

**Solution of Exercise 7.44.**

(i) On the basis of

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \frac{x_1}{x_1^2 + x_2^2} = \frac{1}{x_1^2 + x_2^2} - \frac{x_1 \cdot 2x_1}{(x_1^2 + x_2^2)^2} = \frac{x_2^2 - x_1^2}{(x_1^2 + x_2^2)^2}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \frac{x_2}{x_1^2 + x_2^2} = \frac{x_1^2 - x_2^2}{(x_1^2 + x_2^2)^2}$$

we see  $\operatorname{div} f(x) = 0$ . Gauss' Divergence Theorem 7.8.5 then implies

$$0 = \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} f(x) dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} \langle f, \nu \rangle(y) d_2y.$$

The outer normal  $\nu(y)$  to the two plane regions is  $(0, 0, \mp 1)$ , respectively, and the inner product of this vector with the vector  $f(y)$  equals 0 for points  $y$  belonging to the two plane regions. For  $y \in S_1$  we have  $\nu(y) = -y$  and therefore

$$\langle f(y), \nu(y) \rangle = -\frac{1}{y_1^2 + y_2^2} \langle (y_1, y_2, 0), (y_1, y_2, y_3) \rangle = -1.$$

A parametrization of  $S_2$  is given by

$$\phi : \left] -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right[ \times ] h_1, h_2 [ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3 \quad \text{with} \quad \phi(\alpha, t) = (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha, t).$$

Accordingly

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \alpha} \times \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}(\alpha, t) = (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha, 0),$$

which implies, for  $y \in S_2$ ,

$$\nu(y) = (y_1, y_2, 0), \quad \text{hence} \quad \langle f(y), \nu(y) \rangle = 1.$$

Accordingly

$$0 = - \int_{S_1} d_2y + \int_{S_2} d_2y.$$

(ii) Recognizing the shell  $S_1$  as the difference of two caps of the sphere we deduce from Example 7.4.6

$$\operatorname{area}(S_1) = 2\pi(1 - \sin \arcsin h_1) - 2\pi(1 - \sin \arcsin h_2) = 2\pi(h_2 - h_1).$$

From the calculation in part (i) we obtain

$$\left\| \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \alpha} \times \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}(\alpha, t) \right\| = \|(\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha, 0)\| = 1,$$

which implies

$$\operatorname{area}(S_2) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{h_1}^{h_2} d\alpha dt = 2\pi(h_2 - h_1).$$