

Vector Differentiation

S.No	Questions
	GRADIENT and DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVES
1	Find $\nabla \phi$ if $\phi = 3x^2y - y^3z^2$ at $(1, -2, 1)$
2	Find the directional derivative of $\phi = x^2y + y^2z + z^2x^2$ at $P(1, 2, 1)$ in the direction of the normal to the surface $x^2 + y^2 - z^2x = 1$ at $Q(1, 1, 1)$
3	Find the directional derivative of $\phi = 2x^3y - 3y^2z$ at $P(1, 2, -1)$ in the direction towards $Q(3, -1, 5)$. In what direction from P is the directional derivative maximum? Find the magnitude of maximum directional derivative.
4	Find the directional derivative of $\phi = x^4 + y^4 + z^4$ at $A(1, -2, 1)$ in the direction of AB where B is $(2, 6, -1)$. Also find the maximum directional derivative of ϕ at $(1, -2, 1)$.
5	Find the directional derivative of $\phi = x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2$ at $(1, 1, -2)$ in the direction of the tangent to the curve $x = e^{-t}$, $y = 2\sin t + 1$, $z = t - \cos t$ at $t = 0$
6	Find the directional derivative of $\phi = e^{2x} \cos yz$ at $(0, 0, 0)$ in the direction of the tangent to the curve $x = a \sin t$, $y = a \cos t$, $z = at$ at $t = \pi/4$.
7	Find the directional derivative of $\phi = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ in the direction of the line $\frac{x}{3} = \frac{y}{4} = \frac{z}{5}$ at $(1, 2, 3)$
8	Find the directional derivative of $\phi = x^2y \cos z$ in the direction of the line $\vec{a} = 2i + 3j + 2k$ at $(1, 2, \pi/2)$
9	Find the acute angle between the surface $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$ and $z = x^2 + y^2 - 3$ at $(2, -1, 2)$
10	Find the angle between the two surfaces $x^2 + y^2 + az^2 = 6$ and $z = 4 - y^2 + bxy$ at $(1, 1, 2)$
11	Find the rate of change of $\phi = xy + yz + zx$ at $(1, -1, 2)$ in the direction of the normal to the surface $x^2 + y^2 = z + 4$.
12	In what direction is the directional derivative of $\phi = 2xz - y^2$ at $(1, 3, 2)$ maximum? Find its magnitude.
13	Find the rate of change of $\phi = xy^2 + yz^3$ at $(2, -1, 1)$ in the direction of the normal to the surface $x \log z - y^2 + 4 = 0$ at $(-1, 2, 1)$
14	Find the angle between the normals to the surfaces $x^2y + 2xz = 4$ at $(2, -2, 3)$ and to $x^3 + y^3 + 3xyz = 3$ at $(1, 2, -1)$
15	Find the constants a and b such that the surfaces $ax^2 - 2byz = (a+4)x$ will be orthogonal to the surface $4x^2y + z^3 = 4$ at $(1, -1, 2)$.
16	Find the constants a, b if the angle between the surfaces $x^2 + axz + byz = 2$ & $x^2z + xy + y + 1 = z$ at $(0, 1, 2)$ is $\cos^{-1}(1/\sqrt{3})$.
17	Find the constants a, b such that the surfaces $5x^2 - 2yz - 9x = 0$ & $ax^2y + bz^3 = 4$ cut orthogonally at $(1, -1, 2)$
18	If the directional derivative of $\phi = ax^2 + by + 2z$ at $(1, 1, 1)$ is maximum in the direction of $\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$, find a & b.
19	Find the constants a and b such that the surface $ax^2 - bxy + xz = 10$ is orthogonal to the

	surface $x^2 + y^2 = 4 + xz$ at $(1, 2, 1)$
20	Find the directional derivative of $\phi = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$ at $(0, 1, 1)$ in the direction of normal to the surface $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$ at $(1, 1, 1)$
21	Find the constants a and b such that the directional derivative of $\phi = ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2$ at $(1, 1, 2)$ has the maximum magnitude 4 in the direction parallel to x -axis.
	DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS
22	If \bar{a} is a constant vector such that $ \bar{a} = a$ then prove that $\nabla \cdot \{(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r})\bar{a}\} = a^2$
23	If \bar{a} is a constant vector and $\bar{r} = xi + yj + zk$, prove that i) $\text{div}(\bar{a} \times \bar{r}) = 0$ ii) $\text{div}(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r})\bar{a} = a^2$ iii) $\text{div}(\bar{a} \times \bar{r} \times \bar{a}) = 2a^2$ iv) $\text{curl}(\bar{a} \times \bar{r}) = 2\bar{a}$
24	If $\phi = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz$, find (i) $\bar{r} \cdot \nabla \phi$, (ii) $\nabla \cdot \bar{F}$, $\nabla \times \bar{F}$ where $\bar{F} = \nabla \phi$
25	Prove that $\nabla \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = -\frac{\bar{r}}{r^3}$.
26	Prove that $\nabla f(r) = \frac{f'(r)}{r} \bar{r}$ and hence, find f if $\nabla f = 2r^4 \bar{r}$.
27	Show that $\nabla \left[\frac{(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r})}{r^n} \right] = \frac{\bar{a}}{r^n} - \frac{n(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r})\bar{r}}{r^{n+2}}$
28	Prove that $\nabla r^n = n r^{n-2} \bar{r}$
29	Prove that $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \bar{F}) = 0$ where \bar{F} is a vector point function.
30	Prove that $\nabla \cdot \left\{ \nabla \cdot \frac{\bar{r}}{r} \right\} = -\frac{2}{r^3} \bar{r}$
31	Prove that $\nabla \cdot \left(r \nabla \frac{1}{r^3} \right) = \frac{3}{r^4}$
32	Prove that $\nabla \cdot \left(r \nabla \frac{1}{r^n} \right) = \frac{n(n-2)}{r^{n+1}}$
33	Prove that $\text{div grad } r^n = n(n+1)r^{n-2}$
34	Prove that $\nabla \times \left(\frac{\bar{a} \times \bar{r}}{r^n} \right) = \frac{(2-n)\bar{a}}{r^n} + \frac{n(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r})\bar{r}}{r^{n+2}}$
35	Prove that $\nabla \log r = \frac{\bar{r}}{r^2}$ and hence, show that $\nabla \times (\bar{a} \times \nabla \log r) = 2 \frac{(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r})\bar{r}}{r^4}$, where \bar{a} is a constant vector.
	DIVERGENCE AND CURL
36	$\text{div } \bar{F}$ and $\text{curl } \bar{F}$ where $\bar{F} = \frac{xi - yj}{x^2 + y^2}$ Find
37	If $\bar{A} = \nabla(xy + yz + zx)$, find $\nabla \cdot \bar{A}$ and $\nabla \times \bar{A}$
38	If $\bar{F} = (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{r})\bar{r}$ where \bar{a} is constant vector, find $\text{curl } \bar{F}$ and P.T. it is perpendicular to \bar{a} .
39	Prove that $\bar{F} = \frac{\bar{r}}{r^3}$ is both irrotational and solenoidal.
40	A vector field \bar{F} is given by

	$\vec{F} = (y \sin z - \sin x) \vec{i} + (x \sin z + 2yz) \vec{j} + (xy \cos z + y^2) \vec{k}$ Prove that it is irrotational and hence, find its scalar potential.
41	A vector field is given by $\vec{F} = (x^2 + xy^2) \vec{i} + (y^2 + x^2y) \vec{j}$. Show that \vec{F} is irrotational and find its scalar potential.
42	If $\nabla \phi = (y^2 - 2xyz^3) \vec{i} + (3 + 2xy - x^2z^3) \vec{j} + (6z^3 - 3x^2yz^2) \vec{k}$, find ϕ where $\phi(1, 0, 1) =$
43	Find the value of n for which the vector $r^n \vec{r}$ is solenoidal, where $\vec{r} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$
44	Prove that $\nabla \cdot \left\{ \frac{f(r)}{r} \vec{r} \right\} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} [r^2 f(r)]$ hence or otherwise prove that $\text{div}(r^n \vec{r}) = (n+3)r^n$
45	Show that $\vec{F} = (y^2 - z^2 + 3yz - 2x) \vec{i} + (3xz + 2xy) \vec{j} + (3xy - 2xz + 2z) \vec{k}$ is both solenoidal & irrotational.
46	If \vec{r} is the position vector of point (x, y, z) and r is the modulus of \vec{r} , then prove that $r^n \vec{r}$ is an irrotational vector for any value of n but solenoidal only if $n = -3$.
47	If $\vec{f} = (x + y + 1) \vec{i} + \vec{j} - (x + y) \vec{k}$, prove that $\vec{f} \cdot \text{curl } \vec{f} = 0$
48	Define irrotational field and hence check whether the vector field $\vec{F} = (x + 2y + 4z) \vec{i} + (2x - 3y - z) \vec{j} + (4x - y + 2z) \vec{k}$ is irrotational.
	DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS of Higher Order
49	With usual notation, prove that $\nabla^2 \left[\nabla \cdot \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2} \right] = \frac{2}{r^4}$
50	Show that $\nabla^4 r^2 \log r = \frac{6}{r^2}$
51	Prove that $\nabla^2 f(r) = \frac{d^2 f}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{df}{dr}$
52	Prove that $\nabla^2 (r^2 \log r) = 5 + 6 \log r$