

Problem 3.41 A vector field $\mathbf{D} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}r^3$ exists in the region between two concentric cylindrical surfaces defined by $r = 1$ and $r = 2$, with both cylinders extending between $z = 0$ and $z = 5$. Verify the divergence theorem by evaluating:

(a) $\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$,

(b) $\int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} dv$.

Solution:

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \iint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} &= F_{\text{inner}} + F_{\text{outer}} + F_{\text{bottom}} + F_{\text{top}}, \\ F_{\text{inner}} &= \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{z=0}^5 ((\hat{\mathbf{r}}r^3) \cdot (-\hat{\mathbf{r}}r dz d\phi)) \Big|_{r=1} \\ &= \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{z=0}^5 (-r^4 dz d\phi) \Big|_{r=1} = -10\pi, \\ F_{\text{outer}} &= \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{z=0}^5 ((\hat{\mathbf{r}}r^3) \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{r}}r dz d\phi)) \Big|_{r=2} \\ &= \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{z=0}^5 (r^4 dz d\phi) \Big|_{r=2} = 160\pi, \\ F_{\text{bottom}} &= \int_{r=1}^2 \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} ((\hat{\mathbf{r}}r^3) \cdot (-\hat{\mathbf{z}}r d\phi dr)) \Big|_{z=0} = 0, \\ F_{\text{top}} &= \int_{r=1}^2 \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} ((\hat{\mathbf{r}}r^3) \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{z}}r d\phi dr)) \Big|_{z=5} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\iint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 150\pi$.

(b) From the back cover, $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = (1/r)(\partial/\partial r)(rr^3) = 4r^2$. Therefore,

$$\iiint \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} dv = \int_{z=0}^5 \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=1}^2 4r^2 r dr d\phi dz = \left(\left((r^4) \Big|_{r=1} \right) \Big|_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \right) \Big|_{z=0}^5 = 150\pi.$$