

Boas 6-10.5

Find  $\iiint (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}) d\tau$  over  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 25$

In order to use the divergence theorem, we need the unit vector  $\vec{n}$  normal to the sphere. The vector  $\vec{r} = \vec{i}x + \vec{j}y + \vec{k}z$  is normal to the sphere; if we did not see this from the geometry, we could find it using the gradient:  $\nabla(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 2\vec{r}$ . Then the desired unit vector is  $\vec{n} = \vec{r}/|\vec{r}| = (\vec{i}x + \vec{j}y + \vec{k}z)/5$  since  $|\vec{r}| = r = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2} = 5$  on the surface of the sphere. We also want  $\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n}$  when  $r = 5$  since  $\int \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma$  is an integral over the surface of the sphere. We find

$$\vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}/5) = r^4/5 = 5^4/5 = 5^3.$$

Then, by the divergence theorem,

$$\int \nabla \cdot \vec{F} d\tau = \int \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} d\sigma = 5^3 \cdot (\text{area of sphere}) = 4\pi \cdot 5^5 = 12500\pi.$$