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## **Tutorial-2**

## Gradient, Directional derivative of scalar field, Divergence and Curl of vector field

- 1. Obtain the grad  $\phi$  for  $\phi(x, y, z) = x^2yz^2$  at the point (1,2,3)
- 2. If  $\phi(x, y, z) = xy^2z + 3x^2 z^3$ , determine the grad $\phi$  at the point (1,3,4)
- 3. Compute the gradient for the function  $\phi(x,y) = x^2 x^3y^2 + y^4$
- 4. Obtain the directional derivative of  $\phi(x, y, z) = 2x^2y^3 + 6xy$  at (1,1) in the direction of a unit vector whose angle with positive x axis is  $\pi/6$ .
- 5. Determine the gradient of scalar field  $\phi = x^3y^3z^3$
- 6. Determine the directional derivative of  $\phi(x,y,z)=x^2yz+4xz^2$  at the point (1,-2,-1) in the direction of  $2\mathbf{i}-\mathbf{j}-2\mathbf{k}$
- 7. Obtain the directional derivative of  $\phi(x, y, z) = xy^2 4x^2y + z^2$  at (1, -1, 2) in the direction of 6i + 2j + 3k.
- 8. Find the directional derivative of the function  $\phi = xe^y + ye^z + ze^x$  at the point (0,0,0) in the direction of the vector  $\vec{v} = -\hat{\imath} 2\hat{\jmath} + 2\hat{k}$ . Also find the maximal directional derivative.
- 9. Find the directional derivative of  $\phi = x^2 y^2 + 2z^2$  at P(1,2,3) in the direction from P to Q(5,0,4).
- 10. Suppose that the temperature at a point x, y, z in space is given by  $T(x, y, z) = \frac{80}{1 + x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2}$ , where T is measured in degrees Celsius and x, y, z in meters. In which direction does the temperature increase fastest at the point (1,1,-2)? What is the maximum rate of increase?
- 11. The temperature in a rectangular box is approximated by T(x, y, z) = xyz(1-x)(2-y)(3-z),  $0 \le x \le 1, 0 \le y \le 2, 0 \le y \le 3$ . If a mosquito is located at  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1, 1\right)$ , in which direction should it fly to cool off as rapidly as possible.
- 12. If  $F = xy^2i + 2x^2yz^2j 3yz^2k$ , Find div F at the point (1,1,-1).
- 13. If  $F = 2xy^2i + 3x^2zj 4xyzk$ , Find div F.
- 14. If the vector field  $\vec{F} = (Ax + 3y + 4z)i + (x 2y + 3z)j + (3x + 2y z)k$  is solenoidal then find A.
- 15. Given the vector field  $F = (bx + 4y^2z)\mathbf{i} + (x^2\sin z 3y)\mathbf{j} + (e^x + 4\cos^2 yx)\mathbf{k}$ . For what value of b the vector field is solenoidal.
- 16. If  $F = 2xy^2i + 3x^2zj 4xyzk$ , Find curl of F at P(1,1-2).
- 17. Show that fluid motion given by the vector field F = (y + z)i + (z + x)j + (x + y)k is irrotational. Hence find its scalar field.
- 18. Find the value of the constant 'a' such that:
  - $F = (axy z^3)i + (a 2)x^2j + (1 a)xz^2$  is irrotational.
- 19. Show that  $F = (2xy^2 + yz)i + (2x^2y + xz + 2yz^2)j + (2y^2z + xy)k$  is a conservative force field. Find its scalar potential.

- 20. Obtain the curl and divergence of the vector field  $F = xyz \ i + x^2y^2z \ j + yz^3 k$  and hence find scalar potential  $\phi$  if  $curl \vec{F} = 0$ .
- 21. Show that the vector field

 $\mathbf{F} = (x^2 - yz)\mathbf{i} + (y^2 - xz)\mathbf{j} + (z^2 - xy)\mathbf{k}$  Is irrotational. Obtain the scalar potential  $\phi$  such that  $\mathbf{F} = \nabla \phi$ 

## **Answer:**

1. 
$$\nabla \phi(1,2,3) = 36 i + 9 j + 12 k$$

2. 
$$\nabla \phi(1,3,4) = 24 \mathbf{i} + 24 \mathbf{j} - 39 \mathbf{k}$$

3. 
$$\nabla \phi = (2x - 3x^2 y^2)\mathbf{i} + (-2x^3y + 4y^3)\mathbf{j}$$

4. 
$$D_{\vec{v}}\phi(1,1) = \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{2} + 3$$

5. 
$$\nabla \phi = (3x^2 y^3 z^3) \mathbf{i} + (3x^3 y^2 z^3) \mathbf{j} + 3x^3 y^3 z^2 \mathbf{k}$$

6. 
$$D_{\vec{v}}\phi(1,-2,-1) = (8i-j-10k)\cdot\left(\frac{2}{3}i-\frac{1}{3}j-\frac{2}{3}k\right) = \frac{37}{3}$$

7. 
$$D_{\vec{v}}\phi(1,-1,2) = (9i-6j+4k)\cdot(76i+72j+73k) = \frac{54}{7}$$

$$8.D_{\vec{v}}\phi(1,-2,-1) = (i+j+k)\cdot\left(-\frac{1}{3}i-\frac{2}{3}j+\frac{2}{3}k\right) = -\frac{1}{3};$$

The maximal directional derivative occurs in the direction of the gradient  $\nabla \phi$ . The magnitude of the gradient  $\nabla \phi(0,0,0) = (1,1,1)$  is:

$$|\nabla \phi| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = 3$$

So, the maximal directional derivative is:

9. 
$$D_{\vec{v}}\phi(1,2,3) = (2i - 4j + 12k) \cdot \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{21}}i - \frac{2}{\sqrt{21}}j + \frac{1}{\sqrt{21}}k\right)$$

The directional derivative of  $\phi$  at P(1,2,3) in the direction from P to Q(5,0,4) is:

$$D_{\vec{v}} \phi(1,2,3) = \frac{28}{\sqrt{21}} = \frac{4\sqrt{21}}{3}$$

10.
$$\nabla T = \frac{5}{8} (i - 2j + 6k); |\nabla T| = \frac{5}{8} \sqrt{41} = 4^{\circ} c/m.$$

11. 
$$\nabla T\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1, 1\right) = \frac{1}{4}$$

The mosquito should fly in the direction  $-\frac{1}{4}k$  to cool off rapidly.

12. 
$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = y^2 + 2x^2z^2 - 6yz$$
;  $\nabla \cdot \vec{F}(1,1,-1) = 1^2 + 21^2(-1)^2 - 61(-1) = 9$ 

$$13. \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 2y^2 - 4xy$$

$$14. A = 3$$

15. For b = 3 the given vector field is incompressible.

$$16. \nabla \times \vec{F} = 5i - 8j - 6k$$

17 .  $\nabla imes \vec{\mathrm{F}} = 0$ , the vector filed is irrotational and The scalar potential function  $\phi = xy + zx + yz$ 

18. 
$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = (az - 4z^2)j + k(ax - 4x) = 0$$
. Hence  $a = 4$ .

19.  $\nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{F}} = 0$ , the vector filed is irrotational and The scalar potential function  $\phi = x^2y^2 + yzx + y^2z^2$ .

20.  $\nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{F}} = (z^3 - x^2y^2)j + (xy)j + (2xyz - xz)k$ ; Since this curl is not zero, F is not a conservative field, meaning it does not have a scalar potential  $\phi$  such that  $\vec{\mathbf{F}} = \nabla \phi$   $\nabla \cdot \vec{\mathbf{F}} = yz + 2x^2yz + 3yz^2.$ 

21. The vector field 
$$\vec{F}$$
 is irrotational. The scalar potential is given by:  $\phi = \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{y^3}{3} + \frac{z^3}{3} - xyz + C$ .