

Module-2 c Vector Calculus

Q) If $\vec{A} = xz^3\mathbf{i} - 2x^2y^2\mathbf{j} + 2yz^4\mathbf{k}$, find $\nabla \cdot \vec{A}$, $\nabla \times \vec{A}$, $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{A})$
at $(1, -1, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{A} &= \nabla \cdot \vec{A} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathbf{k} \right) \cdot ((xz^3)\mathbf{i} - (2x^2y^2)\mathbf{j} + (2yz^4)\mathbf{k}) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xz^3) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2x^2y^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(2yz^4) \\ &= z^3 - 4x^2y + 8yz^3. \quad \text{at } (1, -1, 1) \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{A} = -3,\end{aligned}$$

$\nabla \times \vec{A} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ xz^3 & -2x^2y^2 & 2yz^4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \mathbf{i} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2yz^4) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(-2x^2y^2) \right] - \mathbf{j} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2yz^4) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(xz^3) \right] \\ &\quad + \mathbf{k} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(-2x^2y^2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(xz^3) \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$= \mathbf{i} [2z^4] - \mathbf{j} [-3xz^2] + \mathbf{k} [-4xy^2]$$

$$= 2z^4\mathbf{i} + 3xz^2\mathbf{j} - 4xy^2\mathbf{k}.$$

$$= 2(1)^4\mathbf{i} + 3(1)(1)^2\mathbf{j} - 4(1)(-1)^2\mathbf{k}$$

$$= 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k},$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{A}) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} i + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} j + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} k \right) \cdot (2z^4 i + 3xz^2 j - 4xy^2 k)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2z^4) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3xz^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (-4xy^2)$$

$$= 0 + 0 + 0 = 0,$$

Q) If $\vec{F} = (x+y+1)i + j - (x+y)k$, Show that $\vec{F} \cdot \text{curl } \vec{F} = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow \text{curl } \vec{F} = \nabla \times \vec{F}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (x+y+1) & 1 & (-x-y) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= i \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (-x-y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (1) \right] - j \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (-x-y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x+y+1) \right]$$

$$+ k \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (1) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x+y+1) \right]$$

$$= i (-1 - 0) - j (-1 - 0) + k (0 - 1)$$

$$= -i + j - k.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \vec{F}, \text{curl } \vec{F} &= [(x+y+1)i + j - (x+y)k] \cdot (-i + j - k) \\
 &= (x+y+1)(-1) + (1)(1) + (x+y)(1) \\
 &= -x-y-x+1+x+y \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

3) If $\vec{F} = \nabla(\phi)$, find $\text{div. } \vec{F}$ and $\text{curl } \vec{F}$ at $(1, -1, 1)$.

\Rightarrow Let $\phi = xy^3z^2$.

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

$$\vec{F} = y^3z^2i + 3xy^2z^2j + 2xy^3zk.$$

$$\text{div. } \vec{F} = \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} i + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} j + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} k \right) \cdot (y^3z^2i + 3xy^2z^2j + 2xy^3zk)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(y^3z^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(3xy^2z^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(2xy^3z)$$

$$= 0 + 6xyz^2 + 2xy^3$$

$$\text{at } (1, -1, 1), \text{div. } \vec{F} = 6(1)(-1)(1)^2 + 2(1)(-1)^3$$

$$(1-0) + \text{div. } \vec{F} = -6 + 2 = -8$$

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ y^3 z^2 & 3x y^2 z^2 & 2x y^3 z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = i(6xy^2z - 6xy^2z) - j(2y^3z - 2y^3z)$$

$$+ k(3y^2z^2 - 3y^2z^2)$$

$$= i[6(1)(-1)^2(1) - 6(1)(-1)^2(1)] - j[2(-1)^3(1) - 2(-1)^3(1)] + k[3(-1)^2(1)^2 - 3(-1)^2(1)^2]$$

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

4) Show that $\vec{F} = (2xy^2 + yz)i + (2x^2y + xz + 2yz^2)j + (2y^2z + xy)k$ is a conservative force field.

[irrotational]. also find its scalar potential

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (2xy^2 + yz) & (2x^2y + xz + 2yz^2) & (2y^2z + xy) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= i(4yz + x - x - 4yz) - j(y - y) + k(4xy + z - 4xy - z)$$

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

\vec{F} is conservative.

$$\text{Now, } \nabla \phi = \vec{F}.$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} i + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} j + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} k = (2xy^2 + yz)i + (2x^2y + xz + 2yz^2)j + (2y^2z + xy)k.$$

$$\Rightarrow 1) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 2xy^2 + yz.$$

$$\int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx = \int 2xy^2 + yz \cdot dx + f(y, z).$$

$$\therefore \phi_1 = x^2y^2 + yzx + f(y, z) - \textcircled{1}$$

$$2) \int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy = \int 2x^2y + xz + 2yz^2 dy + g(x, z)$$

$$\therefore \phi_2 = x^2y^2 + xzy + y^2z^2 + g(x, z) - \textcircled{2}$$

$$3) \int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} dz = \int 2yz^2 + xz \cdot dz + h(x, y)$$

$$\phi_3 = y^2z^2 + xyz + h(x, y) - \textcircled{3}$$

To get unique value for ϕ

Substitute -

$$f(y, z) = y^2 z^2$$

$$g(x, z) = 0$$

$$h(x, y) = x^2 y^2$$

a scalar potential, $\phi = x^2 y^2 + xyz + y^2 z^2$.

5) Find the value of constants a and b such that
 $\vec{F} = (axy + z^3)i + (3x^2 - z)j + (bxz^3 - y)k$ is irrotational.

also find a scalar function ϕ such that $\vec{F} = \nabla\phi$.

$$\Rightarrow \text{curl } \vec{F} = 0$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow i \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (bxz^3 - y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (3x^2 - z) \right] - j \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (bxz^3 - y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (axy + z^3) \right] + k \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3x^2 - z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (axy + z^3) \right] = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow i(1+1) - j(bz^3 - 3z^2) + k(6x - ax) = 0$$

$$\therefore -bz^2 - 3z^2 = 0$$

$$bz^2 - 3z^2 = 0$$

$$bz^2 = 3z^2$$

$$b = \frac{3z^2}{z^2}$$

$$\therefore b = 3$$

$$6x - ax = 0$$

$$ax = 6x$$

$$a = \frac{6x}{x}$$

$$\therefore a = 6$$

Substituting $a = 6$ and $b = 3$ in \vec{F} :

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

$$\vec{F} = \nabla \phi \quad \text{or} \quad \nabla \phi = \vec{F},$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} i + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} j + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} k = (6xy + z^3)i + (3x^2 - z)j + (3xz^2 - y)k.$$

$$1) \int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx = \int 6xy + z^3 dx + f(y, z)$$

$$\therefore \phi = 3x^2y + z^3x + f(y, z) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$2) \int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy = \int 3x^2 - z dy + g(x, z)$$

$$\therefore \phi = 3x^2y - zy + g(x, z) \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$3) \int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} dz = \int 3xz^2 - y dz + h(x, y)$$

$$\therefore \phi = xz^3 - yz + h(x, y) \quad \text{--- ③}$$

To get unique expression for ϕ , let us choose

$$f(y, z) = -zy$$

$$g(x, z) = z^3 x$$

$$h(x, y) = 3x^2 y.$$

$$\text{so } \phi = 3x^2 y + xz^3 - yz,$$

Show that

$$\vec{F} = 2xyz^2 i + (x^2 z^2 + z \cos yz) j + (2x^2 yz + y \cos yz) k \text{ is a}$$

potential field. & hence find its scalar potential.

$$\Rightarrow \text{curl } \vec{F} = \nabla \times \vec{F}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (2xyz^2) & (x^2 z^2 + z \cos yz) & (2x^2 yz + y \cos yz) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= i \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (2x^2 yz + y \cos yz) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x^2 z^2 + z \cos yz) \right]$$

$$- j \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial z} (2x^2 yz + y \cos yz) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 z^2 + z \cos yz) \right]$$

$$+ k \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 z^2 + z \cos yz) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (2xyz^2) \right]$$

$$= i [2x^2 z - 2yz \sin yz + \cos yz - 2x^2 z - \cos yz + 2yz \sin yz]$$

$$-j(4xyz - gxyz) + k(2x^2z^2 - 2xz^2)$$

$$= 0i + 0j + 0k \rightarrow \text{potential field.}$$

$$= \vec{0}$$

$\therefore \vec{F}$ is a potential field.

$$\nabla \phi = \vec{F}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} i + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} j + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} k = 2xyz^2 i + (x^2z^2 + z\cos yz) j + (2x^2yz + y\cos yz) k.$$

$$1) \int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx = \int 2xyz^2 dx + f(y, z)$$

$$\therefore \phi = x^2yz^2 + f(y, z) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$2) \int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy = \int (x^2z^2 + z\cos yz) dy + g(x, z)$$

$$\therefore \phi = x^2z^2y + \sin y + g(x, z) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$3) \int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} dz = \int (2x^2yz + y\cos yz) dz + h(x, y).$$

$$\therefore \phi = x^2yz^2 + \sin y + h(x, y) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

To get unique value of ϕ from (1), (2), (3) we get,

$$\boxed{\phi = x^2yz^2 + \sin y + \sin z}$$

Q) Express $\vec{A} = 2x\mathbf{i} - 3y^2\mathbf{j} + zx\mathbf{k}$ in the cylindrical polar coordinate system.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Let } \vec{A} = A_1 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r + A_2 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta + A_3 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where, A_1, A_2 and A_3 has to be determined.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{A} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r &= A_1 \\ \vec{A} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta &= A_2 \\ \vec{A} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z &= A_3\end{aligned}\quad \left. \right\} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{WKT, } x = r \cos\phi, \quad y = r \sin\phi, \quad z = z.$$

$$\vec{A} = 2x\mathbf{i} - 3y^2\mathbf{j} + zx\mathbf{k}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{A} = 2r \cos\phi \mathbf{i} - 3r^2 \sin^2\phi \mathbf{j} + zx \mathbf{k}. \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{also, } \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r = \cos\phi \mathbf{i} + \sin\phi \mathbf{j}.$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta = -\sin\phi \mathbf{i} + \cos\phi \mathbf{j},$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z = \mathbf{k}.$$

$$A_1 = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r = 2r \cos^2\phi - 3r^2 \sin^2\phi + zx$$

$$A_2 = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta = -2r \sin\phi \cos\phi - 3r^2 \sin^2\phi \cos\phi.$$

$$A_3 = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z = zx.$$

Thus, $\vec{A} = A_1 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r + A_2 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta + A_3 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$ becomes,

$$\vec{A} = (2r \cos^2\phi - 3r^2 \sin^2\phi) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r - (2r \sin\phi \cos\phi - 3r^2 \sin^2\phi \cos\phi) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta + (zx) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$$