - \int \Delta\left(\frac{1}{|x|}\right) f \, dx$$



$$= \int_{\partial V=B(0,r)} \left(\frac{\nabla f}{|x|} + f \frac{x}{|x|^3} \right) \cdot n \, d\sigma(x)$$

$$= \int_{\partial V} \left(\frac{\nabla f}{|x|} + f \frac{x}{|x|^3} \right) \cdot n \, d\sigma(x)$$

$$\neq \int_{\partial B(0,r)} \left(\frac{\nabla f}{|x|} + f \nabla\left(\frac{1}{|x|}\right) \right) \cdot n \, d\sigma(x)$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{\partial B(0,r)} f \nabla\left(\frac{1}{|x|}\right) \cdot n \, d\sigma(x) = -4\pi f(0)$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{\partial B(0,r)} \frac{\nabla f}{|x|} \cdot n \, d\sigma(x) = 0$$

Hence we get

$$4\pi f(0) = - \int_V \Delta(f) \frac{dx}{|x|} + \int_{\partial V} \left(\frac{\nabla f}{|x|} + f \frac{x}{|x|^3} \right) \cdot n \, d\sigma(x)$$

The general formula is

$$4\pi f(r) = - \int_V \frac{\Delta(f)}{|x-r|} dx$$

$$+ \oint_{\partial V} \left(\frac{\nabla f}{|x-r|} - f \nabla \left(\frac{1}{|x-r|} \right) \right) \cdot n d\sigma$$

Gauss 3

Philosophy recover $f(r)$ from $\Delta(f)$
and action on boundary

• Used as finding the solution of a
boundary problem