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Maths Assignment B

Q1) Find the unit normal vector to the surface $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ at the point $(1, 1, 1)$

Solution: $\phi = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1$

$$\nabla \phi = \vec{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 2x, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 2y, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 2z \right]$$

$$[\nabla \phi]_{1,1,1} = 2\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Unit Normal vector } \hat{n} &= \frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|} = \frac{2\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}}{\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 2^2}} \\ &= \frac{2(\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k})}{2\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}}{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Q2) Find the directional derivative of $\phi = x^2 + y^2 + 4xyz$ at the point $(1, -2, 2)$ in the direction $2\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$

Solution: Directional derivative, $sd\phi = \nabla \phi \cdot \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$

$$\phi = x^2 + y^2 + 4xyz$$

$$\nabla \phi = \vec{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$= \vec{i}(2x + 4yz) + \vec{j}(2y + 4xz) + \vec{k}(4xy)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla \phi)_{1,-2,2} &= \vec{i}(2 - 16) + \vec{j}(-4 + 8) + \vec{k}(4(1)(-2)) \\ &= -14\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} - 8\vec{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{let } \vec{a} = 2\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-2)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{4+4+1} = 3$$

$$\text{So } = (-14\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} - 8\vec{k}) \cdot \frac{(2\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k})}{3}$$

$$= \frac{-28 - 8 - 8}{3} = \boxed{\frac{-44}{3}}$$

3) Find 'a' such that $\vec{F} = (3x - 2y + z)\vec{i} + (4x + ay - z)\vec{j} + (x - y + 2z)\vec{k}$ is solenoidal. \therefore

Solution: \vec{F} is solenoidal.

$$\boxed{\text{div } \vec{F} = \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left[(3x - 2y + z)\vec{i} + (4x + ay - z)\vec{j} + (x - y + 2z)\vec{k} \right]$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + a + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a = -5}$$

4) Find the constant a, b, c. so that $\vec{F} = (axy + bz^3)\vec{i} + (3x^2 - cz)\vec{j} + (3xz^2 - y)\vec{k}$ is irrotational.

Solution: Condition for irrotational

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (axy + bz^3) & (3x^2 - cz) & (3xz^2 - y) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\vec{i} [-1 + c] - \vec{j} [3z^2 - 3bz^2] + \vec{k} [6x - ax]$$

$$= 0\vec{i} + 0\vec{j} + 0\vec{k}$$

Comparing the coefficient of $\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}$ respectively.

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} -1 + c = 0 & 3z^2 - 3bz^2 = 0 & 6x - ax = 0 \\ \hline \boxed{c = 1} & 3z^2(1 - b) = 0 & \boxed{a = 6} \\ & \boxed{b = 1} & \end{array}$$

\therefore Here, the values of $a = 6, b = 1, c = 1$.

5) Using Gauss divergence theorem, evaluate $\iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} dV$ where $\vec{F} = 4xz\vec{i} - y^2\vec{j} + yz\vec{k}$ taken over the cube bounded by the planes $x=0, x=1, y=0, y=1, z=0, z=1$.

Solution:

$$\vec{F} = 4xz\vec{i} - y^2\vec{j} + yz\vec{k}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z}$$

$$= 4z - 2y + y \Rightarrow \boxed{4z - y}$$

$$\iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F} \cdot dV = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (4z - y) dx dy dz$$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 [4zx - yx]_0^1 dy dz$$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 [4z - y] dy dz$$

$$= \int_0^1 [4zy - \frac{y^2}{2}]_0^1 dz$$

$$= \int_0^1 [4z - \frac{1}{2}] dz$$

$$= \left[2z^2 - \frac{z}{2} \right]_0^1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 - \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{3}{2}}$$