

Nabla.

Gradient: (∇)

Gradient is denoted by vector differential operator del/nabla is defined in Cartesian coordinates as.

$$\nabla = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

A ~~gradient~~ ∇ doesn't have any specific meaning until we provide a function for it to act upon.

* Acting of operator ∇

- i) Gradient : ∇f
- ii) Divergence : $\nabla \cdot \vec{V}$
- iii) Curl : $\nabla \times \vec{V}$

Gradient:

Suppose we have a function of three variables, the temperature in a room $T(x, y, z)$

We know, small change in temperature (dT)

$$dT = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) dx + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) dy + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) dz \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \hat{k} \right) (dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j} + dz \hat{k})$$

$$= (\nabla T) \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

where

$$\nabla T = \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \hat{k} \text{ is gradient of } T.$$

Geometrical interpretation:

$$dT = (\nabla T) \cdot (d\mathbf{l})$$

$$= |\nabla T| |d\mathbf{l}| \cos \theta$$

Here,

θ = angle between ∇T and $d\mathbf{l}$

$$\text{When } \theta = 0, \quad dT = \text{maximum} = |\nabla T| \cdot |d\mathbf{l}|$$

Note: (i): Gradient shows in what direction change occurs from particular point

(ii) Gradient points in the direction of maximum increase of function.

(iii) $|\nabla T|$ is rate of maximum increase.

(iv): Gradient turns scalar field into vector field.

Example: Suppose that the temperature T at point (x, y, z) is given by equation $T = x^2 - y^2 + xyz + 273$.

In which direction is the temperature increase most rapidly at $(-1, 2, 3)$ and at what rate?

Solⁿ:

Given,

$$T = x^2 - y^2 + xyz + 273$$

Now,

$$\nabla T = \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

$$= \frac{\partial (x^2 - y^2 + xyz + 273)}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial (x^2 - y^2 + xyz + 273)}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial (x^2 - y^2 + xyz + 273)}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

$$= (2x + yz) \hat{i} + (-2y + xz) \hat{j} + (xy) \hat{k}$$

$$\text{At } (-1, 2, 3)$$

$$\nabla T = 4\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Rate} = |\nabla T| = \sqrt{4^2 + (-7)^2 + (-2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{69}$$

Example: The gradient of the function $t = x^2y + e^z$ at point $(1, 5, -2)$ is:

Solⁿ:

Given,

$$t = x^2y + e^z \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Now,

$$\nabla t = \frac{\partial t}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial t}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial t}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

$$= \frac{\partial(x^2y+e^z)}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial(x^2y+e^z)}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial(x^2y+e^z)}{\partial z}$$

$$= 2xy \hat{i} + x^2 \hat{j} + e^z \hat{k}$$

At $(-1, 5, 2)$

$$\nabla t = 210 \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \frac{1}{e^2} \hat{k}$$

Example: Find gradient of function $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$.
Soln:

Given $f = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{k} \\ &= \frac{\partial(x^2+y^2+z^2)}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial(x^2+y^2+z^2)}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial(x^2+y^2+z^2)}{\partial z} \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \nabla f = 2x \hat{i} + 2y \hat{j} + 2z \hat{k}$$

Example: Find gradient of function $f(x, y, z) = e^x \sin y \ln z$.
Soln:

Given,

$$f = e^x \sin y \ln z$$

Now,

$$\nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

$$= \frac{\partial(e^x \sin y \ln z)}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial(e^x \sin y \ln z)}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial(e^x \sin y \ln z)}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

$$= (e^x \sin y \ln z) \hat{i} + (e^x \cos y \ln z) \hat{j} + \frac{e^x \sin y}{z} \hat{k}$$

Example: The magnitude of position vector $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$.
Find ∇r , $\nabla(1/r)$, ∇r^n .
Soln:

We know,

$$\nabla r^n = n r^{n-2} \vec{r} = n r^{n-1} \hat{r}$$

Given, $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$
or, $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

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

$$\text{or } 2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = 2x$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}$$

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

$$\text{on } 2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = 2y$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r}$$

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

$$\text{on } 2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = 2z \quad \therefore \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = \frac{z}{r}$$

Now,

$$(i) \nabla r = \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

$$= \frac{x}{r} \hat{i} + \frac{y}{r} \hat{j} + \frac{z}{r} \hat{k}$$

$$= \frac{x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} + z \hat{k}}{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{r} = \hat{r}$$

$$\therefore \nabla r = \hat{r}$$

$$(ii) \nabla \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = \hat{i} \frac{\partial (r^{-1})}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial (r^{-1})}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial (r^{-1})}{\partial z}$$

$$= \hat{i} \left[-1 \cdot r^{-2} \right] + \hat{j} \left[-1 \cdot r^{-2} \right] + \hat{k} \left[-1 \cdot r^{-2} \right]$$

$$= \hat{i} \left[-1 \cdot r^{-2} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right] + \hat{j} \left[-1 \cdot r^{-2} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \right] + \hat{k} \left[-1 \cdot r^{-2} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{r^2} \left[\frac{x}{r} \hat{i} + \frac{y}{r} \hat{j} + \frac{z}{r} \hat{k} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{r^2} \left[\frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right] = -\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} = -\frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}$$

Divergence:

The divergence of a vector is the limit of its surface integral per unit volume as the volume enclosed by the surface goes to zero.

Mathematically,

$$\text{div } \vec{F} = \lim_{V \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{V} \oint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

Divergence of vector function \vec{v}

$$\text{div } \vec{v} = \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j} + v_z \hat{k})$$

$$= \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$$

Divergence of a vector function is a scalar.

If $\nabla \cdot \vec{v} > 0$, acts as source

If $\nabla \cdot \vec{v} < 0$, acts as sink

If $\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0$, solenoidal (source or sink?)

Example: Calculate the divergence of a vector function $\vec{v} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$.

Solⁿ:

Given,

$$\vec{v} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

Now,

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$$

$$= \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial z}$$

$$\therefore \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 3$$

Example: If $\vec{A} = x^2z\hat{i} - 2y^3z^2\hat{j} + xy^2z\hat{k}$, find $\nabla \cdot \vec{A}$ at $(1, -1, 1)$.

Solⁿ:

Given,

$$\vec{A} = x^2z\hat{i} - 2y^3z^2\hat{j} + xy^2z\hat{k}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \vec{A} &= \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \\ &= \frac{\partial (x^2z)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (-2y^3z^2)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial (xy^2z)}{\partial z} \\ &= 2xz - 6y^2z^2 + xy^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At } (1, -1, 1), \\ &= 2 - 6 + 1 \\ &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

Example: If vector r is a position vector, show that $\nabla \cdot \hat{r} = \frac{2}{r}$.

Solⁿ:

Given,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \nabla \cdot \hat{r} \\ &= \nabla \cdot \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} (\nabla \cdot \vec{r}) + \nabla \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) \cdot \vec{r}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} \times 3 + \left(\frac{-\vec{r}}{r^3} \right) \cdot \vec{r} \quad \left[\because \nabla \cdot \vec{r} = 3, \text{ position vector} \right]$$

$$\left[\because \nabla r^n = n r^{n-2} \vec{r} \right]$$

$$= \frac{3}{r} - \frac{1}{r^3} (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r})$$

$$\therefore \nabla \cdot \hat{r} = \frac{2}{r}$$

Hence, proved

Curl

The component of $\text{curl } \vec{F}$ in the direction of the unit vector \hat{n} is the limit of a line integral per unit area as the enclosed area goes to zero, this area being perpendicular to \hat{n} .

$$\hat{n} \cdot \text{curl } \vec{F} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{s} \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

The curl of a vector \vec{v} gives a vector.

$$\text{curl } \vec{v} = \nabla \times \vec{v}$$

$$= \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \times (v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j} + v_z \hat{k})$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i} \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} \right) - \hat{j} \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{k} \left(\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

Geometrical Interpretation:

The curl of vector function $\vec{v} = \nabla \times \vec{v}$ gives measure of how much vector \vec{v} "curls around" the particular point.

If $\nabla \times \vec{v} = 0$, irrotational.

Example: Calculate the curl of vector $\vec{v} = x\hat{j} - y\hat{i}$
Solⁿ.

Given.

$$\vec{v} = -y\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

Now,

$$\nabla \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ -y & x & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i} \left(\frac{\partial \cdot 0}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} \right) - \hat{j} \left(\frac{\partial \cdot 0}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{k} \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$= 2\hat{k}$$

Example: If $\vec{A} = xz^3\hat{i} - 2x^2yz\hat{j} + 2yz^4\hat{k}$, find $\nabla \times \vec{A}$ at $(1, -1, 1)$.

Solⁿ:

Given.

$$\vec{A} = xz^3\hat{i} - 2x^2yz\hat{j} + 2yz^4\hat{k}$$

We know,

$$\nabla \times \vec{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$= \hat{i} \left(\frac{\partial 2yz^4}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial (2x^2yz^2)}{\partial z} \right) - \hat{j} \left(\frac{\partial 2yz^4}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial xz^3}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{k} \left(\frac{\partial (2x^2yz^2)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial xz^3}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$= \hat{i} (2z^4 + 2x^2y) - \hat{j} (0 - 3xz^2) + \hat{k} (4xyz)$$

At $(1, -1, 1)$,

$$\therefore \nabla \times \vec{A} = 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

* Note: i) $\nabla(fg) = f(\nabla g) + (g\nabla)f$

ii) $\nabla \cdot (f\vec{A}) = f(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) + (\nabla f) \cdot \vec{A}$

iii) $\nabla \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{A}) - \vec{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{B})$

Example: Calculate divergence and curl of the vector function.

$$\vec{V} = y^2 \hat{i} + (2xy + z^2) \hat{j} + 2yz \hat{k}$$

Soln:

Given,

$$\vec{V} = y^2 \hat{i} + (2xy + z^2) \hat{j} + 2yz \hat{k}$$

Now, Divergence = $\nabla \cdot \vec{V}$

$$= \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z}$$

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

$$= 0 + 2x + 2y$$

$$= 2(x+y)$$

$$\therefore \nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 2(x+y)$$

Now,

$$\text{Curl} = \nabla \times \vec{V}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ V_x & V_y & V_z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ y^2 & (2xy + z^2) & 2yz \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i} \left(\frac{\partial (2yz)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial (2xy + z^2)}{\partial z} \right) - \hat{j} \left(\frac{\partial (2yz)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial y^2}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{k} \left(\frac{\partial (2xy + z^2)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial y^2}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$= \hat{i} (2z - 2z) - \hat{j} (0 - 0) + \hat{k} (2y - 2y)$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{ie, irrotational.}$$

Five Species of Second Derivative

i) The gradient ∇T is a vector.
 Divergence of gradient $\nabla \cdot (\nabla T) \Rightarrow$ scalar
 Curl of gradient $\nabla \times (\nabla T) \Rightarrow$ vector

ii) The divergence $\nabla \cdot \vec{v}$ is a scalar.
 Gradient of Divergence $\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) \Rightarrow$ vector

iii) The curl $\nabla \times \vec{v}$ is vector
 Divergence of curl $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{v}) \Rightarrow$ scalar
 Curl of curl $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{v}) \Rightarrow$ vector

* Note:

i) Curl of gradient is always zero. $\nabla \times \nabla T = 0$

$$= \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \hat{k} \right)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i} \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z \partial y} \right) - \hat{j} \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z \partial x} \right) + \hat{k} \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y \partial x} \right)$$

$$= 0.$$

(ii): Divergence of a curl is always zero. $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{v}) = 0.$

Laplacian operator:

Laplacian operator: $\nabla \cdot \nabla = \nabla^2$ or Δ

The Laplacian of scalar T is a scalar.

$$\text{Laplacian of } T: \nabla \cdot (\nabla T) = \nabla^2 T = \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2}$$

The Laplacian of vector \vec{v} is a vector

$$\text{Laplacian of } \vec{v}: \nabla^2 \vec{v} = (\nabla^2 v_x) \hat{i} + (\nabla^2 v_y) \hat{j} + (\nabla^2 v_z) \hat{k}$$

Example: Calculate the Laplacian of a function

$$T_0 = \sin x \sin y \sin z$$

Solⁿ:

Given,

$$T_0 = \sin x \sin y \sin z$$

We know,

$$\nabla^2 T_0 = \frac{\partial^2 T_0}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T_0}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T_0}{\partial z^2}$$

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

$$= -\sin x \sin y \sin z - \sin x \sin y \sin z - \sin x \sin y \sin z$$

$$= -3 \sin x \sin y \sin z$$

Example: Calculate the Laplacian of the function
 $T_6 = e^{-5x} \sin 4y \cos 3z$.
 Soln.

Given,

$$T_6 = e^{-5x} \sin 4y \cos 3z$$

We know

$$\nabla^2 T_6 = \frac{\partial^2 T_6}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T_6}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T_6}{\partial z^2}$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2 (e^{-5x} \sin 4y \cos 3z)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (e^{-5x} \sin 4y \cos 3z)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (e^{-5x} \sin 4y \cos 3z)}{\partial z^2}$$

$$= 25e^{-5x} \sin 4y \cos 3z - 16e^{-5x} \sin 4y \cos 3z - 9e^{-5x} \sin 4y \cos 3z$$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 T_6 = 25e^{-5x} \sin 4y \cos 3z - 16e^{-5x} \sin 4y \cos 3z - 9e^{-5x} \sin 4y \cos 3z \\ = 0.$$

Example: Calculate the Laplacian of the function
 $\vec{v} = x^2 \hat{i} + 3xz^2 \hat{j} - 2xz \hat{k}$
 Soln.

Given,

$$\vec{v} = x^2 \hat{i} + 3xz^2 \hat{j} - 2xz \hat{k}$$

We know

$$\nabla^2 \vec{v} = (\nabla^2 v_x) \hat{i} + (\nabla^2 v_y) \hat{j} + (\nabla^2 v_z) \hat{k} \\ = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (x^2) \hat{i} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (3xz^2) \hat{j} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (-2xz) \hat{k}$$

$$= \hat{i} \left(\frac{\partial^2 x^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 x^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 x^2}{\partial z^2} \right) + \hat{j} \left(\frac{\partial^2 3xz^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 3xz^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 3xz^2}{\partial z^2} \right) \\ + \left(\frac{\partial^2 (-2xz)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (-2xz)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (-2xz)}{\partial z^2} \right) \hat{k}$$

$$= (2+0+0) \hat{i} + (0+0+6x) \hat{j} + (0+0+0) \hat{k} \\ = 2\hat{i} + 6x\hat{j}$$

Example: Calculate the Laplacian of function
 $\vec{v} = x^2y \hat{i} + (x^2-y) \hat{k}$
 Soln.

Given,

$$\vec{v} = x^2y \hat{i} + (x^2-y) \hat{k}$$

We know

$$\nabla^2 \vec{v} = (\nabla^2 v_x) \hat{i} + (\nabla^2 v_y) \hat{j} + (\nabla^2 v_z) \hat{k}$$

$$= (\nabla^2 (x^2y)) \hat{i} + (\nabla^2 (x^2-y)) \hat{k}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial^2 x^2y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 x^2y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 x^2y}{\partial z^2} \right) \hat{i} + \left(\frac{\partial^2 (x^2-y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (x^2-y)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (x^2-y)}{\partial z^2} \right) \hat{k}$$

$$= (2y+0+0) \hat{i} + (2-0+0-0+0-0) \hat{k}$$

$$= 2y \hat{i} + 2 \hat{k}$$

The curl of a gradient is always zero.
 $\nabla \times (\nabla T) = 0$

Soln.

We know,

$$\nabla \times (\nabla T) = \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \times \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y \partial z} \right) \hat{i} - \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x \partial z} \right) \hat{j} + \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x \partial y} \right) \hat{k}$$

$$= 0.$$

The divergence of a curl is always zero.
 $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{V}) = 0$

Soln.

We know,

$$\nabla \times \vec{V} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i} \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} \right) - \hat{j} \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{k} \left(\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

Now,

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{V}) = \left[\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right] \cdot$$

$$\left[\hat{i} \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} \right) - \hat{j} \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{k} \left(\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\therefore \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{V}) = 0.$$

Integral Calculus

(i): Line integral:

If \vec{F} is vector, a line integral of \vec{F} is written

$$\int_a^b \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

Line integral over a closed curve: $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$

(ii): Surface integral:

If \vec{F} is vector, a surface integral of \vec{F} is $\int_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{a}$.

Surface integral over a closed surface

$$= \oint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

(iii): Volume integral

$$\int_V T \cdot dV$$

Fundamental Theorem of Calculus Gradient

Suppose, we have a scalar function of three variables $f(x, y, z)$.

The total change in f in going from a to b is

$$\int_a^b (\nabla f) \cdot d\vec{l} = f(b) - f(a).$$

Fundamental Theorem of Divergence (Gauss Theorem)

The fundamental theorem of divergences states that

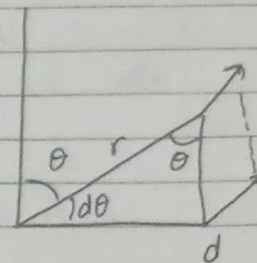
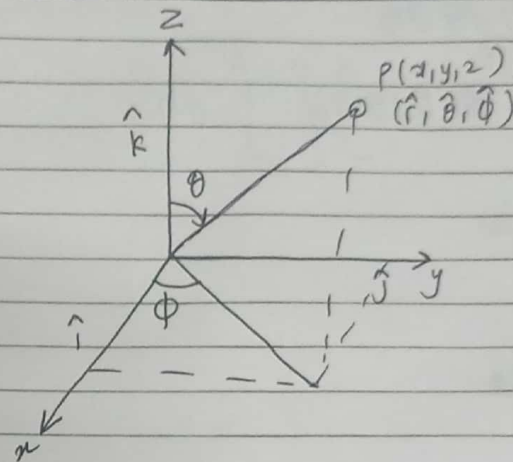
$$\int_V (\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) dV = \oint_S \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

Fundamental theorem of curl (Gauss theorem Stokes's Theorem)

The fundamental theorem of curls states that

$$\int_S (\nabla \times \vec{v}) \cdot d\vec{a} = \oint_P \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Spherical Polar Coordinates



Now,

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{x} + A_y \hat{y} + A_z \hat{z}$$

or

$$\vec{A} = A_r \hat{r} + A_\theta \hat{\theta} + A_\phi \hat{\phi}$$

$$d\vec{l} = dr \hat{r} + r d\theta \hat{\theta} + r \sin\theta d\phi \hat{\phi}$$

$$= dr \hat{r} + r d\theta \hat{\theta} + r \sin\theta d\phi \hat{\phi}$$

$$d\vec{a} = d\theta \times d\phi$$

$$= (r d\theta) \cdot (r \sin\theta d\phi) = r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$dV = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

When $r \Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \infty$, $\theta \Rightarrow 0 - \pi$, $\phi = 0 - 2\pi$

(*) Surface area of sphere

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int da \\ &= \int r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \\ \text{where } &= R^2 \left\{ \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \right\} \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore A = 4\pi R^2$$

(*) Volume of sphere

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int dV \\ &= \int r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi \\ &= \left(\int_0^R r^2 dr \right) \times \left(\int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \right) \times \left(\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore V = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3$$