

Answer on Question #70060-Physics-Other

Using the divergence theorem evaluate $\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ where $\mathbf{F} = (y^2)z\mathbf{i} + (y^3)\mathbf{j} + xz\mathbf{k}$ and S is the surface of the cube defined by $-1 \leq x \leq 1$, $-1 \leq y \leq 1$, $0 \leq z \leq 2$.

Solution

Using the divergence theorem:

$$I = \oiint \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iiint \text{div } \mathbf{F} \, dV$$

$$\text{div } \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}((y^2)z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y^3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(xz) = 0 + 3y^2 + x = x + 3y^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{-1}^1 dx \int_{-1}^1 dy \int_0^2 dz (x + 3y^2) = \int_{-1}^1 x dx \int_{-1}^1 dy \int_0^2 dz + \int_{-1}^1 dx \int_{-1}^1 3y^2 dy \int_0^2 dz \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 x dx (1 - (-1))(2 - 0) + (1 - (-1)) \int_{-1}^1 3y^2 dy (2 - 0) = 4 \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right)_{-1}^1 + 4(y^3)_{-1}^1 \\ &= 4 \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + 4(1 - (-1)) = 0 + 8 = 8. \end{aligned}$$

Answer: 8.

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