

Why vectors? ← Griffiths starts his book with 30 pages on vectors

Central to our subject are Electromagnetic

"fields": At each location in (3D) space \vec{r}

there is a vector $\vec{E}(\vec{r})$. We will see that

a charge q experiences an electric force

$$\vec{F} = q \vec{E}(\vec{r})$$

if it is located at \vec{r} .

Likewise, at each point in space there is

a vector $\vec{B}(\vec{r})$. We will see that a charge q

moving with velocity \vec{v} while located at position \vec{r}

feels a magnetic force

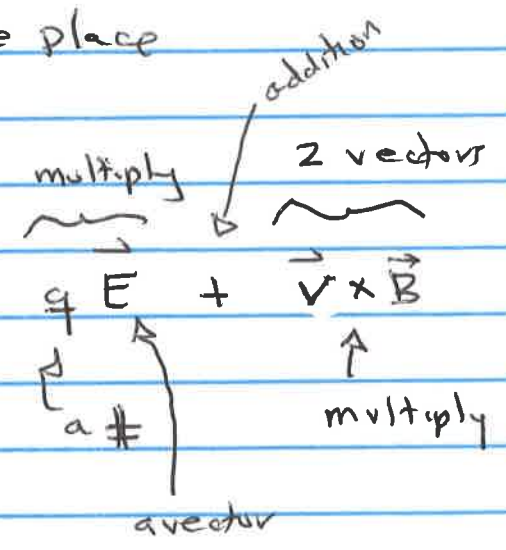
$$\vec{F} = q \vec{v} \times \vec{B}(\vec{r})$$

Q (Interestingly q also is the source of \vec{E} and \vec{B} besides responding to them!)

So... vectors appear all over the place

classical mechanics $(\vec{r}, \vec{v}, \vec{F}, \vec{E}, \vec{B})$

and also operations on vectors



We need

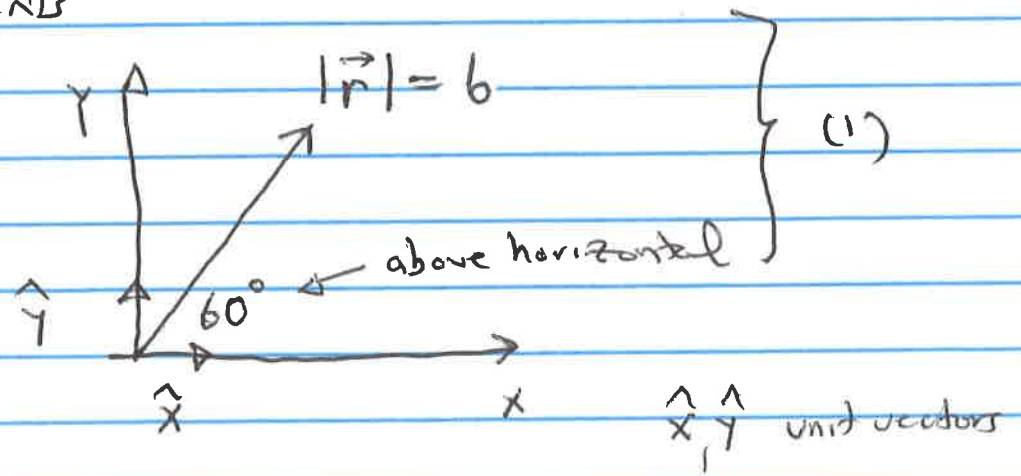
- (1) adding / multiplying vectors
- (2) calculus with vectors

You have seen both before but let's review, especially (2).

Two ways to represent vectors

- (1) Magnitude + direction
- (2) Components

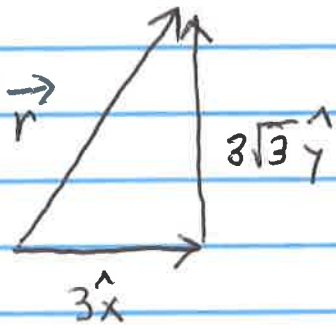
An object is located 6 meters from origin along line 60° above horizontal



(2) $\vec{r} = 3\hat{x} + 3\sqrt{3}\hat{y}$

With the understanding that

* $3\hat{x}$ ← vector of same direction as \hat{x}
but 3 times as long



add vectors by placing
"tail" of one at "head"
of another.

Q Does order matter?

Q Where did $3\hat{x}$ and $3\sqrt{3}\hat{y}$ come from?

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ 6\cos 60 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ 6\sin 60 \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{array}$$

So we have reviewed

* adding vectors

* multiplying vectors by a number.

Another way to add vectors

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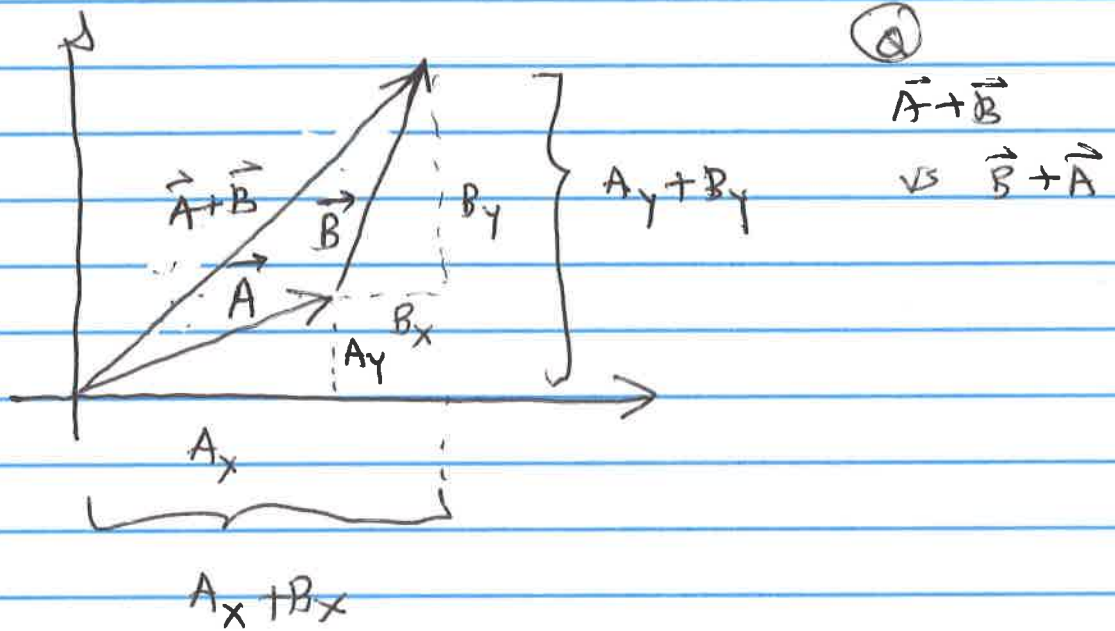
$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{x} + A_y \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = (A_x + B_x) \hat{x} + (A_y + B_y) \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_x \hat{x} + B_y \hat{y}$$

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Equivalent to tail on head definition
From this picture



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Two ways to multiply two vectors $\theta_{AB} \equiv$ angle between \vec{A} and \vec{B}

dot product yields a number

$$\rightarrow \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \theta_{AB} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

②

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} \Rightarrow |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin \theta_{AB} = |\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|$$

\perp to plane of $\vec{A}, \vec{B} =$ direction
"right hand rule"

③

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \quad \text{vs} \quad \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}$$

$$(\vec{A} \times \vec{B})_x = A_y B_z - A_z B_y$$

$$(\vec{A} \times \vec{B})_y =$$

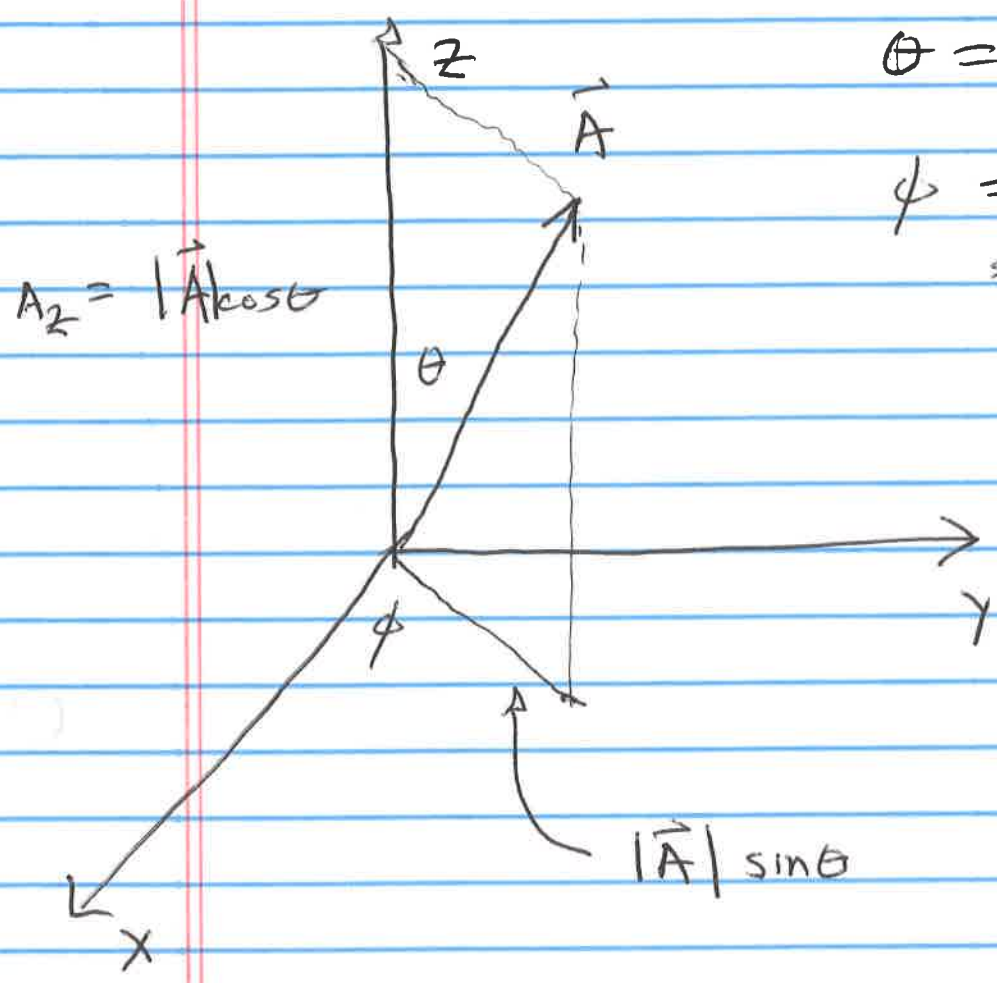
④

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} \quad \text{vs} \quad \vec{B} \times \vec{A} \quad ?$$

$$(\vec{A} \times \vec{B})_z =$$

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In 3D



$\theta =$ angle wrt \hat{z} axis

$\phi =$ angle of projection of \vec{A} onto xy plane wrt x axis

$$A_z = |\vec{A}| \cos \theta$$

$$|\vec{A}| \sin \theta$$

$$A_x = |\vec{A}| \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$A_y = |\vec{A}| \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

length direction

$$|\vec{A}| \quad \theta, \phi \quad \Leftrightarrow$$

$$A_x \quad A_y \quad A_z$$

components

V5

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{c} \hat{x} \quad \hat{y} \quad \hat{z} \\ \left| \begin{array}{ccc} A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{array} \right| \end{array} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{determinant} \end{array} = \hat{x} (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) + \hat{y} (A_z B_x - A_x B_z) + \hat{z} (A_x B_y - A_y B_x)$$

VSA

$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})$ is a #: the volume of parallelepiped formed by $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}$!

$$\begin{array}{l} \uparrow \hat{x} \text{ component of} \\ A_x (B_y C_z - B_z C_y) \\ + A_y (\\ + A_z (\end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} A_x (B_y C_z - B_z C_y) \\ + A_y (\\ + A_z (\end{array}} \right\} = \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) \\ = \vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$$

$\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})$ is a vector

$$= \vec{B} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$$

We know $\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})$ must be \perp to \vec{A}

so it makes sense it has no piece \parallel to \vec{A} !

VSA

use 1,2,3 instead of x y z

Something new

\hat{x}	A_x	A_1
\hat{y}	A_y	A_2
\hat{z}	A_z	A_3

"Kronecker" delta $\delta_{ij} = 1$ if $i=j$
 0 if $i \neq j$

$$\delta_{11} = \delta_{22} = \delta_{33} = 1$$

$$\delta_{12} = \delta_{21} = \delta_{13} = \dots = 0$$

$\epsilon_{ijk} = +1$ if i, j, k all different
and ijk an even permutation
of 123

-1 odd permutation

ϕ any of i, j, k equal

$$\epsilon_{123} = +1 \quad \epsilon_{213} = -1 \quad \epsilon_{231} = +1$$

$$\epsilon_{113} = 0 \quad \epsilon_{212} = 0 \quad \text{etc} \dots$$

$$(A \times B)_i = \sum_{jk} \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k$$

"Einstein summation convention"

$$(\vec{A} \times \vec{B})_x = A_y B_z - A_z B_y$$

$$(\vec{A} \times \vec{B})_y = A_z B_x - A_x B_z$$

$$(\vec{A} \times \vec{B})_i = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \quad \leftarrow \text{get zero unless } j, k = 2, 3$$

$$\epsilon_{123} = +1$$

$$\epsilon_{132} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow A_z B_x - A_x B_z$$

Very useful identity $\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{klm} = \delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl}$

This formalism allows you to prove vector identities in a very elegant way, and is widely used in advanced (eg graduate level) physics courses!

Eg last eqn on page V5

$$[\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})]_i = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})_k$$

$$= \epsilon_{ijk} A_j \epsilon_{kmn} B_m C_n$$

$$= (\delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl}) A_j B_m C_n$$

$$= A_n B_i C_n - A_m B_m C_i = (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) B_i - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) C_i$$

Differentiation + Integrator with vectors

Review

$$df = \frac{df}{dx} dx$$

← slope of $f(x)$

↗ change in function $f(x)$

↖ if x changes by dx

A graph with a vertical axis labeled $f(x)$ and a horizontal axis. A curve is drawn. A small interval dx is marked on the x-axis between x and $x+dx$. A vertical dashed line goes from x to the curve, and another from $x+dx$ to the curve. A horizontal line segment connects these two points on the curve, labeled df . An arrow points from the text 'slope of $f(x)$ ' to the curve.

$$\int_a^x f(x') dx' = \text{area under } f(x') \text{ from } x'=a \text{ to } x'=x$$

A graph with a vertical axis labeled $f(x')$ and a horizontal axis. A curve is drawn. The area under the curve from $x'=a$ to $x'=x$ is shaded with diagonal lines.

Amazingly derivative and integrals are related!

Ⓚ $\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(x') dx' = f(x)$ How to prove?

put another way

$$\int_a^b \frac{df}{dx} dx = f(b) - f(a)$$

under the integral: $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ integral

under the right side: $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ value of f at boundaries

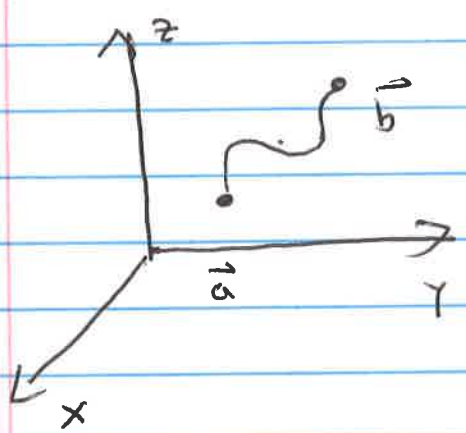
"scalar function"

Differentiation of $f(x, y, z)$

gradient $\vec{\nabla} f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{z}$

Q $\vec{\nabla} f$ points in direction of maximum increase of f

$\int_a^b \vec{\nabla} f \cdot d\vec{r} = f(\vec{b}) - f(\vec{a})$ independent of path taken!



values at boundary

sort of like

$\int_a^b \frac{df}{dx} dx = f(b) - f(a)$

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What about vector function?

$\vec{v}(x, y, z) = v_x(x, y, z) \hat{x} + v_y(x, y, z) \hat{y} + v_z(x, y, z) \hat{z}$

Q

divergence

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$

curl

$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} \\ \dots \end{pmatrix} \hat{x} + \dots = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix}$

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Check Fundamental Theorem for gradient

$$F(x, y) = x^2 y^3$$

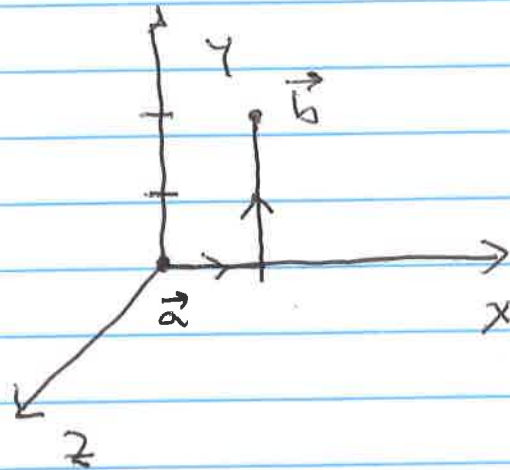
$$\vec{a} = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\vec{b} = (1, 2, 0)$$

Choose a path

part 1 (0, 0, 0) to (1, 0, 0)

part 2 (1, 0, 0) to (1, 2, 0)



$$d\vec{e} = dx \hat{x} + dy \hat{y} + dz \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} F = \underbrace{2xy^3}_{\partial F / \partial x} \hat{x} + \underbrace{3x^2 y^2}_{\partial F / \partial y} \hat{y}$$

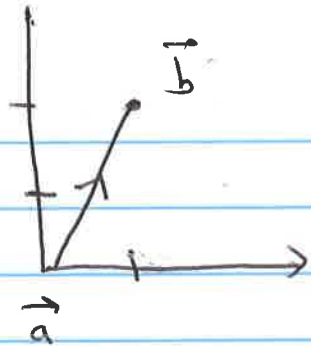
part 1 : $d\vec{e} = dx \hat{x}$

part 2 : $d\vec{e} = dy \hat{y}$

$$\int_a^b \vec{\nabla} F \cdot d\vec{e} = \int_0^1 2xy^3 dx + \int_0^2 3x^2 y^2 dy = y^3 \Big|_0^2 = 8$$

$f(b) = 8 \quad f(a) = 0 \quad \checkmark\checkmark$

V7B

Another path is $y = 2x$ 

$$d\vec{l} = dx \hat{x} + dy \hat{y}$$

$$\text{where } dy = 2dx$$

$$y = 2x$$

$$\int_0^1 2xy^3 dx + 3x^2y^2 dy$$

\uparrow \uparrow $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{2dx}$
 $2x$ $2x$

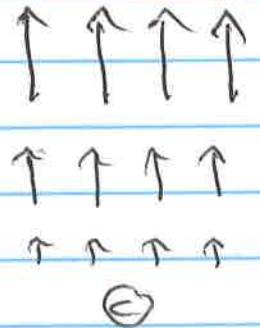
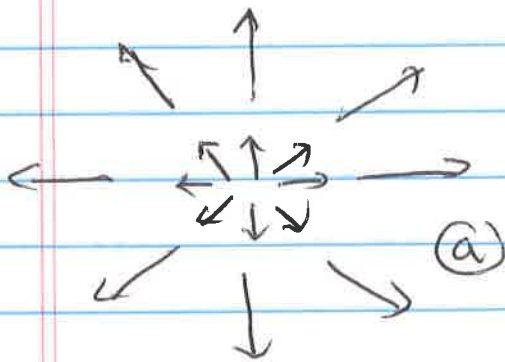
$$= \int_0^1 16x^4 dx + 24x^4 dx = \int_0^1 40x^4 dx = 8x^5 \Big|_0^1$$

$$= 8 \checkmark$$

Q Geometrical interpretation of divergence and curl?

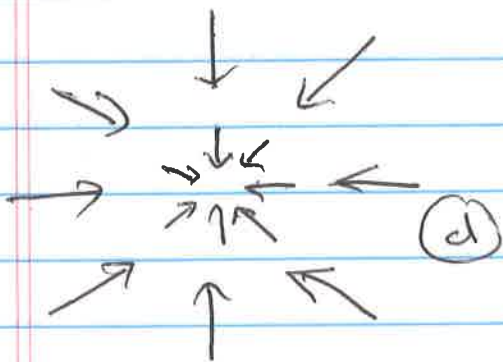
drop dust in pond. If it spreads out,

positive divergence, if it contracts, negative divergence



(a)

Why (c)



a) $\vec{v} = x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + z\hat{z}$

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = 3$

b) $\vec{v} = z\hat{y}$ $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$

c) $\vec{v} = y\hat{y}$ $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = 1$

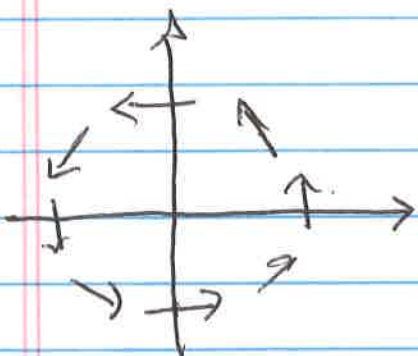
d) $\vec{v} = -x\hat{x} - y\hat{y} - z\hat{z}$ $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = -3$

v9

aka "rotation"
 curl measures "swirling" of vectors

Imagine putting toothpick in vector field.

Would it spin?



$$\vec{v} = -y \hat{x} + x \hat{y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_x &= -y \\ v_y &= +x \\ v_z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ -y & +x & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \hat{z}$$

"counterclockwise
 is positive"

pictures on page 8

$$a) \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

no
 "swirling"

$$b) \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

no
 "swirling"