

Vector calculus

The **divergence theorem** (Gauss's theorem):

If the volume \mathcal{V} is enclosed by surface \mathcal{S} , then

$$\int_{\mathcal{V}} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}(\vec{r}) d^3r = \int_{\mathcal{S} \text{ of } \mathcal{V}} \vec{F}(\vec{r}) \cdot \hat{n} dA.$$

You may call this a theorem if you wish, but to me it just pops right out of the definition

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}(\vec{r}_0) = \lim \frac{\int_{\mathcal{S} \text{ of } \mathcal{V}} \vec{F}(\vec{r}) \cdot \hat{n} dA}{\text{volume of } \mathcal{V}}$$

where the limit goes through any sequence of volumes closing in around point \vec{r}_0 .

The **circulation theorem** (Stokes's theorem):

If the surface \mathcal{S} is bounded by edge \mathcal{E} , then

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}(\vec{r})) \cdot \hat{n} dA = \int_{\mathcal{E} \text{ of } \mathcal{S}} \vec{F}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{\ell}.$$

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$$(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}(\vec{r}_0)) \cdot \hat{n} = \lim \frac{\int_{\mathcal{E} \text{ of } \mathcal{S}} \vec{F}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{\ell}}{\text{area of } \mathcal{S}}$$

where the limit goes through any sequence of surfaces perpendicular to \hat{n} and closing in around point \vec{r}_0 .