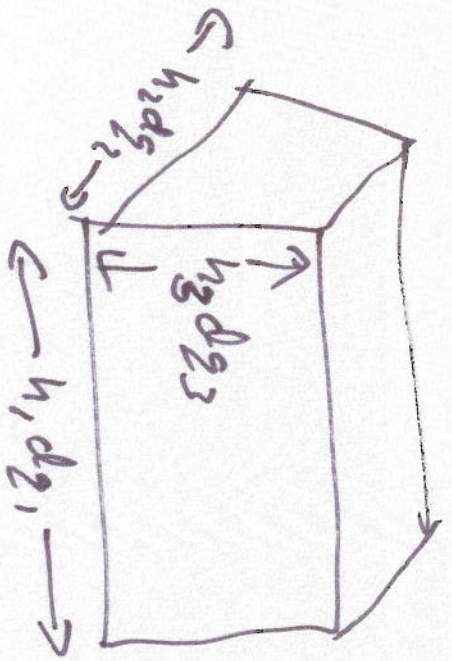




Pictorially



Scale factors give physical lengths corresponding to small coordinate

changes

$$\text{So } \delta V = h_1 h_2 h_3 \delta q_1 \delta q_2 \delta q_3$$

(as expected). For orthogonal coordinates

Grad Div and Curl.

$\nabla \leftarrow$  wonderful symbol.

We want to express grad div and curl in an arbitrary orthogonal coordinate system.

$\nabla \phi$  is a vector: write as

$$\nabla \phi = A_1 \underline{e}_1 + A_2 \underline{e}_2 + A_3 \underline{e}_3$$

where  $\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_3$  are the vectors corresponding to  $q_1, q_2, q_3$ .

Make a small change in  $\phi$ ,

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + d\phi, \text{ as } \underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{x} + d\underline{x}$$

$$q_1 \rightarrow q_1 + dq_1, \text{ etc.}$$

By chain rule,

$$d\phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_1} dx_1 + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2} dx_2 + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_3} dx_3$$

$$\rightarrow = (\nabla \phi) \cdot d\underline{x}$$

$$\nabla \phi = \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_3} \right)$$

$$d\underline{x} = (dx_1, dx_2, dx_3)$$

$$= h_1 d\underline{e}_1 + h_2 d\underline{e}_2 + h_3 d\underline{e}_3$$

Also

$$d\phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial q_1} dq_1 + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial q_2} dq_2 + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial q_3} dq_3$$

$$\nabla \phi \cdot d\underline{x} = d\phi$$

$$= (A_1 \underline{e}_1 + A_2 \underline{e}_2 + A_3 \underline{e}_3) \cdot (h_1 d\underline{e}_1 + h_2 d\underline{e}_2 + h_3 d\underline{e}_3)$$

$$= A_1 h_1 dq_1 + A_2 h_2 dq_2 + A_3 h_3 dq_3 = d\phi$$

(by orthogonality  $\underline{e}_i \cdot \underline{e}_j = \delta_{ij}$ )

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial q_1} = A_1 h_1, \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial q_2} = A_2 h_2, \quad \dots$$

So  $A_1 = \frac{1}{h_1} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial q_1}$  etc.

So

$$\nabla\phi = \frac{1}{h_1} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial q_1} \underline{e}_1 + \frac{1}{h_2} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial q_2} \underline{e}_2 + \frac{1}{h_3} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial q_3} \underline{e}_3$$

Intuitively reasonable:

$h_1 dq_1$  is distance in  $\underline{e}_1$

direction just as  $x_1$  is

distance in  $\underline{x}_1$  direction.

$$\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_1} \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial\phi}{h_1 dq_1}$$

Check:

Cartesians

$$h_1 = h_2 = h_3 = 1$$

$q_1 = x_1$ , etc.

$$\nabla\phi = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_1} \underline{\hat{x}}_1 + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_2} \underline{\hat{x}}_2 + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_3} \underline{\hat{x}}_3$$

as it should.

Cylindrical Polars

$(r, \theta, z)$

$$h_r = 1, h_\theta = r, h_z = 1$$

$\nabla\phi(r, \theta, z)$

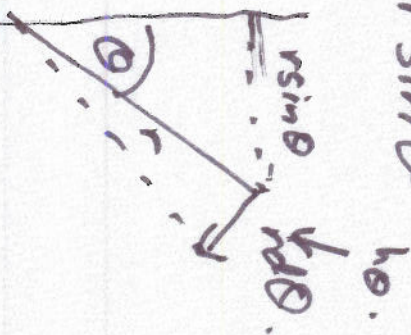
$$= \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial r} \underline{\hat{r}} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial\theta} \underline{\hat{\theta}} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z} \underline{\hat{z}}$$

# Spherical Polars $(r, \theta, \varphi)$

Ex: Check

$$h_r = 1, h_\theta = r, \text{  ~~} h_\varphi = r \sin \theta \text{ }~~$$

$$h_\varphi = r \sin \theta$$



$$\nabla \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \varphi} \hat{\varphi}$$

# Divergence: $\text{Div } \nabla \cdot$

Suppose

$$\vec{F} = F_1 \hat{e}_1 + F_2 \hat{e}_2 + F_3 \hat{e}_3$$

Then

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \nabla \cdot (F_1 \hat{e}_1) + \nabla \cdot (F_2 \hat{e}_2) + \nabla \cdot (F_3 \hat{e}_3)$$

$\hat{e}_1$  etc is non-constant. How do we work out  $\nabla \cdot \hat{e}_1$ ?

We know  $\hat{e}_1 = \hat{e}_2 \times \hat{e}_3$

$$\nabla \cdot (\hat{e}_2 \times \hat{e}_3) = (\nabla \times \hat{e}_2) \cdot \hat{e}_3 - \hat{e}_2 \cdot (\nabla \times \hat{e}_3)$$

Now we also know:

$$\nabla q_1 = \frac{1}{h_1} \frac{\partial q_1}{\partial \alpha_1} \hat{e}_1 = \frac{1}{h_1} \hat{e}_1 \Rightarrow \hat{e}_1 = h_1 \nabla q_1$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \underline{e}_2 &= \nabla \times (h_2 \nabla e_2) \\ &= \nabla h_2 \times \nabla e_2 + h_2 \nabla \times \nabla e_2 \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (\underline{F}_1 \underline{e}_1) &= \nabla \cdot (F_1 \underline{e}_2 \times \underline{e}_3) \\ &= \nabla \cdot (F_1 h_2 h_3 \underline{\nabla e_2} \times \underline{\nabla e_3}) \\ &= \nabla (F_1 h_2 h_3) \cdot (\nabla e_2 \times \nabla e_3) \\ &\quad + \cancel{(F_1 h_2 h_3) \nabla \cdot (\nabla e_2 \times \nabla e_3)} \\ &\quad = 0 \quad (\nabla \times \nabla = 0) \\ &= \nabla (F_1 h_2 h_3) \cdot \left( \frac{\underline{e}_2}{h_1} \times \frac{\underline{e}_3}{h_3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

(As  $\underline{e}_2 = h_1 \nabla e_2$  etc).

$$= \frac{1}{h_1 h_3} \nabla (F_1 h_2 h_3) \cdot (\underline{e}_2 \times \underline{e}_3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{h_1 h_3} \frac{1}{h_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial e_1} (F_1 h_2 h_3)$$

We conclude with a leading heat,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \underline{F} &= \\ &= \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial e_1} (F_1 h_2 h_3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial e_2} (F_2 h_3 h_1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\partial}{\partial e_3} (F_3 h_1 h_2) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Check:

Cartesians:  $h_1 = h_2 = h_3$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} F_1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} F_2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} F_3 \right]$$

Cylindrical Polars  $(r, \theta, z)$ .

$$h_r = 1, h_\theta = r, h_z = 1.$$

$$\underline{F} = F_r \hat{r} + F_\theta \hat{\theta} + F_z \hat{z}.$$

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{F} = \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (F_r r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (F_\theta \cdot 1) \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (F_z \cdot 1 \cdot r) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r F_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial F_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial z}$$

Exercise: Doire

$\nabla \cdot \underline{F}$  in Spherical Polars.