

Q-5) Solve the very last problem of the book, exercise 21 on page 1228:

Show that the volume of a region D in space enclosed by the oriented surface S with outward normal \mathbf{n} satisfies the identity

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \int \int_S \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, d\sigma,$$

where \mathbf{r} is the position vector of the point (x, y, z) in D .

Solution: Taking \mathbf{r} as the vector field \mathbf{F} of the divergence theorem, we find that

$$\int \int_S \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, d\sigma = \int \int \int_D \nabla \cdot \mathbf{r} \, dV = \int \int \int_D 3 \, dV = 3V,$$

verifying the required equality.