



# A Note on Surface Integrals of Vector Fields

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## Abstract

Surface integrals of vector fields play an important role in the solutions of natural science and physical science. The Gauss theorem reduces the difficulty of directly computing surface integrals of vector fields. This paper introduces an approach for the computation of integral surfaces in vector fields and obtains a generalized mathematical expression based on Gauss theorem. Moreover, the computation time is investigated by two classical examples.

## Subject Areas

Applied Physics, Financial Mathematics, Mathematical Analysis, Mathematical Statistics, Mathematics

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## 1. Introduction

The direct computation of surface integrals of vector fields [1] is quite difficult, but we can simplify the derivation of the result using the Gauss theorem [2] [3]. However, the Gauss theorem can be used to calculate a flux through a closed surface that fully encloses a volume, but it can not directly be used to calculate the flux through surfaces with boundaries. See examples below:

**Example 1:** Evaluate  $\oiint_{\Sigma} \frac{xdydz + ydzdx + zdxdy}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ , where  $\Sigma$  is the lateral

surface of  $2x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 = 4$ .

**Example 2:** Evaluate  $\iint_{\Sigma} \frac{xdydz + ydzdx + zdxdy}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ , where  $\Sigma$  is the lateral

surface of  $1 - \frac{z}{5} = \frac{(x-2)^2}{16} + \frac{(y-1)^2}{9}, z > 0$ .

The above example doesn't satisfy the condition that the integrand has a first-order continuous partial derivative in the closed space, and Gauss theorem cannot be used directly. In order to use the Gauss theorem in the flux through surfaces with boundaries, we often construct a closed surface that fully encloses a volume through a complemented surface in the boundaries.

In this paper, we first discuss a classical surface integral of vector fields, then introduce an approach for the computation of integral surfaces in vector fields and obtain a generalized mathematical expression based on Gauss theorem. It turns out that with these conclusions the computation of common complex integral, such as Example 1 and Example 2, within minimum time is realized. The integral given by theorem 1 is more general. The research on surface integral of vector field in this paper will enrich and develop the integral theory to a certain extent, and provide reference for other application fields.

## 2. Main Results

**Lemma 1:** 1) Suppose  $\Omega$  is a subset of  $R^3$  which is compact and has a piecewise smooth boundary  $\Sigma$ ;  $(0,0,0) \in \Omega$ ;  $f(x, y, z)$ ,  $g(x, y, z)$ ,  $h(x, y, z)$  are continuously differentiable vector field defined on a neighborhood of  $\Omega$ ; 2) Let:

$$\left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} \right) (ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2) = n(axf + byg + czh), \text{ for any } a > 0, b > 0, c > 0$$

and  $n \in N_+$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \oiint_{\Sigma} \frac{f(x, y, z) dydz + g(x, y, z) dzdx + h(x, y, z) dxdy}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta^n} \iiint_{ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 \leq \delta^2} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} \right) dv \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

**Remark 1 (1)** Take:

$n = 3, f(x, y, z) = x, g(x, y, z) = y, h(x, y, z) = z, a = 1, b = 1, c = 1$ . It is intuitively clear from the construction of the integral that the example 1 and example 2 belong to the Equation (1). A general application of the Equation (1) is in natural science and physical science.

**Theorem 1:** Suppose  $\Omega$  is a subset of  $R^3$  which is compact and has a piecewise smooth boundary  $\Sigma$ ;  $(0,0,0) \in \Omega$ ;  $f(x, y, z)$ ,  $g(x, y, z)$ ,  $h(x, y, z)$  are continuously differentiable vector field defined on a neighborhood of  $\Omega$ ;  $a > 0, b > 0, c > 0$ . Then:

$$\oiint_{\Sigma} \frac{xdydz + ydzdx + zdxdy}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{abc}}$$

1) Let:

$$P(x, y, z) = \frac{x}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$Q(x, y, z) = \frac{y}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$R(x, y, z) = \frac{z}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

Denote by  $\Sigma_1$ , a small surface taken within the integral surfaces. The space bounded by  $\Sigma_1$  is denoted by  $\Omega_1$ . The space bounded by  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma$  is denoted by  $\Omega_2$ , satisfying  $\Omega = \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2$ ,  $(0, 0, 0) \in \Omega_1$ .

2) It is easy to know that the partial derivatives of functions  $P, Q, R$  are continuous on the place  $\Omega_2$  and  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} = 0$

3) Using Gauss theorem, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \oiint_{\Sigma} Pdydz + Qdzdx + Rdzdy \\ &= \oiint_{\Sigma + \Sigma_1^-} Pdydz + Qdzdx + Rdzdy - \oiint_{\Sigma_1^-} Pdydz + Qdzdx + Rdzdy \\ &= \iiint_{\Omega_2} \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} \right) dx dy dz - \oiint_{\Sigma_1^-} Pdydz + Qdzdx + Rdzdy \\ &= \oiint_{\Sigma_1} \frac{xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where  $\Sigma_1$  is the outer edge of the surface,  $\Sigma_1^-$  is the inner side of the surface.

4) The speed of solving surface integrals of vector fields depends on the surface shape that we take. By introducing a surface  $\Sigma_1$ , solutions to the Equation (2) are given by the solutions to the other integral equations. Two kinds of methods has be shown in the following:

a) Take  $\Sigma_1$  as a small oval surface  $(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 \leq \delta^2)$ , see **Figure 1**. so the Equation (2) can be written in the form:

$$\oiint_{\Sigma_1} \frac{xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{1}{\delta^3} \oiint_{\Sigma_1} xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy \tag{3}$$

Calculation of Equation (3) is often done by using the following methods:

i) Using Gauss theorem [2],

Indeed:

$$\begin{aligned} & \oiint_{\Sigma_1} xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy = 3 \iiint_{\Omega} dx dy dz \\ &= 3 \times \frac{4\pi}{3} \times \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{a}} \times \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{b}} \times \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{c}} = \frac{4\pi\delta^3}{\sqrt{abc}} \end{aligned}$$

then we obtain:

$$\oiint_{\Sigma_1} \frac{xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{abc}}$$

ii) Using the connection of two kinds of surface integral.

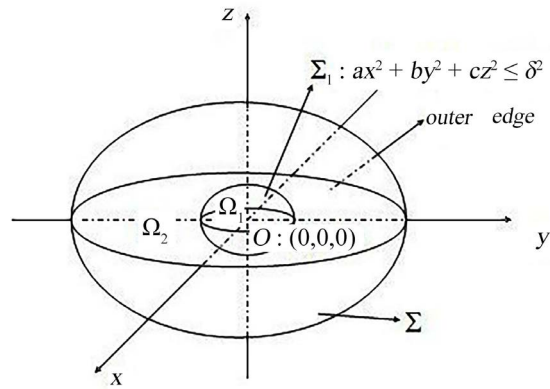


Figure 1. Graphs of  $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma_1$ .

Project the surface on the  $xoy$  plane, see Figure 2.

Let:

$$\Sigma_{1(\text{above})} : z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} \sqrt{\delta^2 - ax^2 - by^2}$$

$$\Sigma_{1(\text{below})} : z = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{c}} \sqrt{\delta^2 - ax^2 - by^2}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \oiint_{\Sigma_1} xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy \\ &= \oiint_{\Sigma_{1(\text{above})}} xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy + \oiint_{\Sigma_{1(\text{below})}} xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy \\ &= 2 \oiint_{\Sigma_{1(\text{above})}} \left[ x \cdot \left( -\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) + y \cdot \left( -\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) + z \right] dx dy \tag{4} \\ &= \frac{2\delta^2}{\sqrt{c}} \oiint_{\Sigma_{1(\text{above})}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta^2 - ax^2 - by^2}} dx dy \end{aligned}$$

Using polar coordinate transformation. If  $x, y$  are transformed into  $r, \theta$  by a

$$\text{transformation } \begin{cases} x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} r \cos \theta \\ y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} r \sin \theta \end{cases},$$

then we have Equation (4) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2\delta^2}{\sqrt{c}} \oiint_{\Sigma_{1(\text{above})}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta^2 - ax^2 - by^2}} dx dy \\ &= \frac{2\delta^2}{\sqrt{c}} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^\delta \frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta^2 - r^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} r dr \\ &= \frac{4\pi\delta^2}{\sqrt{abc}} \int_0^\delta \frac{r}{\sqrt{\delta^2 - r^2}} dr \\ &= \frac{4\pi\delta^3}{\sqrt{abc}} \end{aligned}$$

Then we obtain:

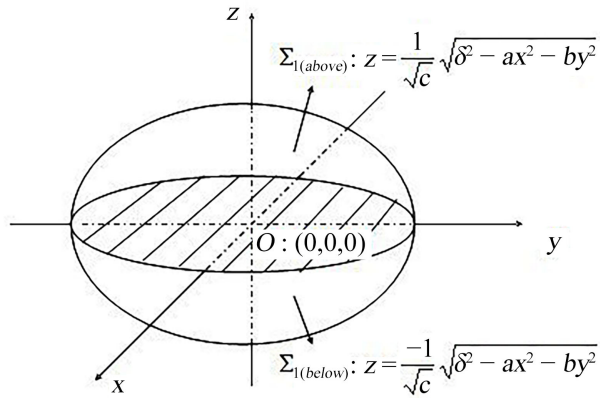


Figure 2. Graphs of  $\Sigma_1$ .

$$\oiint_{\Sigma_1} \frac{xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{abc}}$$

iii) Using the relationship between the two kinds of surface integrals.

$$\begin{aligned} & \oiint_{\Sigma_1} xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy \\ &= \oiint_{\Sigma_{1(above)}: z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}}\sqrt{\delta^2 - ax^2 - by^2}} (x \cos \alpha + y \cos \beta + z \cos \gamma) dS \\ &+ \oiint_{\Sigma_{1(below)}: z = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{c}}\sqrt{\delta^2 - ax^2 - by^2}} (x \cos \alpha + y \cos \beta + z \cos \gamma) dS \end{aligned}$$

where on surface  $\Sigma_{1(above)}$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (\cos \alpha, \cos \beta, \cos \gamma) &= \left( \frac{-z'_x}{\sqrt{1 + z'^2_x + z'^2_y}}, \frac{-z'_y}{\sqrt{1 + z'^2_x + z'^2_y}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + z'^2_x + z'^2_y}} \right) \\ &ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = \delta^2, z > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let:

$$F(x, y, z) = ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 - \delta^2$$

then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} &= 2ax, \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 2by, \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 2cz \\ z'_x &= -\frac{\partial F / \partial x}{\partial F / \partial z} = -\frac{ax}{cz}, z'_y = -\frac{\partial F / \partial y}{\partial F / \partial z} = -\frac{by}{cz} \\ \sqrt{1 + z'^2_x + z'^2_y} &= \frac{\sqrt{a^2 x^2 + b^2 y^2 + c^2 z^2}}{cz} \\ \cos \alpha &= -\frac{z'_x}{\sqrt{1 + z'^2_x + z'^2_y}} = \frac{ax}{\sqrt{a^2 x^2 + b^2 y^2 + c^2 z^2}} \\ \cos \beta &= -\frac{z'_y}{\sqrt{1 + z'^2_x + z'^2_y}} = \frac{by}{\sqrt{a^2 x^2 + b^2 y^2 + c^2 z^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos \gamma = \frac{1}{1 + z_x'^2 + z_y'^2} = \frac{cz}{\sqrt{a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2}}$$

That is:

$$(\cos \alpha, \cos \beta, \cos \gamma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2}}(ax, by, cz)$$

Similarly on surface  $\Sigma_{1(\text{below})}$ , we have:

$$(\cos \alpha, \cos \beta, \cos \gamma) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2}}(ax, by, cz)$$

since the surface of  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = \delta^2$  is symmetric about the  $xoy$  plane, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \oiint_{\Sigma_{1(\text{below})}: z = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{c}}\sqrt{\delta^2 - ax^2 - by^2}} (x \cos \alpha + y \cos \beta + z \cos \gamma) dS \\ &= \oiint_{\Sigma_{1(\text{below})}: z = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{c}}\sqrt{\delta^2 - ax^2 - by^2}} \left( -\frac{ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2}{\sqrt{a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2}} \right) dS \\ &= \delta^2 \oiint_{\Sigma_{1(\text{below})}: ax^2 + by^2 < \delta^2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 + z_x'^2 + z_y'^2}}{\sqrt{a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2}} \right) dx dy \\ &= \frac{\delta^2}{\sqrt{c}} \oiint_{\Sigma_{1(\text{below})}: ax^2 + by^2 < \delta^2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta^2 - ax^2 - by^2}} \right) dx dy \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Similar with Equation (4), we have Equation (5) is

$$\frac{\delta^2}{\sqrt{c}} \iint_{ax^2 + by^2 \leq \delta^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta^2 - ax^2 - by^2}} dx dy = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{abc}}$$

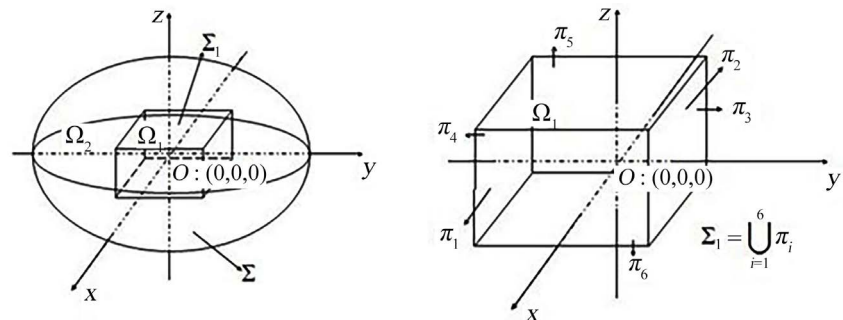
Then we obtain:

$$\oiint_{\Sigma_1} \frac{xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{abc}}$$

b) Take  $\Sigma_1$  as a small cube surface ( $x = \pm\sigma; y = \pm\sigma; z = \pm\sigma$ ), see **Figure 3**.

Let:

$$\pi_1 : x = \delta, |y| \leq \delta, |z| \leq \delta \quad \pi_2 : x = -\delta, |y| \leq \delta, |z| \leq \delta$$



**Figure 3.** Graphs of  $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_3 : y = \delta, |x| \leq \delta, |z| \leq \delta & \quad \pi_4 : y = -\delta, |x| \leq \delta, |z| \leq \delta \\ \pi_5 : z = \delta, |x| \leq \delta, |y| \leq \delta & \quad \pi_6 : z = -\delta, |x| \leq \delta, |y| \leq \delta \end{aligned}$$

$$\Sigma_1 = \bigcup_{i=1}^6 \pi_i$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \oiint_{\Sigma_1} \frac{xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= \iint_{\pi_1 \cup \pi_2} \frac{xdydz}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \iint_{\pi_3 \cup \pi_4} \frac{ydzdx}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \iint_{\pi_5 \cup \pi_6} \frac{zdx dy}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= \iint_{\substack{|y| \leq \delta \\ |z| \leq \delta}} \frac{2\delta dydz}{(a\delta^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \iint_{\substack{|x| \leq \delta \\ |z| \leq \delta}} \frac{2\delta dzdx}{(ax^2 + b\delta^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \iint_{\substack{|x| \leq \delta \\ |y| \leq \delta}} \frac{2\delta dxdy}{(ax^2 + by^2 + c\delta^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= 8\delta [I_1 + I_2 + I_3] \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \iint_{\substack{0 \leq y \leq \delta \\ 0 \leq z \leq \delta}} \frac{dydz}{(a\delta^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ I_2 &= \iint_{\substack{0 \leq x \leq \delta \\ 0 \leq z \leq \delta}} \frac{dzdx}{(ax^2 + b\delta^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ I_3 &= \iint_{\substack{0 \leq x \leq \delta \\ 0 \leq y \leq \delta}} \frac{dxdy}{(ax^2 + by^2 + c\delta^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

However, we can compute  $I_3$  as follows:

$$I_3 = \iint_{\substack{0 \leq x \leq \delta \\ 0 \leq y \leq \delta}} \frac{dxdy}{(ax^2 + by^2 + c\delta^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \int_0^\delta \int_0^\delta \frac{1}{a^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(x^2 + \frac{by^2 + c\delta^2}{a}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dxdy \tag{6}$$

Using a simple equation:

$$\int \frac{1}{(m^2 + x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx = \frac{1}{m^2} \frac{x}{(m^2 + x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

We have the follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\delta \int_0^\delta \frac{1}{a^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(x^2 + \frac{by^2 + c\delta^2}{a}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dxdy \\ &= \delta \int_0^\delta \frac{1}{(by^2 + c\delta^2) \sqrt{a\delta^2 + c\delta^2 + by^2}} dy \tag{7} \\ &= \frac{\delta}{b^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_0^\delta \frac{1}{\left(y^2 + \frac{c}{b}\delta^2\right) \sqrt{y^2 + \frac{a\delta^2 + c\delta^2}{b}}} dy \end{aligned}$$

The key idea in solving Equation (7) is using proper variable transform, make sure the computation of Equation (7) is easier to come out.

Suppose:

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{a\delta^2 + c\delta^2}{b}} \tan \alpha$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 dy &= \sqrt{\frac{a\delta^2 + c\delta^2}{b}} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \alpha} d\alpha \\
 y^2 + \frac{c}{b} \delta^2 &= \frac{a}{b} \delta^2 \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\cos^2 \alpha} + \frac{c}{b \cos^2 \alpha} \delta^2 \\
 \sqrt{y^2 + \frac{a\delta^2 + c\delta^2}{b}} &= \sqrt{\frac{a\delta^2 + c\delta^2}{b}} \frac{1}{\cos \alpha}
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Meanwhile, the integration interval is known to be:

$$0 \leq y = \sqrt{\frac{a\delta^2 + c\delta^2}{b}} \tan \alpha \leq \delta$$

This implies:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 \leq \tan \alpha &\leq \delta \sqrt{\frac{b}{a\delta^2 + c\delta^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{a+c}} \\
 0 \leq \alpha &\leq \arctan \sqrt{\frac{b}{a+c}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

From Equation (8) and Equation (9), we have Equation (7) as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{\delta}{b^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_0^\delta \frac{dy}{\left(y^2 + \frac{c}{b} \delta^2\right) \sqrt{y^2 + \frac{a\delta^2 + c\delta^2}{b}}} \\
 &= \frac{\delta}{b^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_0^{\arctan \sqrt{\frac{b}{a+c}}} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{a\delta^2 + c\delta^2}{b}} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \alpha} d\alpha}{\left(\frac{a}{b} \delta^2 \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\cos^2 \alpha} + \frac{c}{b \cos^2 \alpha} \delta^2\right) \sqrt{\frac{a\delta^2 + c\delta^2}{b}} \frac{1}{\cos \alpha}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\delta b^{\frac{1}{2}}} \int_0^{\arctan \sqrt{\frac{b}{a+c}}} \frac{\cos \alpha}{a \sin^2 \alpha + c} d\alpha
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Suppose:

$$x = \sin \alpha \tag{11}$$

Then we show that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 \leq \tan \alpha &\leq \sqrt{\frac{b}{a+c}} \\
 0 \leq \frac{\sin \alpha}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \alpha}} &\leq \sqrt{\frac{b}{a+c}}
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\sin \alpha \geq 0 \text{ and } \sin^2 \alpha \leq \frac{b}{a+b+c} \tag{12}$$

From Equation (11) Equation (12), we have Equation (10) as:

$$\frac{1}{\delta b^2} \int_0^{\arctan \sqrt{\frac{b}{a+c}}} \frac{\cos \alpha}{a \sin^2 \alpha + c} d\alpha = \frac{1}{a\delta b^2} \int_0^{\sqrt{\frac{b}{a+b+c}}} \frac{1}{x^2 + \frac{c}{a}} dx \tag{13}$$

Apply  $\int \frac{1}{m^2 + x^2} dx = \frac{1}{m} \arctan \frac{x}{m} + C$  to Equation (13) to obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{a\delta b^2} \int_0^{\sqrt{\frac{b}{a+b+c}}} \frac{1}{x^2 + \frac{c}{a}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{abc}\delta} \left( \arctan \sqrt{\frac{ab}{ca+cb+c^2}} - \arctan 0 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{abc}\delta} \arctan \sqrt{\frac{ab}{ca+cb+c^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly:

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{abc}\delta} \arctan \sqrt{\frac{bc}{ab+ac+a^2}} \\ I_2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{abc}\delta} \arctan \sqrt{\frac{ac}{ab+bc+b^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \oint_{\Sigma_1} \frac{xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= 8\delta [I_1 + I_2 + I_3] \\ &= \frac{8}{\sqrt{abc}} \left( \arctan \sqrt{\frac{bc}{ab+ac+a^2}} + \arctan \sqrt{\frac{ac}{ab+bc+b^2}} \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{8}{\sqrt{abc}} \left( \arctan \sqrt{\frac{ab}{ca+cb+c^2}} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Let  $\tan A = \sqrt{\frac{bc}{ab+ac+a^2}}$ ;  $\tan B = \sqrt{\frac{ac}{ab+bc+b^2}}$ ;  $\tan C = \sqrt{\frac{ab}{ca+cb+c^2}}$

Next we show that the sum of  $A + B + C$  is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

With:

$$\tan [(A+B)+C] = \frac{\tan(A+B) + \tan C}{1 - \tan(A+B)\tan C} = \frac{\frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \cdot \tan B} + \tan C}{1 - \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \cdot \tan B} \tan C} \tag{15}$$

Therefore, the denominator of Equation (15) is:

$$1 - \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \cdot \tan B} \tan C = 1 - \frac{\frac{b}{a+b+c} + \frac{a}{a+b+c}}{\frac{a+b}{a+b+c}} = 0 \tag{16}$$

the numerator of Equation (15) is:

$$\frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \cdot \tan B} + \tan C = \frac{\frac{1}{a} \sqrt{\frac{abc}{a+b+c}} + \frac{1}{b} \sqrt{\frac{abc}{a+b+c}}}{1 - \frac{1}{ab} \cdot \frac{abc}{a+b+c}} + \frac{1}{c} \sqrt{\frac{abc}{a+b+c}} \neq 0 \tag{17}$$

Equations (15)-(17) imply the value of  $A + B + C$  is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ , in other words:

$$\arctan \sqrt{\frac{bc}{ab+ac+a^2}} + \arctan \sqrt{\frac{ac}{ab+bc+b^2}} + \arctan \sqrt{\frac{ab}{ca+cb+c^2}} = \frac{\pi}{2} \tag{18}$$

From Equation (18) we have Equation (15) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{8}{\sqrt{abc}} \left( \arctan \sqrt{\frac{bc}{ab+ac+a^2}} + \arctan \sqrt{\frac{ac}{ab+bc+b^2}} + \arctan \sqrt{\frac{ab}{ca+cb+c^2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{8}{\sqrt{abc}} \times \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{abc}} \end{aligned}$$

Then we obtain:

$$\oiint_{\Sigma_1} \frac{xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{abc}}$$

**Remark 2:** 1) The result of Equation (18) is proved by computer simulation, the process is given in the appendix.

2) Lemma 1 is a generalization of the Gauss theorem. Theorem 1 is a general expression for the lemma 1.

3) From theorem 1, it is sufficient to compute the surface integrals in vector fields, such as Example 1 and Example 2.

Example 1:

$$\oiint_{\Sigma} \frac{xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = 4\pi$$

Example 2:

$$\oiint_{\Sigma} \frac{xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = 2\pi$$

Lots of surface integrals are integrals of the form  $\oiint_{\Sigma} \frac{xdydz + ydzdx + zdx dy}{(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ .

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## Appendix

Suppose  $a, b, c$  as follows:

- 1).  $a = 1, b = 1, c = 1$  2).  $a = 1, b = 2, c = 3$
- 3).  $a = 1, b = 2, c = 4$  4).  $a = 1, b = 3, c = 5$
- 5).  $a = 2, b = 3, c = 5$  6).  $a = 3, b = 4, c = 5$

According to Equation (18), using R we can obtain:

> 3.1415926 = 2

[1] 1.570796

> atan((1/3)^(1/2))+atan((1/3)^(1/2))+atan((1/3)^(1/2))

[1] 1.570796

> atan((1/1)^(1/2))+atan((1/4)^(1/2))+atan((1/9)^(1/2))

[1] 1.570796

> atan((8/7)^(1/2))+atan((8/(4\*7))^(1/2))+atan((8/(16\*7))^(1/2))

[1] 1.570796

> atan((24/(4\*9))^(1/2))+atan((24/(9\*9))^(1/2))+atan((24/(16\*9))^(1/2))

[1] 1.570796

> atan((30/(4\*10))^(1/2))+atan((30/(9\*10))^(1/2))+atan((30/(25\*10))^(1/2))

[1] 1.570796

> atan((5/9)^(1/2))+atan((5/16)^(1/2))+atan((5/25)^(1/2))

[1] 1.570796