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nabla acting on products

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Let f, g be differentiable scalar fields and \vec{u}, \vec{v} differentiable vector fields in some domain of \mathbb{R}^3 . There are following formulae:

- Gradient of a product function

$$\nabla(fg) = (\nabla f)g + (\nabla g)f$$
- Divergence of a scalar-multiplied vector

$$\nabla \cdot (f\vec{u}) = (\nabla f) \cdot \vec{u} + (\nabla \cdot \vec{u})f$$
- Curl of a scalar-multiplied vector

$$\nabla \times (f\vec{u}) = (\nabla f) \times \vec{u} + (\nabla \times \vec{u})f$$
- Divergence of a vector product

$$\nabla \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) = (\nabla \times \vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v} - (\nabla \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{u}$$
- Curl of a vector product

$$\nabla \times (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) = (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u} - (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla)\vec{v} - (\nabla \cdot \vec{u})\vec{v} + (\nabla \cdot \vec{v})\vec{u}$$
- Gradient of a scalar product

$$\nabla(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla)\vec{v} + \vec{v} \times (\nabla \times \vec{u}) + \vec{u} \times (\nabla \times \vec{v})$$

or, using dyads,

$$\nabla(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = (\nabla \vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v} + (\nabla \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{u}$$
- Gradient of a vector product

$$\nabla(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) = (\nabla \vec{u}) \times \vec{v} - (\nabla \vec{v}) \times \vec{u}$$
- Divergence of a dyad product

$$\nabla \cdot (\vec{u} \vec{v}) = (\nabla \cdot \vec{u}) \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{v}$$
- Curl of a dyad product

$$\nabla \times (\vec{u} \vec{v}) = (\nabla \times \vec{u}) \vec{v} - \vec{u} \times \nabla \vec{v}$$

Explanations

1. $\vec{v} \cdot \nabla$ means the operator $v_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + v_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$.
2. The *gradient of a vector* \vec{w} is defined as the dyad $\nabla \vec{w} := \vec{i} \frac{\partial \vec{w}}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial \vec{w}}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial \vec{w}}{\partial z}$.

3. The *divergence* and the *curl* of a dyad product are defined by the equation
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- $$\nabla * (\vec{u}\vec{v}) := \vec{i} * \frac{\partial(\vec{u}\vec{v})}{\partial x} + \vec{j} * \frac{\partial(\vec{u}\vec{v})}{\partial y} + \vec{k} * \frac{\partial(\vec{u}\vec{v})}{\partial z},$$
- where the asterisks are dots or crosses and the partial derivatives of the dyad product the expression
- $$\frac{\partial(\vec{u}\vec{v})}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial x} \vec{v} + \vec{u} \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial x}$$
- and so on.