

# Divergence and Curl (3A)

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- Divergence
- Curl
- Green's Theorem

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# 2-D Vector Field

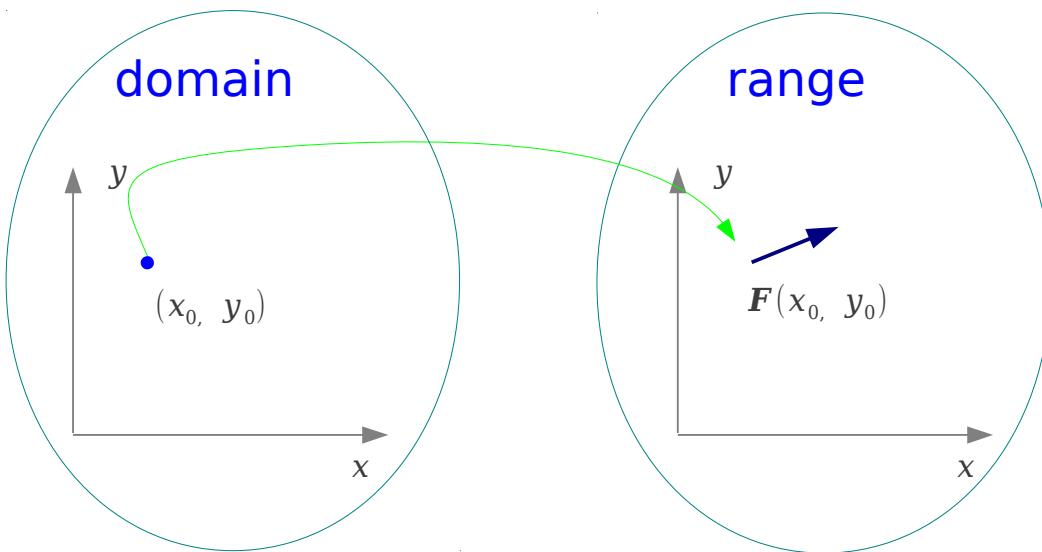
a given point in a 2-d space

$$(x_0, y_0)$$



A vector

$$\langle M(x_0, y_0), N(x_0, y_0) \rangle$$



2 functions

$$(x_0, y_0) \longrightarrow M(x_0, y_0)$$

$$(x_0, y_0) \longrightarrow N(x_0, y_0)$$

$$(x_0, y_0) \longrightarrow \mathbf{F}(x_0, y_0) = M(x_0, y_0)\mathbf{i} + N(x_0, y_0)\mathbf{j}$$

# 3-D Vector Field

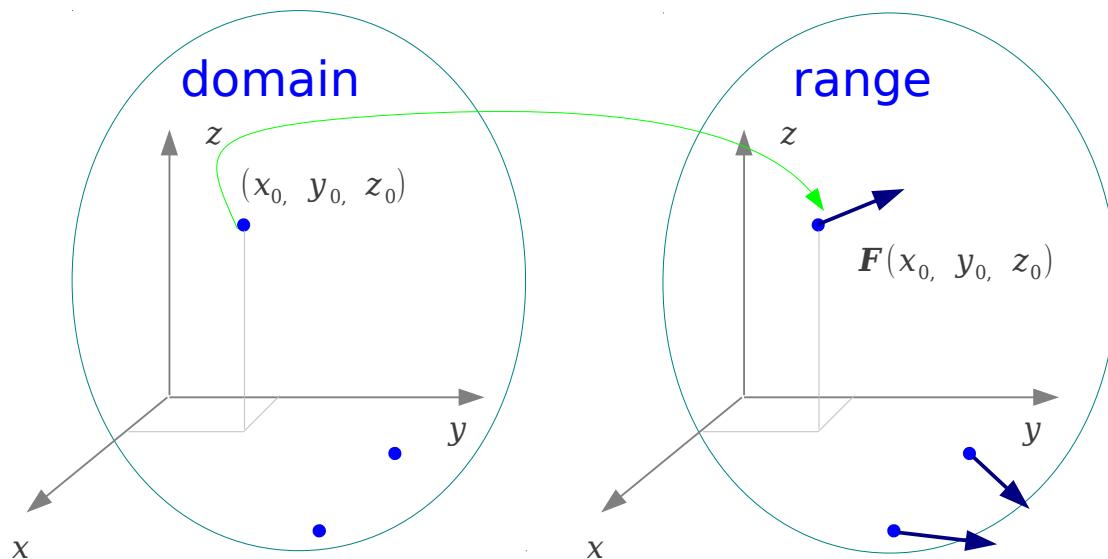
A given point in a 3-d space

$$(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$



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$$\langle M(x_0, y_0, z_0), N(x_0, y_0, z_0), P(x_0, y_0, z_0) \rangle$$



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$$(x_0, y_0, z_0) \longrightarrow M(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

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# 2-Divergence

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Flux across rectangle boundary

$$\approx \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} \Delta x \right) \Delta y + \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \Delta y \right) \Delta x = \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \right) \Delta x \Delta y$$

Flux density  $= \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \right)$

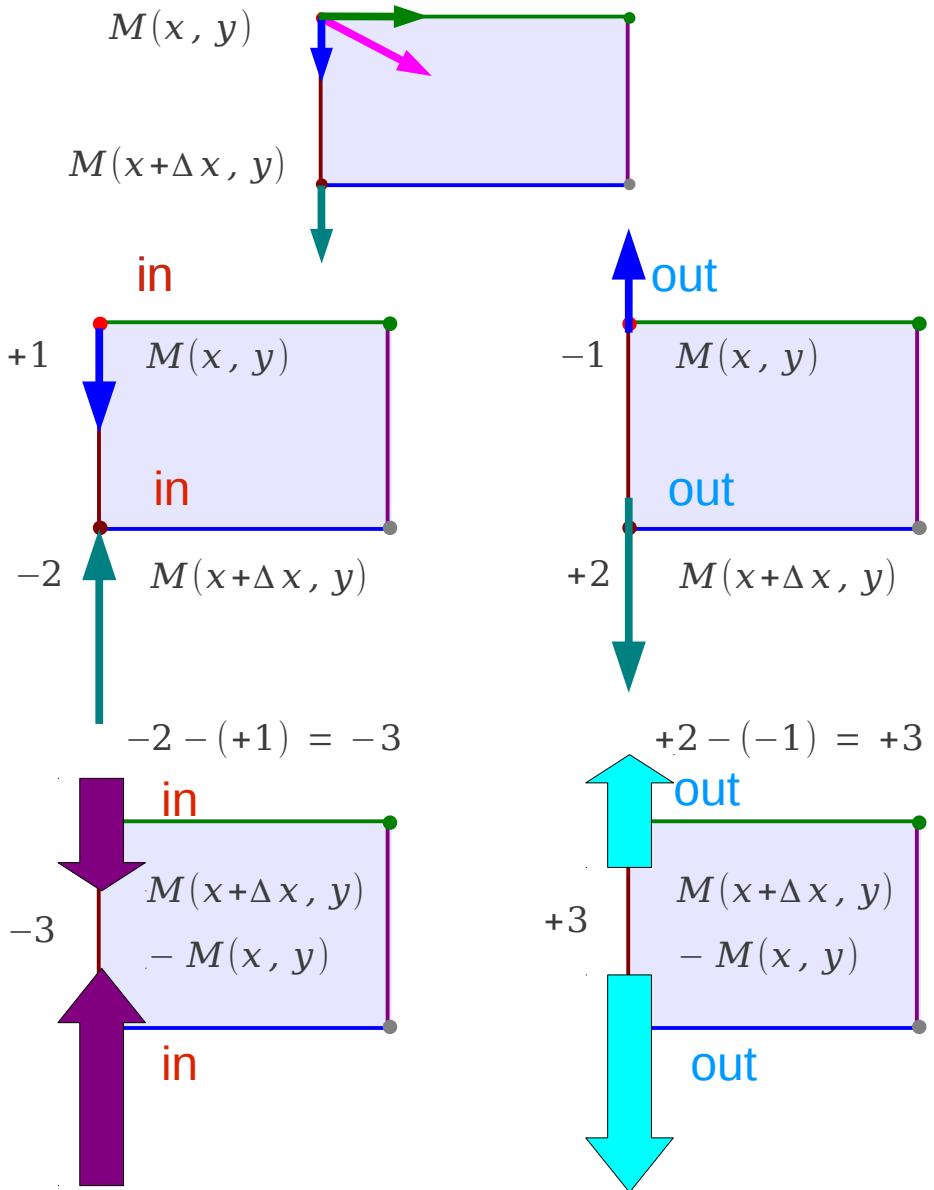
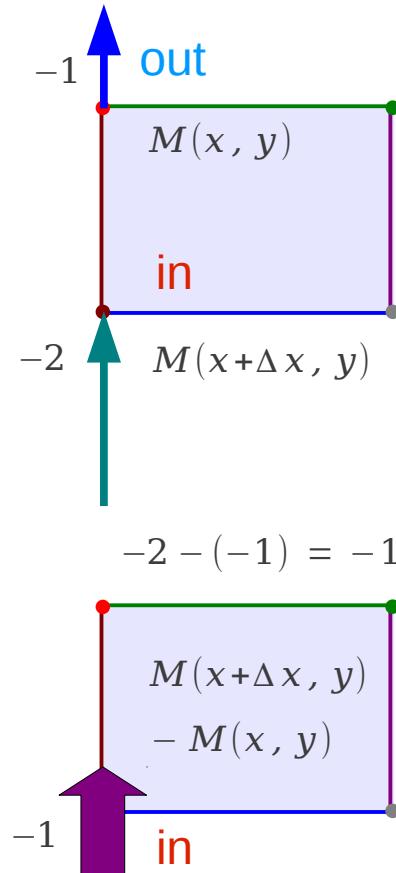
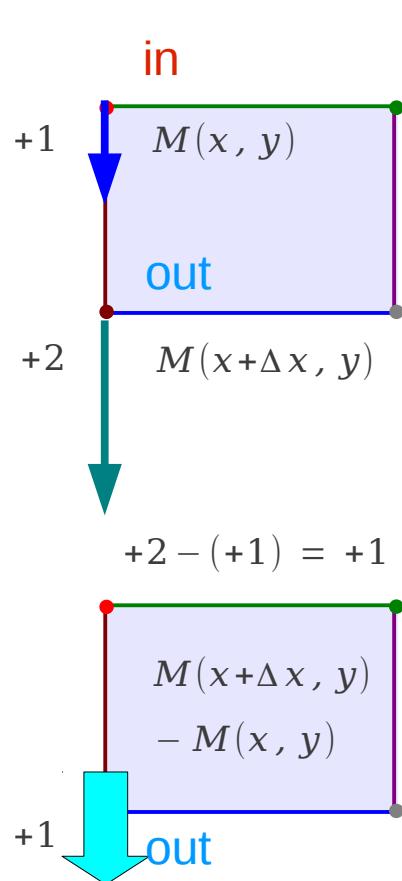
Divergence of  $\mathbf{F}$

Flux Density

# Inward & Outward Flow – Top, Bottom

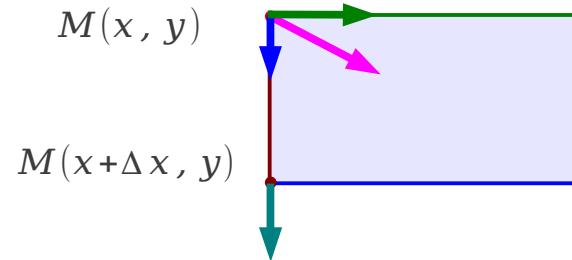
$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = M(x, y)\mathbf{i} + N(x, y)\mathbf{j}$$

$$\{M(x+\Delta x, y) - M(x, y)\}$$



# Inward & Outward Net Flow – Top, Bottom

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = M(x, y)\mathbf{i} + N(x, y)\mathbf{j}$$



$$\frac{\{M(x+\Delta x, y) - M(x, y)\}}{\Delta x} \approx \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} > 0$$

- **Positive Slope** of a tangent line parallel to the x axis
- **Outward** bound net flow along the x axis

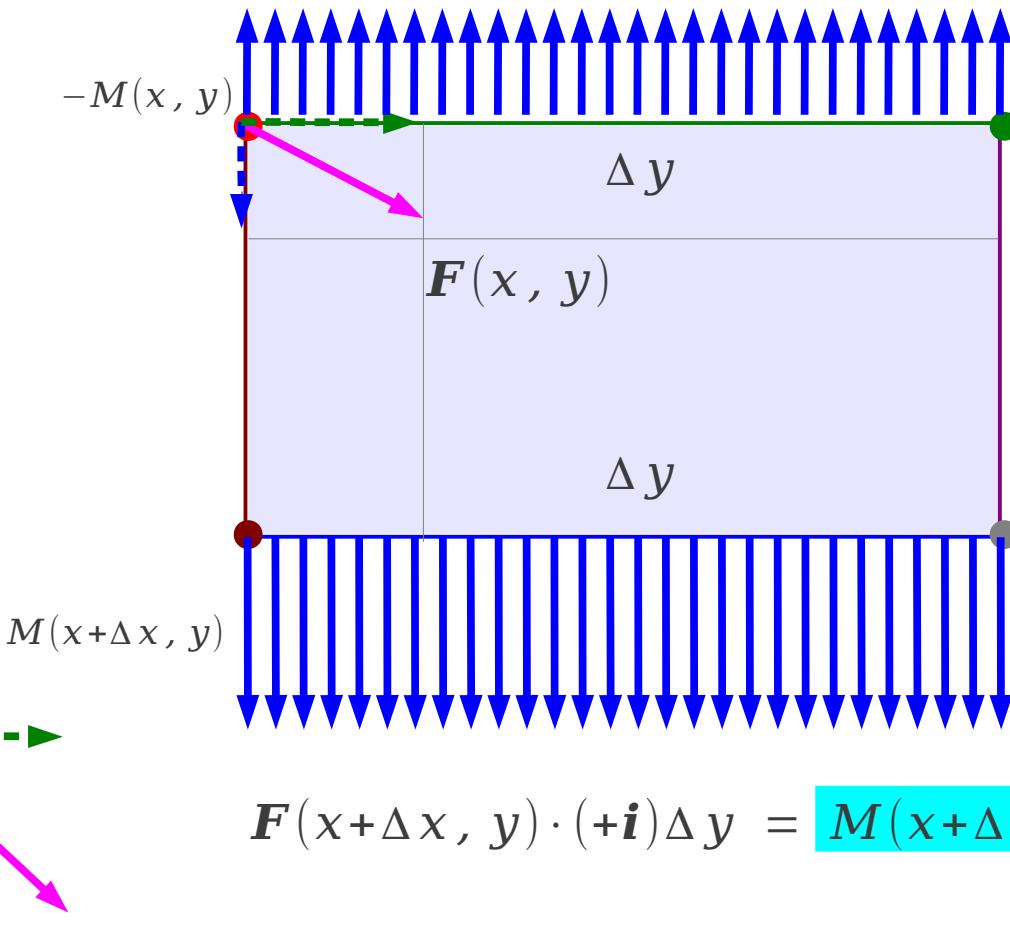
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# Net Flow – Top, Bottom

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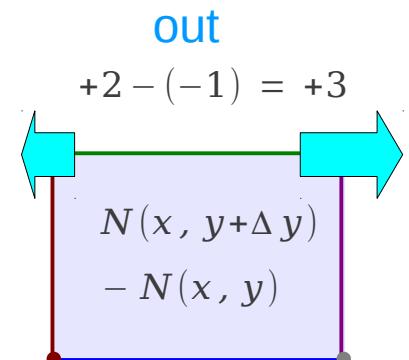
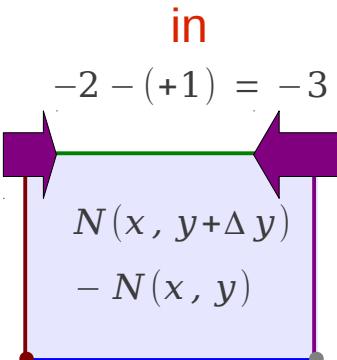
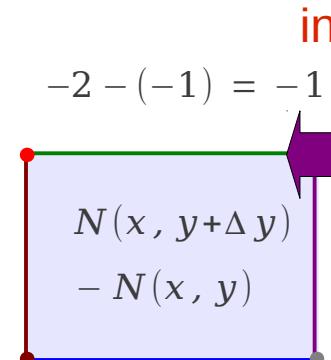
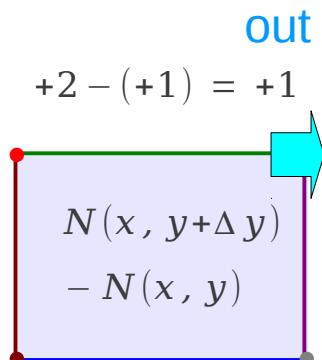
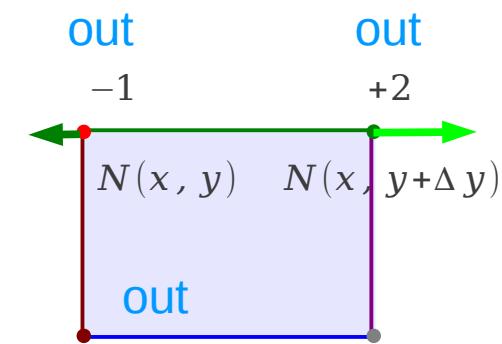
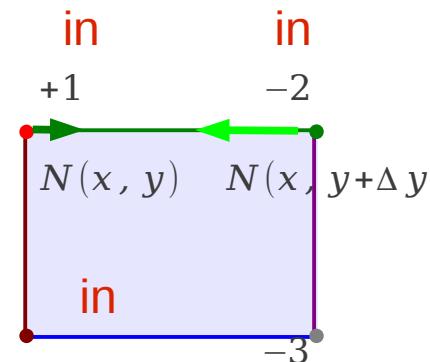
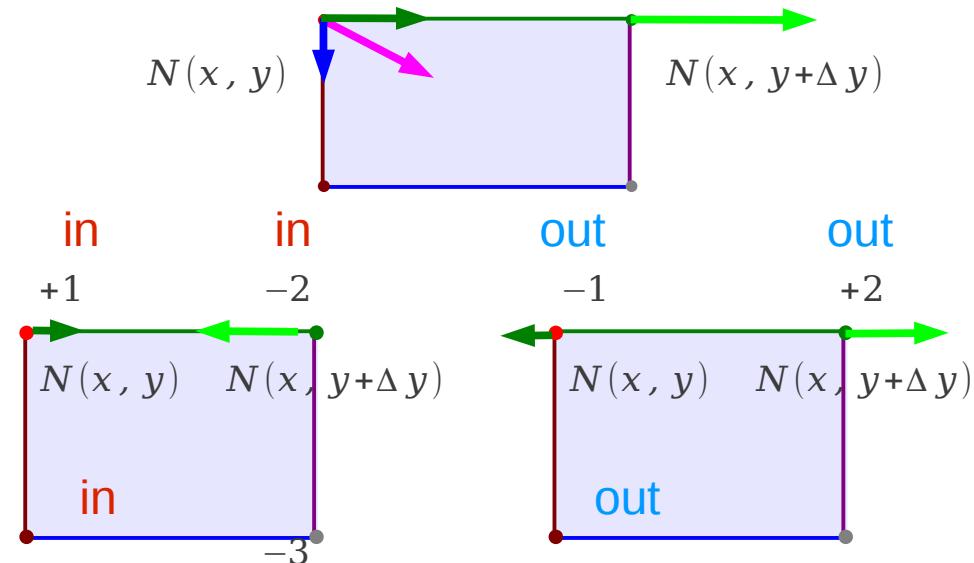
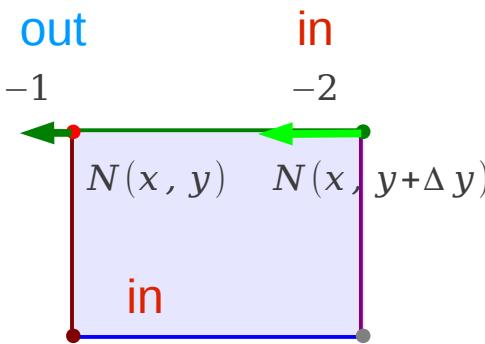
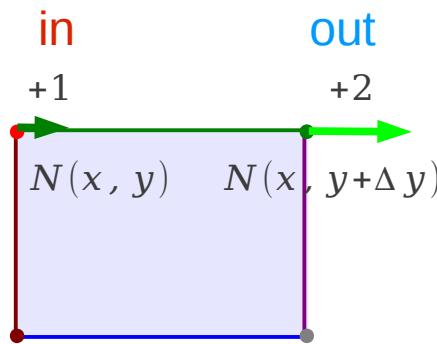
$$\approx \frac{\partial M}{\partial x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \{M(x+\Delta x, y) - M(x, y)\}\Delta y \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} \Delta x \right) \Delta y \end{aligned}$$

# Inward & Outward Flow – Left, Right

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = M(x, y)\mathbf{i} + N(x, y)\mathbf{j}$$

$$\{N(x, y+\Delta y) - N(x, y)\}$$



# Inward & Outward Net Flow – Left, Right

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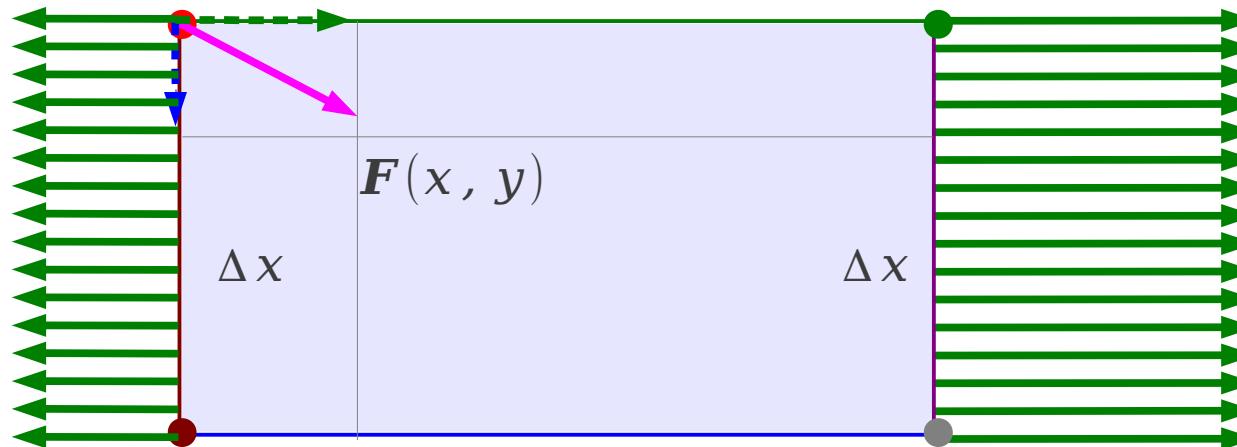
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$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) \cdot (-\mathbf{j})\Delta x = -N(x, y)\Delta x$$

$-N(x, y)$

$N(x, y+\Delta y)$



$$\mathbf{F}(x, y+\Delta y) \cdot (+\mathbf{j})\Delta x = N(x, y+\Delta y)\Delta x$$

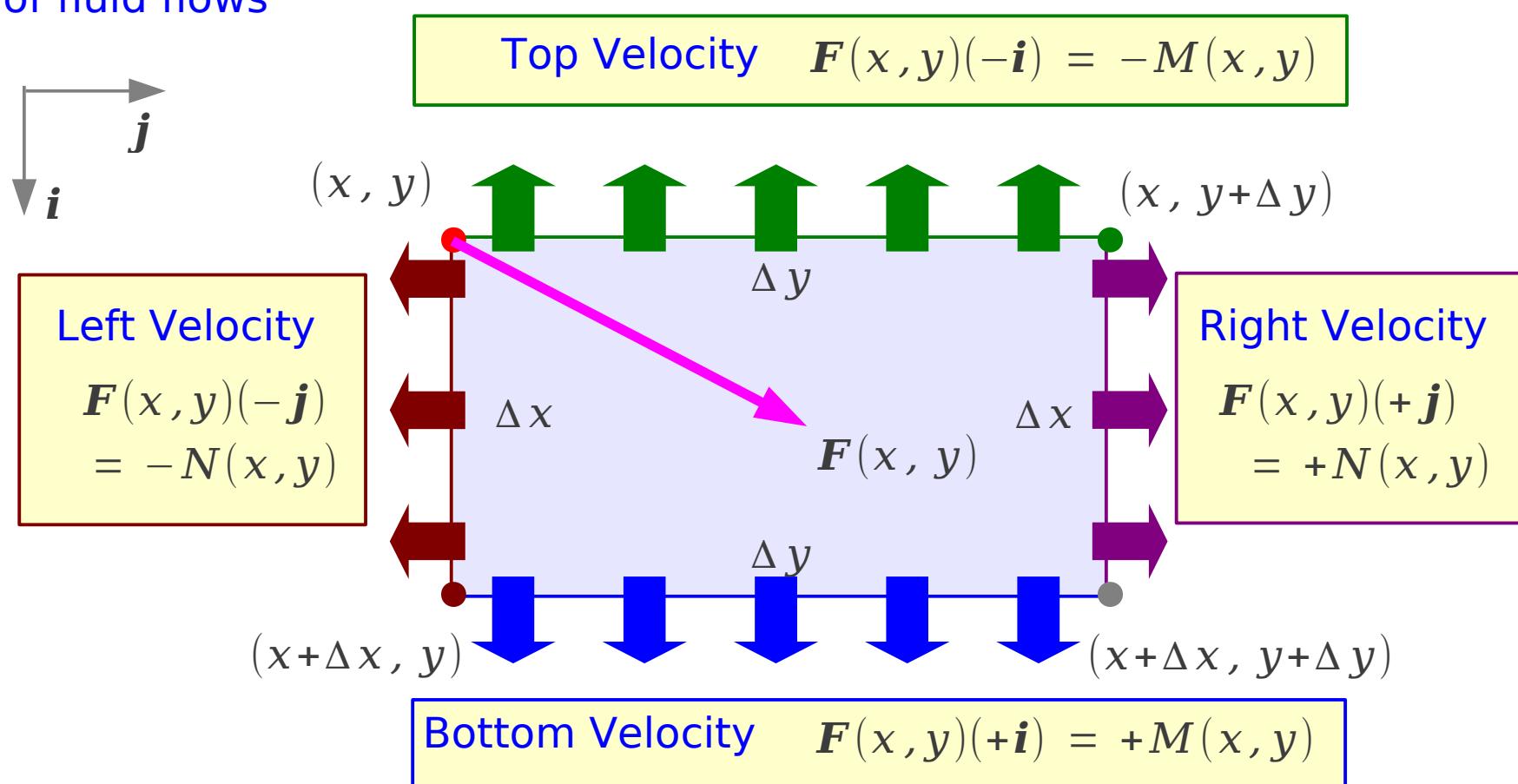
$$\frac{[N(x, y+\Delta y) - N(x, y)]}{\Delta y} \approx \frac{\partial N}{\partial y}$$

$$[N(x, y+\Delta y) - N(x, y)]\Delta x = \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \Delta y \right) \Delta x$$

# 2-D Divergence (1)

Velocity Fields  
of fluid flows

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = M(x, y)\mathbf{i} + N(x, y)\mathbf{j}$$



**Flow rate of outward bound fluid**

## 2-D Divergence (2)

The rate at which fluid leave the rectangle

Across top                     $\mathbf{F}(x, y) \cdot (-\mathbf{i})\Delta y = -M(x, y)\Delta y$

Across bottom                 $\mathbf{F}(x+\Delta x, y) \cdot (+\mathbf{i})\Delta y = M(x+\Delta x, y)\Delta y$

Across left                     $\mathbf{F}(x, y) \cdot (-\mathbf{j})\Delta x = -N(x, y)\Delta x$

Across right                   $\mathbf{F}(x, y+\Delta y) \cdot (+\mathbf{j})\Delta x = N(x, y+\Delta y)\Delta x$

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Across top + bottom         $\{M(x+\Delta x, y) - M(x, y)\}\Delta y = \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial x}\Delta x\right)\Delta y$

Across left + right         $\{N(x, y+\Delta y) - N(x, y)\}\Delta x = \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial y}\Delta y\right)\Delta x$

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Flux across rectangle boundary

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Flux density                 $= \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y}\right)$               Divergence of  $\mathbf{F}$               Flux Density

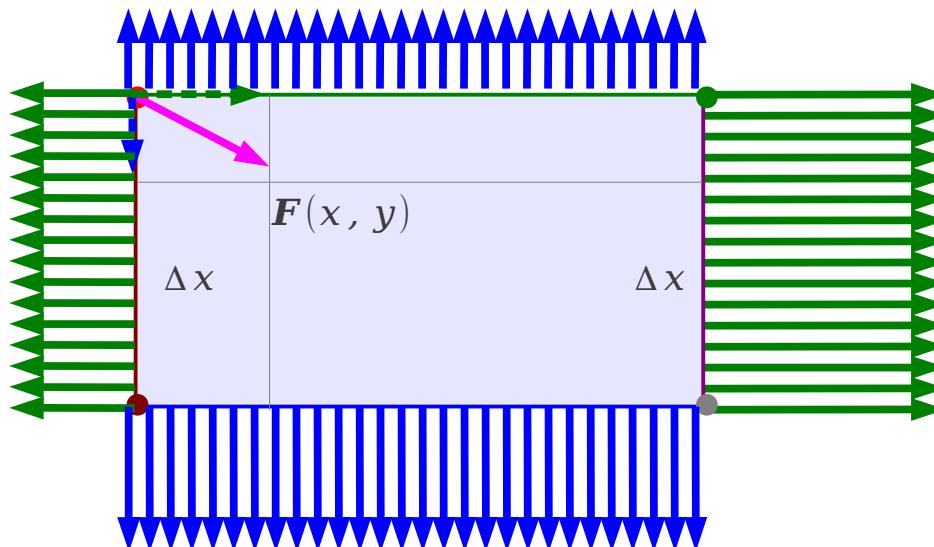
# 2-D Divergence and Del Operator

2-D Vector Field

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Flux density} &= \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} \right) \cdot (M \mathbf{i} + N \mathbf{j}) \\ &= \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}\end{aligned}$$

Divergence of  $\mathbf{F}$

# 3-D Divergence and Del Operator

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2-D Vector Field

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = M(x, y)\mathbf{i} + N(x, y)\mathbf{j}$$

Divergence of  $\mathbf{F}$      $= \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \right)$

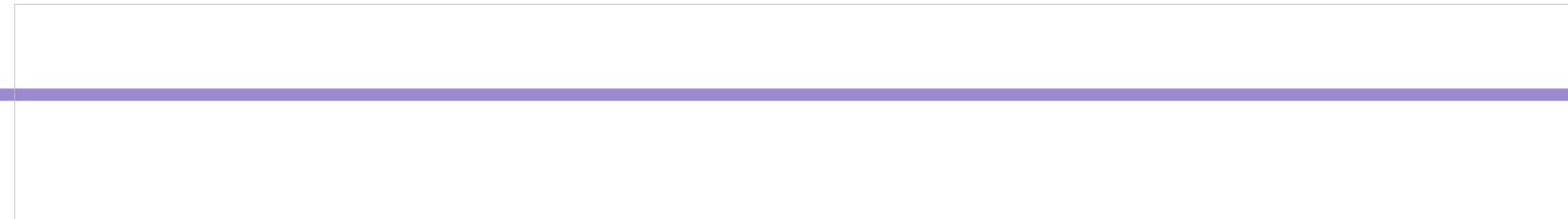
$$= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} \right) \cdot (M \mathbf{i} + N \mathbf{j}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}$$

3-D Vector Field

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = M(x, y, z)\mathbf{i} + N(x, y, z)\mathbf{j} + P(x, y, z)\mathbf{k}$$

Divergence of  $\mathbf{F}$      $= \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \right)$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathbf{k} \right) \cdot (M \mathbf{i} + N \mathbf{j} + P \mathbf{k}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}$$



## 2-Curl (1 – 5)

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Circulation around rectangle boundary

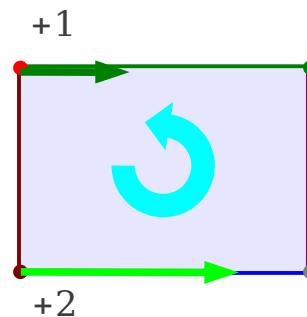
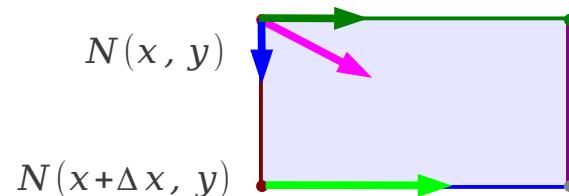
$$\approx \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \Delta x \right) \Delta y - \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \Delta y \right) \Delta x = \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) \Delta x \Delta y$$

Circulation density       $= \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right)$       k-component  
Curl of  $\mathbf{F}$       Circulation Density

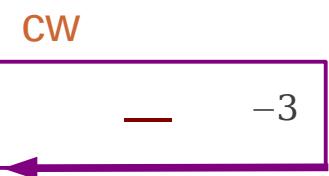
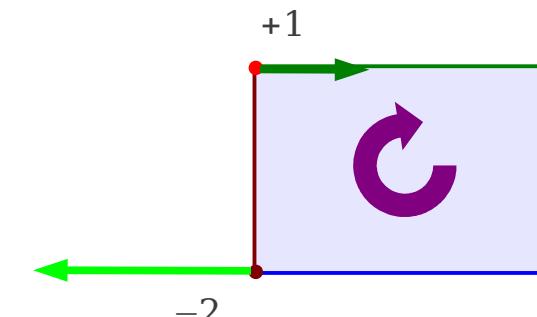
# CW & CCW Spin – Top, Bottom

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = M(x, y)\mathbf{i} + N(x, y)\mathbf{j}$$

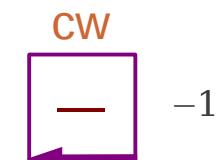
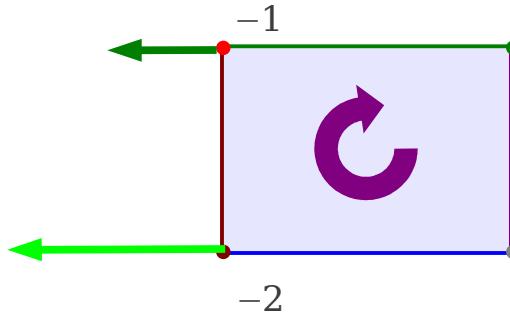
$$\{N(x+\Delta x, y) - N(x, y)\}$$



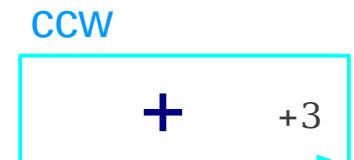
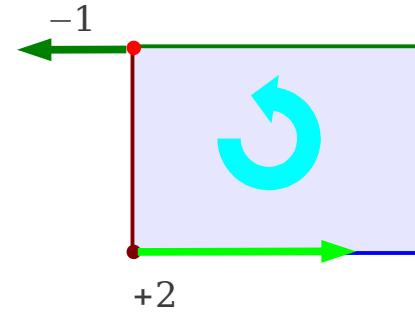
$$+2 - (+1) = +1$$



$$-2 - (+1) = -3$$



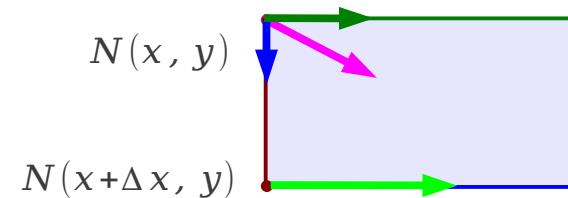
$$-2 - (-1) = -1$$



$$+2 - (-1) = +3$$

# CW & CCW Net Spin – Top, Bottom

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$$\frac{\{N(x+\Delta x, y) - N(x, y)\}}{\Delta x} \approx \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} > 0$$

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- **CCW** bound net flow along the z axis

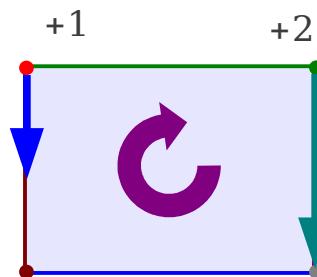
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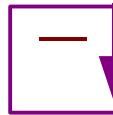
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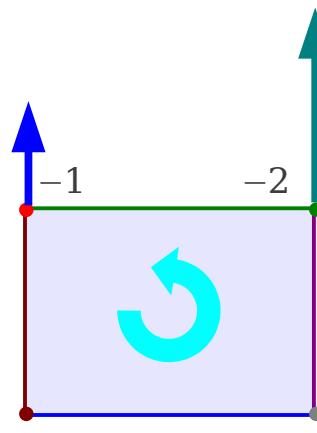
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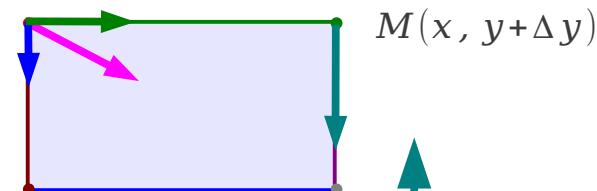
$$-\{M(x, y+\Delta y) - M(x, y)\}$$

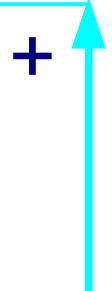


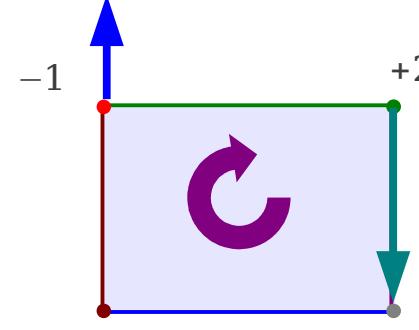
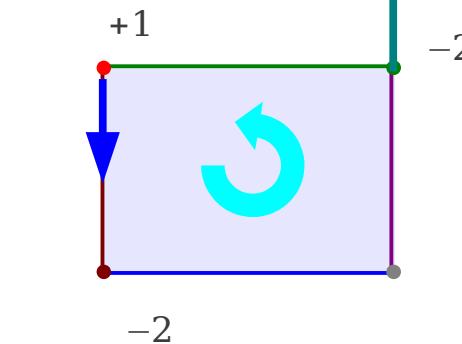
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 $-(+1)$   
 $+2 - (+1) = +1$



**CCW**  
  
 $-(-1)$   
 $-2 - (-1) = -1$



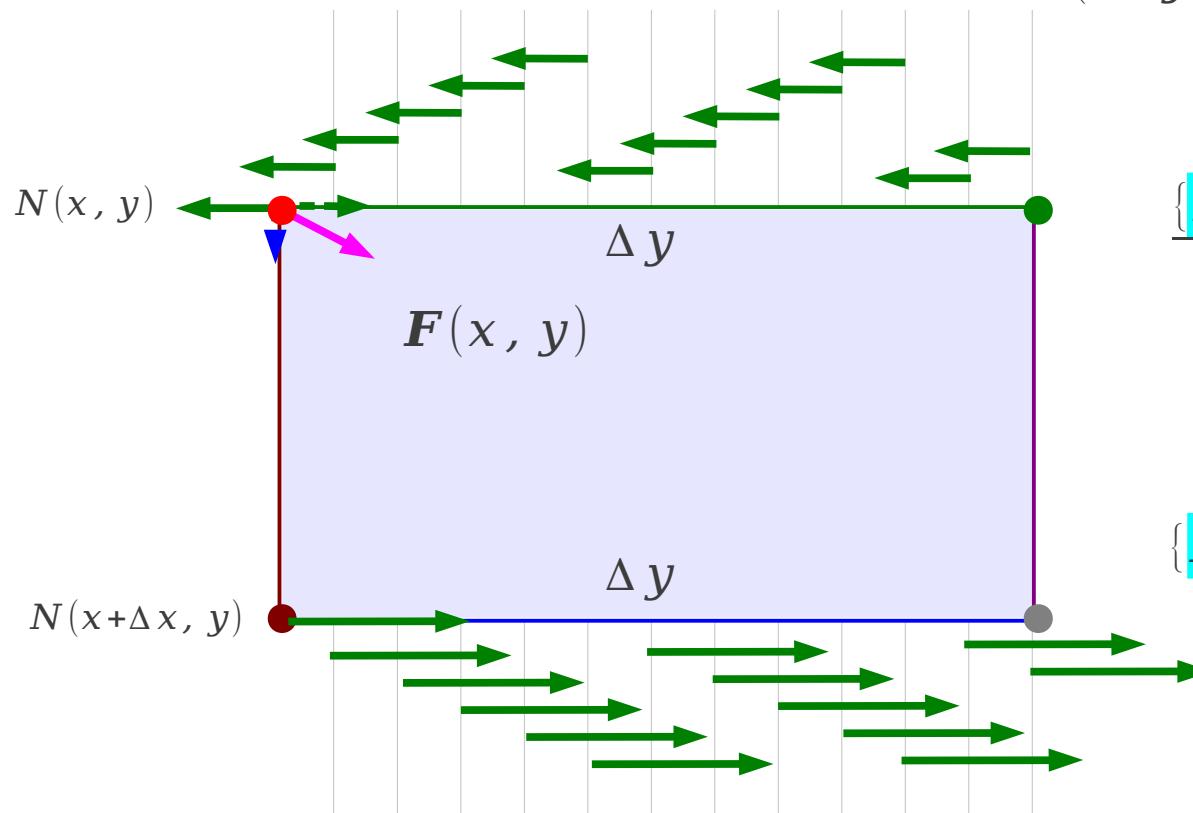
**CCW**  
  
 $+(-3)$   
 $-2 - (+1) = -3$



**CW**  
  
 $-(+3)$   
 $+2 - (-1) = +3$

# Net Spin - Top, Bottom

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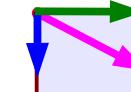
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# CW & CCW Net Spin – Left, Right

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = M(x, y)\mathbf{i} + N(x, y)\mathbf{j}$$

$$M(x, y)$$



$$M(x, y+\Delta y)$$

$$-\frac{\{M(x, y+\Delta y) - M(x, y)\}}{\Delta y} \approx -\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} > 0$$

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- **CCW** bound net flow along the z axis

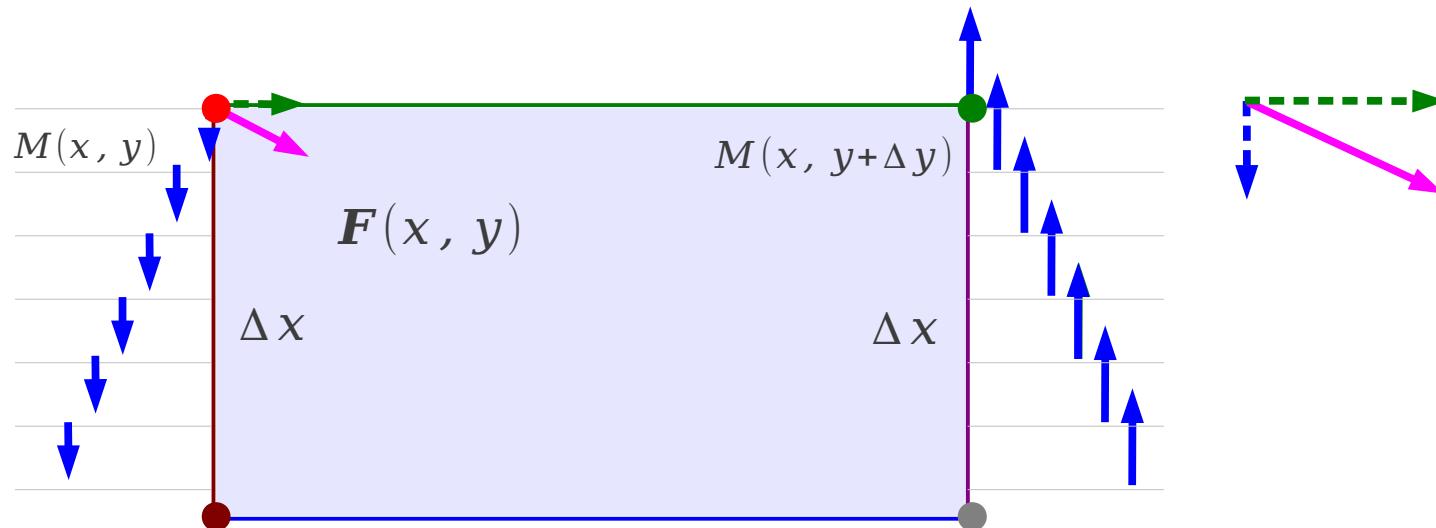
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# Net Spin - Left, Right

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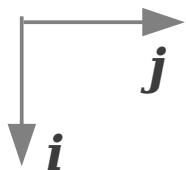
$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) \cdot (+\mathbf{i})\Delta x = M(x, y)\Delta x \quad \mathbf{F}(x, y+\Delta y) \cdot (-\mathbf{i})\Delta x = -M(x, y+\Delta y)\Delta x$$



$$\begin{aligned}\frac{-\{M(x, y+\Delta y) - M(x, y)\}}{\Delta y} &= -\left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}\right) \\ -\{M(x, y+\Delta y) - M(x, y)\}\Delta x &= -\left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}\Delta y\right)\Delta x\end{aligned}$$

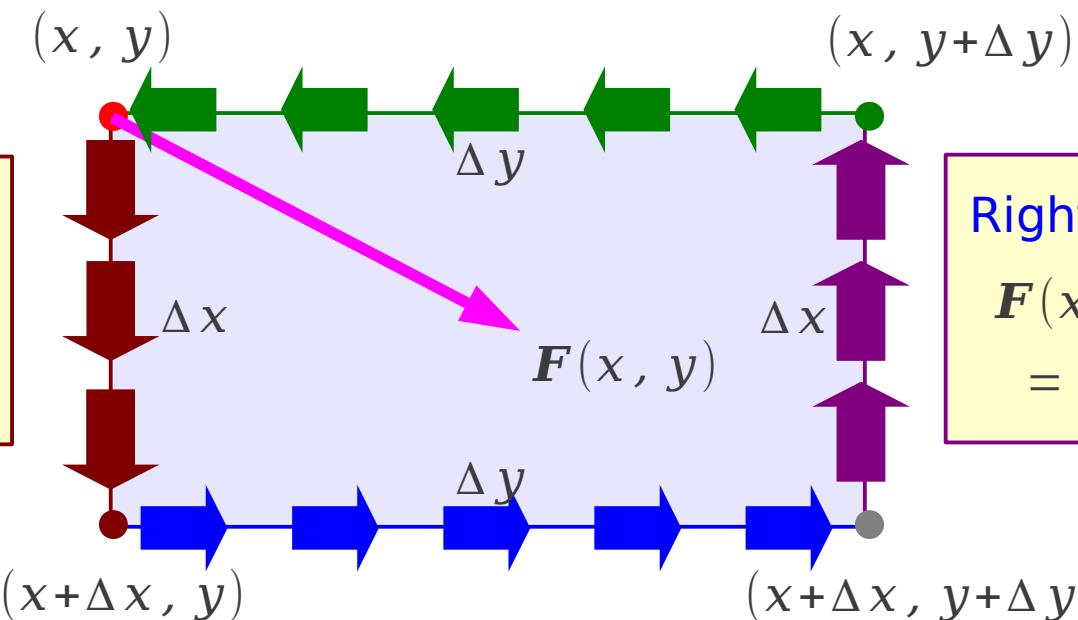
# 2-D Curl (1)

Velocity Fields  
of fluid flows



$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = M(x, y)\mathbf{i} + N(x, y)\mathbf{j}$$

Top Velocity  $\mathbf{F}(x, y)(-\mathbf{j}) = -N(x, y)$



Left Velocity

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y)(+\mathbf{i}) = +M(x, y)$$

Right Velocity

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y)(-\mathbf{i}) = -M(x, y)$$

Bottom Velocity  $\mathbf{F}(x, y)(+\mathbf{j}) = +N(x, y)$

Flow rate of counter clock wise circulating fluid

## 2-D Curl (2)

The flow rate of counter clock wise circulation

Along top  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) \cdot (-\mathbf{j})\Delta y = -N(x, y)\Delta y$

Along bottom  $\mathbf{F}(x+\Delta x, y) \cdot (+\mathbf{j})\Delta y = N(x+\Delta x, y)\Delta y$

Along left  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) \cdot (+\mathbf{i})\Delta x = M(x, y)\Delta x$

Along right  $\mathbf{F}(x, y+\Delta y) \cdot (-\mathbf{i})\Delta x = -M(x, y+\Delta y)\Delta x$

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Along top + bottom  $\{N(x+\Delta x, y) - N(x, y)\}\Delta y = \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x}\Delta x\right)\Delta y$

Along left + right  $-\{M(x, y+\Delta y) - M(x, y)\}\Delta x = -\left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}\Delta y\right)\Delta x$

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Circulation around rectangle boundary

$$\approx \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x}\Delta x\right)\Delta y - \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}\Delta y\right)\Delta x = \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}\right)\Delta x\Delta y$$

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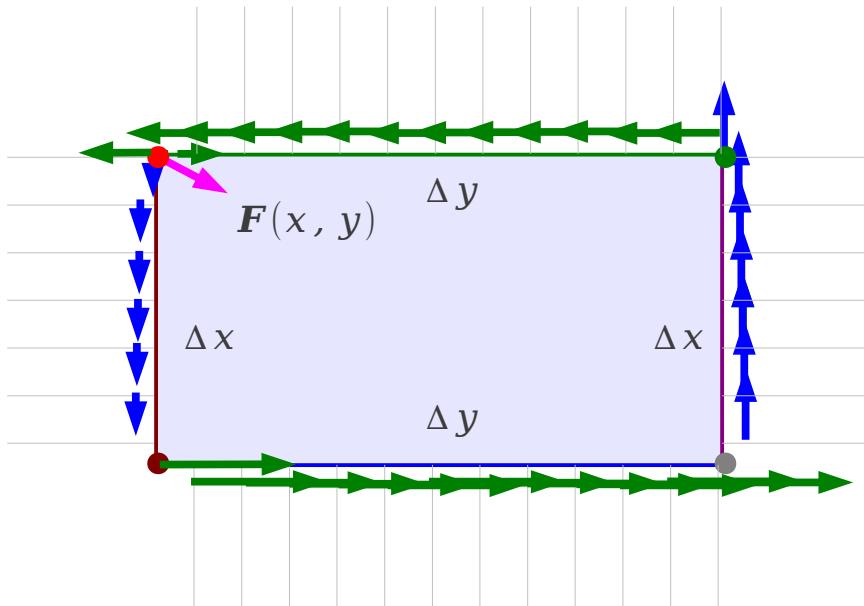
# 2-D Curl and Del Operator

2-D Vector Field

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = M(x, y)\mathbf{i} + N(x, y)\mathbf{j}$$

Circulation around rectangle boundary

$$\approx \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \Delta x \right) \Delta y - \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \Delta y \right) \Delta x = \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) \Delta x \Delta y$$



$$\begin{aligned}\text{Circulation density} &= \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + 0 \mathbf{k} \right) \times (M \mathbf{i} + N \mathbf{j} + 0 \mathbf{k})\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Curl of } \mathbf{F} = \nabla \times \mathbf{F}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & 0 \\ M & N & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

# 3-D Curl and Del Operator

2-D Vector Field

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = M(x, y)\mathbf{i} + N(x, y)\mathbf{j}$$

Curl of  $\mathbf{F}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{k} \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + 0 \mathbf{k} \right) \times (M \mathbf{i} + N \mathbf{j} + 0 \mathbf{k}) = \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & 0 \\ M & N & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

3-D Vector Field

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = M(x, y, z)\mathbf{i} + N(x, y, z)\mathbf{j} + P(x, y, z)\mathbf{k}$$

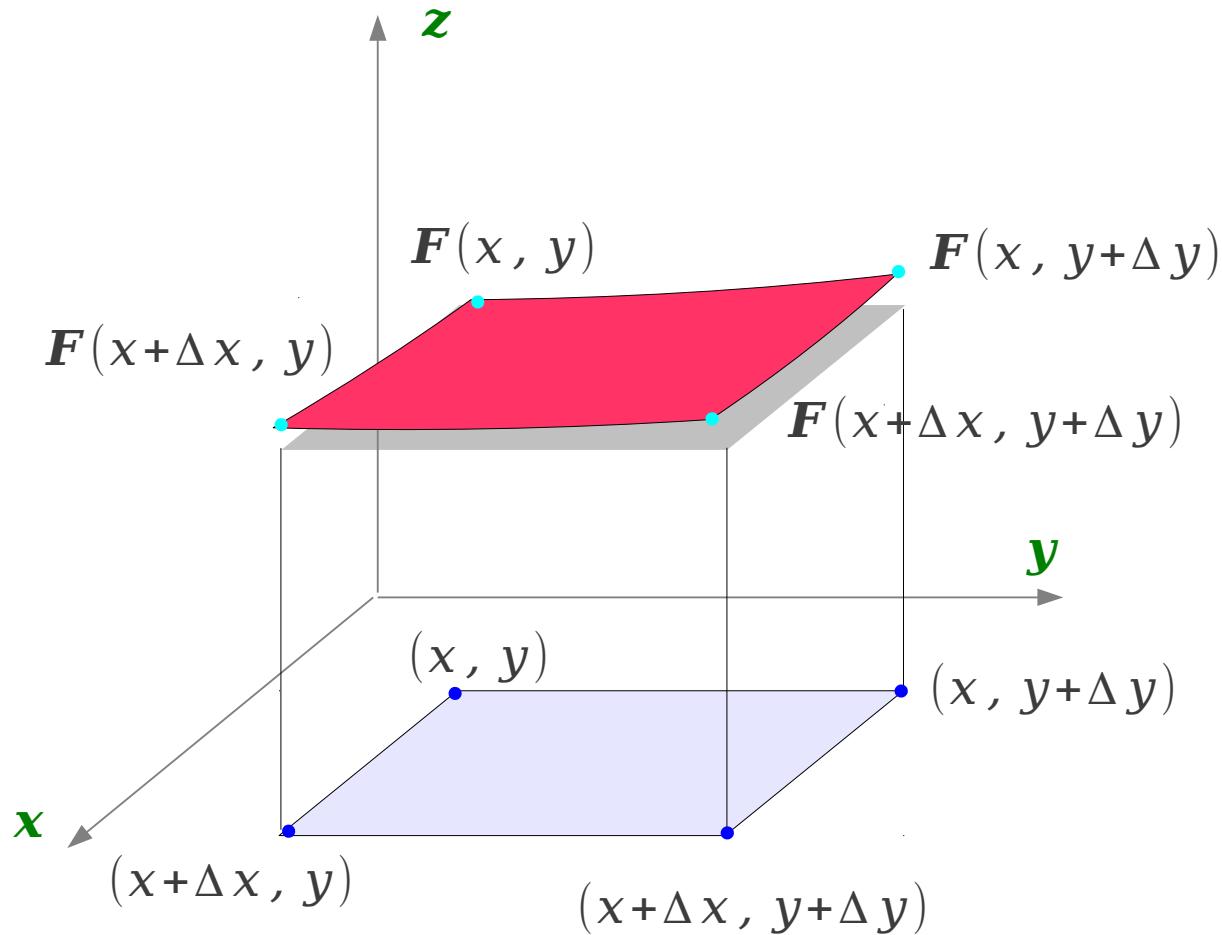
Curl of  $\mathbf{F}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{i} - \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{j} + \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{k} \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathbf{k} \right) \times (M \mathbf{i} + N \mathbf{j} + P \mathbf{k}) = \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ M & N & P \end{vmatrix}$$



# 2-D Divergence



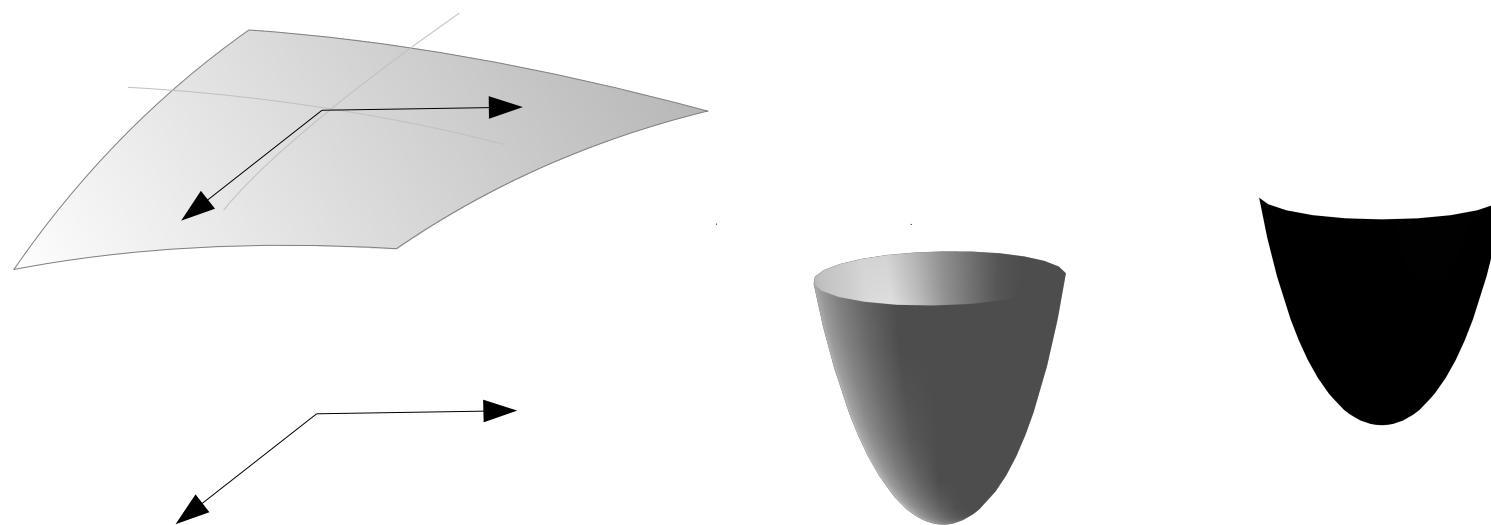
# Chain Rule

Function of two variable

$$y = f(u, v)$$

$$u = g(x, y)$$

$$v = h(x, y)$$



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