

Gradient of a scalar field:

If  $\phi(x, y, z)$  is a differentiable scalar function, then the gradient of  $\phi$  is defined as

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

where  $i, j, k$  are unit vectors and  $\nabla \phi$  is a vector quantity.

Note: (i)  $\nabla$  (del) is a vector differentiable operator given by

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

(ii)  $\frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|}$  is the unit normal vector to the given surface  $\phi(x, y, z) = C$

Problems of gradient and to find unit normal vector:

① Find grad  $\phi$  at  $(2, 1, -1)$  given  $\phi = x^2y - 2xz + 2y^2z^4$

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

$$\nabla \phi = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2y - 2xz + 2y^2z^4) \hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2y - 2xz + 2y^2z^4) \hat{j}$$

$$+ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x^2y - 2xz + 2y^2z^4) \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi = (2xy - 2z + 0) \hat{i} + (x^2 - 0 + 4yz^4) \hat{j} + (0 - 2x + 8y^2z^3) \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi(2, 1, -1) = [2(2)(1) - 2(-1)] \hat{i} + [2^2 + 4(1)(-1)^4] \hat{j} + [-2(2) + 8(1)^2(-1)^3] \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi(2, 1, -1) = 6 \hat{i} + 8 \hat{j} - 12 \hat{k}$$

② Find grad  $\phi$  at  $(1, -2, -1)$  given  $\phi = 3x^2y - y^3z^2$ . Also find magnitude of grad  $\phi$

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

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

$$\nabla \phi = (6xy - 0) \hat{i} + (3x^2 - 3y^2z^2) \hat{j} + (0 - 3y^3z) \hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \phi(1, -2, -1) &= [6(1)(-2)] \hat{i} + [3(1)^2 - 3(-2)^2(-1)^2] \hat{j} \\ &\quad + [-2(-2)^3(-1)] \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$|\nabla \phi| = \sqrt{(-12)^2 + (-9)^2 + (-16)^2} = \sqrt{481} = 21.9317 \text{ //}$$

③

Find the unit normal vector to the surface

$$\phi = xy^3z^2 - 4 \text{ at } (-1, -1, 2)$$

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

$$\nabla \phi = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xy^3z^2 - 4) \hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xy^3z^2 - 4) \hat{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (xy^3z^2 - 4) \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi = (y^3z^2) \hat{i} + (3xy^2z^2) \hat{j} + (2xyz^3) \hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \phi(-1, -1, 2) &= [(-1)^3(2)^2] \hat{i} + [3(-1)(-1)^2(2)^2] \hat{j} + \\ &\quad 2[(-1)(-1)^3(2)^4] \hat{k} \\ &= -4 \hat{i} - 12 \hat{j} + 4 \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$|\nabla \phi| = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-12)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{176} = 13.2665$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|} = \frac{-4 \hat{i} - 12 \hat{j} + 4 \hat{k}}{4\sqrt{11}} = \frac{4(-\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k})}{4\sqrt{11}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{n} = \frac{-\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{11}}$$

(4)

Find the unit vector normal to the surface at  
 $\phi = x^2y + y^2z + z^2x = 5$  at  $(1, -1, 2)$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \phi &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2y + y^2z + z^2x - 5) \hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2y + y^2z + z^2x - 5) \hat{j} \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x^2y + y^2z + z^2x - 5) \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla \phi = (2xy + z^2) \hat{i} + (x^2 + 2yz) \hat{j} + (y^2 + 2z^2x) \hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \phi(1, -1, 2) &= [2(1)(-1) + 2^2] \hat{i} + [1^2 + 2(-1)(2)] \hat{j} \\ &\quad + [(-1)^2 + 2(2)^2(1)] \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla \phi = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$|\nabla \phi| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{38}$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|} = \frac{2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}}{\sqrt{38}}$$

Gradient of a scalar field:

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

NOTE: (i) The angle b/w 2 surfaces = the angle b/w their normals. If  $\phi_1(x, y, z) = c_1$ , and  $\phi_2(x, y, z) = c_2$  be two surfaces then  $\cos \theta = \frac{\nabla \phi_1 \cdot \nabla \phi_2}{|\nabla \phi_1| |\nabla \phi_2|}$ , where

$\theta$  is the angle b/w the normals.

(ii) If  $\theta = \pi/2$ , then the surfaces are said to intersect each other orthogonally. Hence  $\nabla \phi_1 \cdot \nabla \phi_2 = 0$  is the condition for surfaces to intersect orthogonally.

Find the angle b/w the surfaces:

$$(5) \quad x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 4 \quad \text{and} \quad z = x^2 + y^2 - 13 \quad \text{at } (2, 1, 2)$$

$$\text{Let } \phi_1 = x^2 + y^2 - z^2 - 4$$

$$\nabla \phi_1 = \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi_1 = 2x \hat{i} + 2y \hat{j} - 2z \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi_1(2, 1, 2) = 4 \hat{i} + 2 \hat{j} - 4 \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\nabla \phi_1| = \sqrt{4^2 + 2^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{36} = 6$$

$$\text{Let } \phi_2 = z - x^2 - y^2 + 13.$$

$$\nabla \phi_2 = \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi_2 = -2x \hat{i} - 2y \hat{j} + 1 \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi_2(2, 1, 2) = -4 \hat{i} - 2 \hat{j} + 1 \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\nabla \phi_2| = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{21}$$

Angle b/w two surfaces,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\nabla \phi_1 \cdot \nabla \phi_2}{|\nabla \phi_1| |\nabla \phi_2|}$$

$$= \frac{(4 \hat{i} + 2 \hat{j} - 4 \hat{k}) \cdot (-4 \hat{i} - 2 \hat{j} + 1 \hat{k})}{6 \sqrt{21}}$$

$$= \frac{-16 - 4 - 4}{6 \sqrt{21}} = \frac{-24}{6 \sqrt{21}} = \frac{-4}{6 \sqrt{21}}$$

$$|\cos \theta| = \left| \frac{-4}{6 \sqrt{21}} \right|$$

$$\boxed{\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{4}{6 \sqrt{21}} \right)}$$

- (6) Find the angle b/w the normals to the surface  $xy = z^2$  at the points  $(4, 1, 2)$  and  $(3, 3, -3)$

$$\rightarrow \text{Let } \phi = xy - z^2$$

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

$$\nabla \phi = y \hat{i} + x \hat{j} - 2z \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi(4, 1, 2) = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k} = \nabla \phi_1$$

$$\nabla \phi(3, 3, -3) = 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} = \nabla \phi_2$$

$$|\nabla \phi_1| = \sqrt{1^2 + 4^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{33}$$

$$|\nabla \phi_2| = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2 + 6^2} = 3\sqrt{6}$$

Angle b/w two surfaces,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\nabla \phi_1 \cdot \nabla \phi_2}{|\nabla \phi_1| \cdot |\nabla \phi_2|}$$

$$= \frac{(\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})}{\sqrt{33} \times 3\sqrt{6}}$$

$$= \frac{3 + 12 - 24}{3\sqrt{198}} = \frac{-9}{3 \times 3\sqrt{22}} = \left| \frac{-1}{\sqrt{22}} \right|$$

$$\boxed{\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{-1}{\sqrt{22}} \right)}$$

- (7) Find the constants  $a$  and  $b$  such that the 2 surfaces  $ax^2 - byz = (a+2)x$  and  $4x^2y + z^3 = 4$  are orthogonal at a point  $(1, -1, 2)$

$\rightarrow$  Sub  $(1, -1, 2)$  into the surface  $ax^2 - byz = (a+2)x$  we get,

$$ax^2 - byz = (a+2)x$$

$$(a+2b) = a+2$$

$$2b = 2 \Rightarrow \boxed{b=1}$$

Rewriting we get  $ax^2 - yz = (a+2)x$

$$\text{Let } \phi_1 = ax^2 - yz - ax - 2x ; \phi_2 = 4x^2y + z^3 - 4$$

To find 'a' using the orthogonality condition

$$\nabla \phi_1 \cdot \nabla \phi_2 = 0 \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \phi_1 = \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi_1 = (2ax - a - 2) \hat{i} - z \hat{j} - y \hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \phi_1(1, -1, 2) &= (2a - a - 2) \hat{i} - 2 \hat{j} + \hat{k} \\ &= (a - 2) \hat{i} - 2 \hat{j} + \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla \phi_2 = \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi_2 = 8xy \hat{i} + 4x^2 \hat{j} + 3z^2 \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi_2(1, -1, 2) = -8 \hat{i} + 4 \hat{j} + 12 \hat{k}$$

Sub in eqn 1,

$$[(a-2) \hat{i} - 2 \hat{j} + \hat{k}] \cdot [-8 \hat{i} + 4 \hat{j} + 12 \hat{k}] = 0$$

$$= -8(a-2) - 8 + 12 = 0$$

$$= -8a + 16 - 8 + 12 \Rightarrow -8a = -20 \Rightarrow a = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\boxed{a = \frac{5}{2}}$$

Thus, required values are  $a = \frac{5}{2}$ ,  $b = 1$

Directional derivative :

Directional derivative of  $\phi(x, y, z)$  along a given direction  $\vec{d}$  is  $\nabla \phi \cdot \vec{n}$  where  $\vec{n} = \frac{\vec{d}}{|\vec{d}|}$

noting that  $\nabla \phi = \text{grad } \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \hat{k}$

Note: Directional derivative is maximum along the normal vector i.e.  $\text{grad } \phi$ .

(1)

Find the directional derivative of  $4xz^3 - 3x^2y^2z$  at  $(2, -1, 2)$  along  $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$

$$\text{Directional derivative} = \nabla \phi \cdot \hat{n} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

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

$$\nabla \phi = (4z^3 - 6x^2y^2z) \hat{i} + (6x^2yz) \hat{j} + (12xz^2 - 3x^2y^2) \hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \phi(2, -1, 2) &= (32 - 24) \hat{i} + (+48) \hat{j} + (96 - 12) \hat{k} \\ &= 8\hat{i} + 48\hat{j} + 84\hat{k}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } \vec{d} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{d}}{|\vec{d}|} = \frac{2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2 + 6^2}} = \frac{2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}}{7}$$

Sub in (1),

$$\begin{aligned}\text{D.D.} &= (8\hat{i} + 48\hat{j} + 84\hat{k}) \cdot \underbrace{(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})}_{7} \\ &= \frac{16 - 144 + 504}{7} \Rightarrow \frac{376}{7}\end{aligned}$$

(2)

Find the directional derivative of  $\phi = \frac{xz}{x^2+y^2}$  at the

point  $(1, -1, 1)$  at the direction of  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$\text{Directional derivative} = \nabla \phi \cdot \hat{n} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

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

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

$$= z \left\{ \frac{(x^2+y^2) \cdot 1 - x \cdot 2x}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \right\} \hat{i} + xz \left\{ \frac{-1 \cdot 2y}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \right\} \hat{j} + \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi(1, -1, 1) = 1 \left\{ \frac{2-2}{4} \right\} \hat{i} + \frac{2}{4} \hat{j} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{k} \Rightarrow 0\hat{i} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Let } \vec{d} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{d}}{|\vec{d}|}$$

$$= \frac{\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}}$$

Sub in ①,

$$D.D = \left(0\hat{i} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{k}\right) \cdot \frac{(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$= \frac{0 - 1 + \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{6}} \Rightarrow \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{6}} //$$

- (10) In which direction the D.D of  $x^2yz^3$  is max<sup>m</sup> at  $(2, 1, -1)$  and find the magnitude of this maximum.

→ W.K.T., the directional derivative is max<sup>m</sup> along the normal vector i.e.  $\nabla\phi$ .

$$\text{Let } \phi = x^2yz^3$$

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

$$\nabla\phi = 2xyz^3\hat{i} + x^2z^3\hat{j} + 3x^2yz^2\hat{k}$$

$\nabla\phi(2, 1, -1) = -4\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$  is the required direction in which D.D is max<sup>m</sup>.

$$\text{Also, } |\nabla\phi| = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-4)^2 + 144} = 4\sqrt{11} //$$

- (11) Find  $\nabla\phi$  and  $|\nabla\phi|$  of  $\phi = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xy$  at  $(1, -2, -1)$

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

$$= 3x^2\hat{i} + z$$

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

$$\nabla\phi(1, -2, -1) = 9\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$|\nabla \phi| = \sqrt{9^2 + 9^2 + 3^2} = 3\sqrt{19}$$

(12) Find the angle b/w surfaces  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$  and  $z = x^2 + y^2 - 3$  at point  $(2, -1, 2)$

$$\rightarrow \text{Let } \phi_1 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 9$$

$$\nabla \phi_1 = 2x\hat{i} + 2y\hat{j} + 2z\hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi_1(2, -1, 2) = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$|\nabla \phi_1| = \sqrt{4^2 + (-2)^2 + 4^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{36} = 6$$

$$\text{Let } \phi_2 = z - x^2 - y^2 + 3$$

$$\nabla \phi_2 = -2x\hat{i} - 2y\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi_2(2, -1, 2) = -4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$|\nabla \phi_2| = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + 2^2 + 1^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{21}$$

Angle b/w two surfaces is given by,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\nabla \phi_1 \cdot \nabla \phi_2}{|\nabla \phi_1| \cdot |\nabla \phi_2|}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{(4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) \cdot (-4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})}{6\sqrt{21}}$$

$$= \frac{-16 - 4 + 4}{6\sqrt{21}} = \frac{-16}{6\sqrt{21}} = \frac{-8}{3\sqrt{21}}$$

$$\boxed{\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{-8}{3\sqrt{21}} \right)}$$

(13) Find D.D of  $x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2$  at  $(1, 2, 3)$  in direction of the line  $\overrightarrow{PQ} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$\rightarrow \text{Directional derivative} = \nabla \phi \cdot \hat{n} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\nabla \phi = 2x\hat{i} + 2y\hat{j} + 4z\hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi(1, 2, 3) = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\overrightarrow{d}}{|\overrightarrow{d}|} = \frac{4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{4^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{21}}$$

Sub in (1),

$$\text{D.D} = (2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}) \cdot \frac{(4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})}{\sqrt{21}}$$

$$= \frac{8 - 8 + 12}{\sqrt{21}} \Rightarrow \frac{12}{\sqrt{21}}$$

### Divergence of a vector field:

If  $\vec{F} = F_1 \mathbf{i} + F_2 \mathbf{j} + F_3 \mathbf{k}$  is a continuously differentiable vector function, then divergence of  $\vec{F}$  is given by

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathbf{k} \right) \cdot (F_1 \mathbf{i} + F_2 \mathbf{j} + F_3 \mathbf{k})$$

$$\text{i.e. } \operatorname{div} \vec{F} = \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z}$$

where  $F_1, F_2, F_3$  are functions of  $x, y, z$   
clearly  $\operatorname{div} \vec{F}$  is a scalar quantity.

Note: If  $\operatorname{div} \vec{F} = 0$ , then  $\vec{F}$  is said to be solenoidal

### Curl of a vector field:

If  $\vec{F} = F_1 \mathbf{i} + F_2 \mathbf{j} + F_3 \mathbf{k}$  is a continuously differentiable vector factor, the curl of  $\vec{F}$  is defined as

$$\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} = \nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{i} \left( \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \right) - \mathbf{j} \left( \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} \right) + \mathbf{k} \left( \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \right)$$

where  $F_1, F_2, F_3$  are all functions of  $x, y, z$   
clearly  $\operatorname{curl} \vec{F}$  is a vector quantity.

Note: If  $\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} = 0$ , then  $\vec{F}$  is said to be irrotational. Irrotational vector field is also called as conservative or potential field

### Finding scalar potential $\phi$ :

If  $\vec{F}$  is irrotational, then there always exists a scalar point function  $\phi$  such that  $\nabla \phi = \vec{F}$   
Then  $\phi$  is called a scalar potential of  $\vec{F}$

## Irrotational vectors:

Finding scalar potential  $\phi$ :

①

Find divergence and curl of the vector

$$\vec{J} = xyz\hat{i} + 3x^2y\hat{j} + (xz^2 - y^2z)\hat{k}$$
 at the point  $(2, -1, 1)$

To find  $\text{div } \vec{J}$ :

$$\text{Let } \vec{V} = xyz\hat{i} + 3x^2y\hat{j} + (xz^2 - y^2z)\hat{k}$$

$$= v_1\hat{i} + v_2\hat{j} + v_3\hat{k}$$

$$\text{where, } v_1 = xyz \quad v_2 = 3x^2y \quad v_3 = xz^2 - y^2z$$

$$\therefore \text{div } \vec{V} = \nabla \cdot \vec{V}$$

$$= \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) (v_1\hat{i} + v_2\hat{j} + v_3\hat{k})$$

$$= \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial z}$$

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

$$= yz + 3x^2 + 2xz - y^2$$

$$\text{div } \vec{V}(2, -1, 1) = -1 + 12 + 4 - 1 \Rightarrow 14 //$$

$$\text{Curl } \vec{V} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

$$+ \hat{k} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3x^2y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xyz) \right]$$

$$\text{Curl } \vec{v} = \hat{i} [-2yz - 0] - \hat{j} [z^2 - xy] + \hat{k} [6xy - xz]$$

$$\text{Curl } \vec{v} \text{ at } (2, -1, 1) = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 14\hat{k}$$

(2)  
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Find divergence  $\vec{F}$  and curl  $\vec{F}$  if  $\vec{F} = \text{grad}(xy^3z^2)$

$$\text{Let } \phi = xy^3z^2$$

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

$$\nabla \phi = y^3z^2 \hat{i} + 3xy^2z^2 \hat{j} + 2xy^3z \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{F} = \nabla \phi = y^3z^2 \hat{i} + 3xy^2z^2 \hat{j} + 2xy^3z \hat{k}$$

$$= F_1 \hat{i} + F_2 \hat{j} + F_3 \hat{k} \quad (\text{say})$$

$$\text{where, } F_1 = y^3z^2, \quad F_2 = 3xy^2z^2, \quad F_3 = 2xy^3z$$

$$\therefore \text{div } \vec{F} = \nabla \cdot \vec{F}$$

$$= \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (v_1 \hat{i} + v_2 \hat{j} + v_3 \hat{k})$$

$$= \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z}$$

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

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

$$= 2xy(3z^2 + y^2)$$

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \hat{i} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (2xy^3z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (3xy^2z^2) \right] - \hat{j} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2xy^3z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (y^3z^2) \right] \\
 &\quad + \hat{k} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3xy^2z^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y^3z^2) \right] \\
 &= [6xy^2z - 6xy^2z] \hat{i} - [2xy^3z - 2y^3z] \hat{j} + [3y^2z^2 - 3y^2z^2] \hat{k} \\
 &= 0\hat{i} - 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k} \\
 &= \vec{0} \quad // \\
 \therefore \vec{F} \text{ is irrotational.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Find divergence  $\vec{F}$  and curl  $\vec{F}$  if  $\vec{F} = \text{grad}(x^3+y^3+z^3-3xyz)$

(3)  
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$$\text{Let } \phi = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz$$

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

$$\nabla \phi = (3x^2 - 3yz) \hat{i} + (3y^2 - 3xz) \hat{j} + (3z^2 - 3xy) \hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{F} &= \nabla \phi = (3x^2 - 3yz) \hat{i} + (3y^2 - 3xz) \hat{j} + (3z^2 - 3xy) \hat{k} \\
 &= F_1 \hat{i} + F_2 \hat{j} + F_3 \hat{k} \quad (\Delta \text{ay})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where, } F_1 = (3x^2 - 3yz) ; F_2 = (3y^2 - 3xz) ; F_3 = 3z^2 - 3xy$$

$$\therefore \text{div } \vec{F} = \nabla \cdot \vec{F}$$

$$= \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (v_1 \hat{i} + v_2 \hat{j} + v_3 \hat{k})$$

$$= \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z}$$

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

$$= 6x + 6y + 6z$$

$$= \underline{6(x+y+z)}$$

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (3x^2 - 3yz) & (3y^2 - 3xz) & (3z^2 - 3xy) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \hat{i} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3z^2 - 3xy) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (3y^2 - 3xz) \right] - \hat{j} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3z^2 - 3xy) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (3x^2 - 3yz) \right] \\
 & + \hat{k} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3y^2 - 3xz) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3x^2 - 3yz) \right] \\
 & = [-3x + 3x] \hat{i} - \hat{j} [-3y + 3y] + \hat{k} [-3z + 3z] \\
 & = 0\hat{i} - 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k} \\
 & = \vec{0}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \vec{F}$  is irrotational

(4) If  $\vec{F} = (x+y+1) \hat{i} + \hat{j} - (x+y) \hat{k}$ . Prove that  
 $\vec{F} \cdot \operatorname{curl} \vec{F} = 0$

Let  $F_1 = x+y+z$ ,  $F_2 = 1$ ,  $F_3 = -x-y$

$$\operatorname{curl} \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x+y+1 & 1 & -x-y \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \hat{i} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (-x-y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (1) \right] - \hat{j} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (-x-y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x+y+1) \right] \\
 & + \hat{k} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (1) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x+y+1) \right] \\
 & = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k} \\
 & \vec{F} \cdot \operatorname{curl} \vec{F} = [(x+y+1)\hat{i} + \hat{j} - (x+y)\hat{k}] \cdot [-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}] \\
 & = -(x+y+1)\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + (x+y)\hat{k} \\
 & = -x-y-\cancel{x} + \cancel{x} + x + y \\
 & = \vec{0}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (5) Find divergence of grad  $\phi$  given  $\phi = 2x^3y^2z^4$   
 Given  $\vec{F} = 3xyz^2 \hat{i} + 4x^3y \hat{j} - xy^2z \hat{k}$ . Find  
 $\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{F})$  at point  $(-1, 2, 1)$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad \phi = 2x^3y^2z^4$$

$$\nabla \phi = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2x^3y^2z^4) \hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (2x^3y^2z^4) \hat{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (2x^3y^2z^4) \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi = 6x^2y^2z^4 + 4x^3yz^4 + 8x^3y^2z^3$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (6x^2y^2z^4) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (4x^3yz^4) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (8x^3y^2z^3)$$

$$= 12xy^2z^4 + 4x^3z^4 + 24x^3y^2z^2 //$$

\textcircled{6} Here,

$$F_1 = 3xyz^2, F_2 = 4x^3y, F_3 = -xy^2z$$

$$\text{div. } \vec{F} = \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

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

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 3yz^2 + 4x^3 - xy^2$$

$$\nabla(\text{div } \vec{F}) = \frac{\partial \Delta F}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial \Delta F}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial \Delta F}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

$$= (12x^2 - 4y^2) \hat{i} + (3z^2 - 2xy) \hat{j} + 6yz \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla(\text{div. } \vec{F})_{(1,2,1)} = 8\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$$

(2) Show that  $\vec{F} = \frac{x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}}{x^2+y^2}$  is both solenoidal and irrotational

$$\rightarrow \text{Let } \vec{F} = \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \hat{i} + \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} \hat{j}$$

$$F_1 = \frac{x}{x^2+y^2}; F_2 = \frac{y}{x^2+y^2}; F_3 = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (0)$$

$$= \frac{(x^2+y^2) \cdot 1 - x \cdot 2x}{(x^2+y^2)^2} + \frac{(x^2+y^2) \cdot 1 - y \cdot 2y}{(x^2+y^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{x^2+y^2 - 2x^2 + x^2 + y^2 - 2y^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \Rightarrow 0 \parallel$$

$\therefore \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{F} \text{ is solenoidal}$

$$(iii) \text{ curl } \vec{F} = \nabla \times \vec{F}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} & \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i} \left[ \frac{\partial (0)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} \right) \right] - \hat{j} \left[ \frac{\partial (0)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right) \right]$$

$$+ \hat{k} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \hat{o}\hat{i} + \hat{o}\hat{j} + \hat{k} \left[ y \left\{ -\frac{1}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \cdot 2x \right\} - x \left\{ -\frac{1}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \cdot 2y \right\} \right]$$

$$= \hat{o}\hat{i} + \hat{o}\hat{j} + \hat{k} \left[ -\frac{2xy}{(x^2+y^2)^2} + \frac{2xy}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \right]$$

$$= \hat{o}\hat{i} + \hat{o}\hat{j} + \hat{o}\hat{k} = \overline{0} \parallel$$

(8)

Find the constant A such that

$$\vec{F} = (x+3y)\hat{i} + (y-2x)\hat{j} + (x+az)\hat{k}$$

is solenoidal

→ Since  $\vec{F}$  is solenoidal we must have  $\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\text{Here } F_1 = x+3y, F_2 = y-2x, F_3 = x+az$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x+3y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y-2x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(x+az) = 0$$

$$= 1 + 1 + a = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a = -2}$$

(9)

If  $\vec{F} = (x^2 - y^2 + x)\hat{i} - (2xy + y)\hat{j}$ . Show that  $\vec{F}$  is irrotational.

$$F_1 = x^2 - y^2 + x; F_2 = -2xy - y; F_3 = 0$$

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x^2 - y^2 + x & -2xy - y & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(0) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(-2xy - y) \right] - \hat{j} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(0) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(x^2 - y^2 + x) \right]$$

$$+ \hat{k} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(-2xy - y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x^2 - y^2 + x) \right]$$

$$= 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + \hat{k}[-2y + 2y]$$

$$= 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k} \Rightarrow 0\hat{i}$$

(10)

Show that  $\vec{F} = (y+z)\hat{i} + (z+x)\hat{j} + (x+y)\hat{k}$  is irrotational

Also find scalar function  $\phi$  such that  $\nabla \phi = \vec{F}$

$$F_1 = y+z; F_2 = z+x; F_3 = x+y$$

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ y+z & z+x & x+y \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = i [1-1] - j [1-1] + k [1-1] \\ = 0i - 0j + 0k \rightarrow \vec{0} \parallel \\ \therefore \vec{F} \text{ is irrotational.}$$

To find  $\phi$  such that  $\nabla \phi = \vec{F}$ :

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

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

Equating,

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = y+z ; \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = z+x ; \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = x+y$$

$$\phi = \int (y+z) dx + f_1(y, z) ; \quad \phi = \int (z+x) dy + f_2(x, z) ; \\ \phi = \int (x+y) dz + f_3(x, y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = f_1(y+z) dx + f_1(y, z)$$

$$\phi = (y+z)x + f_1(y, z) ; \quad \phi = (z+x)y + f_2(x, z) ; \quad \phi = (x+y)z + f_3(x, y)$$

$$\phi = xy + xz + f_1(y, z) ; \quad \phi = yz + yx + f_2(x, z) ; \quad \phi = xz + yz + f_3(x, y)$$

Choosing,  $f_1(y, z) = yz$

$$f_2(x, z) = xz$$

$$f_3(x, y) = xy$$

$\therefore$  Unique answer for  $\phi$  is,

$$\phi = \underline{xy + xz + yz}$$

- (9) Show that  $\vec{F} = (2xy^2 + yz) \hat{i} + (2x^2y + zx + 2yz^2) \hat{j} + (2y^2z + xy) \hat{k}$  is conservative force field. Hence find the scalar potential field.

$$\rightarrow F_1 = 2xy^2 + yz ; \quad F_2 = 2x^2y + zx + 2yz^2 ; \quad F_3 = 2y^2z + xy$$

$$\text{and } \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 2xy^2 + yz & 2x^2y + zx + 2yz^2 & 2y^2z + xy \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

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

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = i \left[ (4yz + x) - (x + 4yz) \right] - j \left[ y - y \right] + k \left[ (4xy + z) - (4xy + z) \right]$$

$$= 0i + 0j + 0k \Rightarrow 0,$$

$\therefore \vec{F}$  is irrotational.

To find  $\phi$  such that  $\nabla \phi = \vec{F}$ :

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

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \hat{k} = [2xy^2 + yz] \hat{i} + [2x^2y + zx + 2yz^2] \hat{j} + [2y^2z + xy] \hat{k}$$

Equating,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 2xy^2 + yz ; \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = [2x^2y + zx + 2yz^2] ; \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 2y^2z + xy$$

$$\phi = \int (2xy^2 + yz) dx + f_1(y, z) ; \quad \phi = \int (2x^2y + zx + 2yz^2) dy + f_2(x, z)$$

$$\phi = \int (2y^2z + xy) dz + f_3(x, y)$$

$$= \phi = 2y^2 \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} + yzx + f_1(y, z) ; \quad \phi = 2x^2 \cdot \frac{y^2}{2} + 2xy + 2z^2 \cdot \frac{y^2}{2} + f_2(x, z)$$

$$\phi = 2y^2 \cdot \frac{z^2}{2} + xyz + f_3(x, y)$$

$$\phi = x^2y^2 + xy^2z + f_1(y, z); \quad \phi = x^2y^2 + xyz^2 + y^2z^2 + f_2(x, z);$$

$$\phi = y^2z^2 + xyz^2 + f_3(x, y)$$

$$\text{choosing, } f_1(y, z) = y^2z^2$$

$$f_2(x, z) = xyz^2$$

$$f_3(x, y) = x^2y^2$$

∴ unique ans for  $\phi$  is  $xyz + x^2y^2 + y^2z^2$

- (10) Find the constants  $a, b, c$  if  $\vec{F} = (x+y+az)i + (bx+2y-z)j + (x+cy+2z)\hat{k}$  is irrotational.  
 Hence find the scalar potential  $\phi$  such that  $\nabla\phi = \vec{F}$   
 Given  $\vec{F}$  is irrotational i.e., curl  $\vec{F} = 0$ .

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{where } F_1 = x+y+az; \quad F_2 = bx+2y-z; \quad F_3 = x+cy+2z$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x+y+az & bx+2y-z & x+cy+2z \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\hat{i}[c+1] - \hat{j}[1-a] + \hat{k}[b-1] = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

$$c+1=0 \quad ; \quad -1+a=0 \quad ; \quad b-1=0$$

$$\boxed{c=-1}$$

$$\boxed{a=1}$$

$$\boxed{b=1}$$

$$\therefore \vec{F} = (x+y+z)\hat{i} + (x+2y-z)\hat{j} + (x-y+2z)\hat{k}$$

To find  $\phi$  such that  $\nabla\phi = \vec{F}$ :

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

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

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = x+y+z ; \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = x+2y-z ; \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = x-y+2z$$

$$\phi = \int (x+y+z) dx + f_1(y, z) ; \quad \phi = \int (x+2y-z) dy + f_2(x, z) ;$$

$$\phi = \int (x-y+2z) dz + f_3(x, y)$$

$$= \phi = \frac{x^2}{2} + yx + zx + f_1(y, z) ; \quad \phi = xy + \cancel{\frac{y^2}{2}x} - zy + f_2(x, z)$$

$$\phi = xz - yz + \cancel{\frac{z^2}{2}} + f_3(x, y)$$

$$\text{i.e., } \phi = \frac{x^2}{2} + xy + xz + f_1(y, z) ;$$

$$\phi = xy + y^2 - yz + f_2(x, z) ;$$

$$\phi = xz - yz + z^2 + f_3(x, y)$$

$$\text{Choosing. } f_1(y, z) = y^2 - yz + z^2$$

$$f_2(x, z) = \frac{x^2}{2} + xz + z^2$$

$$f_3(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{2} + xy + y^2$$

we get unique exp. for  $\phi$  as :

$$\phi = \frac{x^2}{2} + xy + xz + y^2 - yz + z^2 //$$

(11)

Find the constants a and b.  $\vec{F}$

$\vec{F} = (ax^2y + z^3)\hat{i} + (3x^3 - z)\hat{j} + (bxz^2 - y)\hat{k}$  is irrotational. Hence find scalar potential  $\phi$  such that  $\nabla \phi = \vec{F}$ .

Given  $\vec{F}$  is irrotational i.e.,  $\text{curl } \vec{F} = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{where } F_1 = axy + z^3 \quad F_2 = 3x^3 - z \quad F_3 = bxz^2 - y$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \hat{i}[-1+1] - \hat{j}[bz^2 - 3z^2] + \hat{k}[9x^2 - ax^2] = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k} \\
 &= -bz^2 + 3z^2 = 0 \quad ; \quad 9x^2 - ax^2 = 0 \\
 &\therefore (-b+3)z^2 = 0 \quad \quad \quad x^2(9-a) = 0 \\
 &\therefore -b+3 = 0 \quad \quad \quad 9-a = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \boxed{b=3} \quad \quad \quad \Rightarrow \boxed{a=9}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \vec{F} = (9x^2y + z^3)\hat{i} + (3x^3 - z)\hat{j} + (3xz^2 - y)\hat{k}$$

To find  $\phi$  such that  $\nabla\phi = \vec{F}$ :

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

$$\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}\hat{i} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}\hat{j} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z}\hat{k} = (9x^2y + z^3)\hat{i} + (3x^3 - z)\hat{j} + (3xz^2 - y)\hat{k}$$

$$\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} = 9x^2y + z^3 ; \quad \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} = 3x^3 - z ; \quad \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z} = 3xz^2 - y$$

$$\int \phi = \int 9x^2y + z^3 + f_1(y, z) ; \quad \int \phi = \int 3x^3 - z + f_2(x, z)$$

$$\int \phi = \int 3xz^2 - y + f_3(x, y)$$

$$\phi = 9\frac{x^3}{3}y + xz^3 + f_1(y, z) ; \quad \phi = 3x^3y - zy + f_2(x, z)$$

$$\phi = 3x\frac{z^3}{3} - yz + f_3(x, y)$$

$$\text{i.e., } \phi = 3x^3y + xz^3 + f_1(y, z)$$

$$\phi = 3x^3y - yz + f_2(x, z)$$

$$\phi = xz^3 - yz + f_3(x, y)$$

$$\text{Choosing, } f_1(y, z) = -xyz$$

$$f_2(x, z) = xz^3$$

$$f_3(x, y) = 3x^3y$$

we get unique exp for  $\phi$  as:  $3x^3y + xz^3 - yz$

## Curvilinear Coordinates:

Let  $(x, y, z)$  be the coordinates of the point  $P$ , expressible in terms of new coordinates  $(u_1, u_2, u_3)$ . If it is possible to express  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  in terms of  $x, y, z$  then the coordinates  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  are known as curvilinear coordinates of point  $P$ .

### Note:

- (i) The surfaces  $u_1 = C_1, u_2 = C_2, u_3 = C_3$  are called coordinate surfaces where  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  are constants.
- (ii) The intersection of a pair of coordinate surfaces give rise to a curve called as coordinate curve.

## Orthogonal curvilinear coordinates:

A system of curvilinear coordinates is said to be orthogonal if at each, the tangents to the coordinate curves are mutually  $\perp$  i.e.

Unit vectors, scale factors and orthogonality condition

Suppose  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  be the position vector of a point in space, we have  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}(u_1, u_2, u_3)$

$\frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_1}, \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_2}, \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_3}$  are called the tangent

vectors to coordinate curves and unit tangent vectors in same dirn are respectively,

$$\hat{e}_1 = \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_1} \left\| \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_1} \right\|, \quad \hat{e}_2 = \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_2} \left\| \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_2} \right\|, \quad \hat{e}_3 = \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_3} \left\| \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_3} \right\|$$

$$\text{The quantities } h_1 = \left\| \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_1} \right\|, \quad h_2 = \left\| \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_2} \right\|, \quad h_3 = \left\| \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_3} \right\|$$

are called scale factors.

for orthogonality cond", we must have.

$$\hat{e}_1 \cdot \hat{e}_2 = 0, \quad \hat{e}_2 \cdot \hat{e}_3 = 0, \quad \hat{e}_3 \cdot \hat{e}_1 = 0$$

$$[\text{Implies to } \hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} = 0, \quad \hat{j} \cdot \hat{k} = 0, \quad \hat{k} \cdot \hat{i} = 0]$$

Note: (i)  $\hat{e}_1 \times \hat{e}_2 = \hat{e}_3, \quad \hat{e}_2 \times \hat{e}_3 = \hat{e}_1, \quad \hat{e}_3 \times \hat{e}_1 = \hat{e}_2$

(ii) If  $\vec{A}$  is any vector in the orthogonal curvilinear coordinate system, then

$$\vec{A} = A_1 \hat{e}_1 + A_2 \hat{e}_2 + A_3 \hat{e}_3 \text{ where } A_1, A_2, A_3 \text{ are scalar fns of } u_1, u_2, u_3.$$

- \* cylindrical polar coordinates  $(r, \phi, z)$  given by the transformation:  $x = r \cos \phi, \quad y = r \sin \phi, \quad z = z$

- \* spherical polar coordinates  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  given by transformation  $x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi, \quad y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi, \quad z = r \cos \theta$

Scalar factors for the cartesian, cylindrical and spherical system.

cartesian form system:  $h_1 = 1, \quad h_2 = 1, \quad h_3 = 1$

cylindrical system:  $h_1 = 1, \quad h_2 = r, \quad h_3 = 1$

spherical system:  $h_1 = 1, \quad h_2 = r, \quad h_3 = r \sin \theta$ .

Prove that cylindrical system is orthogonal.

Proof: for cylindrical system,

$$x = r \cos \phi, \quad y = r \sin \phi, \quad z = z$$

position vector  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  becomes,

$$\vec{r} = r \cos \phi \hat{i} + r \sin \phi \hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

let  $\hat{e}_r, \hat{e}_\phi, \hat{e}_z$

$\therefore \hat{e}_r$

$$\therefore \hat{e}_r = \frac{\frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial r}}{\left| \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial r} \right|} = \frac{1}{h_1} \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial r}$$

$$\boxed{\hat{e}_r = \frac{1}{r} [\cos\phi \hat{i} + \sin\phi \hat{j} + 0 \hat{k}]}$$

$$\hat{e}_\phi = \frac{\frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial \phi}}{\left| \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial \phi} \right|} = \frac{1}{h_2} \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\hat{e}_\phi = \frac{1}{r} [-r \sin\phi \hat{i} + r \cos\phi \hat{j} + 0 \hat{k}]$$

$$\boxed{\hat{e}_\phi = -\sin\phi \hat{i} + \cos\phi \hat{j}}$$

$$\hat{e}_z = \frac{\frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial z}}{\left| \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial z} \right|} = \frac{1}{h_3} \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial z}$$

$$\boxed{\hat{e}_z = 0 \hat{i} + 0 \hat{j} + 1 \hat{k}}$$

$$\hat{e}_r \cdot \hat{e}_\phi = \sin\phi \cdot \cos\phi + \sin\phi \cdot \cos\phi = 0$$

$$\hat{e}_r \cdot \hat{e}_z = 0$$

$$\hat{e}_\phi \cdot \hat{e}_z = 0.$$

Thus, the cylindrical system is orthogonal.

P.T spherical system is orthogonal.

For spherical system,

$$x = r \sin\theta \cos\phi, y = r \sin\theta \sin\phi, z = r \cos\theta$$

$\therefore$  position vector  $\vec{r} = x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} + z \hat{k}$  becomes,

$$\vec{r} = r \sin\theta \cos\phi \hat{i} + r \sin\theta \sin\phi \hat{j} + r \cos\theta \hat{k}$$

Let  $\hat{e}_r, \hat{e}_\theta, \hat{e}_\phi$  be the basic unit vectors.

$$\therefore \hat{e}_r = \frac{\frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial r}}{\left| \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial r} \right|} = \frac{1}{h_1} \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial r}$$

$$\hat{e}_r = [\sin\theta \cos\phi \hat{i} + \sin\theta \cdot \sin\phi \hat{j} + \cos\theta \hat{k}]$$

$$\hat{e}_\theta = \frac{\frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial \theta}}{\left| \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial \theta} \right|} = \frac{1}{h_2} \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\hat{e}_\theta = \frac{1}{r} [\cos\theta \cos\phi \hat{i} + \cos\theta \sin\phi \hat{j} - \sin\theta \hat{k}]$$

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

$$\hat{e}_\phi = \frac{\frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial \phi}}{\left| \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial \phi} \right|} = \frac{1}{h_3} \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\hat{e}_\phi = \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} [-\sin\theta \sin\phi \hat{i} + \sin\theta \cos\phi \hat{j} + \hat{k}]$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \hat{e}_r \cdot \hat{e}_\theta &= \sin\theta \cos\phi \cos^2\phi + \sin\theta \cos\phi \sin^2\phi - \sin\theta \cos\phi \\ &= \sin\theta \cos\phi [\cos^2\phi + \sin^2\phi] - \sin\theta \cos\phi \\ &= \sin\theta \cos\theta - \sin\theta \cos\phi \\ &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{e}_r \cdot \hat{e}_\phi &= -\sin\theta \sin\phi \cos\phi + \sin\theta \sin\phi \cdot \cos\phi \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{e}_\theta \cdot \hat{e}_\phi &= -\cos\theta \sin\phi \cos\phi + \cos\theta \sin\phi \cos\phi \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Thus, spherical system is orthogonal.

Note:Representation of a vector in  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  system:In cylindrical system,

$$\text{WKT } \hat{e}_r = \cos\phi \hat{i} + \sin\phi \hat{j}$$

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

$$\hat{e}_z = 0\hat{k}$$

$$\text{we have, } i = \cos\phi \hat{e}_r - \sin\phi \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$j = \sin\phi \hat{e}_r + \cos\phi \hat{e}_\phi$$

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

In spherical system,

$$\text{WKT } \hat{e}_r = \sin\theta \cos\phi \hat{i} + \sin\theta \sin\phi \hat{j} + \cos\theta \hat{k}$$

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

$$\hat{e}_\phi = -\sin\phi \hat{i} + \cos\phi \hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

We have,

$$i = \sin\theta \cos\phi \hat{e}_r + \cos\theta \cos\phi \hat{e}_\theta - \sin\phi \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$j = \sin\theta \sin\phi \hat{e}_r + \cos\theta \sin\phi \hat{e}_\theta + \cos\phi \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$k = \cos\theta \hat{e}_r - \sin\theta \hat{e}_\theta + 0\hat{e}_\phi$$

①

Express the vector  $\vec{F} = z\hat{i} - 2x\hat{j} + y\hat{k}$  in cylindrical polar coordinates. Hence find  $F_r, F_\phi, F_z$ .

 $\rightarrow$ In cylindrical polar system,

$$x = r \cos\phi \quad y = r \sin\phi, \quad z = z$$

$$i = \cos\phi \hat{e}_r - \sin\phi \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$j = \sin\phi \hat{e}_r + \cos\phi \hat{e}_\phi$$

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

Consider  $\vec{F} = z\hat{i} - 2x\hat{j} + y\hat{k}$ 

$$\vec{F} = z(\cos\phi \hat{e}_r - \sin\phi \hat{e}_\phi) - 2r \cos\phi (\sin\phi \hat{e}_r + \cos\phi \hat{e}_\phi) + r \sin\phi (\hat{e}_z)$$

$$\vec{F} = (z \cos\phi - 2r \sin\phi \cos\phi) \hat{e}_r + (-z \sin\phi - 2r \cos^2\phi) \hat{e}_\phi + (r \sin\phi) \hat{e}_z$$

coefficients of  $\hat{e}_r$ ,  $\hat{e}_\phi$ ,  $\hat{e}_z$  are resp  $F_r$ ,  $F_\phi$ ,  $F_z$   
 i.e.,  $F_r = 2\cos\phi - 2r\sin\phi\cos\phi$   
 $F_\phi = -2\sin\phi - 2r\cos^2\phi$   
 $F_z = r\sin\phi$

② Express the vector  $\vec{F} = 2x\hat{i} - 3y^2\hat{j} + zx\hat{k}$  in cylindrical polar coordinates. Hence find  $F_r$ ,  $F_\phi$ ,  $F_z$   
 → In cylindrical polar system,  
 $x = r\cos\phi$ ,  $y = r\sin\phi$ ,  $z = z$   
 $i = \cos\phi \hat{e}_r - \sin\phi \hat{e}_\phi$   
 $j = \sin\phi \hat{e}_r + \cos\phi \hat{e}_\phi$   
 $z = \hat{e}_z$

Consider  $\vec{F} = 2x\hat{i} - 3y^2\hat{j} + zx\hat{k}$

$$\vec{F} = 2r\cos\phi (\cos\phi \hat{e}_r - \sin\phi \hat{e}_\phi) - 3r^2\sin^2\phi (\sin\phi \hat{e}_r + \cos\phi \hat{e}_\phi) + rz\cos\phi (\hat{e}_z)$$

$$\vec{F} = (2r\cos^2\phi - 3r^2\sin^3\phi) \hat{e}_r + (-2r\sin\phi\cos\phi - 3r^2\sin^2\phi\cos\phi) \hat{e}_\phi + rz\cos\phi \hat{e}_z$$

Coefficients of  $\hat{e}_r$ ,  $\hat{e}_\phi$ ,  $\hat{e}_z$  are resp  $F_r$ ,  $F_\phi$ ,  $F_z$   
 i.e.,  $F_r = 2r\cos^2\phi - 3r^2\sin^3\phi$   
 $F_\phi = -2r\sin\phi\cos\phi - 3r^2\sin^2\phi\cos\phi$   
 $F_z = rz\cos\phi$

(3) Represent  $\vec{F} = yi - zj + zk$  in spherical polar coordinates, Hence find  $F_r, F_\theta, F_\phi$

→ In spherical polar system,

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi, \quad y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi, \quad z = r \cos \theta$$

$$i = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{e}_r + \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{e}_\theta - \sin \phi \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$j = \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{e}_r + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{e}_\theta + \cos \phi \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$k = \cos \theta \hat{e}_r - \sin \theta \hat{e}_\theta$$

Consider  $\vec{F} = yi - zj + zk$

$$\vec{F} = r \sin \theta \sin \phi (\sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{e}_r + \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{e}_\theta - \sin \phi \hat{e}_\phi)$$

$$- r \cos \theta (\sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{e}_r + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{e}_\theta + \cos \phi \hat{e}_\phi)$$

$$+ r \sin \theta \cos \phi (\cos \theta \hat{e}_r - \sin \theta \hat{e}_\theta)$$

$$\vec{F} = (r \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi - r \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi + r \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos \phi)$$

$$+ (r \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi - r \cos^2 \theta \sin \phi - r \sin^2 \theta \cos \phi) \hat{e}_\theta$$

$$+ (-r \sin \theta \sin^2 \phi - r \cos \theta \cos \phi) \hat{e}_\phi$$

Coefficients of  $\hat{e}_r, \hat{e}_\theta, \hat{e}_\phi$  are  $F_r, F_\theta, F_\phi$

$$\text{i.e., } F_r = r \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi - r \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi + r \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos \phi$$

$$F_\theta = r \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi - r \cos^2 \theta \sin \phi - r \sin^2 \theta \cos \phi$$

$$F_\phi = -r \sin \theta \sin^2 \phi - r \cos \theta \cos \phi.$$