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$$\omega = \frac{x}{r^3} dy \wedge dz - \frac{y}{r^3} dx \wedge dz + \frac{z}{r^3} dx \wedge dy$$

Defined on $\mathbb{R}^3 - \{0\}$ $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

= "d⊙" ← It is called this not because there is a fcn ⊙ on $\mathbb{R}^3 - \{0\} \ni d\odot = \omega$, but because the Solid Angle

$$\odot = \int_S \omega$$

(a) Show $d\omega = 0$

This is a straightforward calculation which I won't bother to re-copy here.

(b) Show $\omega_p(v, w) = \vec{v} \times \vec{w} \cdot \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{r}$ or $\vec{v} \times \vec{w} \cdot \frac{1}{r^3} \vec{r}$ $\vec{r} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$

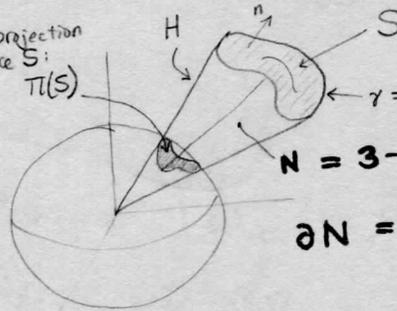
observe directly that $\omega = \frac{1}{r^3} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} dx^2 \wedge dx^3 \\ -dx^1 \wedge dx^3 \\ dx^1 \wedge dx^2 \end{bmatrix}$

and observe that

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_2 w_3 - v_3 w_2 \\ -(v_1 w_3 - v_3 w_1) \\ v_1 w_2 - v_2 w_1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow dx^2 \wedge dx^3(v, w)$$

I'm going to deviate from Spirvak's (a), (b), (c) sequence and just solve the problem:

radial projection of surface S:



$N = 3$ -mfd (solid) bounded by $S, H,$ and $\pi(S)$.

$$\partial N = \pi(S) \cup H \cup S$$

and even though this surface has sharp creases, we assume that we can apply Stokes Thm.

IMPORTANT
The def $\odot = \int dA$ only really makes sense when S is pierced only once by each radial line from O . However, $\int \omega$ is perfectly well defined for any surface S . It is the S flux thru S from the vector field $\frac{1}{r^2} \hat{e}_r$.

Radial Flux from the origin is what is the same thru the 2 end surfaces, and 0 thru H , so ω must measure that. See next page.

We define "solid Angle" $\odot = \int_{\pi(S)} dA$ and we want to show $\odot = \int_S \omega$

First relate $\int_{\pi(S)} \omega$ to $\int_S \omega$ via Stokes' Thm applied to N :

$$\int_{\partial N} \omega = \int_N d\omega = \int_N 0 = 0$$

We are implicitly assuming that S is oriented with an outward pointing normal wrt the solid "cone" N . See prob 5-33

opposite orientation outward normal to N is inward normal to $S^2(0, R)$

$$\int_{-\pi(S)} \omega + \int_H \omega + \int_S \omega$$

Thus if we can show $\int_H \omega = 0$ then I'd have $\int_S \omega = - \int_{-\pi(S)} \omega = \int_{\pi(S)} \omega$

▷ By construction of surface H , for any $x \in H$, outward normal $\hat{n}_x \perp \hat{e}_r$ indeed $\hat{e}_r = \hat{x}$

Then since for any $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in T_x H$, $\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \lambda \hat{n}_x$ for some $\lambda \neq 0$ v, w not colinear!

$$\text{Then } \omega_x(v, w) = \frac{1}{\|x\|^3} \hat{x} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = \frac{1}{r^3} \hat{e}_r \cdot \lambda \hat{n}_x = 0 \text{ and thus } \omega|_H = 0$$

$$\text{and thus } \int_H \omega = 0$$

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So now we have $\int_{\pi(S)} \omega = \int_S \omega$

and we only need $\int_{\pi(S)} \omega = \int_{\pi(S)} dA$

The sphere $S^2_{(0,R)}$ is parameterized (except for a set of \emptyset) by

$$\alpha: (0, 2\pi) \times (0, \pi) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$(\theta, \varphi) \longmapsto \begin{bmatrix} R \cos \theta \sin \varphi \\ R \sin \theta \sin \varphi \\ R \cos \varphi \end{bmatrix}$$

although $\vec{\alpha}_\theta \times \vec{\alpha}_\varphi$ does give an inward pointing normal.
Marsden & Tromba VC ch 6 T.

By def area $\int_{\alpha(D)} 1 dS = \int_D 1 \|\vec{\alpha}_\theta \times \vec{\alpha}_\varphi\| d\theta d\varphi$

and we also know from Marsden & Tromba Flux $= \int_{\alpha(D)} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS$ But if $\vec{F} = \hat{n}$ we'd recover the area form

$$\int_{\alpha(D)} \hat{n} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \int_{\alpha(D)} 1 dS$$

$$\triangleright \int_{\pi(S)} \omega = \int_D \alpha^* \omega = \int_D \omega_{\alpha(x)} (\vec{\alpha}_\theta, \vec{\alpha}_\varphi)$$

Maybe glossing over a sign error due to $\alpha_\theta \times \alpha_\varphi$ inward normal...

$$= \int_D \frac{1}{\|\alpha(x)\|^3} \vec{\alpha}(x) \cdot \overbrace{R^2 (\vec{\alpha}_\theta \times \vec{\alpha}_\varphi)}^{\hat{n} dS \text{ for } S = S_{(0,R)}} d\theta d\varphi$$

$$= \int_D \frac{1}{R^2} \vec{R} \cdot R^2 \hat{n} dS$$

$$= \int_D \hat{n} \cdot \hat{n} dS$$

probably should be $-\hat{n}$ here, which means I should change my α param to be $\begin{bmatrix} -\alpha^1 \\ \alpha^2 \\ \alpha^3 \end{bmatrix}$ to get outward \hat{n} .

$$= \int_D 1 dS = \text{Area}(D) \text{ on } S^2_{(0,1)} = \int_{\pi(S)} dA$$

\triangleright Observe there is no form ω on $\mathbb{R}^3 - \{0\} \ni d\omega = \omega$; more specifically, no ω can exist on any sphere $S_{(0,r)}$ for $r > 0$.

we just found $\int_{\pi(S)} \omega = \int_{\pi(S)} dA$. Take $\pi(S) = S^2_{(0,r)}$. Then $\int_{S^2_r} \omega = \text{Area}(S^2_r) = 4\pi r^2 \neq 0$.

But if $\omega = d\omega$:

$$4\pi r^2 = \int_{S^2_r} d\omega = \int_{\partial S^2_r} \omega = \int_{\emptyset} \omega = 0$$

and this holds $\forall r > 0$

Thus no ω can exist on $\mathbb{R}^3 - \{0\}$
 $\mathbb{R}^3 - \{0\} = \bigcup_{r>0} S_{(0,r)}$ \square

$$\omega_0^A = \frac{x}{r^3} dy \wedge dz - \frac{y}{r^3} dx \wedge dz + \frac{z}{r^3} dx \wedge dy$$

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$f, g : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ non-intersecting closed curves.

linking number $l(f, g) := \frac{-1}{4\pi} \int_{C_{f,g}} d\omega = \frac{-1}{4\pi} \int_{C_{f,g}} \omega_0^A$ $d\omega^A = 0$

$C_{f,g} \rightarrow \Gamma(f, g)$

(a) Let (F, G) be a homotopy of non-intersecting closed curves

Show $l(F_0, G_0) = l(F_1, G_1)$

Stokes for chains

$$0 = \int_{\Sigma} d\omega = \int_{\Sigma} \omega$$

$$\partial \Sigma = C_{F_0, G_0} - C_{F_1, G_1}$$

and we have the result.

(b) Show $l(f, g) = \frac{-1}{4\pi} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\|f(u) - g(v)\|^3} A(u, v) du dv$

where $A(u, v) := \det \begin{bmatrix} Df_u^{(1)} & Df_u^{(2)} & Df_u^{(3)} \\ Dg_v^{(1)} & Dg_v^{(2)} & Dg_v^{(3)} \\ f(u) - g(v) & f(u) - g(v) & f(u) - g(v) \end{bmatrix}$

(c) Show $l(f, g) = 0$ if f, g both lie in $x-y$ plane

This, at least, is easy

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} * & * & 0 \\ * & * & 0 \\ * & * & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

thus $l(f, g) = \frac{-1}{4\pi} \iint 0 = 0$

$$l(f, g) = \frac{-1}{4\pi} \int_{\Delta_{fg}} \frac{x}{r^3} dy \wedge dz - \frac{y}{r^3} dx \wedge dz + \frac{z}{r^3} dx \wedge dy$$

$$= \frac{-1}{4\pi} \int_{\Delta_{fg}} \frac{\Delta^{(1)}}{\rho^3} \det \begin{pmatrix} 2, 3 \\ u, v \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\Delta^{(2)}}{\rho^3} \det \begin{pmatrix} \partial(1, 3) \\ \partial(u, v) \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\Delta^{(3)}}{\rho^3} \det \begin{pmatrix} \partial(1, 2) \\ \partial(u, v) \end{pmatrix} du dv$$

Fubini $\rightarrow \int_0^1 \int_0^1$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \Delta_u^2 & \Delta_v^2 \\ \Delta_u^3 & \Delta_v^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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$$\Delta_u^1 = f'_u - g'_u = f'_u \Rightarrow (f'_u - g'_u) \begin{vmatrix} f_u^2 & -g_v^2 \\ f_u^3 & -g_v^3 \end{vmatrix} - (f^2 - g^2) \begin{vmatrix} f'_u & -g'_v \\ f_u^3 & -g_v^3 \end{vmatrix} + (f^3 - g^3) \begin{vmatrix} f'_u & -g'_v \\ f_u^2 & -g_v^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

f is at u
 g is at v

$$A_{u,v} = \det \begin{vmatrix} f'_1 & f'_2 & f'_3 \\ g'_1 & g'_2 & g'_3 \\ \Delta_1 & \Delta_2 & \Delta_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta_1 = f_1 - g_1$$

$$\Delta_2 = f_2 - g_2$$

$$\Delta_3 = f_3 - g_3$$

$$= f'_1 (\cancel{g'_2 \Delta_3} - \cancel{g'_3 \Delta_2}) - f'_2 (\cancel{g'_1 \Delta_3} - \cancel{g'_3 \Delta_1}) + f'_3 (\cancel{g'_1 \Delta_2} - \cancel{g'_2 \Delta_1})$$

$$= (f'_1 g'_2 - f'_2 g'_1) \Delta_3 + (f'_3 g'_1 - f'_1 g'_3) \Delta_2 + (f'_2 g'_3 - f'_3 g'_2) \Delta_1$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} f'_1 & g'_1 \\ g'_2 & g'_2 \end{vmatrix} \Delta_3 + -\Delta_2 \begin{vmatrix} f'_1 & g'_1 \\ f'_2 & g'_2 \end{vmatrix} + \Delta_1 \begin{vmatrix} f'_2 & g'_2 \\ f'_3 & g'_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

if I mult a row in the det by α , the det is changed by α^n [multilinearity]

thus

$$\begin{vmatrix} f_u^2 & g_v^2 \\ f_u^3 & g_v^3 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^2 \begin{vmatrix} f_u^2 & -g_v^2 \\ f_u^3 & -g_v^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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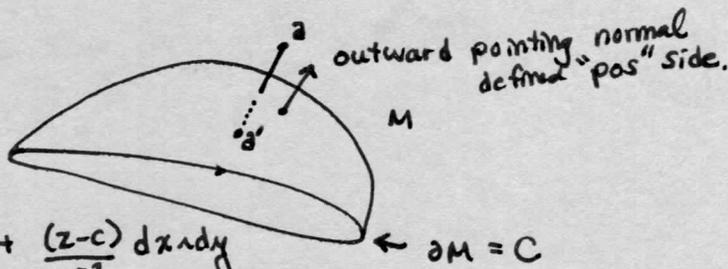
Let M be a cpt oriented 2-mfd- ∂ in \mathbb{R}^3 (a surface!)

(Indeed, M is intended to be a surface spanning a fixed curve C ; if C is too knotted or otherwise pathological, it is not obvious to me that such an oriented spanning surface, like a soap film, can be found. Therefore I will draw C "nice")

Let $a = \langle a, b, c \rangle \notin M$

Let $\omega_x^a := \frac{(x-a)}{r_a^3} dy \wedge dz - \frac{(y-b)}{r_a^3} dx \wedge dz + \frac{(z-c)}{r_a^3} dx \wedge dy$

where $r_a = [(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 + (z-c)^2]^{1/2}$



Let $\Omega_M : (\mathbb{R}^3 - M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $a \mapsto \int_M \omega_x^a$

This is the solid angle of M wrt a little sphere centered at a .

(I guess the symbol ω of pnb 5-31 only referred to a sphere centered at 0.)

(a) Let a be a pt on the pos side of M and a' a pt on the neg side. Show that if $\|a-a'\|$ is small enough, then $\Omega_M(a) - \Omega_M(a') = -4\pi + o(\|a-a'\|)$

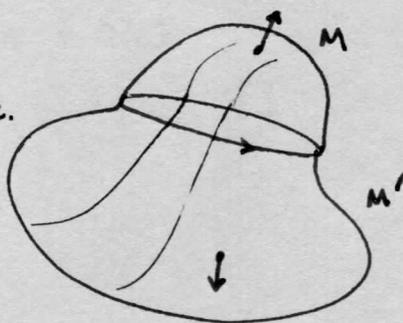
[Heuristically what I'd like is that when a is very close to M on the outside, then $\Omega(a) = -2\pi$ since from inside the sphere at a , M looks like an infinite plane and $\Omega(a') = +2\pi$



Unfortunately, I can't quite establish this stronger relation]

pf Let us complete M to a solid cpt 3-mfd- ∂ by closing M with another surface M' spanning the curve $C = \partial M$

we must preserve the outward normal of M by building M' from the neg side.



The solid is N and $\partial N = M \cup M'$

Apply Stokes

$\int_{\partial N} \omega = \int_N d\omega = \int_N 0 = 0$

$\int_M \omega + \int_{M'} \omega$

Thus $\int_M \omega + \int_{M'} \omega = 0$ (*)

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Now let a' be in the interior of N (i.e. on the neg side of M)
Enclose a' by a small ball B (the classic arg) Apply Stokes

$$\int_{\partial N \cup -\partial B} \omega^{a'} = \int_{N-B} d\omega^{a'} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\partial N} \omega^{a'} = \int_{+\partial B} \omega^{a'} = 4\pi$$

we know this for a sphere; we can directly calculate the $\frac{1}{r^2} \hat{e}_r$ flux from a' thru a sphere centered at a' .

$$\Rightarrow \int_M \omega^{a'} + \int_{M'} \omega^{a'} = 4\pi \quad (**)$$

$$\Delta \text{ Now } (*) - (**) = \int_M \omega^a + \int_{M'} \omega^a - \int_M \omega^{a'} - \int_{M'} \omega^{a'} = -4\pi$$

$$= \int_M \omega^a - \int_M \omega^{a'} = -4\pi + \int_{M'} \omega^{a'} - \int_{M'} \omega^a$$

both a and a' are on the neg side of M' .

$$= \Omega_M(a) - \Omega_M(a') = -4\pi + \underbrace{\int_{M'} (\omega^{a'} - \omega^a)}_{\Omega_{M'}(a') - \Omega_{M'}(a)}$$

we only care about a and a' sliding along a fixed short curve γ and meeting at a pt $m \in M$.
 Ω_M is cont at m (it is $\Omega_{M'}$ that is not!)
 $\Omega_{M'}$ is cont in an open ball around m also, but we don't need that. By using the triangle inequality, we can establish: for any given $\epsilon > 0$

$$\|a - a'\| < \delta \Rightarrow |\Omega_{M'}(a) - \Omega_{M'}(a')| < \epsilon$$

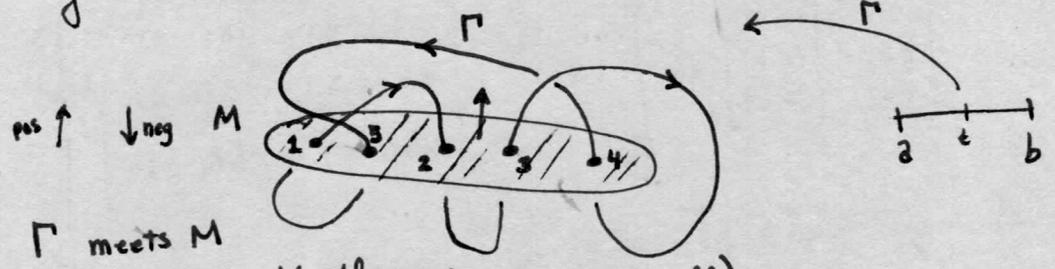
Thus

$$\Omega_M(a) - \Omega_M(a') = -4\pi + o(\delta)$$

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(b) Now, following the notation of Courant, let C be a fixed curve and M a 2-mfd- ∂ spanning C (like a soap film). Let Γ be another curve, oriented



Assume that if Γ meets M then Γ transversally intersects M there. (no bouncing off)

Let $p := \#$ of intersections where Γ comes out on the pos side of M .
 $n := \#$ of intersections where Γ comes out on the neg side of M .

Show $4\pi(p-n) = \int_{\Gamma} d\Omega_M$ where " $d\Omega_M$ " means ω ; $\partial := \Gamma(t)$.

pf $\int_{\Gamma} d\Omega_M = \int_{\Gamma} \nabla \Omega_M \cdot ds = \Omega(\Gamma(b)) - \Omega(\Gamma(a))$ [Marsden & Tromba VC notation $\int_{\sigma} F \cdot ds = \int_a^b F(\sigma(t)) \cdot \sigma'(t) dt$]

But the integrand blows up every time Γ meets M , say at the param values t_1, \dots, t_N (N finite!). So do it piecewise on good intervals.

Thus we write $\int_{\Gamma} d\Omega = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\int_{t_i+\delta}^{t_{i+1}-\delta} d\Omega \right)$ with the convention that $t_{N+1} = t_1$
 [Param Γ so that $\Gamma(a) = \Gamma(b) \notin M$ so all $t_i \in (a, b)$]

Then writing " Ω " for $\Omega_M \circ \Gamma$:

δ must be so small we don't overlap any other intervals or end pts!

$$= \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\Omega(t_{i+1}-\delta) - \Omega(t_i+\delta) \right)$$

$$= \Omega(t_2-\delta) - \Omega(t_1+\delta) + \Omega(t_3-\delta) - \Omega(t_2+\delta) + \dots + \Omega(t_N-\delta) - \Omega(t_{N+1}+\delta)$$

rearranging:

$$= \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \left[-(\Omega(t_1+\delta) - \Omega(t_1-\delta)) + -(\Omega(t_2+\delta) - \Omega(t_2-\delta)) + \dots + -(\Omega(t_N+\delta) - \Omega(t_N-\delta)) \right]$$

From Part (a) In the limit, each term is either $+4\pi$ if Γ is going thru to pos side or -4π in the other case.

Thus $\int_{\Gamma} d\Omega = 4\pi(p-n)$

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© Spivak wants us to compute partial derivs of Ω_M , but in fact, as hinted in Courant, we really want to establish

$$\nabla \Omega_M(a) = \oint_C \frac{1}{r_a^3} \begin{bmatrix} -(z-c) dy + (y-b) dz \\ (z-c) dx - (x-a) dz \\ -(y-b) dx + (x-a) dy \end{bmatrix} = \int_C \frac{1}{r_a^3} \begin{bmatrix} (x-a) \\ (y-b) \\ (z-c) \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} dx \\ dy \\ dz \end{bmatrix}$$

$a = \langle a, b, c \rangle$

$$= \int_C \frac{1}{r_a^3} \vec{r}_a \times d\vec{\ell}$$

and thus we have the Biot-Savart law from EDM

$$\vec{B}(a) = \frac{\mu_0 i}{4\pi} \nabla \Omega_M(a)$$

i.e. we express the familiar integral as the grad of some fcn, namely $\Omega_M: (\mathbb{R}^3 - M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Note: (5-31) established there is no fcn $f: \mathbb{R}^3 - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $df = \omega$. There is no contradiction here because Ω_M is a "surface dependent" "fcn" just like the angle fcn $\int_\gamma \omega$ in \mathbb{R}^2 .

▷ we shall only compute $\frac{\partial}{\partial a} \Omega_M(a)$; the other terms are analogous.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \Omega_M(a) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \int_M \underbrace{\frac{(x-a)}{r_a^3}}_A dy \wedge dz - \underbrace{\frac{(y-b)}{r_a^3}}_B dx \wedge dz + \underbrace{\frac{(z-c)}{r_a^3}}_C dx \wedge dy \\ &= \int_M \frac{\partial}{\partial a} A dy \wedge dz - \frac{\partial}{\partial a} B dx \wedge dz + \frac{\partial}{\partial a} C dx \wedge dy \end{aligned}$$

we can interchange $\frac{\partial}{\partial a}$ and \int because integrand is cont at a , $a \notin M$.

From the solution in Courant, we know we want to apply the classic Stokes Thm:

$$\int_{\partial M} P dx + Q dy + R dz = \int_M (R_y - Q_z) n^1 + (P_z - R_x) n^2 + (Q_x - P_y) n^3 dS$$

Thus we seek a solution to:

$$\begin{aligned} R_y - Q_z &= A_a \\ P_z - R_x &= -B_a \\ Q_x - P_y &= C_a \end{aligned}$$

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Here I know the sol'n, and I try to fake an arg as to how I would "derive" it:

TRICK $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} r_a^{-3} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial a} r_a^{-3}$ due to $(x-a)$. Drop r_a subscript

$$A_a = -\frac{1}{r^3} + \frac{3(x-a)^2}{r^5}$$

$$B_a = (y-b) \frac{\partial}{\partial a} r^{-3} = \frac{3(y-b)(x-a)}{r^5}$$

$$C_a = \frac{3(z-c)(x-a)}{r^5}$$

So since $B = K r^{-3}$ where K does not depend on x or a
 $B_a = K \frac{\partial}{\partial a} r^{-3}$ thus take $P_z = 0$ and $R_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} B = K \frac{\partial}{\partial x} r^{-3}$
 and we have $0 - K \frac{\partial}{\partial x} r^{-3} = K \frac{\partial}{\partial a} r^{-3}$ by TRICK

Same idea for $Q_x - P_y = C_a$

Take $P_y = 0$ then we have $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial a}$ so use the trick.

Now for $R_y - Q_z = A_a$

we already found $R_x = B_x \Rightarrow R = B + \phi(y,z) \leftarrow$ take this func = 0.
 $Q_z = C_x \Rightarrow Q = C + \lambda(x,y) \leftarrow$

and verify $B_y - C_z = A_a$ and we take $P = 0$ since $P_z = 0$
 $P_y = 0$

Thus the solution is:
 $P = 0$
 $Q = C$
 $R = B$

sign error? Should be $P = 0$
 $Q = C$
 $R = -B$

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