

Vector Calculus:

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

* ∇ is a vector differential operator.

* If ϕ is a constant then $\nabla\phi = \vec{0}$

* $\nabla(\phi_1\phi_2) = \phi_1\nabla\phi_2 + \phi_2\nabla\phi_1$

* $\nabla\left(\frac{\phi_1}{\phi_2}\right) = \frac{\phi_2\nabla\phi_1 - \phi_1\nabla\phi_2}{\phi_2^2}, \phi_2 \neq 0$

* $v = f(u) \Rightarrow \nabla v = f'(u) \nabla u$

2. $\vec{r} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$ is the position vector of a point $P(x, y, z)$ w.r.t. the origin.

$$r = |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \Rightarrow r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}, \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r}, \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = \frac{z}{r}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \nabla r = \frac{\vec{r}}{r}, \quad \nabla\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) = -\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3}, \quad \nabla r^n = n r^{n-2} \vec{r}$$

$$\nabla \log r = \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2}$$

3. Directional derivative: $\nabla\phi \cdot \hat{a} = \nabla\phi \cdot \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$

Maximum value of directional derivative is $|\nabla\phi|$.

4. Unit tangent vector: $= \frac{d\vec{r}/dt}{|d\vec{r}/dt|}$

5. Unit normal vector $= \hat{n} = \frac{\nabla\phi}{|\nabla\phi|}$

6. Angle between the surfaces: $\cos\theta = \frac{\nabla\phi_1 \cdot \nabla\phi_2}{|\nabla\phi_1| |\nabla\phi_2|}$

7. Equation of tangent plane is $(\vec{r} - \vec{a}) \cdot \nabla\phi = 0$

Equation of normal line is $(\vec{r} - \vec{a}) \times \nabla\phi = \vec{0}$

8. Divergence $\text{Div } \vec{F} = \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z}$.

↳ Scalar quantity.

↳ Solenoidal if $\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 0$.

9. Curl $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 \end{vmatrix}$.

↳ Vector quantity.

↳ Irrotational if $\nabla \times \vec{F} = \vec{0}$.

* $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{F}) = 0$.

* $\nabla \cdot \vec{r} = 3$. $\vec{r} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$.

* $\nabla \times \vec{r} = \vec{0}$.

* $\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right) = \frac{2}{r}$.

10. Vector identities.

* $\nabla \times (\nabla \phi) = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow \text{curl}(\text{grad } \phi) = \vec{0}$.

* $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{F}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{div}(\text{curl } \vec{F}) = 0$.

11. If \vec{A} and \vec{B} are irrotational then $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ is solenoidal.

* If $\nabla \phi$ and $\nabla \psi$ are irrotational then $\nabla \phi \times \nabla \psi$ is solenoidal.

12. Physical interpretation of line integral.

$\int_A^B \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ denotes the total work done by the force \vec{F} in moving/displacing a particle from A to B along C.

13. If the integral depends only on the end points but not on the path C, then \vec{F} is called conservative vector field i.e. if \vec{F} is expressible as the gradient of a scalar point function ϕ then F is conservative.

* If \vec{F} is conservative then $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \text{curl grad } \phi = \vec{0}$.
 $\Rightarrow \vec{F}$ is irrotational.

* Green's theorem : line integral with double integral.

\hookrightarrow The area bounded by a simple closed curve C is

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_C x dy - y dx.$$

\hookrightarrow Area of ellipse = $\frac{1}{2} \int_C x dy - y dx = \pi ab$.

** $\int_C x dy - y dx = 2 \iint_R dx dy = 2 \cdot \{\text{Area}\}$.

* Gauss divergence theorem : surface integral with volume.

$\hookrightarrow \iint_S \vec{r} \cdot \hat{n} dS = 3V.$

$V \rightarrow$ volume of the closed surface.

$\hookrightarrow \iint_S \nabla r^2 \cdot \hat{n} dS = 6V.$

$\hookrightarrow \iint_S \text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS = 0.$

$\hookrightarrow \iint_S \phi \hat{n} dS = \iiint_V \nabla \phi dV.$

* Stoke's theorem : surface integral of the normal component of the curl of a vector function \vec{F} over an open surface S is equal to the line integral of the tangential component of \vec{F} around the closed curve C bounding S .

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \hat{n} dS.$$