

Question

Calculate the surface integral of $\oiint_S \vec{F} d\vec{s}$, where $\vec{F} = 2(x, y, z)$, and where S is the surface of the cube define by the relations $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1, 0 \leq z \leq 1$.

Solution

According to divergence theorem:

$$\begin{aligned}\oiint_S \vec{F} d\vec{s} &= \iiint_V (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}) dV \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} &= 2 \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} \right) = 2(1 + 1 + 1) = 6 \\ \iiint_V (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}) dV &= \iiint_V 6 dV = 6 \iiint_V dV = 6V\end{aligned}$$

Volume of the unit cube is 1, hence

$$\oiint_S \vec{F} d\vec{s} = 6$$