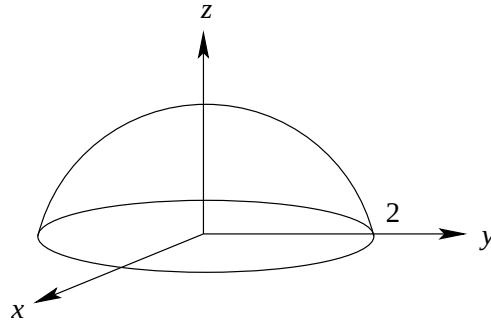


EE331—EXAMPLE #15: SURFACE INTEGRAL

Given the vector field $\mathbf{B}(r, \theta, \phi) = r^2 \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{a}}_r + r \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{a}}_\theta$, find the net outward flux through the closed hemisphere $0 \leq r \leq 2$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$, and $0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$.

First make a sketch of the surface. (Sorry about the strange perspective. It was the best I could do.)



There are two surfaces over which we must integrate, the top of the hemisphere and the bottom of the hemisphere.

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{top} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \int_{bottom} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

First integrate over the top:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{top} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} &= \int \mathbf{B} \cdot (r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \hat{\mathbf{a}}_r) \\ &= \int B_r (r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi) = \int (r^2 \cos \phi) (r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi) \\ &= r^4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} \cos \phi d\phi = (2)^4 \cos \theta \Big|_{\pi/2}^0 \sin \phi \Big|_0^{2\pi} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Next integrate over the bottom:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{bottom} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} &= \int \mathbf{B} \cdot (r \sin \theta dr d\phi \hat{\mathbf{a}}_\theta) \\ &= \int B_\theta (r \sin \theta dr d\phi) = \int (r \cos \phi) (r \sin \theta dr d\phi) \\ &= \sin \theta \int_0^2 r^2 dr \int_0^{2\pi} \cos \phi d\phi = \sin (\pi/2) (1/3) r^3 \Big|_0^2 \sin \phi \Big|_0^{2\pi} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{top} + \int_{bottom} = 0$$

so there is no net flux through the closed hemisphere.