

Gauss \rightarrow Divergence

$$\iint \underline{\mathbf{D}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{ds}} = \iiint \rho \, dv \rightarrow \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{D}} = \rho(\underline{\mathbf{r}})$$

Divergence Theorem

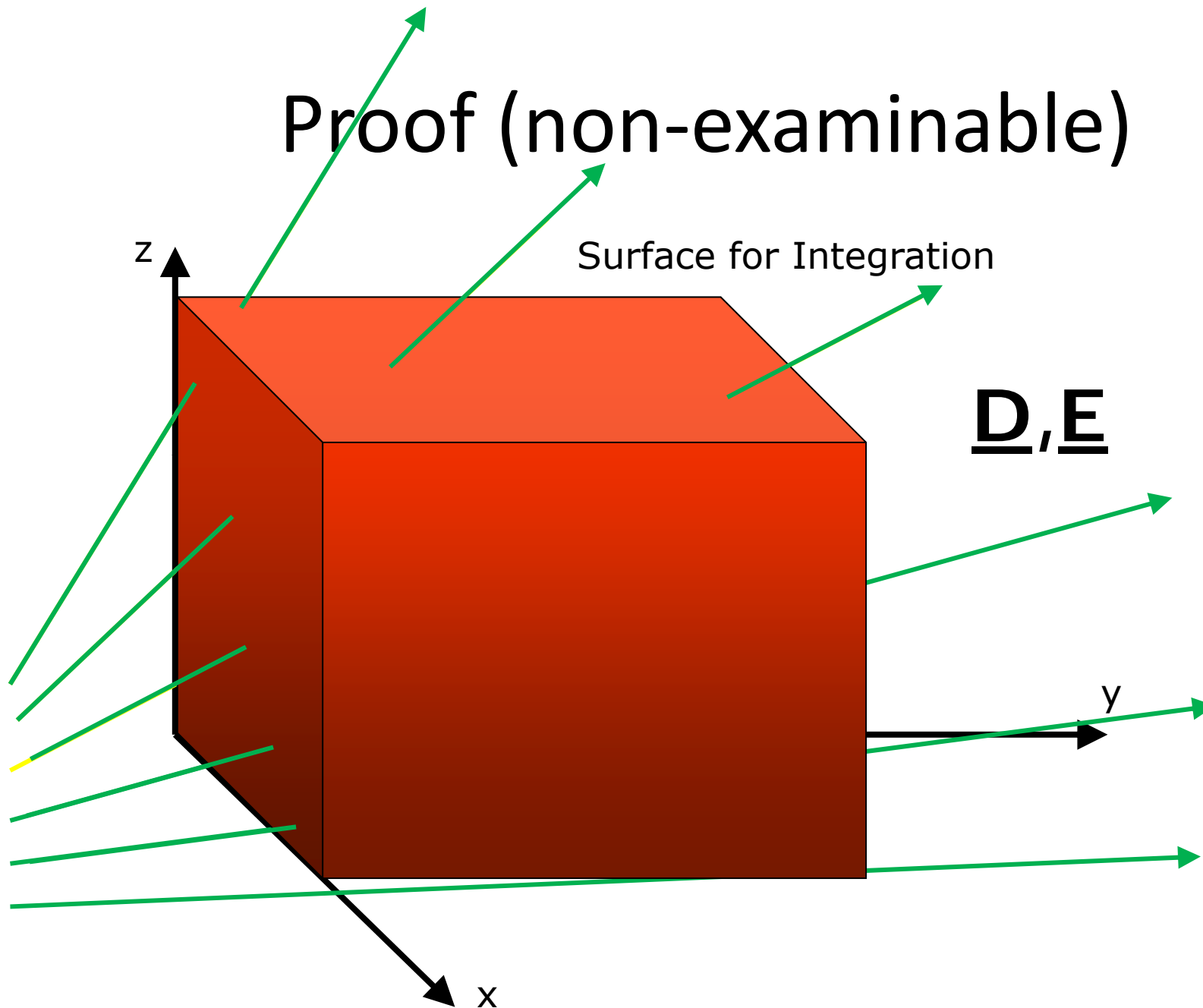
Gauss→Divergence ... why, oh why??

- $\iint \underline{\mathbf{D}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{ds}}$ = $\iiint \rho(\underline{\mathbf{r}}) dv$ is clearly a useful means of calculating $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$ and $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$ from a macroscopic (i.e.sizeable!) distribution of charge
 - It relates charge density in a volume of space to the field that it creates
- We want to find a relationship between charge density at a point $\rho(\underline{\mathbf{r}})$ and the fields $\underline{\mathbf{E}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}})$ and $\underline{\mathbf{D}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}})$ that it creates at that point

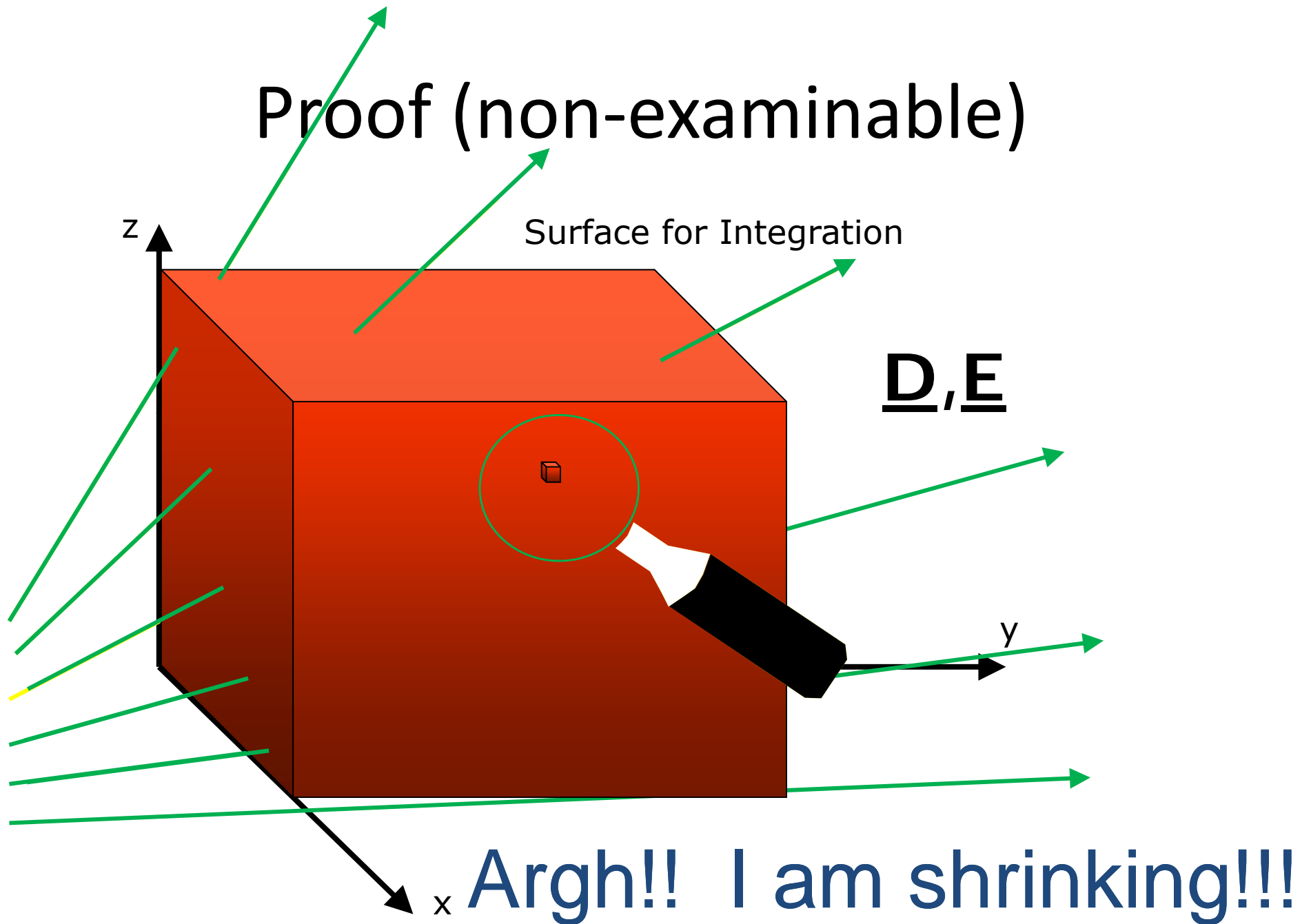


Cut to the chase

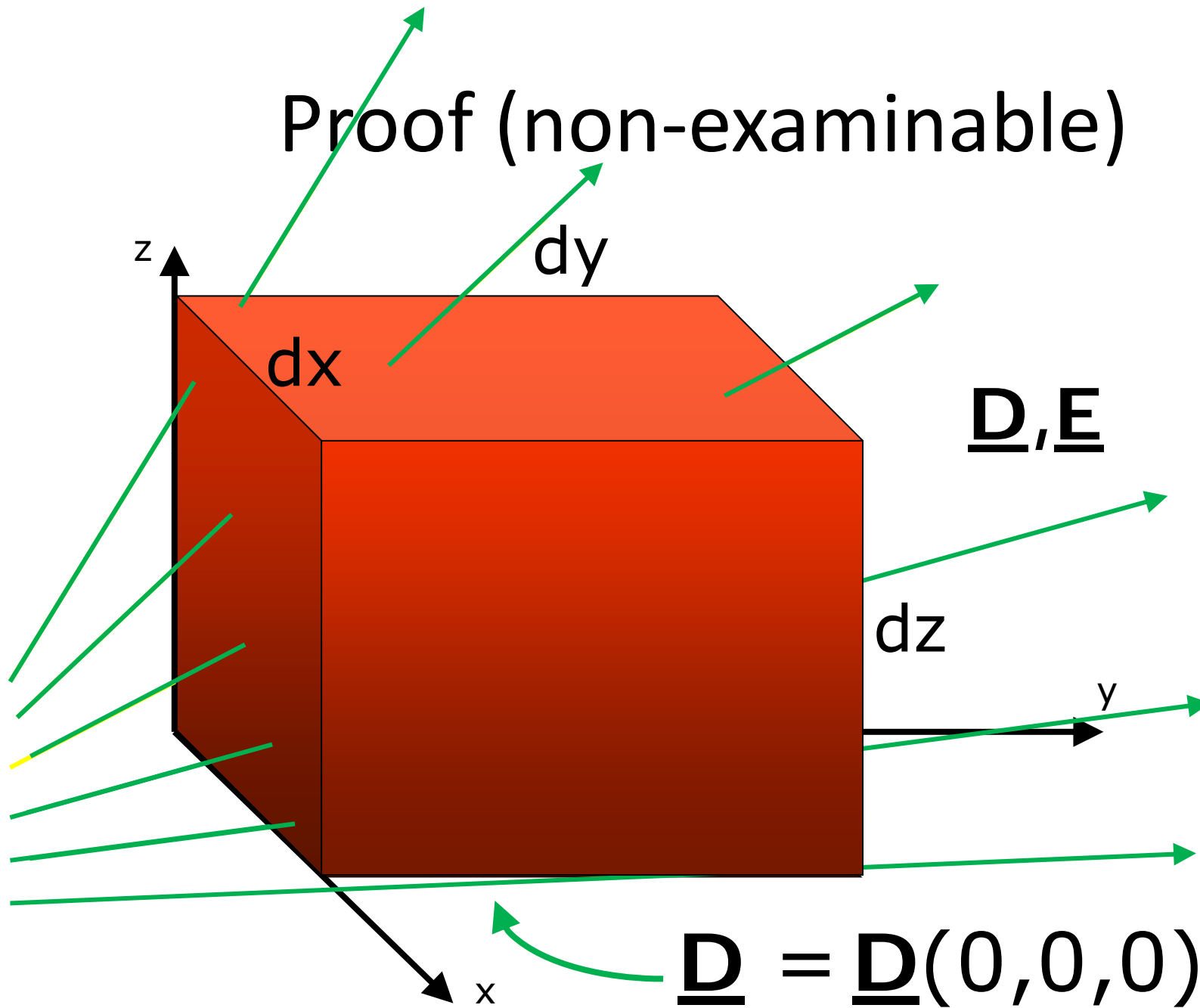
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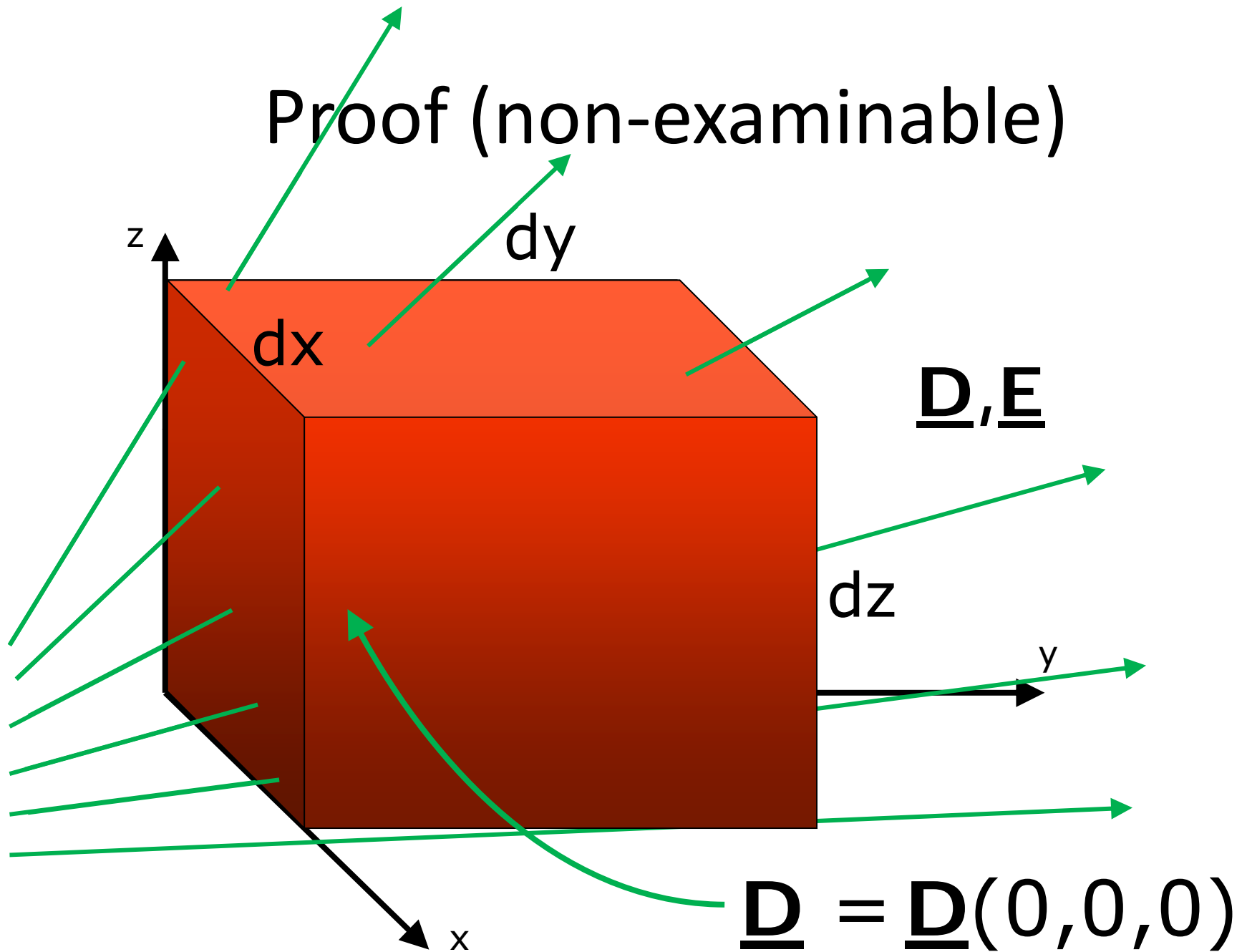
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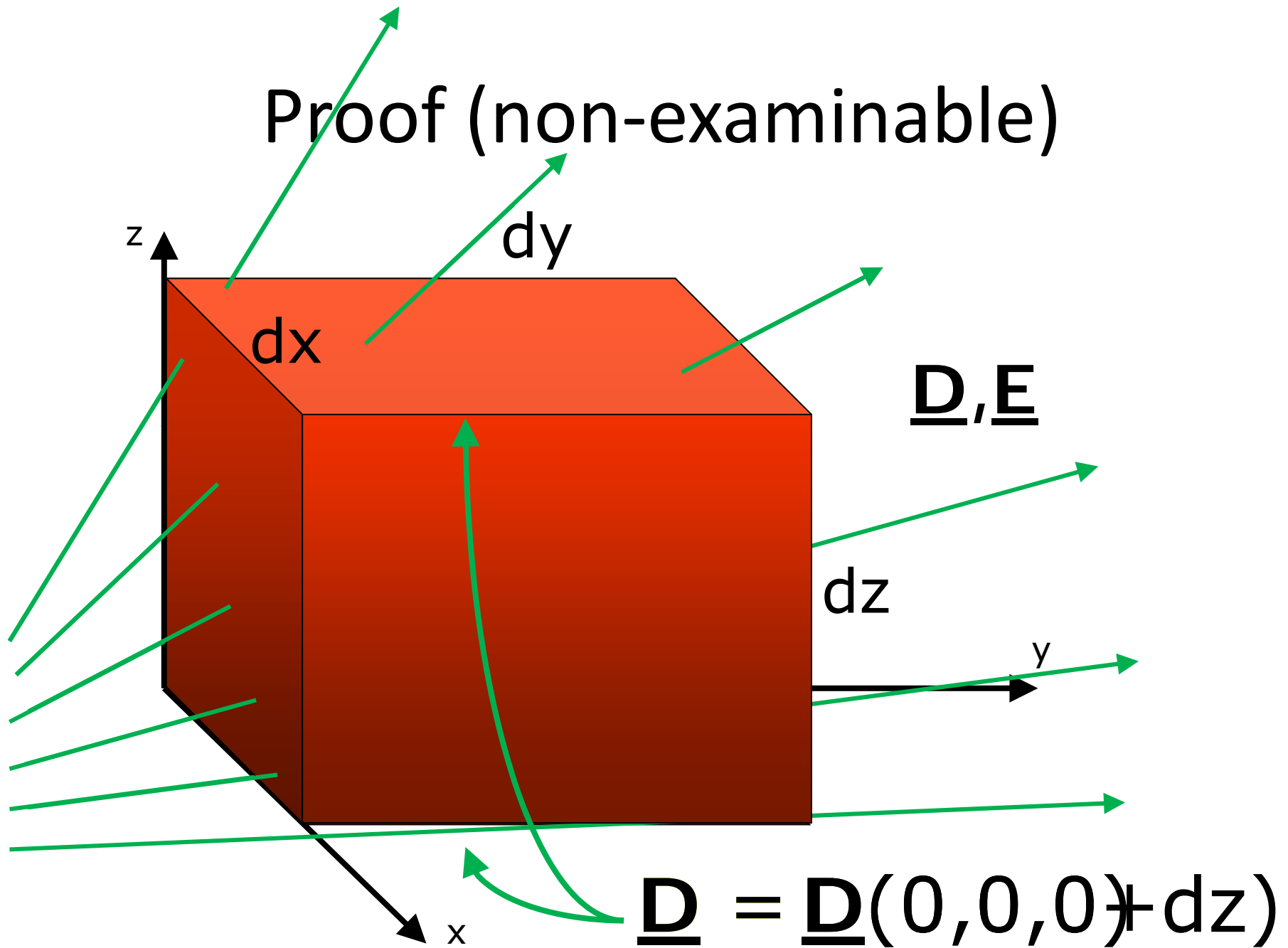
A 3D diagram showing a small rectangular volume element (a cube) in a Cartesian coordinate system. The axes are labeled x , y , and z . The edges of the cube are labeled dx , dy , and dz . The volume element is shaded with a gradient from dark red to light red. Several green arrows point from the text labels to the corresponding parts of the diagram:

- An arrow points from "Proof (non-examinable)" to the top surface of the cube.
- An arrow points from dy to the top edge of the cube.
- An arrow points from dx to the front edge of the cube.
- An arrow points from dz to the right edge of the cube.
- An arrow points from $\underline{D}, \underline{E}$ to the right face of the cube.
- An arrow points from $\underline{D} = \underline{D}(0,0,0)$ to the origin of the coordinate system.

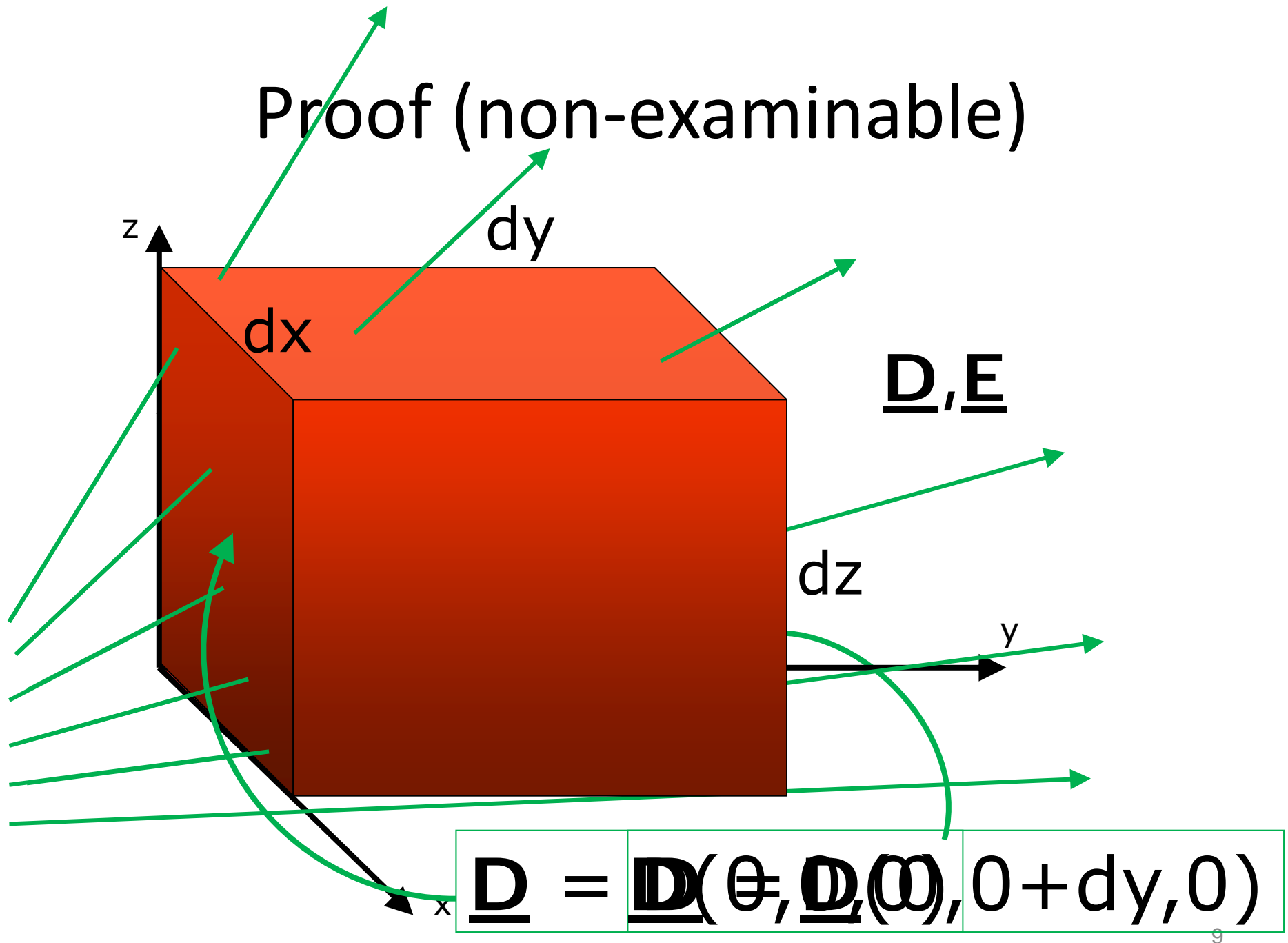
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Now the maths ...

- Assume that, for example,
 $\underline{\mathbf{D}} = (D_x, D_y, D_z)$ over the entire left hand face,
the back face and the bottom face ... all the
faces that meet at the origin
- $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$ is different on the other 3 faces
- Front face : $\underline{\mathbf{D}} = (D_{x+\Delta x}, D_y, D_z)$
- Right face : $\underline{\mathbf{D}} = (D_x, D_{y+\Delta y}, D_z)$
- Top face : $\underline{\mathbf{D}} = (D_x, D_y, D_{z+\Delta z})$

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- Left face : $\underline{\mathbf{D}} = (D_x, D_y, D_z)$
 - $\underline{\mathbf{ds}} = (0, -dx dz, 0)$
- Right face : $\underline{\mathbf{D}} = (D_x, D_{y+\Delta y}, D_z)$
 - $\underline{\mathbf{ds}} = (0, +dx dz, 0)$
- Bottom face : $\underline{\mathbf{D}} = (D_x, D_y, D_z)$
 - $\underline{\mathbf{ds}} = (0, 0, -dx dy)$
- Top face : $\underline{\mathbf{D}} = (D_x, D_y, D_{z+\Delta z})$
 - $\underline{\mathbf{ds}} = (0, 0, +dx dy)$
- Back face : $\underline{\mathbf{D}} = (D_x, D_y, D_z)$
 - $\underline{\mathbf{ds}} = (-dy dz, 0, 0)$
- Front face : $\underline{\mathbf{D}} = (D_{x+\Delta x}, D_y, D_z)$
 - $\underline{\mathbf{ds}} = (+dy dz, 0, 0)$

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- $\iint \underline{\mathbf{D}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{ds}}$
= $(D_x, D_y, D_z) \cdot (0, -dx dz, 0)$
+ $(D_x, D_y, D_z) \cdot (0, 0, -dx dy)$
+ $(D_x, D_y, D_z) \cdot (-dy dz, 0, 0)$
+ $(D_{x+\Delta x}, D_y, D_z) \cdot (dy dz, 0, 0)$
+ $(D_x, D_{y+\Delta y}, D_z) \cdot (0, dx dz, 0)$
+ $(D_x, D_y, D_{z+\Delta z}) \cdot (0, 0, dx dy)$

Now the maths ...

- $$\iint \underline{\mathbf{D}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{ds}} = -D_y dx dz - D_z dx dy - D_x dy dz$$

$$+ (D_{x+\Delta x}) dy dz$$

$$+ (D_{y+\Delta y}) dx dz$$

$$+ (D_{z+\Delta z}) dx dy$$
- $$= -D_y dx dz - D_z dx dy - D_x dy dz$$

$$+ (D_x + dx \partial D_x / \partial x) dy dz$$

$$+ (D_y + dy \partial D_y / \partial y) dx dz$$

$$+ (D_z + dz \partial D_z / \partial z) dx dy$$

Now the maths ...

- $$\iiint \underline{\mathbf{D}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{ds}} = (dx \partial D_x / \partial x) dydz$$

$$+ (dy \partial D_y / \partial y) dx dz$$

$$+ (dz \partial D_z / \partial z) dx dy$$

$$= (\partial D_x / \partial x) dx dy dz$$

$$+ (\partial D_y / \partial y) dx dy dz$$

$$+ (\partial D_z / \partial z) dx dy dz$$

$$= (\partial D_x / \partial x) dv + (\partial D_y / \partial y) dv$$

$$+ (\partial D_z / \partial z) dv$$

$$dx dy dz = dv$$

- $$\iiint \underline{\mathbf{D}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{ds}} = (\partial / \partial x, \partial / \partial y, \partial / \partial z) \cdot (D_x, D_y, D_z) dv$$

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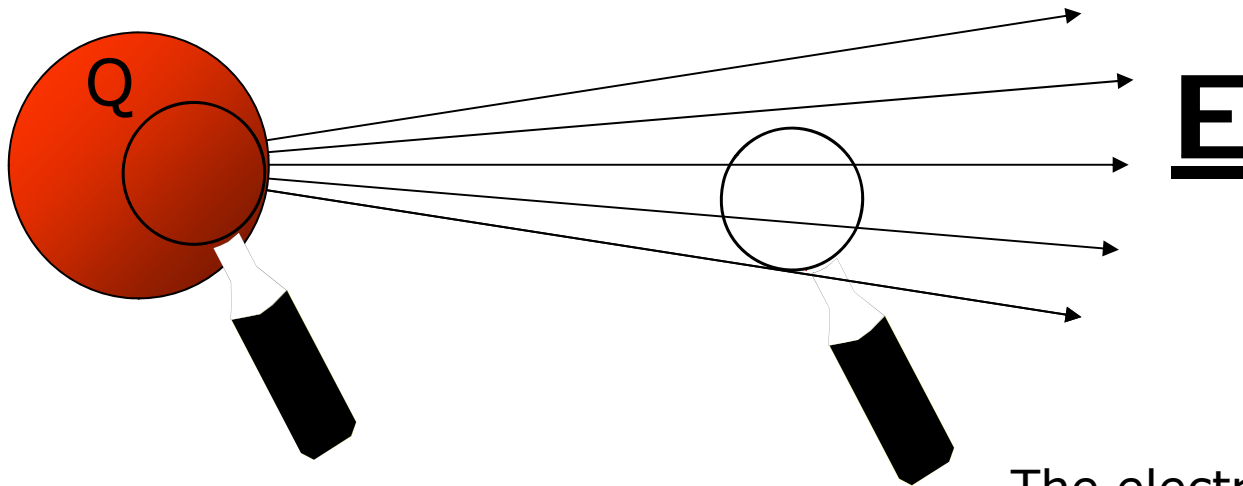
- $\iiint \underline{\mathbf{D}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{ds}}$ = $(\partial/\partial x, \partial/\partial y, \partial/\partial z) \cdot (D_x, D_y, D_z) dv$
- $\iiint \underline{\mathbf{D}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{ds}}$ = $\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{D}} dv$ = charge enclosed
- $\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{D}} dv$ = $\iiint \rho dv$
 - for an infinitesimally small volume dv , ρ is constant
- $\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{D}} dv$ = $\rho \iiint dv = \rho dv$
- **$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{D}} = \rho(\underline{\mathbf{r}})$**
- This is the differential, or “at-a-point” version of Gauss’s law, often called the Divergence Theorem
- $(\partial/\partial x, \partial/\partial y, \partial/\partial z) = \underline{\nabla}$ is the Divergence Operator

Gauss's Law/Divergence Theorem

- $\iiint \underline{\mathbf{D}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{ds}} = \iiint \rho(\underline{\mathbf{r}}) \, dv$
- $\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{D}} = \rho(\underline{\mathbf{r}})$
- These are equivalent
- $\underline{\nabla} = (\partial/\partial x, \partial/\partial y, \partial/\partial z)$

So what does Divergence “mean”

- Not the same as “to diverge”



The electric field here diverges, and its DIVERGENCE is non-zero at this point, as there is charge present at the point, $\rho > 0$.

The electric field here diverges, but its DIVERGENCE is zero at this point, as there is no charge present at the point, $\rho = 0$.

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