

Tutorial - ~~5~~  
(Suggested solutions)

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \nabla f = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) (3x^2y - y^3z^2)$$

$$= \vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3x^2y - y^3z^2)$$

$$+ \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3x^2y - y^3z^2)$$

$$+ \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (3x^2y - y^3z^2)$$

$$= 6xy \vec{i} + (3x^2 - 3y^3z^2) \vec{j} - 2y^3z \vec{k}$$

$$\nabla f(1, -2, -1) = 6(1)(-2) \vec{i} + (3(1)^2 - 3(-2)^3(-1)^2) \vec{j} - 2(-2)^3(-1) \vec{k}$$

$$= -12 \vec{i} - 9 \vec{j} - 16 \vec{k}$$

$\nabla f$  is the vector that gives the direction of the maximum rate of change of  $f$  at a point. Its norm  $\| \nabla f \|$  give the maximum rate.

⑤ let  $f = x^2y + 2xz = 4$

A normal of the surface can be given by

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{N} = \nabla f &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) (x^2y + 2xz) \\ &= (2xy + 2z) \vec{i} + x^2 \vec{j} + 2x \vec{k}\end{aligned}$$

At point  $(2, -2, 3)$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{N} &= (2(2)(-2) + 2(3)) \vec{i} + 2^2 \vec{j} + 2(2) \vec{k} \\ &= -2 \vec{i} + 4 \vec{j} + 4 \vec{k}\end{aligned}$$

a unit normal at  $(2, -2, 3)$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{n} &= \frac{1}{|\vec{N}|} \vec{N} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + 4^2}} (-2 \vec{i} + 4 \vec{j} + 4 \vec{k}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} \vec{i} + \frac{2}{3} \vec{j} + \frac{2}{3} \vec{k}\end{aligned}$$

Another unit normal is in the opposite direction

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{1}{3} \vec{i} - \frac{2}{3} \vec{j} - \frac{2}{3} \vec{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3. \quad \nabla f &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) \cdot (x^2 e^y) \\
 &= 2x e^y \vec{i} + x^2 e^y \vec{j} + 0 \vec{k}
 \end{aligned}$$

Directional derivative along direction  $-\vec{j}$  is found by taking the dot product of  $\nabla f$  with the unit vector of the direction  $-\vec{j}$

$$= \nabla f \cdot (0\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 0\vec{k}) = -x^2 e^y$$

At point  $(-2, 0, 0)$ , the directional derivative in direction of  $-\vec{j}$

$$= -(-2)^2 e^0 = -4$$

At point  $(-2, 0, 0)$ , the maximum directional derivative is in the direction of  $\nabla f$  and has value  $= \|\nabla f\| = \|2(-2)e^0 \vec{i} + (-2)^2 e^0 \vec{j} + 0 \vec{k}\| = \|-4\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}\| = 5.6569$

$$(4) \quad r = |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$r^n = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

$$\nabla r^n = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{n}{2}} &= \frac{n}{2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{n}{2} - 1} (2x) \\ &= n (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}(n-2)} x \\ &= n r^{n-2} x \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{n}{2}} = n r^{n-2} y$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{n}{2}} = n r^{n-2} z$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \nabla r^n &= n r^{n-2} x \vec{i} + n r^{n-2} y \vec{j} + n r^{n-2} z \vec{k} \\ &= n r^{n-2} (x \vec{i} + y \vec{j} + z \vec{k}) \\ &= n r^{n-2} \vec{r} \end{aligned}$$

5. let  $\vec{w} = w_1 \vec{i} + w_2 \vec{j} + w_3 \vec{k}$ ,  $\vec{r} = x \vec{i} + y \vec{j} + z \vec{k}$

$$\nabla \times \vec{v} = \nabla \times (\vec{w} \times \vec{r})$$

$$= \nabla \times \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \nabla \times \left[ (w_2 z - w_3 y) \vec{i} + (w_3 x - w_1 z) \vec{j} + (w_1 y - w_2 x) \vec{k} \right]$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (w_2 z - w_3 y) & (w_3 x - w_1 z) & (w_1 y - w_2 x) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (w_1 y - w_2 x) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (w_3 x - w_1 z) \right]$$

$$+ \vec{j} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (w_2 z - w_3 y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (w_1 y - w_2 x) \right]$$

$$+ \vec{k} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (w_3 x - w_1 z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (w_2 z - w_3 y) \right]$$

$$= 2w_1 \vec{i} + 2w_2 \vec{j} + 2w_3 \vec{k}$$

$$= 2(w_1 \vec{i} + w_2 \vec{j} + w_3 \vec{k}) = 2\vec{w}$$

i.e.  $\vec{w} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla \times \vec{v}$

⑧

$$\text{Curl } (xy^2z \hat{i} + 2x^3y \hat{j} + 4x^2y^2 \hat{k})$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ xy^2z & 2x^3y & 4x^2y^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(8x^2y - 0) - \hat{j}(8xy^2 - xy^2) + \hat{k}(6x^2y - 2xy^2)$$

At Point (1, 1, -1),

$$\text{Curl } (\cdot) = 8\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 8\hat{k} \quad \#$$

$$\text{And, } \text{Curl } (yz^3 \hat{i} + xz \hat{j} + 2x \hat{k})$$

$$= \hat{i}(0 - x) - \hat{j}(2 - 3yz^2) + \hat{k}(z - z^3)$$

At Point (1, 1, -1),

$$\text{Curl } (\cdot) = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 0\hat{k} \quad \#$$