

## 17. Vector Calculus with Applications

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### 17.1 INTRODUCTION

In vector calculus, we deal with two types of functions: Scalar Functions (or Scalar Field) and Vector Functions (or Vector Field).

#### Scalar Point Function

A scalar function  $F(x, y, z)$  defined over some region  $R$  of space is a function which associates, to each point  $P(x, y, z)$  in  $R$ , a scalar value  $F(P) = F(x, y, z)$ . And the set of all scalars  $F(P)$  for all values of  $P$  in  $R$  is called the scalar field over  $R$ .

Precisely, we can say that scalar function defines a scalar field in a region or on a space or a curve. Examples are the temperature field in a body, pressure field in the air in earth's atmosphere.

Moreover, if the position vector of the point  $P$  is  $\vec{r}$ , then we may also write the scalar field as  $F(P) = F(\vec{r})$ . This notation emphasizes the fact that the scalar value  $F(\vec{r})$  is associated with the position vector  $\vec{r}$  in the region  $R$ .

**E.g. 1)** The distance  $F(P)$  of any point  $P(x, y, z)$  from a fixed point  $P'(x', y', z')$  in the space is a scalar function whose domain of definition is the whole space and is given by  $F(P) = \sqrt{(x - x')^2 + (y - y')^2 + (z - z')^2}$ . Also  $F(P)$  defines a scalar field in space.

**E.g. 2)** The function  $F(x, y, z) = xy^2 + yz + x^2$  for the point  $(x, y, z)$  inside the unit sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$  is a scalar function and also defines a scalar field throughout the sphere.

**Note:** In the physical problems, the scalar function  $F$  depends on time variable  $t$  in addition to the point  $P$  and then we write it as  $F(P, t) = F(\vec{r}, t) = F(x, y, z, t)$ . The example of such a time dependent scalar function is the temperature distribution throughout a block of metal heated in such a way that its temperature varies with time.

#### Vector Point Function

A vector functions  $\vec{F}(x, y, z)$  defined over some region  $R$  of space is a function which associates, to each point  $P(x, y, z)$  in  $R$ , a vector value  $\vec{F}(P) = \vec{F}(x, y, z)$  and the set of all vectors  $\vec{F}(P)$  for all points  $P$  in  $R$  is called the vector field over  $R$ .

Moreover, if the position vector of the point  $P$  is  $\vec{r}$ , then we may write the vector field as  $\vec{F}(P) = \vec{F}(\vec{r})$ . This notation emphasizes the fact that the vector value  $\vec{F}(\vec{r})$  is associated with the position vector  $\vec{r}$  in the region  $R$ . Also the general form (component form) of the vector function is  $\vec{F}(\vec{r}) = F_1(\vec{r})\hat{i} + F_2(\vec{r})\hat{j} + F_3(\vec{r})\hat{k}$ , where the components  $F_1(\vec{r})$ ,  $F_2(\vec{r})$  and  $F_3(\vec{r})$  are the scalar functions.

**E.g. 1)** The function  $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = 2xy\hat{i} + \sin x\hat{j} + 3z^2\hat{k}$  for point  $P(x, y, z)$  inside an ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{16} + \frac{z^2}{4} = 1$  is a vector function and defines a vector field throughout the ellipsoid.

**E.g. 2)** The force field given by  $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = x\hat{i} + 2y\hat{j} + z^2\hat{k}$  is a vector field.

**Note:** Like the time dependent scalar field, time dependent vector field also exists. Such a field depends on time variable  $t$  in addition to the point in the region  $R$  and may be expressed as  $\vec{F}(\vec{r}, t) = F_1(\vec{r}, t)\hat{i} + F_2(\vec{r}, t)\hat{j} + F_3(\vec{r}, t)\hat{k}$ , where  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  and  $F_3$  are scalar functions. An example of time dependent vector field is the fluid velocity vector in the unsteady flow of water around a bridge support column, because this velocity depends on the position vector  $\vec{r}$  in the water and the time variable  $t$  and is given as  $\vec{V}(\vec{r}, t)$ .

### Vector Function of Single Variable

A vector function  $\vec{F}$  of single variable  $t$  is a function which assigns a vector value  $\vec{F}(t)$  to each scalar value  $t$  in interval  $a \leq t \leq b$ . In the component form, it may be written as  $\vec{F}(t) = F_1(t)\hat{i} + F_2(t)\hat{j} + F_3(t)\hat{k}$  where  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  and  $F_3$  are called components and are scalar functions of the same single variable  $t$ .

For example, the functions given by  $\vec{F}(t) = t\hat{i} + \sin(t-2)\hat{j} + \cos 3t\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{G}(t) = t^2\hat{i} + e^t\hat{j} + \log t\hat{k}$  are vector functions of a single variable  $t$ .

### Limit of a Vector Function of Single Variable

A vector function  $\vec{F}(t) = F_1(t)\hat{i} + F_2(t)\hat{j} + F_3(t)\hat{k}$  of single variable  $t$  is said to have a limit  $\vec{L} = L_1\hat{i} + L_2\hat{j} + L_3\hat{k}$  as  $t \rightarrow t_0$ , if  $\vec{F}(t)$  is defined in the neighborhood of  $t_0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} |\vec{F}(t) - \vec{L}| = 0$  or  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} |F_1(t) - L_1| = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} |F_2(t) - L_2| = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} |F_3(t) - L_3| = 0$ , then we write it as  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{F}(t) = \vec{L}$ .

### Continuity of a Vector Function of Single Variable

A vector function  $\vec{F}(t) = F_1(t)\hat{i} + F_2(t)\hat{j} + F_3(t)\hat{k}$  of a single variable  $t$  is said to be continuous at  $t = t_0$ , if it is defined in some neighborhood of  $t_0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{F}(t) = \vec{F}(t_0)$ .

Moreover,  $\vec{F}(t)$  is said to be continuous at  $t = t_0$  if and only if its three components  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  and  $F_3$  are continuous as  $t = t_0$ .

## DIFFERENTIAL VECTOR CALCULUS

### 17.2 DIFFERENTIATION OF VECTORES

#### Differentiability of a Vector Function of Single Variable

A vector function  $\vec{F}(t) = F_1(t)\hat{i} + F_2(t)\hat{j} + F_3(t)\hat{k}$  of a single variable  $t$  defined over the interval  $a \leq t \leq b$  is said to be differentiable at  $t = t_0$  if the following limit exists.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{\vec{F}(t) - \vec{F}(t_0)}{t - t_0} = \vec{F}'(t_0)$$

And  $\vec{F}'(t_0)$  is called the derivative of  $\vec{F}(t)$  at  $t = t_0$ .

Also  $\vec{F}(t)$  is said to be differentiable over the interval  $a \leq t \leq b$ , if it is differentiable at each of the points of the interval. In component form,  $\vec{F}(t)$  is said to be differentiable at  $t = t_0$  if and only if its three components are differentiable at  $t = t_0$ . In general, the derivative of  $\vec{F}(t)$  is given by

$\vec{F}'(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{\vec{F}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{F}(t)}{\Delta t}$ , provided the limit exists and in terms of components

$$\vec{F}'(t) = F_1'(t)\hat{i} + F_2'(t)\hat{j} + F_3'(t)\hat{k} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = \frac{dF_1}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dF_2}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dF_3}{dt}\hat{k}.$$

In the similar manner,  $\frac{d^2\vec{F}}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{d\vec{F}}{dt}\right)$ ,  $\frac{d^3\vec{F}}{dt^3} = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{d^2\vec{F}}{dt^2}\right) = \frac{d^2}{dt^2}\left(\frac{d\vec{F}}{dt}\right)$ .

### Rules for Differentiation of Vector Functions

If  $\vec{F}(t)$ ,  $\vec{G}(t)$  &  $\vec{H}(t)$  are the vector functions and  $f(t)$  is a scalar function of single variable  $t$  defined over the interval  $a \leq t \leq b$ , then

1.  $\frac{d\vec{C}}{dt} = \vec{0}$ , where  $\vec{C}$  is a constant vector.
2.  $\frac{d(C\vec{F}(t))}{dt} = C \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt}$ , where  $C$  is a constant.
3.  $\frac{d(\vec{F}(t) \pm \vec{G}(t))}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} \pm \frac{d\vec{G}}{dt}$
4.  $\frac{d(f(t)\vec{F}(t))}{dt} = f(t) \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} + \frac{df}{dt} \vec{F}(t)$
5.  $\frac{d(\vec{F}(t) \cdot \vec{G}(t))}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} \cdot \vec{G}(t) + \vec{F}(t) \cdot \frac{d\vec{G}}{dt}$
6.  $\frac{d(\vec{F}(t) \times \vec{G}(t))}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} \times \vec{G}(t) + \vec{F}(t) \times \frac{d\vec{G}}{dt}$
7.  $\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{F}(t), \vec{G}(t), \vec{H}(t)] = \left[\frac{d\vec{F}}{dt}, \vec{G}(t), \vec{H}(t)\right] + \left[\vec{F}(t), \frac{d\vec{G}}{dt}, \vec{H}(t)\right] + \left[\vec{F}(t), \vec{G}(t), \frac{d\vec{H}}{dt}\right]$
8.  $\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{F}(t) \times (\vec{G}(t) \times \vec{H}(t))] = \left[\frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} \times (\vec{G}(t) \times \vec{H}(t))\right] + \left[\vec{F}(t) \times \left(\frac{d\vec{G}}{dt} \times \vec{H}(t)\right)\right] + \left[\vec{F}(t) \times \left(\vec{G}(t) \times \frac{d\vec{H}}{dt}\right)\right]$
9. If  $\vec{F}(t)$  is differentiable function of  $t$  and  $t = t(s)$  is differentiable function then  $\frac{d\vec{F}}{ds} = \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} \frac{dt}{ds}$ .

### Observations:

- (i) If  $\vec{F}(t)$  has a constant magnitude, then  $\vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = 0$ . For  $\vec{F}(t) \cdot \vec{F}(t) = [\vec{F}(t)]^2 = \text{constant}$ ,

implying  $\vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = 0$  or  $\vec{F} \perp \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt}$ .

- (ii) If  $\vec{F}(t)$  has a constant (fixed) direction, then  $\vec{F} \times \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = \vec{0}$ .

Let  $\vec{F}(t) = f(t)\vec{G}(t)$ , where  $\vec{G}(t)$  is a unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{F}(t)$ .

$$\therefore \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = \frac{d(f(t)\vec{G}(t))}{dt} = f(t) \frac{d\vec{G}}{dt} + \frac{df}{dt} \vec{G}(t) = \frac{df}{dt} \vec{G}(t) \quad \left(\text{since, } \vec{G} \text{ is a constant, so } \frac{d\vec{G}}{dt} = \vec{0}\right)$$

$$\text{and } \vec{F} \times \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = f(t)\vec{G}(t) \times \frac{df}{dt} \vec{G}(t) = f(t) \frac{df}{dt} (\vec{G}(t) \times \vec{G}(t)) = \vec{0} \quad (\text{since, } \vec{G} \times \vec{G} = \vec{0})$$

**Theorem 1: Derivative of a constant vector is a zero vector. A vector is said to be constant if both its magnitude and direction are constant (fixed).**

**Proof:** Let  $\vec{r} = \vec{c}$  be a constant vector, then  $\vec{r} + \delta\vec{r} = \vec{c}$ .

On subtraction,  $\delta\vec{r} = \vec{0}$ . Which further implies that  $\frac{\delta\vec{r}}{\delta t} = \vec{0}$ .

Implying,  $\lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta \vec{r}}{\delta t} = \vec{0}$  i.e.  $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{0}$ .

**Theorem 2:** The necessary and sufficient condition for the vector function  $\vec{F}$  of a single variable  $t$  to have constant magnitude is  $\vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = 0$ .

**Proof:**

Necessary condition: Suppose  $\vec{F}$  has constant magnitude, so  $\vec{F}(t) \cdot \vec{F}(t) = [\vec{F}(t)]^2 = \text{constant}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{F}) = 0 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} \cdot \vec{F} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = 0 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = 0.$$

Sufficient condition: Suppose  $\vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow 2\vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} \cdot \vec{F} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{F}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F} \cdot \vec{F} = \text{constant} \Rightarrow |\vec{F}|^2 = \text{constant}$$

Therefore  $\vec{F}$  has a constant magnitude.

**Theorem 3:** The necessary and sufficient condition for the vector function  $\vec{F}$  of a single variable  $t$  to have a constant direction is  $\vec{F} \times \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = \vec{0}$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $\vec{f}$  is a unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{F}$  and  $F = |\vec{F}|$ , then  $\vec{f} = \frac{\vec{F}}{F}$  i.e.

$$\vec{F} = F\vec{f} \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\text{And } \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = F \frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} + \frac{dF}{dt} \vec{f} \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\text{Thus } \vec{F} \times \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = F\vec{f} \times (F \frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} + \frac{dF}{dt} \vec{f}) \quad (\text{using (1) and (2)})$$

$$= F^2 \vec{f} \times \frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} + F \frac{dF}{dt} (\vec{f} \times \vec{f})$$

$$= F^2 \vec{f} \times \frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} \quad (\text{since } \vec{f} \times \vec{f} = \vec{0}) \quad \dots (3)$$

Necessary condition: Suppose  $\vec{F}$  has a constant direction, then  $\vec{f}$  has a constant direction and constant magnitude. So  $\frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} = \vec{0}$ . Thus from (3),  $\vec{F} \times \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = \vec{0}$ .

Sufficient condition: Suppose that  $\vec{F} \times \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = \vec{0}$ .

$$\text{Then by (3), } F^2 \vec{f} \times \frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} = \vec{0} \text{ i.e. } \vec{f} \times \frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} = \vec{0} \quad \dots (4)$$

$$\text{Since } \vec{f} \text{ has a constant magnitude, so, by theorem 2, } \vec{f} \cdot \frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} = 0 \quad \dots (5)$$

$$\text{Form (4) and (5), } \frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} = \vec{0}.$$

Which implies  $\vec{f}$  is a constant vector i.e.  $\vec{f}$  has a constant direction. Hence  $\vec{F}$  has a constant direction.

**Example 1:** Show that if  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} \sin \omega t + \vec{b} \cos \omega t$  where  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\omega$  are constants, then

$$\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = -\omega^2\vec{r} \text{ and } \vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = -\omega(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}).$$

**Solution:** Given  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} \sin \omega t + \vec{b} \cos \omega t$

Differentiating w. r. to t,  $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{a}\omega \cos \omega t - \vec{b}\omega \sin \omega t$

Again differentiating w. r. to t,  $\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = -\vec{a}\omega^2 \sin \omega t - \vec{b}\omega^2 \cos \omega t$   
 $= -\omega^2(\vec{a} \sin \omega t + \vec{b} \cos \omega t) = -\omega^2\vec{r}$

Also  $\vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = (\vec{a} \sin \omega t + \vec{b} \cos \omega t) \times (\vec{a}\omega \cos \omega t - \vec{b}\omega \sin \omega t)$   
 $= (\vec{a} \times \vec{a})\omega \sin \omega t \cos \omega t + (\vec{b} \times \vec{a})\omega \cos^2 \omega t - (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})\omega \sin^2 \omega t - (\vec{b} \times \vec{b})\omega \sin \omega t \cos \omega t$   
 $= -(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})\omega(\cos^2 \omega t + \sin^2 \omega t) \quad (\text{since } \vec{a} \times \vec{a} = \vec{b} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0})$   
 $= -(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})\omega = -\omega(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}).$

**Example 2:** If  $\vec{a} = x^2yz \hat{i} - 2xz^3 \hat{j} + xz^2 \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 2z \hat{i} + y \hat{j} - x^2 \hat{k}$ , find  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  at (1, 0, -2).

**Solution:** Here  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (x^2yz \hat{i} - 2xz^3 \hat{j} + xz^2 \hat{k}) \times (2z \hat{i} + y \hat{j} - x^2 \hat{k})$   
 $= x^2y^2z \hat{k} + x^4yz \hat{j} + 4xz^4 \hat{k} + 2x^3z^3 \hat{i} + 2xz^3 \hat{j} - xyz^2 \hat{i}$   
 $(\because \hat{i} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k} \times \hat{k} = \vec{0} \text{ and } \hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k}, \hat{j} \times \hat{i} = -\hat{k} \text{ etc.})$   
 $= (2x^3z^3 - xyz^2) \hat{i} + (x^4yz + 2xz^3) \hat{j} + (x^2y^2z + 4xz^4) \hat{k}$

Now  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} [(2x^3z^3 - xyz^2) \hat{i} + (x^4yz + 2xz^3) \hat{j} + (x^2y^2z + 4xz^4) \hat{k}]$   
 $= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [(2x^3z^3 - xyz^2) \hat{i} + (x^4yz + 2xz^3) \hat{j} + (x^2y^2z + 4xz^4) \hat{k}]$   
 $= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [-xz^2 \hat{i} + x^4z \hat{j} + 2x^2yz \hat{k}] = [-z^2 \hat{i} + 4x^3z \hat{j} + 4xyz \hat{k}]$

At the point (1, 0, -2)  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = -4\hat{i} - 8\hat{j}$

**Example 3:** If  $\vec{P} = 5t^2\hat{i} + t^3\hat{j} - t\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{Q} = 2 \sin t \hat{i} - \cos t \hat{j} + 5t\hat{k}$ , then find (a)  $\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{P} \cdot \vec{Q})$

(b)  $\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{P} \times \vec{Q})$ .

**Solution:** Consider  $\vec{P} = 5t^2\hat{i} + t^3\hat{j} - t\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{Q} = 2 \sin t \hat{i} - \cos t \hat{j} + 5t\hat{k}$

So  $\frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} = 10t \hat{i} + 3t^2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\frac{d\vec{Q}}{dt} = 2 \cos t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

a)  $\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{P} \cdot \vec{Q}) = \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} \cdot \vec{Q} + \vec{P} \cdot \frac{d\vec{Q}}{dt}$   
 $= (10t \hat{i} + 3t^2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \cdot (2 \sin t \hat{i} - \cos t \hat{j} + 5t\hat{k})$   
 $+ (5t^2\hat{i} + t^3\hat{j} - t\hat{k}) \cdot (2 \cos t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$   
 $= 20t \sin t - 3t^2 \cos t - 5t + 10t^2 \cos t + t^3 \sin t - 5t$   
 $= t^3 \sin t + 7t^2 \cos t + 20t \sin t - 10t$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{b) } \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{P} \times \vec{Q}) &= \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} \times \vec{Q} + \vec{P} \times \frac{d\vec{Q}}{dt} \\
&= (10t\hat{i} + 3t^2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \times (2\sin t\hat{i} - \cos t\hat{j} + 5t\hat{k}) \\
&\quad + (5t^2\hat{i} + t^3\hat{j} - t\hat{k}) \times (2\cos t\hat{i} + \sin t\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) \\
&= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 10t & 3t^2 & -1 \\ 2\sin t & -\cos t & 5t \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 5t^2 & t^3 & -t \\ 2\cos t & \sin t & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= \{\hat{i}(15t^3 - \cos t) + \hat{j}(-2\sin t - 50t^2) + \hat{k}(-10t\cos t - 6t^2\sin t)\} \\
&\quad + \{\hat{i}(5t^3 + t\sin t) + \hat{j}(-2t\cos t - 25t^2) + \hat{k}(5t^2\sin t - 2t^3\cos t)\} \\
&= \hat{i}(20t^3 + t\sin t - \cos t) - \hat{j}(2t\cos t + 2\sin t + 75t^2) \\
&\quad - \hat{k}(2t^3\cos t + 10t\cos t + t^2\sin t)
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 4:** If  $\frac{d\vec{U}}{dt} = \vec{W} \times \vec{U}$  and  $\frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} = \vec{W} \times \vec{V}$ , then prove that  $\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{U} \times \vec{V}) = \vec{W} \times (\vec{U} \times \vec{V})$ .

**Solution:** Given  $\frac{d\vec{U}}{dt} = \vec{W} \times \vec{U}$  and  $\frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} = \vec{W} \times \vec{V}$  ... (1)

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Consider } \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{U} \times \vec{V}) &= \frac{d\vec{U}}{dt} \times \vec{V} + \vec{U} \times \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} = (\vec{W} \times \vec{U}) \times \vec{V} + \vec{U} \times (\vec{W} \times \vec{V}) \\
&= (\vec{W} \cdot \vec{V})\vec{U} - (\vec{U} \cdot \vec{V})\vec{W} + (\vec{U} \cdot \vec{V})\vec{W} - (\vec{U} \cdot \vec{W})\vec{V} = (\vec{W} \cdot \vec{V})\vec{U} - (\vec{U} \cdot \vec{W})\vec{V} \\
&= \vec{W} \times (\vec{U} \times \vec{V}) \\
&\quad (\text{using } (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b} - (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{a} \text{ and } \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c})
\end{aligned}$$

## 7.3 CURVES IN SPACE

### 1. Tangent Vector:

Let  $\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j} + z(t)\hat{k}$  be the position vector of a point P. Then for different values of the scalar parameter t, point P traces the curve in space (Fig. 17.1). For neighboring point Q with position vector

$$\vec{r}(t + \delta t), \quad \delta\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t + \delta t) - \vec{r}(t) \quad \text{implying} \quad \frac{\delta\vec{r}}{\delta t} = \frac{\vec{r}(t + \delta t) - \vec{r}(t)}{\delta t}$$

is directed along the chord PQ.

As  $\delta t \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\frac{\delta\vec{r}}{\delta t}$  becomes the tangent to the space curve at P provided there exists a non zero limit.

Thus a vector  $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{r}'$  is a tangent to the space curve  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t)$ .

Let  $P_0$  be a fixed point on the space curve corresponding to  $t=t_0$ , and the arc length  $\overline{P_0P} = s$ , then

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{\delta s}{\delta t} \frac{|\delta\vec{r}|}{\delta t} = \frac{\text{arc } PQ}{\text{chord } PQ} \left| \frac{\delta\vec{r}}{\delta t} \right|. \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\text{As } Q \rightarrow P \text{ along the curve } PQ, \text{ i.e. } \delta t \rightarrow 0, \text{ then the } \frac{\text{arc } PQ}{\text{chord } PQ} \rightarrow 1 \text{ and } \frac{ds}{dt} = \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| = |\vec{r}'(t)| \quad \dots (2)$$

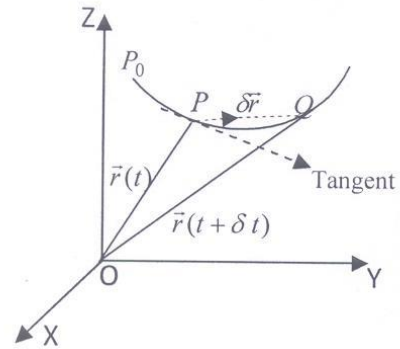


Fig. 7.1

If  $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$  is continuous, then  $s = \int_{t_0}^t \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| dt = \int_{t_0}^t \sqrt{(x')^2 + (y')^2 + (z')^2} dt \quad \dots (3)$

Further, if we take  $s$  as the parameter in place of  $t$ , then the magnitude of the tangent vector i.e.  $\left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} \right| = 1$ . Thus denoting the unit tangent vector by  $\hat{T}$ , we have  $\vec{T} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} \quad \dots (4)$

**Example 5:** Find the unit tangent vector at any point on the curve  $x = t^2 + 2, y = 4t - 5, z = 2t^2 - 6t$  where  $t$  is variable. Also determine the unit tangent vector at  $t = 2$ .

**Solution:** Let  $\vec{r}$  be the position vector of any point  $(x, y, z)$  on the given curve,

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

$$\therefore \vec{r} = (t^2 + 2)\hat{i} + (4t - 5)\hat{j} + (2t^2 - 6t)\hat{k}$$

The vector tangent to the curve at any point  $(x, y, z)$  is  $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = (2t)\hat{i} + (4)\hat{j} + (4t - 6)\hat{k}$

$$\text{Now } \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| = \sqrt{(2t)^2 + (4)^2 + (4t - 6)^2} = 2\sqrt{5t^2 - 12t + 13}$$

$$\text{Therefore unit tangent vector at } (x, y, z) = \frac{\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}}{\left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right|} = \frac{(2t)\hat{i} + (4)\hat{j} + (4t - 6)\hat{k}}{2\sqrt{5t^2 - 12t + 13}}$$

$$\text{And the unit tangent vector at } t = 2 \text{ is } \left[ \frac{\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}}{\left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right|} \right]_{t=2} = \left[ \frac{(2t)\hat{i} + (4)\hat{j} + (4t - 6)\hat{k}}{2\sqrt{5t^2 - 12t + 13}} \right]_{t=2} = \frac{2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{3}.$$

**2. Principal Normal:** Since  $\hat{T}$  is a unit vector, so  $\frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \cdot \hat{T} = 0$  i.e. either  $\frac{d\hat{T}}{ds}$  is perpendicular to  $\hat{T}$  or  $\frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = 0$ , in which case  $\hat{T}$  is a constant vector w.r.t. the arc length  $s$  and so has a fixed direction i.e. the curve is a straight line. Now, if we denote the unit normal vector to the curve at  $P$  by  $\hat{N}$ , then  $\frac{d\hat{T}}{ds}$  is in the direction of  $\hat{N}$  which is known as the principal normal to the curve at  $P$ . The plane of  $\hat{T}$  and  $\hat{N}$  is called **osculating plane** of the curve at  $P$ .

**3. Binormal:** A unit vector  $\hat{B} = \hat{T} \times \hat{N}$  is called the binormal at  $P$ . As  $\hat{T}$  and  $\hat{N}$  both are unit vectors, so  $\hat{B}$  is also a unit vector normal to both  $\hat{T}$  and  $\hat{N}$  i.e. to the osculating plane of  $\hat{T}$  and  $\hat{N}$ .

Thus at each point  $P$  on the curve  $C$ , there are three mutually perpendicular unit vectors  $\hat{T}$ ,  $\hat{N}$  and  $\hat{B}$ , which form a moving trihedral such that  $\hat{B} = \hat{T} \times \hat{N}$ ,  $\hat{N} = \hat{B} \times \hat{T}$ ,  $\hat{T} = \hat{N} \times \hat{B}$ .  $\dots (1)$

This moving trihedral determines three fundamental planes at each point of the curve  $C$ .

- (i) The osculating plane of  $\hat{T}$  and  $\hat{N}$ .
- (ii) The normal plane of  $\hat{N}$  and  $\hat{B}$ .
- (iii) The rectifying plane of  $\hat{B}$  and  $\hat{T}$ .

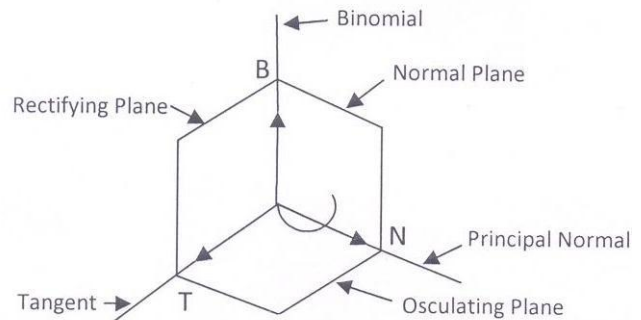


Fig. 7.2

**4. Curvature:** The arc rate of turning of the tangent viz.  $\left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \right|$  is called the curvature of the curve and is denoted by  $\kappa$ . As  $\frac{d\hat{T}}{ds}$  is in the direction of the principal normal  $\hat{N}$ , therefore  $\frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = \kappa\hat{N} \quad \dots (2)$

**5. Torsion:** As the binormal  $\hat{B}$  is a unit vector, so  $\frac{d\hat{B}}{ds} \cdot \hat{B} = 0$ . Also  $\hat{B} \cdot \hat{T} = 0$ , therefore  $\frac{d\hat{B}}{ds} \cdot \hat{T} + \hat{B} \cdot \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = 0$  or  $\frac{d\hat{B}}{ds} \cdot \hat{T} + \hat{B} \cdot (\kappa\hat{N}) = 0$  or  $\frac{d\hat{B}}{ds} \cdot \hat{T} = 0$ . Hence,  $\frac{d\hat{B}}{ds}$  is perpendicular to both  $\hat{B}$  and  $\hat{T}$  and is, therefore, parallel to  $\hat{N}$ . The arc rate of turning of the binormal viz.  $\left| \frac{d\hat{B}}{ds} \right|$  is called torsion of the curve and is denoted by  $\tau$ . So, we can write it as

$$\frac{d\hat{B}}{ds} = -\tau\hat{N} \text{ (the negative sign indicates that for } \tau > 0, \frac{d\hat{B}}{ds} \text{ has a direction of } -\hat{N}) \quad \dots(3)$$

Further, we know that  $\hat{N} = \hat{B} \times \hat{T}$ , which on differentiation gives ,

$$\frac{d\hat{N}}{ds} = \frac{d\hat{B}}{ds} \times \hat{T} + \hat{B} \times \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = (-\tau\hat{N}) \times \hat{T} + \hat{B} \times (\kappa\hat{N})$$

$$\frac{d\hat{N}}{ds} = \tau\hat{B} - \kappa\hat{T} \quad \text{(using (1))} \quad \dots (4)$$

The relations in (1), (2) and (3) constitutes the well known **Frenet Formulas** for the curve C.

**Observations:**

- (i)  $\rho = \frac{1}{\kappa}$  is called the radius of curvature.
- (ii)  $\sigma = \frac{1}{\tau}$  is called the radius of torsion.
- (iii)  $\tau = 0$  for a plane curve.

**Example 6: Find  $\hat{N}(t)$  and  $\hat{N}(1)$  for the curve represented by  $\vec{r}(t) = 3t\hat{i} + 2t^2\hat{j}$ .**

**Solution:** For given  $\vec{r}(t)$ , we have  $\vec{r}'(t) = 3\hat{i} + 4t\hat{j}$  and  $|\vec{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{9 + 16t^2}$

Which implies that the unit tangent vector  $\hat{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} = \frac{3\hat{i} + 4t\hat{j}}{\sqrt{9 + 16t^2}} \quad \dots (1)$

Differentiating  $\hat{T}(t)$  w. r. to  $t$ ,  $\hat{T}'(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9 + 16t^2}} (4\hat{j}) - \frac{16t}{(9 + 16t^2)^{3/2}} (3\hat{i} + 4t\hat{j}) = \frac{12(-4t\hat{i} + 3\hat{j})}{(9 + 16t^2)^{3/2}} \quad \dots(2)$

And  $|\hat{T}'(t)| = 12 \sqrt{\frac{9 + 16t^2}{(9 + 16t^2)^3}} = \frac{12}{9 + 16t^2} \quad \dots (3)$

Therefore, the principal unit normal vector is  $\hat{N}(t) = \frac{\hat{T}'(t)}{|\hat{T}'(t)|} = \frac{-4t\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}}{\sqrt{9 + 16t^2}} \quad \dots (4)$

But at  $t = 1$ , the principal unit normal vector is  $\hat{N}(1) = \frac{1}{5} (-4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j})$ .

**Example 7: Find the angle between the tangents to the curve  $\vec{r} = t^2\hat{i} + 2t\hat{j} - t^3\hat{k}$  at the point  $t = \pm 1$ .**

**Solution:** Differentiating the given curve w. r. to  $t$ , we get

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = 2t\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3t^2\hat{k} \text{ which is the tangent vector to the curve at any point } t.$$

Let  $\vec{T}_1$  &  $\vec{T}_2$  are the tangent vectors to the curve at  $t = 1$  and  $t = -1$  respectively, then

$$\vec{T}_1 = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{T}_2 = -2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

Let  $\theta$  be the angle between the tangents  $\vec{T}_1$  &  $\vec{T}_2$ , then

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{T}_1 \cdot \vec{T}_2}{|\vec{T}_1| |\vec{T}_2|} = \frac{(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \cdot (-2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})}{|2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}| |-2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}|} = \frac{-4 + 4 + 9}{\sqrt{17} \sqrt{17}} = \frac{9}{17}$$



$$\therefore \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{9}{17} \right)$$

**Example 8: Find the curvature and torsion of the curve  $x = a \cos t$ ,  $y = a \sin t$ ,  $z = bt$ .**  
(This curve is drawn on a circular cylinder cutting its generators at a constant angle and is known as a circular helix)

**Solution:** Equation of the given curve in vector form is

$$\vec{r} = a \cos t \hat{i} + a \sin t \hat{j} + bt \hat{k}$$

Differentiating w. r. to  $t$ ,

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = -a \sin t \hat{i} + a \cos t \hat{j} + b \hat{k}$$

Now, the arc length of the curve from  $P_0$  ( $t = 0$ ) to any point  $P$  ( $t$ ) is given by

$$s = \int_0^t \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| dt = \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)} t$$

$$\therefore \frac{ds}{dt} = \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)}$$

Now, the unit tangent vector,

$$\hat{T} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} = \frac{d\vec{r}/dt}{ds/dt} = \frac{-a \sin t \hat{i} + a \cos t \hat{j} + b \hat{k}}{\sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)}}$$

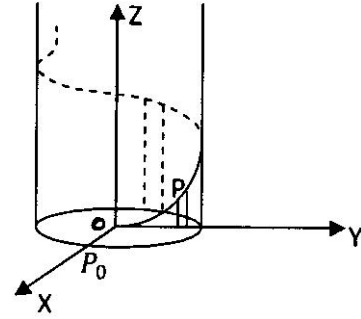
$$\text{So } \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = \frac{d\hat{T}/dt}{ds/dt} = \frac{-a \cos t \hat{i} - a \sin t \hat{j}}{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\therefore \kappa = \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \right| = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \text{ is the curvature of the given curve.}$$

$$\text{Also, the unit normal vector is } \hat{N} = -(\cos t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j}) \text{ and } \hat{B} = \hat{T} \times \hat{N} = \frac{(b \sin t \hat{i} - b \cos t \hat{j} + a \hat{k})}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{d\hat{B}}{ds} = \frac{d\hat{B}/dt}{ds/dt} = \frac{b(\cos t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j})}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = -\tau \hat{N} = \tau(\cos t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j})$$

$$\text{Hence } \tau = \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2}.$$



**Fig. 7.3**

**Example 9: A circular helix is given by the equation  $\vec{r} = 2 \cos t \hat{i} + 2 \sin t \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ . Find the curvature and torsion of the curve at any point and show that they are constant.**

**Solution:** Equation of the given curve in vector form is

$$\vec{r} = 2 \cos t \hat{i} + 2 \sin t \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\text{Differentiating w. r. to } t, \quad \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = -2 \sin t \hat{i} + 2 \cos t \hat{j} + 0 \hat{k}$$

Now, the arc length of the curve from  $P_0$  ( $t = 0$ ) to any point  $P$  ( $t$ ) is given by

$$s = \int_0^t \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| dt = 2t \quad \text{implying} \quad \frac{ds}{dt} = 2$$

$$\text{Now, the unit tangent vector, } \hat{T} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} = \frac{d\vec{r}/dt}{ds/dt} = \frac{-2 \sin t \hat{i} + 2 \cos t \hat{j} + 0 \hat{k}}{2}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = \frac{d\hat{T}/dt}{ds/dt} = \frac{-\cos t \hat{i} - \sin t \hat{j}}{2}$$

$$\therefore \kappa = \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \text{ is the curvature of the given curve and is a constant.}$$

Also, the unit normal vector is  $\hat{N} = -(\cos t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j})$  and

$$\hat{B} = \hat{T} \times \hat{N} = (-\sin t \hat{i} + \cos t \hat{j}) \times (-\cos t \hat{i} - \sin t \hat{j}) = \hat{k}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{d\hat{B}}{ds} = \frac{d\hat{B}/dt}{ds/dt} = \vec{0} = -\tau \hat{N} = \tau(\cos t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j})$$

Hence  $\tau = 0$  is the torsion of the given curve and is constant.

**Example 10: Show that for the curve  $\vec{r} = a(3t - t^3)\hat{i} + 3at^2\hat{j} + a(3t + t^3)\hat{k}$ , the curvature equals torsion.**

**Solution:** Given curve is  $\vec{r} = a(3t - t^3)\hat{i} + 3at^2\hat{j} + a(3t + t^3)\hat{k}$

Differentiating w. r. to  $t$ ,  $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = a(3 - 3t^2)\hat{i} + 6at\hat{j} + a(3 + 3t^2)\hat{k}$

Now, the arc length of the curve  $P_0$  ( $t = 0$ ) to any point  $P$  ( $t$ ) is given by

$$s = \int_0^t \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| dt = \int_0^t \sqrt{(a(3 - 3t^2))^2 + (6at)^2 + (a(3 + 3t^2))^2} dt$$

$$= 3a\sqrt{2} \int_0^t (t^2 + 1) dt = 3a\sqrt{2} \left( \frac{t^3}{3} + t \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{ds}{dt} = 3a\sqrt{2}(t^2 + 1)$$

Now, the unit tangent vector,

$$\hat{T} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} = \frac{d\vec{r}/dt}{ds/dt} = \frac{a(3-3t^2)\hat{i}+6at\hat{j}+a(3+3t^2)\hat{k}}{3a\sqrt{2}(t^2+1)} = \frac{(1-t^2)\hat{i}+2t\hat{j}+(1+t^2)\hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}(t^2+1)}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} = \frac{d\hat{T}/dt}{ds/dt} = \frac{-2t\hat{i}+(1-t^2)\hat{j}}{3a(1+t^2)^3}$$

$$\therefore \kappa = \left| \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \right| = \frac{1}{3a(1+t^2)^2} \text{ is the curvature of the given curve.}$$

Also, the unit normal vector is  $\hat{N} = \frac{-2t\hat{i}+(1-t^2)\hat{j}}{(1+t^2)}$  and

$$\hat{B} = \hat{T} \times \hat{N} = \frac{(1-t^2)\hat{i}+2t\hat{j}+(1+t^2)\hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}(1+t^2)}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{d\hat{B}}{ds} = \frac{d\hat{B}/dt}{ds/dt} = -\frac{-2t\hat{i}+(1-t^2)\hat{j}}{3a(1+t^2)^3} = -\frac{1}{3a(1+t^2)^2} \cdot \frac{-2t\hat{i}+(1-t^2)\hat{j}}{(1+t^2)} = -\tau\hat{N}$$

$$\therefore \tau = \frac{1}{3a(1+t^2)^2} \text{ is the torsion of the given curve.}$$

Hence curvature equals torsion for the given curve.

## ASSIGNMENT 1

1. If  $\vec{a} = x^2yz\hat{i} - 2xz^3\hat{j} + xz^2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 2z\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - x^2\hat{k}$ , find  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  at  $(1, 0, -2)$ .
2. Given  $\vec{r} = t^m \vec{A} + t^n \vec{B}$ , where  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  are constant vectors, show that, if  $\vec{r}$  and  $\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$  are parallel vectors, then  $m + n = 1$ , unless  $m = n$ .
3. Find the equation of tangent line to the curve  $x = a \cos \theta$ ,  $y = a \sin \theta$ ,  $z = a\theta \tan \alpha$  at  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

4. Find the unit tangent vector at any point on the curve  $x = t^2 + 2, y = 4t - 5, z = 2t^2 - 6t$ , where  $t$  is any variable. Also determine the unit tangent vector at the point  $t = 2$ .
5. If  $\vec{r} = a \cos t \hat{i} + a \sin t \hat{j} + at \tan \alpha \hat{k}$ , find the value of (a)  $\left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \right|$  (b)  $\left[ \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \frac{d^3\vec{r}}{dt^3} \right]$ .  
Also find the unit tangent vector at any point  $t$  on the curve.
6. Find the equation of the osculating plane and binormal to the curve  
(a)  $x = e^\theta \cos \theta, y = e^\theta \sin \theta, z = e^\theta$  at  $\theta = 0$  (b)  $x = 2 \cosh \frac{\theta}{2}, y = 2 \sinh \frac{\theta}{2}, z = 2\theta$  at  $\theta = 0$
7. Find the curvature of the (a) ellipse  $\vec{r} = a \cos t \hat{i} + b \sin t \hat{j}$  (b) parabola  $\vec{r} = 2t \hat{i} + t^2 \hat{j}$  at point  $t = 1$ .

## 17.4 VELOCITY AND ACCELERATION

**1. Velocity:** Let the position of particle P at a time  $t$  on the curve C is  $\vec{r}(t)$  and it comes to point Q at time  $t + \delta t$  having position  $\vec{r}(t + \delta t)$ , then  $\delta \vec{r} = \vec{r}(t + \delta t) - \vec{r}(t)$  i.e.  $\frac{\delta \vec{r}}{\delta t}$  is directed along PQ. As  $Q \rightarrow P$  along C, the line PQ becomes tangent at P to the curve C.

So  $\vec{v}(t) = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta \vec{r}}{\delta t}$  is the tangent vector to C at point P which is the velocity vector  $\vec{v}(t)$  of the motion and its magnitude gives the speed  $v = \frac{ds}{dt}$ , where  $s$  is the arc length of P from a fixed point  $P_0$  ( $s=0$ ) on C.

**2. Acceleration:** Acceleration vector  $\vec{a}(t)$  of a particle is the derivative of the velocity vector  $\vec{v}(t)$ , and it is given by  $\vec{a}(t) = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$ . It is an interesting fact that the magnitude of acceleration is not always the rate of change of  $v = |\vec{v}|$ , as  $\vec{a}(t)$  is not always tangential to the curve C. There are two components of acceleration, which are given as: (i) Tangential Acceleration (ii) Normal Acceleration

**Observation:** The acceleration is the time rate of change of  $|\vec{v}(t)| = \frac{ds}{dt}$ , if and only if the normal acceleration is zero, for then  $|\vec{a}| = \left| \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} \right| \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} \right| = \left| \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} \right|$ .

**3. Relative Velocity and Acceleration:** Let two particles P and Q moving along the curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  have position vectors  $\vec{r}_1(t)$  and  $\vec{r}_2(t)$  at time  $t$ , so that  $\vec{r}(t) = \overrightarrow{PQ} = \vec{r}_2(t) - \vec{r}_1(t)$

Differentiating w. r. to  $t$ ,  $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt} - \frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \quad \dots (1)$

This defines the relative velocity of Q w. r. t. P and states that the velocity of Q relative to P = Velocity vector of Q – Velocity vector of P.

Again differentiating (1) w. r. to  $t$ , we have

$$\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}_2}{dt^2} - \frac{d^2\vec{r}_1}{dt^2}$$

This defines the relative acceleration of Q w. r. t. and states that Acceleration of Q relative to P = Acceleration of Q – Acceleration of P.

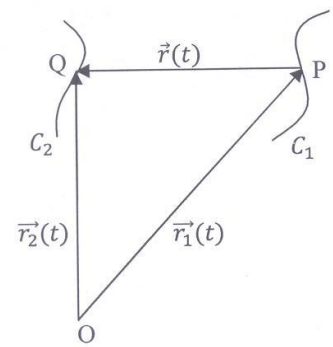


Fig. 7.4

**Example 11: Find the tangential and normal acceleration of a particle moving in a plane curve in Cartesian coordinates.**

**Solution:** Let  $\vec{r}$  be the position vector the point P, a function of a scalar t. In particular, if the scalar variable t is taken as an arc length s along the curve C measured from some fixed point, that is,

$$x = x(s), \quad y = y(s), \quad z = z(s) \quad \text{then} \quad \vec{r} = x(s)\hat{i} + y(s)\hat{j} + z(s)\hat{k}$$

$$\text{So that} \quad \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} = \frac{dx}{ds}\hat{i} + \frac{dy}{ds}\hat{j} + \frac{dz}{ds}\hat{k} \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\text{And} \quad \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} \right|^2 = \left( \frac{dx}{ds} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dy}{ds} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dz}{ds} \right)^2 \quad \dots (2)$$

For two dimension curves we have in calculus

$$(ds)^2 = (dx)^2 + (dy)^2$$

which when extended to the space, becomes

$$(ds)^2 = (dx)^2 + (dy)^2 + (dz)^2$$

$$\text{Or} \quad \left( \frac{dx}{ds} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dy}{ds} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dz}{ds} \right)^2 = 1$$

$$\text{Therefore (2) gives} \quad \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} \right|^2 = 1$$

That means,  $\frac{d\vec{r}}{ds}$  is a unit vector along the tangent and (1) represents a unit tangent vector along the curve C in space.

Therefore, Velocity  $\vec{v}$  of the particle at any point of the curve is given by

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt} = v \hat{T} \quad \dots (3)$$

where  $v = \frac{ds}{dt}$  and  $\hat{T} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds}$  is the unit vector along the tangent.

Thus  $v = \frac{ds}{dt}$  is the tangential component of the velocity and the normal component of the velocity is zero.

$$\text{Next, acceleration} \quad \vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d(v\hat{T})}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dt} \hat{T} + v \frac{d\hat{T}}{dt}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or} \quad \vec{a} &= \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} \hat{T} + \frac{ds}{dt} \frac{d\hat{T}}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dt} \hat{T} + v^2 \frac{d\hat{T}}{d\psi} \frac{d\psi}{ds} \\ &= \frac{dv}{dt} \hat{T} + \frac{v^2}{\rho} \frac{d\hat{T}}{d\psi} \quad \left( \text{since radius of curvature, } \rho = \frac{ds}{d\psi} \right) \end{aligned} \quad \dots (4)$$

From the adjoining figure,  $\hat{T} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$  is along the tangent at P to the curve C and  $\hat{N}$  is the unit vector along the normal to P.

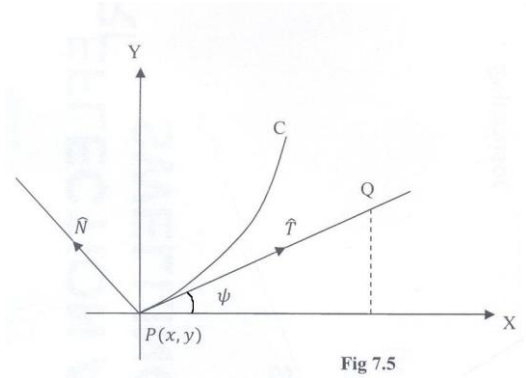
$$\therefore \quad \hat{T} = \cos \psi \hat{i} + \sin \psi \hat{j} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{N} = \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \psi \right) \hat{i} + \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \psi \right) \hat{j} = -\sin \psi \hat{i} + \cos \psi \hat{j}$$

$$\text{Now} \quad \frac{d\hat{T}}{d\psi} = -\sin \psi \hat{i} + \cos \psi \hat{j} = \hat{N}$$

$$\text{Therefore, equation (4) becomes} \quad \vec{a} = \frac{dv}{dt} \hat{T} + \frac{v^2}{\rho} \hat{N}$$

Which shows that tangential and normal components of acceleration at the point P are  $\frac{dv}{dt}$  and  $\frac{v^2}{\rho}$ .

Since  $\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dv}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt} = v \frac{dv}{ds}$ , so the tangential component of acceleration is also written as  $v \frac{dv}{ds}$ .



**Example 12: Find the radial and transverse acceleration of a particle moving in a plane curve in Polar coordinates.**

**Solution:** Let the position vector of a moving particle  $P(r, \theta)$  be  $\vec{r}$  so that

$$\vec{r} = r \hat{r} = r (\cos \theta \hat{i} + \sin \theta \hat{j}) \text{ at any time } t.$$

Then the velocity of the particle is  $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{dr}{dt} \hat{r} + r \frac{d\hat{r}}{dt}$

As  $\hat{r} = (\cos \theta \hat{i} + \sin \theta \hat{j})$  so  $\frac{d\hat{r}}{dt} = (-\sin \theta \hat{i} + \cos \theta \hat{j}) \frac{d\theta}{dt}$

Therefore,  $\frac{d\hat{r}}{dt}$  is perpendicular to  $\hat{r}$  and  $\left| \frac{d\hat{r}}{dt} \right| = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$  i.e. if  $\hat{u}$

is a unit vector perpendicular to  $\vec{r}$ , then  $\frac{d\hat{r}}{dt} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \hat{u}$

And thus,  $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{dr}{dt} \hat{r} + r \frac{d\theta}{dt} \hat{u}$

So the radial and transverse components of the velocity are  $\frac{dr}{dt}$  and  $\frac{d\theta}{dt}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } \vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} &= \frac{d^2r}{dt^2} \hat{r} + \frac{dr}{dt} \frac{d\hat{r}}{dt} + \frac{dr}{dt} \frac{d\theta}{dt} \hat{u} + r \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} \hat{u} + r \frac{d\theta}{dt} \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt} \\ &= \left[ \frac{d^2r}{dt^2} - r \left( \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 \right] \hat{r} + \left[ 2 \frac{dr}{dt} \frac{d\theta}{dt} + r \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} \right] \hat{u} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \text{since } \hat{u} = (-\sin \theta \hat{i} + \cos \theta \hat{j}) \text{ gives } \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt} = -\frac{d\theta}{dt} \hat{r} \right)$$

Thus radial and transverse components of the acceleration are  $\left[ \frac{d^2r}{dt^2} - r \left( \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 \right]$  and  $\left[ 2 \frac{dr}{dt} \frac{d\theta}{dt} + r \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} \right]$ .

**Example 13: A particle moves along the curve  $\vec{r} = (t^3 - 4t) \hat{i} + (t^2 + 4t) \hat{j} + (8t^2 - 3t^3) \hat{k}$  where  $t$  denotes the time. Find the magnitudes of acceleration along the tangent and normal at time  $t = 2$ .**

**Solution:** The velocity of the particle is  $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = (3t^2 - 4) \hat{i} + (2t + 4) \hat{j} + (16t - 9t^2) \hat{k}$

And the acceleration is  $\vec{a} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = (6t) \hat{i} + (2) \hat{j} + (16 - 18t) \hat{k}$

At  $t = 2$ ,  $\vec{v} = 8 \hat{i} + 8 \hat{j} - 4 \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{a} = 12 \hat{i} + 2 \hat{j} - 20 \hat{k}$

Since the velocity vector is also the tangent vector to the curve, so the magnitude of acceleration

$$\begin{aligned} \text{along the tangent at } t = 2 \text{ is } &= \vec{a} \cdot \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} = (12 \hat{i} + 2 \hat{j} - 20 \hat{k}) \cdot \frac{(8 \hat{i} + 8 \hat{j} - 4 \hat{k})}{\sqrt{64 + 64 + 16}} \\ &= \frac{(12)(8) + (2)(8) + (-20)(-4)}{12} = 16 \end{aligned}$$

And, the magnitude of acceleration along the normal at  $t = 2$  is

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{a} - \text{Component of } \vec{a} \text{ along the tangent at } t = 2| &= \left| (12 \hat{i} + 2 \hat{j} - 20 \hat{k}) - 16 \frac{(8 \hat{i} + 8 \hat{j} - 4 \hat{k})}{12} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{4 \hat{i} - 26 \hat{j} - 44 \hat{k}}{3} \right| = 2\sqrt{73} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 14: A person going east wards with a velocity of 4 km per hour, finds that the wind appears to blow directly from the north. He doubles his speed and the wind seems to come from north-east. Find the actual velocity of the wind.**

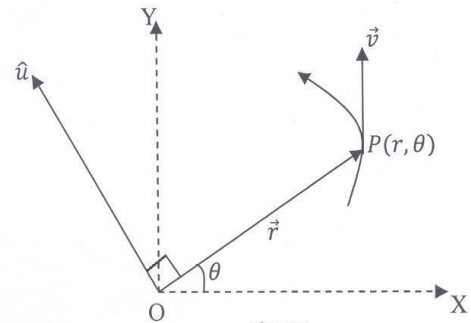


Fig. 7.6

**Solution:** Let the actual velocity of the wind is  $\vec{v} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$ , where  $\hat{i}$  and  $\hat{j}$  represent velocities of 1 km per hour towards the east and north respectively. As the person is going eastwards with a velocity of 4 km per hour, his actual velocity is  $4\hat{i}$ .

Then the velocity of the wind relative to the man is  $(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}) - 4\hat{i}$ , which is parallel to  $-\hat{j}$ , as it appears to blow from the north. Hence  $x = 4$ .

When the velocity of the person becomes  $8\hat{i}$ , the velocity of the wind relative to a man is  $(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}) - 8\hat{i}$ . But this is parallel to  $-(\hat{i} + \hat{j})$ .

$$\therefore \frac{(x-8)}{y} = 1 \text{ which gives } y = -4 \quad (\text{using (1)})$$

Hence the actual velocity of the wind is  $4\hat{i} - 4\hat{j}$  i.e.  $4\sqrt{2}$  km per hour towards south east.

**Example 15:** A particle moves along the curve  $x = t^3 + 1$ ,  $y = t^2$ ,  $z = 2t + 3$  where  $t$  is the time. Find the components of velocity and acceleration at  $t = 1$  in the direction of the vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ .

**Solution:** Let  $\vec{r}$  be the position vector of the particle at any time  $t$ ,

$$\text{then } \vec{r} = (t^3 + 1)\hat{i} + (t^2)\hat{j} + (2t + 3)\hat{k}$$

$$\text{So the velocity is } \vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = (3t^2)\hat{i} + (2t)\hat{j} + (2)\hat{k}$$

$$\text{And the acceleration is } \vec{a} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = (6t)\hat{i} + (2)\hat{j} + (0)\hat{k}$$

$$\text{At } t=1, \vec{v} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{a} = 6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Also the unit vector in the direction of the given vector } \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \text{ is } = \frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{|\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}|} = \frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{\sqrt{11}}$$

Now the component of velocity at  $t = 1$ , in the direction of the vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  =

$$\frac{(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})}{\sqrt{11}} = \frac{3 + 2 + 6}{\sqrt{11}} = \sqrt{11}$$

And the component of acceleration at  $t = 1$ , in the direction of the vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  =

$$\frac{(6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})}{\sqrt{11}} = \frac{6 + 2 + 0}{\sqrt{11}} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{11}}$$

## ASSIGNMENT 2

1. The particle moves along a curve  $x = e^{-t}$ ,  $y = 2 \cos 3t$ ,  $z = 2 \sin 3t$ , where  $t$  is the time variable. Determine its velocity and acceleration vectors and also the magnitudes of velocity and acceleration at  $t = 0$ .
2. A particle (with position vector  $\vec{r}$ ) is moving in a circle with constant angular velocity  $\omega$ . Show by vector methods, that the acceleration is equal to  $-\omega^2 \vec{r}$ .
3. A particle moves on the curve  $x = 2t^2$ ,  $y = t^2 - 4t$ ,  $z = 3t - 5$ , where  $t$  is the time. Find the components of velocity and acceleration at time  $t = 1$  in the direction  $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ .
4. The position vector of a particle at time  $t$  is  $\vec{r} = \cos(t - 1)\hat{i} + \sinh(t - 1)\hat{j} + at^3\hat{k}$ . Find the condition imposed on  $a$  by requiring that at time  $t = 1$ , the acceleration is normal to the position vector.

5. A particle moves so that its position vector is given by  $\vec{r} = \cos \omega t \hat{i} + \sin \omega t \hat{j}$ . Show that the velocity  $\vec{v}$  of the particle is perpendicular to  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{r} \times \vec{v}$  is a constant vector.
6. A particle moves along a catenary  $s = c \tan \psi$ . The direction of acceleration at any point makes equal angles with the tangent and normal to the path at that point. If the speed at vertex ( $\psi = 0$ ) be  $v_0$ , show that the magnitude of velocity and acceleration at any point are given by  $v_0 e^\psi$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{c} v_0^2 e^{2\psi} \cos^2 \psi$  respectively.
7. The position vector of a moving particle at a time  $t$  is  $\vec{r} = t^2 \hat{i} - t^3 \hat{j} + t^4 \hat{k}$ . Find the tangential and normal components of acceleration at  $t = 1$ .
8. A vessel A is sailing with a velocity of 11 knots per hour in the direction south-east and a second vessel B is sailing with a velocity of 13 knots per hour in a direction  $30^\circ$  of north. Find the velocity of A relative to B.
9. The velocity of a boat relative to water is represented by  $3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$  and that of water relative to earth is  $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$ . What is the velocity of the boat relative to earth if  $\hat{i}$  and  $\hat{j}$  represent one KM an hour east and north respectively?
10. A person travelling towards the north-east with a velocity of 6 KM per hour finds that the wind appears to blow from the north, but when he doubles his speed it seems to come from a direction inclined at an angle  $\tan^{-1} 2$  to the north of east. Show that the actual velocity of the wind is  $3\sqrt{2}$  KM per hour towards the east.

## 17.5 DEL APPLIED TO SCALAR POINT FUNCTIONS: GRADIENT

[KUK 2009]

**Del Operator:** Del operator is a vector differential operator and is written as

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

**Gradient of a Scalar Function:** Let  $\phi(x, y, z)$  be a scalar function of three variables defined over a region R of space. Then gradient of  $\phi$  is a vector function defined as

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

wherever the partial derivatives exist. It may also be denoted as  $\text{grad}(\phi)$ . The del operator is also called the gradient operator.

**Level Surface:** Let  $\phi(x, y, z)$  be a scalar valued function and  $C$  is a constant. The surface given by  $\phi(x, y, z) = C$  through a point  $P(\vec{r})$  is such that at each point on it the function has same value, is called the level surface of  $\phi(x, y, z)$  through P, e.g. equi-potential or isothermal surfaces.

In other words, locus of the point  $P(\vec{r})$  satisfying  $\phi(\vec{r}) = C$  form a surface through P. This surface is called the level surface through P.

## Gradient as Normal or Geometrical Interpretation of Gradient

Let  $\phi(\vec{r}) = \phi(x, y, z)$  is a scalar function where  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ . And  $\phi(x, y, z) = C$  is the level surface of  $\phi$  through  $P(\vec{r})$ . Let  $Q(\vec{r} + \delta\vec{r})$  be a point on neighboring level surface  $\phi + \delta\phi$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla\phi \cdot \delta\vec{r} &= \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (\delta x\hat{i} + \delta y\hat{j} + \delta z\hat{k}) \\ &= \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z} \delta z = \delta\phi \quad \dots (1)\end{aligned}$$

Now if P and Q lie on same level surface i.e.  $\phi$  &  $\phi + \delta\phi$  are same, then  $\delta\phi = 0$ .

Implies  $\nabla\phi \cdot \delta\vec{r} = 0$  (using (1))

Therefore,  $\nabla\phi$  is perpendicular (normal) to every  $\delta\vec{r}$  lying on this surface.

Hence,  $\nabla\phi$  is normal to the surface  $\phi(x, y, z) = C$  and we can write  $\nabla\phi = |\nabla\phi| \hat{n}$ , where  $\hat{n}$  is unit normal vector to the surface.

See the Fig. 17.7, if the perpendicular distance PM between the surfaces through P and Q be  $\delta n$ , then rate of change of  $\phi$  along the normal to the surface through P is

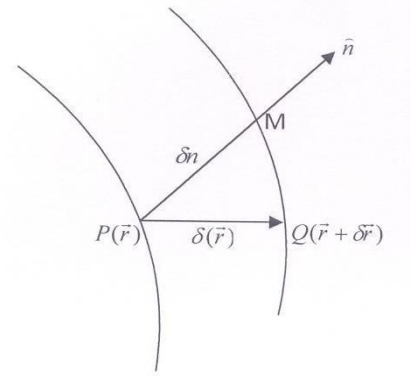


Fig. 7.7

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial n} &= \text{Lt}_{\delta n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta\phi}{\delta n} = \text{Lt}_{\delta n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\nabla\phi \cdot \delta\vec{r}}{\delta n} \quad \text{(using (1))} \\ &= \text{Lt}_{\delta n \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\nabla\phi| \hat{n} \cdot \delta\vec{r}}{\delta n} = |\nabla\phi| \text{Lt}_{\delta n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\hat{n} \cdot \delta\vec{r}}{\delta n} \quad \dots (2) \\ &= |\nabla\phi| \text{Lt}_{\delta n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta n}{\delta n} = |\nabla\phi| \quad \text{(As } \hat{n} \cdot \delta\vec{r} = |\delta\vec{r}| \cos \theta = \delta n)\end{aligned}$$

Hence the magnitude of  $\nabla\phi$  i.e.  $|\nabla\phi| = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial n}$  ... (3)

Thus  $\text{grad } \phi$  is normal vector to the level surface  $\phi(x, y, z) = C$  and its magnitude represents the rate of change of  $\phi$  along this normal.

**Directional Derivative:** If  $\delta r$  denotes the length PQ and  $\hat{u}$  be the unit vector in the direction of PQ, the limiting value of  $\frac{\delta f}{\delta r}$  as  $\delta r \rightarrow 0$  (i.e.  $\frac{\delta f}{\delta r}$ ) is known as the *directional derivative* of  $f$  along the direction PQ.

Since  $\delta r = \frac{\delta n}{\cos \alpha} = \frac{\delta n}{\hat{n} \cdot \hat{u}}$ , therefore  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial r} = \text{Lt}_{\delta r \rightarrow 0} \left[ \hat{n} \cdot \hat{u} \frac{\delta f}{\delta n} \right] = \hat{u} \cdot \frac{\delta f}{\delta n} \hat{n} = \hat{u} \cdot \nabla f$

Thus the directional derivative of  $f$  in the direction of  $\hat{u}$  is the resolved part of  $\nabla f$  in the direction of  $\hat{u}$ .

Since  $\nabla f \cdot \hat{u} = |\nabla f| \cos \alpha \leq |\nabla f|$

It follows that  $\nabla f$  gives the maximum rate of change of  $f$ .

**Properties of Gradient Operator:** Let  $\phi(x, y, z)$  &  $\psi(x, y, z)$  are two differentiable scalar functions defined over some region R. then the gradient operator has following properties:



(i) Gradient of a constant multiple of scalar function  $\phi$

$$\text{grad}(C\phi) = C \text{grad}(\phi) \quad \text{or} \quad \nabla(C\phi) = C \nabla\phi$$

Proof: Consider  $\text{grad}(C\phi) = \nabla(C\phi)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) (C\phi) \\ &= \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (C\phi) + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (C\phi) + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (C\phi) \\ &= C \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + C \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + C \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \\ &= C \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \\ &= C \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \phi \\ &= C \nabla\phi = C \text{grad}(\phi) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\text{grad}(C\phi) = C \text{grad}(\phi)$ .

(ii) Gradient of sum or difference of two scalar functions

$$\text{grad}(\phi \pm \psi) = \text{grad}(\phi) \pm \text{grad}(\psi) \quad \text{or} \quad \nabla(\phi \pm \psi) = \nabla\phi \pm \nabla\psi$$

Proof: Consider  $\text{grad}(\phi \pm \psi) = \nabla(\phi \pm \psi)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) (\phi \pm \psi) \\ &= \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\phi \pm \psi) + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\phi \pm \psi) + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\phi \pm \psi) \\ &= \hat{i} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \pm \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{j} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \pm \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \right) + \hat{k} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \pm \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \right) \\ &= \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \pm \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \right) \\ &= \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) (\phi) \pm \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) (\psi) \\ &= \nabla\phi \pm \nabla\psi = \text{grad}(\phi) \pm \text{grad}(\psi). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\text{grad}(\phi \pm \psi) = \text{grad}(\phi) \pm \text{grad}(\psi)$ .

(iii) Gradient of product of two scalar functions

$$\text{grad}(\phi\psi) = \phi \text{grad}(\psi) + \psi \text{grad}(\phi) \quad \text{or} \quad \nabla(\phi\psi) = \phi \nabla\psi + \psi \nabla\phi$$

Proof: Consider  $\text{grad}(\phi\psi) = \nabla(\phi\psi)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) (\phi\psi) \\ &= \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\phi\psi) + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\phi\psi) + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\phi\psi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \hat{i} \left( \phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} + \psi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{j} \left( \phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + \psi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right) + \hat{k} \left( \phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + \psi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \\
&= \phi \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \right) + \psi \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \\
&= \phi \nabla \psi + \psi \nabla \phi = \phi \text{grad}(\psi) \pm \psi \text{grad}(\phi)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\text{grad}(\phi\psi) = \phi \text{grad}(\psi) \pm \psi \text{grad}(\phi)$ .

(iv) Gradient of quotient of two scalar functions

$$\text{grad} \left( \frac{\phi}{\psi} \right) = \frac{\psi \text{grad}(\phi) - \phi \text{grad}(\psi)}{(\psi)^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \nabla \left( \frac{\phi}{\psi} \right) = \frac{\psi \nabla(\phi) - \phi \nabla(\psi)}{(\psi)^2}, \text{ provided } \psi \neq 0.$$

Proof: Consider  $\text{grad} \left( \frac{\phi}{\psi} \right) = \nabla \left( \frac{\phi}{\psi} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \left( \frac{\phi}{\psi} \right) \\
&= \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\phi}{\psi} \right) + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\phi}{\psi} \right) + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\phi}{\psi} \right) \\
&= \hat{i} \left( \frac{\psi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} - \phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}}{\psi^2} \right) + \hat{j} \left( \frac{\psi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} - \phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}}{\psi^2} \right) + \hat{k} \left( \frac{\psi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} - \phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}}{\psi^2} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\psi^2} \left[ \psi \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) - \phi \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \right) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\psi^2} [\psi \text{grad}(\phi) - \phi \text{grad}(\psi)] = \frac{\psi \text{grad}(\phi) - \phi \text{grad}(\psi)}{(\psi)^2} \\
&= \frac{\psi \nabla(\phi) - \phi \nabla(\psi)}{(\psi)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } \text{grad} \left( \frac{\phi}{\psi} \right) = \frac{\psi \text{grad}(\phi) - \phi \text{grad}(\psi)}{(\psi)^2}.$$

**Example 16:** If  $\phi = 3x^2y - y^3z^2$ , then find  $\text{grad} \phi$  at  $(1, -2, -1)$ .

**Solution:**  $\text{grad} \phi = \nabla(3x^2y - y^3z^2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3x^2y - y^3z^2) + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3x^2y - y^3z^2) + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (3x^2y - y^3z^2) \\
&= \hat{i}(6xy) + \hat{j}(3x^2 - 3y^2z^2) + \hat{k}(-2y^3z)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{At } (1, -2, -1), \text{ grad } \phi &= (\hat{i} 6(1)(-2)) + \hat{j}(3(1)^2 - 3(-2)^2(-1)^2) + \hat{k}(-2(-2)^3(-1)) \\
&= -12\hat{i} - 9\hat{j} - 16\hat{k}
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 17:** Prove that  $\nabla(r^n) = n r^{n-2} \vec{r}$ , where  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ .

**Solution:** Here  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  and  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

$$\text{So differentiating partially w. r. t. } x, \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}, \quad \text{Similarly,} \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = \frac{z}{r} \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Consider } \nabla(r^n) &= \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(r^n) + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(r^n) + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(r^n) \\
&= \hat{i} \left( n r^{n-1} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{j} \left( n r^{n-1} \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \right) + \hat{k} \left( n r^{n-1} \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} \right) \\
&= \hat{i} \left( n r^{n-1} \frac{x}{r} \right) + \hat{j} \left( n r^{n-1} \frac{y}{r} \right) + \hat{k} \left( n r^{n-1} \frac{z}{r} \right) \\
&= \hat{i} (n r^{n-2} x) + \hat{j} (n r^{n-2} y) + \hat{k} (n r^{n-2} z) \\
&= n r^{n-2} (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) = n r^{n-2} \vec{r}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\nabla(r^n) = n r^{n-2} \vec{r}$

**Example 18: Find the unit vector normal to the surface  $x^3 + y^3 + 3xyz = 3$  at**

(i) the point (1, 2, -1) \*      (ii) the point (1, 3, -1)\*\*      [KUK \*2006, \*\*2011]

**Solution:** We know that a vector normal to a surface is given by its gradient, so if  $\vec{n}$  is the vector normal to the given surface then

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

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(i) At point (1, 2, -1),} \quad \vec{n} &= (3(1)^2 + 3(2)(-1))\hat{i} + (3(2)^2 + 3(1)(-1))\hat{j} + (3(1)(2))\hat{k} \\
&= -3\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also } |\vec{n}| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (9)^2 + (6)^2} = \sqrt{126}$$

Therefore the unit normal vector to the given surface at a point (1, 2, -1) is

$$\hat{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{126}} (-3\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(ii) At point (1, 3, -1),} \quad \vec{n} &= (3(1)^2 + 3(3)(-1))\hat{i} + (3(3)^2 + 3(1)(-1))\hat{j} + (3(1)(3))\hat{k} \\
&= -6\hat{i} + 24\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also } |\vec{n}| = \sqrt{(-6)^2 + (24)^2 + (9)^2} = \sqrt{693}$$

Therefore the unit normal vector to the given surface at a point (1, 3, -1) is

$$\hat{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{693}} (-6\hat{i} + 24\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}).$$

**Example 19: Show that  $\text{grad } e^{(x^2+y^2+z^2)} = 2e^{r^2}$ , where  $r^2 = |\vec{r}|^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ .**

**Solution:** Here  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

So differentiating w. r. t. x,  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}$ , Similarly,  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r}$  and  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = \frac{z}{r}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Now } \text{grad } e^{(x^2+y^2+z^2)} &= \nabla e^{r^2} = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(e^{r^2}) + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(e^{r^2}) + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(e^{r^2}) \\
&= \hat{i} \left( e^{r^2} 2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{j} \left( e^{r^2} 2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \right) + \hat{k} \left( e^{r^2} 2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= e^{r^2} 2r \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} \right) = e^{r^2} 2r \left( \hat{i} \frac{x}{r} + \hat{j} \frac{y}{r} + \hat{k} \frac{z}{r} \right) \\
&= 2e^{r^2} \vec{r}
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 20:** If  $u = x + y + z$ ,  $v = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  and  $w = yz + zx + xy$ , then show that  $\text{grad } u$ ,  $\text{grad } v$  and  $\text{grad } w$  are coplanar.

**Solution:** Consider  $\text{grad } u = \hat{i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \hat{i}(1) + \hat{j}(1) + \hat{k}(1) = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$\text{grad } v = \hat{i} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = \hat{i}(2x) + \hat{j}(2y) + \hat{k}(2z) = 2x\hat{i} + 2y\hat{j} + 2z\hat{k}$$

$$\text{grad } w = \hat{i} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = (y+z)\hat{i} + (z+x)\hat{j} + (x+y)\hat{k}$$

We know that three vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are coplanar if their scalar triple product is zero i.e.  $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Consider } [\text{grad } u \ \text{grad } v \ \text{grad } w] &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2x & 2y & 2z \\ y+z & z+x & x+y \end{vmatrix} \\
&= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x & y & z \\ y+z & z+x & x+y \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{taking common 2 from } R_2) \\
&= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x+y+z & x+y+z & x+y+z \\ y+z & z+x & x+y \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{adding } R_2 \text{ and } R_3) \\
&= 2(x+y+z) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ y+z & z+x & x+y \end{vmatrix} \\
&\quad (\text{taking common } (x+y+z) \text{ from } R_2) \\
&= 2(x+y+z)(0) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\text{grad } u$ ,  $\text{grad } v$  and  $\text{grad } w$  are coplanar.

**Example 21:** Show that  $\text{grad } f(r) \times \vec{r} = \vec{0}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Solution: Here } \text{grad } f(r) &= \nabla f(r) = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (f(r)) + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (f(r)) + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (f(r)) \\
&= \hat{i} \left( f'(r) \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{j} \left( f'(r) \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \right) + \hat{k} \left( f'(r) \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} \right) \\
&= f'(r) \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} \right) = f'(r) \left( \hat{i} \frac{x}{r} + \hat{j} \frac{y}{r} + \hat{k} \frac{z}{r} \right) \\
&= f'(r) \frac{\vec{r}}{r}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } \text{grad } f(r) \times \vec{r} = f'(r) \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \times \vec{r} = f'(r) \frac{1}{r} (\vec{r} \times \vec{r}) = \vec{0}$$

$$(\text{since } (\vec{r} \times \vec{r}) = \vec{0})$$

**Example 22:** Find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 y^2 z^2$  at the point  $(1, 1, -1)$  in the direction of the tangent to the curve  $x = e^t, y = 2 \sin t + 1, z = t - \cos t$  at  $t = 0$ .

**Solution:** Consider  $\nabla f(x, y, z) = \nabla (x^2 y^2 z^2) = (2xy^2 z^2)\hat{i} + (2yx^2 z^2)\hat{j} + (2zx^2 y^2)\hat{k}$

$$\text{At } (1, 1, -1), \quad \nabla f(x, y, z) = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$$

$$\text{Now } \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} = (e^t)\hat{i} + (2 \sin t + 1)\hat{j} + (t - \cos t)\hat{k}$$

$$\text{So tangent to the curve is } \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = (e^t)\hat{i} + (2 \cos t)\hat{j} + (1 + \sin t)\hat{k}$$

$$\text{At } t = 0, \quad \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\text{And the unit tangent vector is } \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} / \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| = \frac{\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So the required directional derivative in the direction of the tangent is } \nabla f(x, y, z) \cdot \left( \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} / \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| \right) \\ = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) / \sqrt{6} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 23:** If the directional derivative  $\phi = ax^2y + by^2z + cz^2x$  at the point  $(1, 1, 1)$  has maximum magnitude 15 in the direction parallel to the line  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{-2} = \frac{z}{1}$ , find the values of  $a, b$  and  $c$ . [Madras 2004]

**Solution:** Consider  $\nabla \phi = \nabla (ax^2y + by^2z + cz^2x)$

$$= (2axy + cz^2)\hat{i} + (ax^2 + 2byz)\hat{j} + (by^2 + 2c zx)\hat{k}$$

$$\text{At } (1, 1, 1), \quad \nabla \phi = (2a + c)\hat{i} + (a + 2b)\hat{j} + (b + 2c)\hat{k}$$

We know that directional derivative of  $\phi$  is maximum in the direction of its normal vector  $\nabla \phi$ , but it is given to be maximum in the direction of the line  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{-2} = \frac{z}{1}$ .

Therefore, the line and normal vector are parallel to each other, which results as:

$$\frac{2a+c}{2} = \frac{a+2b}{-2} = \frac{b+2c}{1} \quad \dots (1)$$

Taking first two members of (1),  $3a + 2b + c = 0$

and by last two members of (1),  $a + 4b + 4c = 0$

Solving the two obtained equations,  $\frac{a}{4} = \frac{b}{-11} = \frac{c}{10} = \lambda$  (Let)

$$\Rightarrow a = 4\lambda, b = -11\lambda \text{ and } c = 10\lambda \quad \dots (2)$$

Also given that maximum magnitude of directional derivative is 15 units i.e.  $|\nabla \phi| = 15$

$$\text{So, } (2a + c)^2 + (a + 2b)^2 + (b + 2c)^2 = (15)^2 \quad \dots (3)$$

Putting the values of  $a, b$  and  $c$  from (2),

$$(8\lambda + 10\lambda)^2 + (4\lambda - 22\lambda)^2 + (-11\lambda + 20\lambda)^2 = (15)^2 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm \frac{5}{9}$$

Hence  $a = \pm \frac{20}{9}$ ,  $b = \mp \frac{55}{9}$ ,  $c = \pm \frac{50}{9}$ .

**Example 24:** In what direction from (3, 1, -2) is the directional derivative of  $\phi = x^2y^2z^4$  maximum? Find also the magnitude of this maximum. [KUK 2010, 2007, 2006]

**Solution:** The vector normal to the given surface is

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{n} = \nabla \phi &= \nabla(x^2y^2z^4) = \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)(x^2y^2z^4) \\ &= 2xy^2z^4 \hat{i} + 2x^2yz^4 \hat{j} + 4x^2y^2z^3 \hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{At point (3, 1, -2)} \quad \vec{n} &= 2(3)(1)^2(-2)^4 \hat{i} + 2(3)^2(1)(-2)^4 \hat{j} + 4(3)^2(1)^2(-2)^3 \hat{k} \\ &= 96 \hat{i} + 288 \hat{j} - 288 \hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

Also  $|\vec{n}| = \sqrt{(96)^2 + (288)^2 + (-288)^2} = 96\sqrt{19}$

So the directional derivative of given surface will be maximum in the direction of  $96 \hat{i} + 288 \hat{j} - 288 \hat{k}$  and the magnitude of this maximum is  $96\sqrt{19}$ .

**Example 25:** Find the angle between the surfaces  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$  and  $z = x^2 + y^2 - 3$  at (2, -1, 2). [KUK 2008]

**Solution:** Given surfaces are

$$\phi_1 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 9 = 0 \quad \dots (1)$$

and  $\phi_2 = x^2 + y^2 - z - 3 = 0 \quad \dots (2)$

We know that gradient of a surface gives the vector normal to the surface. Let  $\vec{n}_1$  and  $\vec{n}_2$  are the vectors normal to the surfaces (1) and (2) respectively.

$$\text{Now } \nabla \phi_1 = \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \cdot (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9) = 2x \hat{i} + 2y \hat{j} + 2z \hat{k} \quad \dots (3)$$

$$\nabla \phi_2 = \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \cdot (x^2 + y^2 - z - 3) = 2x \hat{i} + 2y \hat{j} - \hat{k} \quad \dots (4)$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{n}_1 = (\nabla \phi_1)_{\text{at } (2, -1, 2)} = 4 \hat{i} - 2 \hat{j} + 4 \hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{n}_2 = (\nabla \phi_2)_{\text{at } (2, -1, 2)} = 4 \hat{i} - 2 \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

Let  $\theta$  be the angle between the given surfaces at point (2, -1, 2), then  $\theta$  will also be an angle between their normals  $\vec{n}_1$  and  $\vec{n}_2$ .

$$\text{Therefore, } \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2}{|\vec{n}_1| |\vec{n}_2|} = \frac{(4 \hat{i} - 2 \hat{j} + 4 \hat{k}) \cdot (4 \hat{i} - 2 \hat{j} - \hat{k})}{|4 \hat{i} - 2 \hat{j} + 4 \hat{k}| |4 \hat{i} - 2 \hat{j} - \hat{k}|} = \frac{16 + 4 - 4}{\sqrt{36} \sqrt{21}} = \frac{8}{3\sqrt{21}}.$$

**Example 26:** Find the constants a and b so that the surface  $ax^2 - byz = (a + 2)x$  is orthogonal to the surface  $4x^2y + z^3 = 4$  at the point (1, -1, 2).

**Solution:** Given surfaces are

$$f = ax^2 - byz - (a + 2)x = 0 \quad \dots (1)$$

and  $g = 4x^2y + z^3 - 4 = 0 \quad \dots (2)$

Let  $\vec{n}_1$  and  $\vec{n}_2$  are the vectors normal to the surfaces (1) and (2) at (1, -1, 2), respectively.

$$\text{Consider } \nabla f = \hat{i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \hat{i} (2ax - (a+2)) + \hat{j} (-bz) + \hat{k} (-by) \quad \dots (3)$$

$$\text{And } \nabla g = \hat{i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} = \hat{i} (8xy) + \hat{j} (4x^2) + \hat{k} (3z^2) \quad \dots (4)$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{n}_1 = (\nabla f)_{(1, -1, 2)} = \hat{i} (a-2) + \hat{j} (-2b) + \hat{k} (b) = (a-2)\hat{i} - 2b\hat{j} + b\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{n}_2 = (\nabla g)_{(1, -1, 2)} = \hat{i} (-8) + \hat{j} (4) + \hat{k} (12) = -8\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$$

Given that surfaces (1) and (2) cut orthogonally at (1, -1, 2), so their normal vectors i.e.  $\vec{n}_1$  and  $\vec{n}_2$  should also be orthogonal to each other.

$$\text{Therefore, } \vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow -8(a-2) - 8b + 12b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a - b = 4 \quad \dots (5)$$

Also the point (1, -2, 1) lies on the surface (1), so we have

$$a + 2b - (a+2) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2b - 2 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad b = 1$$

$$\text{Putting value of } b \text{ in (3), we get} \quad 2a - 1 = 4 \quad \text{or} \quad a = \frac{5}{2}$$

**Example 27:** Show that the components of a vector  $\vec{r}$  along and normal (perpendicular) to a vector  $\vec{a}$ , in the plane of  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{a}$ , are  $\frac{(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a})}{\vec{a}^2} \vec{a}$  and  $\frac{\vec{a} \times (\vec{r} \times \vec{a})}{(\vec{a})^2}$ .

**Solution:** Let  $\vec{OA} = \vec{a}$  and  $\vec{OB} = \vec{r}$  and  $\vec{OM}$  be the projection of  $\vec{r}$  on  $\vec{a}$  (Fig. 17.8)

$\therefore$  Component of  $\vec{r}$  along  $\vec{a} = OM$  (unit vector along  $\vec{a}$ )

$$= (\vec{r} \cdot \hat{a}) \hat{a} = \left( \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} \right) \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a})}{\vec{a}^2} \vec{a}$$

Also the component of  $\vec{r}$  normal to  $\vec{a} = \vec{MB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OM}$

$$= \vec{r} - \frac{(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a})}{\vec{a}^2} \vec{a} = \frac{(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{r} - (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{a}}{\vec{a}^2} = \frac{\vec{a} \times (\vec{r} \times \vec{a})}{(\vec{a})^2}$$

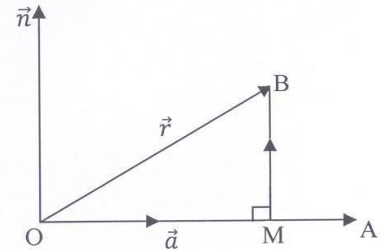


Fig. 7.8

**Example 28:** If  $f$  and  $\vec{F}$  are point functions, prove that the components of the latter normal and tangential to the surface  $f = 0$  are  $\frac{(\vec{F} \cdot \nabla f) \nabla f}{(\nabla f)^2}$  and  $\frac{\nabla f \times (\vec{F} \times \nabla f)}{(\nabla f)^2}$ .

**Solution:** We know that for the given surface  $f = 0$ , the vector normal to the surface is given by the gradient i.e.  $\nabla f$ .

$$\text{Now the component of } \vec{F} \text{ normal to the given surface is } = \left( \vec{F} \cdot \frac{\nabla f}{|\nabla f|} \right) \frac{\nabla f}{|\nabla f|} = \frac{(\vec{F} \cdot \nabla f) \nabla f}{|\nabla f|^2} = \frac{(\vec{F} \cdot \nabla f) \nabla f}{(\nabla f)^2}$$

And the component of  $\vec{F}$  tangential to the given surface is  $= \vec{F} - \text{the normal component of } \vec{F}$

$$= \vec{F} - \frac{(\vec{F} \cdot \nabla f) \nabla f}{(\nabla f)^2} = \frac{\vec{F}(\nabla f)^2 - (\vec{F} \cdot \nabla f) \nabla f}{(\nabla f)^2} = \frac{\vec{F}(\nabla f \cdot \nabla f) - (\vec{F} \cdot \nabla f) \nabla f}{(\nabla f)^2} = \frac{\nabla f \times (\vec{F} \times \nabla f)}{(\nabla f)^2}$$

### ASSIGNMENT 3

- Find  $\nabla \phi$ , if  $\phi = \log(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$ .
- Show that  $\frac{1}{r} = -\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3}$ .
- What is the directional derivative of  $\phi = xy^2 + yz^3$  at the point  $(2, -1, 1)$  in the direction of the normal to the surface  $x \log z - y^2 = -4$  at  $(-1, 2, 1)$ ? [JNTU 2005; VTU 2004]
- What is the directional derivative of  $\phi = x^2yz + 4xz^2$  at the point  $(1, -2, 1)$  in the direction of the vector  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ . [VTU 2007; UP Tech, JNTU 2006]
- The temperature of points in a space is given by  $T(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z$ . A mosquito located at  $(1, 1, 2)$  desires to fly in such a direction that it will get warm as soon as possible. In what direction should it move?
- What is the greatest rate of increase of  $u = x^2 + yz^2$  at the point  $(1, -1, 3)$ ?
- Find the angle between the tangent planes to the surfaces  $x \log z = y^2 - 1$  and  $x^2y = 2 - z$  at the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ . [JNTU 2003]
- Calculate the angle between the normals to the surface  $xy = z^2$  at the points  $(4, 1, 2)$  and  $(3, 3, -3)$ .
- Find the angle between the surfaces  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$  and  $z = x^2 + y^2 - 3$  at  $(2, -1, 2)$ .
- Find the values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  so that the surface  $\lambda x^2y + \mu z^3 = 4$  may cut the surface  $5x^2 = 2yz + 9x$  orthogonally at  $(1, -1, 2)$

### 17.6 DEL APPLIED TO VECTOR POINT FUNCTIONS (*Divergence & Curl*)

**1. Divergence:** Let  $\vec{f}(x, y, z) = f_1(x, y, z)\hat{i} + f_2(x, y, z)\hat{j} + f_3(x, y, z)\hat{k}$  be a continuously differentiable vector point function. Divergence  $\vec{f}(x, y, z)$  of is a scalar which is denoted by  $\nabla \cdot \vec{f}$  and is defined as

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{f} = \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (f_1 \hat{i} + f_2 \hat{j} + f_3 \hat{k}) = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z}.$$

It is also denoted by  $\text{div } \vec{f}$ .

#### Physical interpretation of Divergence

Consider the case of fluid flow.

Let  $\vec{v} = v_x\hat{i} + v_y\hat{j} + v_z\hat{k}$  be the velocity of the fluid at a point  $P(x, y, z)$ . Consider a small parallelepiped with edges  $\delta x, \delta y$  and  $\delta z$  parallel to the  $x, y$  and  $z$  axis

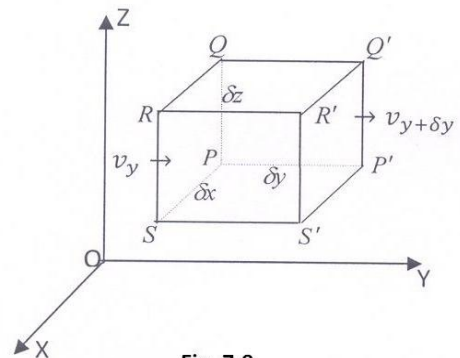


Fig. 7.9



respectively in the mass of fluid, with one of its corner at point  $P$ .

So, the mass of fluid flowing in through the face  $PQRS$  per unit time  $= v_y \delta z \delta x$

and the mass of fluid flowing out of the face  $P'Q'R'S'$  per unit time

$$= v_{y+\delta y} \delta z \delta x = \left( v_y + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} \delta y \right) \delta z \delta x$$

$\therefore$  The net decrease in fluid mass in the parallelopiped corresponding to flow along y-axis

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

Similarly, the net decrease in fluid mass in the parallelopiped corresponding to the flow along x-axis

and z-axis is  $\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} \delta x \delta y \delta z$  and  $\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \delta x \delta y \delta z$  respectively.

So, total decrease in mass of fluid mass in the parallelopiped per unit time

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

Thus, the rate of loss of fluid per unit volume  $= \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$

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

$$= \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \text{div } \vec{v}$$

Hence,  $\text{div } \vec{v}$  gives the rate at which fluid is originating or diminishing at a point per unit volume.

If the fluid is incompressible, there can be no loss or gain in the volume element *i.e.*  $\text{div } \vec{v} = 0$ .

**Observations:**

- (i) if  $\vec{v}$  represent the electric flux, then  $\text{div } \vec{v}$  is the amount of flux which diverges per unit volume in unit time.
- (ii) if  $\vec{v}$  represent the heat flux, then  $\text{div } \vec{v}$  is the rate at which the heat is issuing from a point per unit volume.
- (iii) If the flux entering any element of space is the same as that leaving it *i.e.*  $\text{div } \vec{v} = 0$  everywhere, then such a vector point function is called **Solenoidal**.

**Example 29:** If  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  then show that  $\text{div } \vec{r} = 3$ .

**Solution:**  $\text{div } \vec{r} = \nabla \cdot \vec{r} = \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (z) = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$$

**Example 30:** Evaluate  $\text{div } \vec{f}$  where  $\vec{f} = 2x^2z\hat{i} - xy^2z\hat{j} + 3y^2x\hat{k}$  at  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

**Solution:**  $\text{div } \vec{f} = \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (2x^2z\hat{i} - xy^2z\hat{j} + 3y^2x\hat{k})$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2x^2z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(-xy^2z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(3y^2x) \\
&= 4xz - 2xyz + 0
\end{aligned}$$

At (1, 1, 1),  $\text{div } \vec{f} = 4(1)(1) - 2(1)(1)(1) = 2$

**Example 31:** Determine the constant  $a$  so that the vector  $\vec{f} = (x + 3y)\hat{i} + (y - 2z)\hat{j} + (x + az)\hat{k}$  is solenoidal.

**Solution:** Given that the vector  $\vec{f}$  is solenoidal, so  $\text{div } \vec{f} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \cdot ((x + 3y)\hat{i} + (y - 2z)\hat{j} + (x + az)\hat{k}) &= 0 \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x + 3y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y - 2z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(x + az) &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$1 + 1 + a = 0 \Rightarrow a = -2$$

**2. Curl:** Let  $\vec{f}(x, y, z) = f_1(x, y, z)\hat{i} + f_2(x, y, z)\hat{j} + f_3(x, y, z)\hat{k}$  be a continuously differentiable vector point function. Curl of  $\vec{f}(x, y, z)$  is a vector which is denoted by  $\nabla \times \vec{f}$  and is defined as

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

Also in component form, curl of  $\vec{f}(x, y, z)$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla \times \vec{f} &= \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \times (f_1\hat{i} + f_2\hat{j} + f_3\hat{k}) \\
&= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \left(\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z}\right) + \hat{j} \left(\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x}\right) + \hat{k} \left(\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

### Physical Interpretation of Curl

Consider the motion of a rigid body rotating with angular velocity  $\vec{\omega}$  about an axis OA, where O is a fixed point in the body. Let  $\vec{r}$  be the position vector of any point P of the body. The point P describing a circle whose center is M and radius is  $PM = r \sin \theta$  where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\vec{\omega}$  and  $\vec{r}$ , then the velocity of P is  $\omega r \sin \theta$ . This velocity is normal to the plane POM i.e. normal to the plane of  $\vec{\omega}$  and  $\vec{r}$ .

So, if  $\vec{v}$  is the linear velocity of P, then  $\vec{v} = \omega r \sin \theta \hat{n} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$

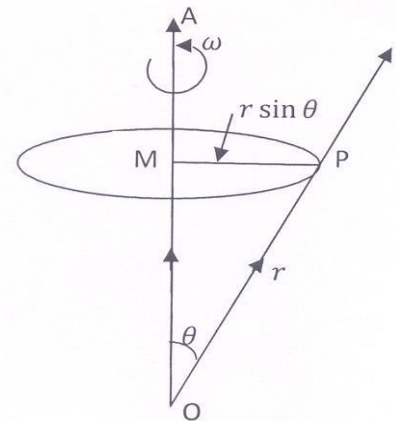


Fig. 7.10

( $\hat{n}$  being normal to  $\vec{\omega}$  and  $\vec{r}$ )

Now, if  $\vec{\omega} = \omega_1 \hat{i} + \omega_2 \hat{j} + \omega_3 \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{r} = x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} + z \hat{k}$ , then

$$\text{Curl } \vec{v} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \omega_1 & \omega_2 & \omega_3 \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(\omega_2 z - \omega_3 y) + \hat{j}(\omega_3 x - \omega_1 z) + \hat{k}(\omega_1 y - \omega_2 x)$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Curl } \vec{v} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (\omega_2 z - \omega_3 y) & (\omega_3 x - \omega_1 z) & (\omega_1 y - \omega_2 x) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{i}(\omega_1 + \omega_1) + \hat{j}(\omega_2 + \omega_2) + \hat{k}(\omega_3 + \omega_3) \\ &= 2\omega_1 \hat{i} + 2\omega_2 \hat{j} + 2\omega_3 \hat{k} = 2\vec{\omega} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\vec{\omega} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Curl } \vec{v}$

Thus the angular velocity of rotation at any point is equal to half the curl of the velocity vector.

**Observations:**

- (i) The curl of a vector point function gives the measure of the angular velocity at a point.
- (ii) If the curl of a vector point function becomes zero i.e.  $\nabla \times \vec{f} = 0$ , then  $\vec{f}$  is called an irrotational vector.

**Example 32:** If  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  then show that  $\text{curl } \vec{r} = \vec{0}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution: } \text{curl } \vec{r} &= \nabla \times \vec{r} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial z}\right) + \hat{j}\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right) + \hat{k}\left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial y}\right) \\ &= \hat{i}(0 - 0) + \hat{j}(0 - 0) + \hat{k}(0 - 0) = \vec{0}. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 33:** Find  $a$  so that the vector  $\vec{f} = (axy - z^3)\hat{i} + (a - 2)x^2\hat{j} + (1 - a)xz^2\hat{k}$  is irrotational.

**Solution:** Given that  $\vec{f}$  is irrotational, therefore  $\text{curl } \vec{f} = \vec{0}$  ... (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } \text{curl } \vec{f} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (axy - z^3) & (a - 2)x^2 & (1 - a)xz^2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{i}(0 - 0) + \hat{j}\{-3z^2 - (1 - a)z^2\} + \hat{k}\{(a - 2)2x - ax\} \\ &= 0\hat{i} + (-4 + a)z^2\hat{j} + (-4 + a)x\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

Using (1),  $0 \hat{i} + (-4 + a)z^2 \hat{j} + (-4 + a)x \hat{k} = 0 \hat{i} + 0 \hat{j} + 0 \hat{k}$

Comparing the corresponding components both sides,

$$-4 + a = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a = 4.$$

**Example 34:** If  $\vec{f} = (xy^2) \hat{i} + 2x^2yz \hat{j} - 3yz^2 \hat{k}$ , find the *curl*  $\vec{f}$  at the point (1, -1, 1).

**Solution:**  $\text{curl } \vec{f} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ xy^2 & 2x^2yz & -3yz^2 \end{vmatrix}$

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

At (1, -1, 1),

$$\begin{aligned} \text{curl } \vec{f} &= \hat{i}(-3(1)^2 - 2(1)^2(-1)) + \hat{j}(0 - 0) + \hat{k}(4(1)(-1)(1) - 2(1)(-1)) \\ &= -\hat{i} - 2\hat{k}. \end{aligned}$$

## 17.7 DEL APPLIED TO THE PRODUCT OF POINT FUNCTIONS

Let  $\phi, \psi$  are two scalar point functions and  $\vec{f}, \vec{g}$  are two vector point functions, then

1.  $\nabla(\phi \psi) = \phi \nabla \psi + \psi \nabla \phi$
2.  $\nabla \cdot (\phi \vec{f}) = (\nabla \phi) \cdot \vec{f} + \phi (\nabla \cdot \vec{f})$
3.  $\nabla \times (\phi \vec{f}) = (\nabla \phi) \times \vec{f} + \phi (\nabla \times \vec{f})$
4.  $\nabla(\vec{f} \cdot \vec{g}) = (\vec{f} \cdot \nabla) \vec{g} + (\vec{g} \cdot \nabla) \vec{f} + \vec{f} \times (\nabla \times \vec{g}) + \vec{g} \times (\nabla \times \vec{f})$  [KUK 2007]
5.  $\nabla \cdot (\vec{f} \times \vec{g}) = \vec{g} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{f}) - \vec{f} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{g})$
6.  $\nabla \times (\vec{f} \times \vec{g}) = \vec{f}(\nabla \cdot \vec{g}) - \vec{g}(\nabla \cdot \vec{f}) + (\vec{g} \cdot \nabla) \vec{f} - (\vec{f} \cdot \nabla) \vec{g}$  [KUK 2011]

Proof 1: Consider  $\nabla(\phi \psi) = \sum \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\phi \psi) = \sum \hat{i} \left( \phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} + \psi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right) = \sum \hat{i} \left( \phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) + \sum \hat{i} \left( \psi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)$

$$= \phi \sum \hat{i} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} + \psi \sum \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \phi \nabla \psi + \psi \nabla \phi$$

Proof 2: Consider  $\nabla \cdot (\phi \vec{f}) = \sum \hat{i} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\phi \vec{f}) = \sum \hat{i} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \vec{f} + \phi \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right) = \sum \hat{i} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \vec{f} \right) + \sum \hat{i} \cdot \left( \phi \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right)$

$$= \left( \sum \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right) \cdot \vec{f} + \phi \left( \sum \hat{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right) = (\nabla \phi) \cdot \vec{f} + \phi (\nabla \cdot \vec{f})$$

Proof 3: Consider  $\nabla \times (\phi \vec{f}) = \sum \hat{i} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\phi \vec{f}) = \sum \hat{i} \times \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \vec{f} + \phi \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right) = \sum \hat{i} \times \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \vec{f} \right) + \sum \hat{i} \times \left( \phi \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right)$

$$= \left( \sum \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right) \times \vec{f} + \phi \left( \sum \hat{i} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right) = (\nabla \phi) \times \vec{f} + \phi (\nabla \times \vec{f})$$

Proof 4: Consider  $\nabla(\vec{f} \cdot \vec{g}) = \sum \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\vec{f} \cdot \vec{g}) = \sum \hat{i} \left( \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \cdot \vec{g} + \vec{f} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial x} \right) = \left( \sum \hat{i} \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right) \cdot \vec{g} + \sum \hat{i} \left( \vec{f} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial x} \right)$

... (1)

But,  $\vec{g} \times \left( \hat{i} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right) = \left( \vec{g} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right) \hat{i} - (\vec{g} \cdot \hat{i}) \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x}$

or  $\left( \vec{g} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right) \hat{i} = \vec{g} \times \left( \hat{i} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right) + (\vec{g} \cdot \hat{i}) \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x}$

So,  $\Sigma \left( \vec{g} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right) \hat{i} = \vec{g} \times \Sigma \left( \hat{i} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right) + \Sigma (\vec{g} \cdot \hat{i}) \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} = \vec{g} \times (\nabla \times \vec{f}) + (\vec{g} \cdot \nabla) \vec{f} \quad \dots (2)$

Interchanging  $\vec{f}$  and  $\vec{g}$  in (2)

$$\Sigma \left( \vec{f} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial x} \right) \hat{i} = \vec{f} \times \Sigma \left( \hat{i} \times \frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial x} \right) + \Sigma (\vec{f} \cdot \hat{i}) \frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial x} = \vec{f} \times (\nabla \times \vec{g}) + (\vec{f} \cdot \nabla) \vec{g} \quad \dots (3)$$

Using (2) and (3) in (1), we get

$$\nabla(\vec{f} \cdot \vec{g}) = (\vec{f} \cdot \nabla) \vec{g} + (\vec{g} \cdot \nabla) \vec{f} + \vec{f} \times (\nabla \times \vec{g}) + \vec{g} \times (\nabla \times \vec{f})$$

Proof 5: Consider  $\nabla \cdot (\vec{f} \times \vec{g}) = \Sigma \hat{i} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\vec{f} \times \vec{g}) = \Sigma \hat{i} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \times \vec{g} + \vec{f} \times \frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial x} \right)$

$$= \Sigma \hat{i} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \times \vec{g} \right) + \Sigma \hat{i} \cdot \left( \vec{f} \times \frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial x} \right) = \vec{g} \cdot \Sigma \left( \hat{i} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right) - \vec{f} \cdot \Sigma \left( \hat{i} \times \frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$= \vec{g} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{f}) - \vec{f} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{g})$$

[using  $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = -\vec{b} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{c})$ ]

Proof 6: Consider  $\nabla \times (\vec{f} \times \vec{g}) = \Sigma \hat{i} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\vec{f} \times \vec{g}) = \Sigma \hat{i} \times \left( \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \times \vec{g} + \vec{f} \times \frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial x} \right)$

$$= \Sigma \hat{i} \times \left( \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \times \vec{g} \right) + \Sigma \hat{i} \times \left( \vec{f} \times \frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$= \Sigma \left[ (\hat{i} \cdot \vec{g}) \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} - \left( \hat{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right) \vec{g} \right] + \Sigma \left[ \left( \hat{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial x} \right) \vec{f} - (\hat{i} \cdot \vec{f}) \frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial x} \right]$$

[using  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) \vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \vec{c}$ ]

$$= \Sigma (\vec{g} \cdot \hat{i}) \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} - \vec{g} \left( \Sigma \hat{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} \right) + \vec{f} \left( \Sigma \hat{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial x} \right) - \Sigma (\vec{f} \cdot \hat{i}) \frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial x}$$

$$= (\vec{g} \cdot \nabla) \vec{f} - \vec{g} (\nabla \cdot \vec{f}) + \vec{f} (\nabla \cdot \vec{g}) - (\vec{f} \cdot \nabla) \vec{g}$$

$$= \vec{f} (\nabla \cdot \vec{g}) - \vec{g} (\nabla \cdot \vec{f}) + (\vec{g} \cdot \nabla) \vec{f} - (\vec{f} \cdot \nabla) \vec{g}$$

## 17.8 DEL APPLIED TWICE TO POINT FUNCTIONS

Let  $\phi$  be a scalar point function and  $\vec{f}$  be a vector point function, then  $\nabla \phi$  and  $\nabla \times \vec{f}$  being the vector point functions, we can find their divergence and curl; whereas  $\nabla \cdot \vec{f}$  being the scalar point function, we can find its gradient only. Thus we have following formulae:

1.  $\text{div grad } \phi = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = \nabla^2 \phi = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}$
2.  $\text{curl grad } \phi = \nabla \times \nabla \phi = \vec{0}$
3.  $\text{div curl } \vec{f} = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{f}) = 0$
4.  $\text{curl curl } \vec{f} = \nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{f}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{f}) - \nabla^2 \vec{f} = \text{grad div } \vec{f} - \nabla^2 \vec{f}$  [KUK 2006]
5.  $\text{grad div } \vec{f} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{f}) = \text{curl curl } \vec{f} + \nabla^2 \vec{f} = \nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{f}) + \nabla^2 \vec{f}$

Proof 1:  $\nabla^2 \phi = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = \nabla \cdot \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right)$

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

Here  $\nabla^2$  is called the Laplacian Operator and  $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$  is called the Laplace's Equation.

Proof 2:  $\text{curl grad } \phi = \nabla \times \nabla \phi = \nabla \times \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right)$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix} = \sum \hat{i} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z \partial y} \right) = \vec{0}$$

Proof 3:  $\text{div curl } \vec{f} = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{f}) = \left( \sum \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \cdot \left( \hat{i} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial z} \right)$

$$= \sum \hat{i} \cdot \left( \hat{i} \times \frac{\partial^2 \vec{f}}{\partial x^2} + \hat{j} \times \frac{\partial^2 \vec{f}}{\partial x \partial y} + \hat{k} \times \frac{\partial^2 \vec{f}}{\partial x \partial z} \right)$$

$$= \sum \left( \hat{i} \times \hat{i} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \vec{f}}{\partial x^2} + \hat{i} \times \hat{j} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \vec{f}}{\partial x \partial y} + \hat{i} \times \hat{k} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \vec{f}}{\partial x \partial z} \right)$$

$$= \sum \left( \hat{k} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \vec{f}}{\partial x \partial y} - \hat{j} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \vec{f}}{\partial x \partial z} \right) = 0$$

Proof 4:  $\text{curl curl } \vec{f} = \nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{f}) = \left( \sum \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \times \left( \hat{i} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial z} \right)$

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

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

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

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

$$= \sum \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \hat{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial z} \right) - \sum \frac{\partial^2 \vec{f}}{\partial x^2} = \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{f}) - \nabla^2 \vec{f}$$

Proof 5: To get this formula we are to re-arrange the terms in last proof.

**Example 35: Show that  $\nabla^2(r^n) = n(n+1)r^{n-2}$ .**

**Solution:** We know that  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

On differentiation w. r. t.  $x$ ,  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}$

Similarly  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r}$  and  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = \frac{z}{r}$

Now  $\nabla^2(r^n) = \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) (r^n) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial r^n}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial r^n}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial r^n}{\partial z} \right) \quad \dots (1)$

And  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial r^n}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( n r^{n-1} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( n r^{n-1} \frac{x}{r} \right) = n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (r^{n-2} x)$

$$= n \left( r^{n-2} + x(n-2)r^{n-3} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right) = n(r^{n-2} + x^2(n-2)r^{n-4})$$

Similarly  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial r^n}{\partial y} \right) = n(r^{n-2} + y^2(n-2)r^{n-4})$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial r^n}{\partial z} \right) = n(r^{n-2} + z^2(n-2)r^{n-4})$$

Using all these values in (1),

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2(r^n) &= n(r^{n-2} + x^2(n-2)r^{n-4}) + n(r^{n-2} + y^2(n-2)r^{n-4}) + n(r^{n-2} + z^2(n-2)r^{n-4}) \\ &= 3n r^{n-2} + n(n-2)r^{n-4}(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \\ &= 3n r^{n-2} + n(n-2)r^{n-2} = n(n+1)r^{n-2} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 36: Show that**  $\nabla^2 f(r) = f''(r) + \frac{2}{r} f'(r)$  (ii)  $\nabla \cdot (\phi \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \phi) = \phi \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \phi$

**\*[KUK 2008]**

**Solution:** (i)  $\nabla^2 f(r) = \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) f(r) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(r) \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(r) \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(r) \right) \dots (1)$

And  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(r) \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( f'(r) \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( f'(r) \frac{x}{r} \right) = f'(r) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{r} \right) + \frac{x}{r} f''(r) \frac{\partial r}{\partial x}$

$$= f'(r) \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{x}{r^2} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{x}{r} f''(r) \frac{\partial r}{\partial x}$$

$$= \frac{f'(r)}{r} - x^2 \frac{f'(r)}{r^3} + x^2 \frac{f''(r)}{r^2}$$

Similarly  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(r) \right) = \frac{f'(r)}{r} - y^2 \frac{f'(r)}{r^3} + y^2 \frac{f''(r)}{r^2}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(r) \right) = \frac{f'(r)}{r} - z^2 \frac{f'(r)}{r^3} + z^2 \frac{f''(r)}{r^2}$$

Using all these values in (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 f(r) &= \left( \frac{f'(r)}{r} - x^2 \frac{f'(r)}{r^3} + x^2 \frac{f''(r)}{r^2} \right) + \left( \frac{f'(r)}{r} - y^2 \frac{f'(r)}{r^3} + y^2 \frac{f''(r)}{r^2} \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{f'(r)}{r} - z^2 \frac{f'(r)}{r^3} + z^2 \frac{f''(r)}{r^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{3f'(r)}{r} - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \frac{f'(r)}{r^3} + \frac{f''(r)}{r^2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \\ &= \frac{3f'(r)}{r} - \frac{f'(r)}{r} + f''(r) \\ &= \frac{2f'(r)}{r} + f''(r) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\nabla^2 f(r) = f''(r) + \frac{2}{r} f'(r)$ .

(ii) Consider  $\nabla \cdot (\phi \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \phi) = \nabla \cdot (\phi \nabla \psi) - \nabla \cdot (\psi \nabla \phi)$

$$= \{ \nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \psi + \phi (\nabla \cdot \nabla \psi) \} - \{ \nabla \psi \cdot \nabla \phi + \psi (\nabla \cdot \nabla \phi) \}$$

$$= \nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \psi + \phi \nabla^2 \psi - \nabla \psi \cdot \nabla \phi - \psi \nabla^2 \phi$$

$$= \phi \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \phi$$

Hence  $\nabla \cdot (\phi \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \phi) = \phi \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \phi$ .

**Example 37:** Find the value of  $n$  for which the vector  $r^n \vec{r}$  is solenoidal, where  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ .

**Solution:** Consider  $\text{div}(r^n \vec{r}) = \nabla \cdot (r^n \vec{r}) = (\nabla r^n) \cdot \vec{r} + r^n (\nabla \cdot \vec{r})$  ... (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } \nabla r^n &= \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) r^n = n r^{n-1} \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} \right) \\ &= n r^{n-1} \left( \frac{x}{r} \hat{i} + \frac{y}{r} \hat{j} + \frac{z}{r} \hat{k} \right) = n r^{n-2} \vec{r} \end{aligned} \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\text{And } \nabla \cdot \vec{r} = 3 \quad \dots (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \text{div}(r^n \vec{r}) &= (n r^{n-2} \vec{r}) \cdot \vec{r} + (3) r^n = n r^{n-2} (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}) + 3 r^n \\ &= n r^{n-2} (r^2) + 3 r^n = (n + 3) r^n \end{aligned} \quad \dots (4)$$

As given the vector  $r^n \vec{r}$  is solenoidal, so  $\text{div}(r^n \vec{r}) = 0$

So using (4),  $(n + 3) r^n = 0$  implies that  $n = -3$  (since  $r \neq 0$ )

**Example 38:** If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are irrotational, prove that  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is solenoidal.

**Solution:** Given  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are irrotational, so  $\nabla \times \vec{a} = \vec{0} = \nabla \times \vec{b}$  ... (1)

$$\text{Consider } \text{Div}(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \vec{b} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{a}) - \vec{a} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{b}) = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{0} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{0} = 0 \quad [\text{using (1)}]$$

Thus  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is solenoidal.

**Example 39:** Show that the vector field  $\vec{f} = (z^2 + 2x + 3y)\hat{i} + (3x + 2y + z)\hat{j} + (y + 2zx)\hat{k}$  is irrotational but not solenoidal. Also obtain a scalar function  $\phi$  such that  $\nabla \phi = \vec{f}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution: Consider } \text{Curl } \vec{f} &= \nabla \times \vec{f} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ z^2 + 2x + 3y & 3x + 2y + z & y + 2zx \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{i}(1 - 1) - \hat{j}(2z - 2z) + \hat{k}(3 - 3) = \vec{0} \end{aligned}$$

So  $\vec{f}$  is irrotational vector field.

$$\text{Also consider } \text{div } \vec{f} = \nabla \cdot \vec{f} = \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \vec{f} = 2 + 2 + 2x = 2(x + 2) \neq 0$$

So  $\vec{f}$  is not solenoidal vector field.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } d\phi &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} dz = \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j} + dz \hat{k}) \\ &= \text{grad } \phi \cdot d\vec{r} = \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} \quad (\text{as } \vec{f} = \text{grad } \phi) \\ &= ((z^2 + 2x + 3y)\hat{i} + (3x + 2y + z)\hat{j} + (y + 2zx)\hat{k}) \cdot (dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j} + dz \hat{k}) \\ &= (z^2 + 2x + 3y)dx + (3x + 2y + z)dy + (y + 2zx)dz \\ &= (z^2 dx + 2zx dz) + (3y dx + 3x dy) + (z dy + y dz) + 2x dx + 2y dy \\ &= d(xz^2) + 3d(xy) + d(yz) + d(x^2) + d(y^2) \end{aligned}$$

Integrating both sides, we get



$$\phi = xz^2 + 3xy + yz + x^2 + y^2 + c$$

**Example 40:** If  $\vec{V}_1$  and  $\vec{V}_2$  be the vectors joining the fixed points  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  respectively to a variable point  $(x, y, z)$ , prove that \*[KUK 2010]

$$(i) \operatorname{div} (\vec{V}_1 \times \vec{V}_2) = 0 \quad *(ii) \operatorname{curl} (\vec{V}_1 \times \vec{V}_2) = 2(\vec{V}_1 - \vec{V}_2) \quad (iii) \operatorname{grad} (\vec{V}_1 \cdot \vec{V}_2) = \vec{V}_1 + \vec{V}_2.$$

**Solution:** Here,  $\vec{V}_1 = (x - x_1)\hat{i} + (y - y_1)\hat{j} + (z - z_1)\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{V}_2 = (x - x_2)\hat{i} + (y - y_2)\hat{j} + (z - z_2)\hat{k}$

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \vec{V}_1 \times \vec{V}_2 &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ x - x_1 & y - y_1 & z - z_1 \\ x - x_2 & y - y_2 & z - z_2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= [(y - y_1)(z - z_2) - (y - y_2)(z - z_1)]\hat{i} + [(x - x_2)(z - z_1) - (x - x_1)(z - z_2)]\hat{j} \\ &\quad + [(x - x_1)(y - y_2) - (x - x_2)(y - y_1)]\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \operatorname{div} (\vec{V}_1 \times \vec{V}_2) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [(y - y_1)(z - z_2) - (y - y_2)(z - z_1)] \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [(x - x_2)(z - z_1) - (x - x_1)(z - z_2)] \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} [(x - x_1)(y - y_2) - (x - x_2)(y - y_1)] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \operatorname{curl} (\vec{V}_1 \times \vec{V}_2) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (y - y_1)(z - z_2) - (y - y_2)(z - z_1) & (x - x_2)(z - z_1) - (x - x_1)(z - z_2) & (x - x_1)(y - y_2) - (x - x_2)(y - y_1) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= [(x - x_1) - (x - x_2) - (x - x_2) + (x - x_1)]\hat{i} \\ &\quad + [(y - y_1) - (y - y_2) - (y - y_2) + (y - y_1)]\hat{j} \\ &\quad + [(z - z_1) - (z - z_2) - (z - z_2) + (z - z_1)]\hat{k} \\ &= 2[(x - x_1)\hat{i} + (y - y_1)\hat{j} + (z - z_1)\hat{k}] - 2[(x - x_2)\hat{i} + (y - y_2)\hat{j} + (z - z_2)\hat{k}] \\ &= 2(\vec{V}_1 - \vec{V}_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$(iii) \vec{V}_1 \cdot \vec{V}_2 = (x - x_1)(x - x_2) + (y - y_1)(y - y_2) + (z - z_1)(z - z_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \operatorname{grad} (\vec{V}_1 \cdot \vec{V}_2) &= \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [(x - x_1)(x - x_2)] + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [(y - y_1)(y - y_2)] + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} [(z - z_1)(z - z_2)] \\ &= \hat{i}[(x - x_1) + (x - x_2)] + \hat{j}[(y - y_1) + (y - y_2)] + \hat{k}[(z - z_1) + (z - z_2)] \\ &= [(x - x_1)\hat{i} + (y - y_1)\hat{j} + (z - z_1)\hat{k}] + [(x - x_2)\hat{i} + (y - y_2)\hat{j} + (z - z_2)\hat{k}] \\ &= \vec{V}_1 + \vec{V}_2 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 41:** If  $\vec{a}$  is a constant vector and  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ , prove that [KUK 2009]

(i)  $\text{grad}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r}) = \vec{a}$  (ii)  $\text{div}(\vec{a} \times \vec{r}) = 0$  (iii)  $\text{curl}(\vec{a} \times \vec{r}) = 2\vec{a}$  (iv)  $\text{curl}[(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r})\vec{r}] = \vec{a} \times \vec{r}$

**Solution:** Let  $\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$  is the constant vector.

(i)  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r} = (a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}) \cdot (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) = (a_1x + a_2y + a_3z)$

So  $\text{grad}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r}) = \hat{i}\frac{\partial}{\partial x}[a_1x + a_2y + a_3z] + \hat{j}\frac{\partial}{\partial y}[a_1x + a_2y + a_3z] + \hat{k}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}[a_1x + a_2y + a_3z]$   
 $= a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k} = \vec{a}$

(ii)  $\vec{a} \times \vec{r} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(a_2z - a_3y) + \hat{j}(a_3x - a_1z) + \hat{k}(a_1y - a_2x)$

$\text{div}(\vec{a} \times \vec{r}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(a_2z - a_3y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(a_3x - a_1z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(a_1y - a_2x) = 0$

(iii)  $\text{curl}(\vec{a} \times \vec{r}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (a_2z - a_3y) & (a_3x - a_1z) & (a_1y - a_2x) \end{vmatrix}$   
 $= \hat{i}(a_1 + a_1) + \hat{j}(a_2 + a_2) + \hat{k}(a_3 + a_3) = 2(a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}) = 2\vec{a}$

(iv)  $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r})\vec{r} = (a_1x + a_2y + a_3z)x\hat{i} + (a_1x + a_2y + a_3z)y\hat{j} + (a_1x + a_2y + a_3z)z\hat{k}$

$\text{Curl}[(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r})\vec{r}] = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (a_1x + a_2y + a_3z)x & (a_1x + a_2y + a_3z)y & (a_1x + a_2y + a_3z)z \end{vmatrix}$   
 $= \hat{i}(a_2z - a_3y) + \hat{j}(a_3x - a_1z) + \hat{k}(a_1y - a_2x) = \vec{a} \times \vec{r}$  [using part (ii)]

**Example 42:** Find  $\vec{f} \times (\nabla \times \vec{g})$  at the point (1, -1, 2),

if  $\vec{f} = xz^2\hat{i} + 2y\hat{j} - 3xz\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{g} = 3xz\hat{i} + 2yz\hat{j} - z^2\hat{k}$ .

**Solution:**  $\nabla \times \vec{g} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 3xz & 2yz & -z^2 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(0 - 2y) + \hat{j}(3x - 0) + \hat{k}(0 - 0) = -2y\hat{i} + 3x\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$

Now  $\vec{f} \times (\nabla \times \vec{g}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ xz^2 & 2y & -3xz \\ -2y & 3x & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (9x^2z)\hat{i} + (6xyz)\hat{j} + (3x^2z^2 + 4y^2)\hat{k}$

At (1, -1, 2),  $\vec{f} \times (\nabla \times \vec{g}) = (9(1)^2(2))\hat{i} + (6(1)(-1)(2))\hat{j} + (3(1)^2(2)^2 + 4(-1)^2)\hat{k}$   
 $= 18\hat{i} - 12\hat{j} + 16\hat{k}$

**Example 43:** If  $\vec{f} = yz^2\hat{i} - 3xz^2\hat{j} + 2xyz\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{g} = 3x\hat{i} + 4z\hat{j} - xy\hat{k}$  and  $\phi = xyz$ ; find

(i)  $\vec{f} \times \nabla\phi$  (ii)  $(\vec{f} \times \nabla)\phi$  (iii)  $(\nabla \times \vec{f}) \times \vec{g}$  (iv)  $\vec{g} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{f})$

**Solution:**  $\nabla\phi = \hat{i}\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j}\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k}\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z} = yz\hat{i} + zx\hat{j} + xy\hat{k}$

$$(i) \vec{f} \times \nabla \phi = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ yz^2 & -3xz^2 & 2xyz \\ yz & xz & xy \end{vmatrix} = -5x^2yz^2 \hat{i} + xy^2z^2 \hat{j} + 4xyz^3 \hat{k}$$

$$(ii) \vec{f} \times \nabla = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ yz^2 & -3xz^2 & 2xyz \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$\text{Now } (\vec{f} \times \nabla) \phi = \hat{i} \left\{ -3xz^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} - 2xyz \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right\} + \hat{j} \left\{ 2xyz \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} - yz^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right\} + \hat{k} \left\{ yz^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + 3xz^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right\}$$

$$= \hat{i} \{ -3xz^2(yx) - 2xyz(xz) \} + \hat{j} \{ 2xyz(yz) - yz^2(xy) \} + \hat{k} \{ yz^2(xz) + 3xz^2(yz) \}$$

$$= -5x^2yz^2 \hat{i} + xy^2z^2 \hat{j} + 4xyz^3 \hat{k}$$

$$(iii) \nabla \times \vec{f} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ yz^2 & -3xz^2 & 2xyz \end{vmatrix} = (2xz + 6xz) \hat{i} + (2yz - 2yz) \hat{j} + (-3z^2 - z^2) \hat{k}$$

$$= 8xz \hat{i} + 0 \hat{j} - 4z^2 \hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now } (\nabla \times \vec{f}) \times \vec{g} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 8xz & 0 & -4z^2 \\ 3x & 4z & -xy \end{vmatrix} = (0 + 16z^3) \hat{i} + (-12xz^2 + 8x^2yz) \hat{j} + (32xz^2 - 0) \hat{k}$$

$$= 16z^3 \hat{i} + (-12xz^2 + 8x^2yz) \hat{j} + 32xz^2 \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{g} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{f}) = (3x \hat{i} + 4z \hat{j} - xy \hat{k}) \cdot (8xz \hat{i} + 0 \hat{j} - 4z^2 \hat{k}) = 24x^2z + 4xyz^2$$

**Example 44:** Find the directional derivative of  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi)$  at the point (1, -2, 1) in the direction of the normal to the surface  $xy^2z = 3x + z^2$  where  $\phi = 2x^3y^2z^4$ . [Raipur 2005]

**Solution:** Given  $\phi = 2x^3y^2z^4$

$$\text{So } \nabla \phi = \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = \hat{i} (6x^2y^2z^4) + \hat{j} (4x^3yz^4) + \hat{k} (8x^3y^2z^3)$$

$$\text{And } f = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (6x^2y^2z^4) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (4x^3yz^4) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (8x^3y^2z^3)$$

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

$$\text{Consider } \text{grad}(f) = \nabla f = \hat{i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$$

$$= \hat{i} (12y^2z^4 + 12x^2z^4 + 72x^3y^2z^2) + \hat{j} (24xyz^4 + 48x^3yz^2)$$

$$+ \hat{k} (48xy^2z^3 + 16x^3z^3 + 48x^3y^2z)$$

At point (1, -2, 1)

$$\text{grad}(f) = \hat{i} (48 + 12 + 288) + \hat{j} (-48 - 96) + \hat{k} (192 + 16 + 192)$$

$$= 348 \hat{i} - 144 \hat{j} + 400 \hat{k}$$

Now consider the surface  $g = xy^2z - 3x - z^2 = 0$

$$\text{So, } \nabla g = \hat{i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} = \hat{i} (y^2 z - 3) + \hat{j} (2xyz) + \hat{k} (xy^2 - 2z)$$

The vector normal to the surface (1) at point (1, -2, 1) is given by

$$\vec{n} = \hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\text{And } |\vec{n}| = \sqrt{1 + 16 + 4} = \sqrt{21}$$

So the direction derivative of  $f = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi)$  at the point (1, -2, 1) in the direction of the normal to the

surface (1) is  $\text{grad}(f) \cdot \frac{\vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (348\hat{i} - 144\hat{j} + 400\hat{k}) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{21}} (\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{21}} (348 + 576 + 800) \\ &= 1724/\sqrt{21} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 45:** If  $r$  is the distance of a point  $(x, y, z)$  from the origin, prove that

$$\text{curl} \left( \hat{k} \times \text{grad} \frac{1}{r} \right) + \text{grad} \left( \hat{k} \cdot \text{grad} \frac{1}{r} \right) = \vec{0} \text{ where } \hat{k} \text{ is the unit vector in the direction of OZ.}$$

**Solution:** Here  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  so that  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

$$\text{Now } \text{grad} \frac{1}{r} = \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \frac{1}{r} = \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} (2x\hat{i} + 2y\hat{j} + 2z\hat{k}) = -\frac{1}{r^3} \vec{r}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{grad} \left( \hat{k} \cdot \text{grad} \frac{1}{r} \right) &= \text{grad} \left( -\frac{1}{r^3} z \right) = -\text{grad} \left( \frac{z}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{3zx}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}} \hat{i} + \frac{3zy}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}} \hat{j} + \frac{x^2 + y^2 - 2z^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}} \hat{k} \quad \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{And } \text{curl} \left( \hat{k} \times \text{grad} \frac{1}{r} \right) &= \text{curl} \left( \hat{k} \times -\frac{1}{r^3} \vec{r} \right) = \text{curl} \left( \frac{1}{r^3} (y\hat{i} - x\hat{j}) \right) \\ &= -\frac{3zx}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}} \hat{i} - \frac{3zy}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}} \hat{j} - \frac{x^2 + y^2 - 2z^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}} \hat{k} \quad \dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

Adding (1) and (2),  $\text{curl} \left( \hat{k} \times \text{grad} \frac{1}{r} \right) + \text{grad} \left( \hat{k} \cdot \text{grad} \frac{1}{r} \right) = \vec{0}$ .

**Example 46:** Prove that  $\vec{a} \cdot \nabla \left( \vec{b} \cdot \nabla \frac{1}{r} \right) = \frac{3(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r})(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{r})}{r^5} - \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{r^3}$ , where  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are constant vectors.

**Solution:** From example 45,  $\nabla \frac{1}{r} = -\frac{1}{r^3} \vec{r} = -(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})$

Let the constant vectors are  $\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \nabla \left( \vec{b} \cdot \nabla \frac{1}{r} \right) &= \nabla \left( -(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} (b_1x + b_2y + b_3z) \right) \\ &= -(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \nabla (b_1x + b_2y + b_3z) - (b_1x + b_2y + b_3z) \nabla (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ &= -(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} (b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}) + 3(b_1x + b_2y + b_3z) (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \\ &= -\frac{\vec{b}}{r^3} + \frac{3(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{r})\vec{r}}{r^5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } \vec{a} \cdot \nabla \left( \vec{b} \cdot \nabla \frac{1}{r} \right) = \vec{a} \cdot \left( -\frac{\vec{b}}{r^3} + \frac{3(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{r})\vec{r}}{r^5} \right) = \frac{3(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r})(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{r})}{r^5} - \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{r^3}$$

Hence Proved.

#### ASSIGNMENT 4

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- If  $\vec{f} = (x + y + 1)\hat{i} + \hat{j} - (x + y)\hat{k}$ , show that  $\vec{f} \cdot \text{curl } \vec{f} = 0$ .
- Evaluate (a)  $\text{div} [3x^2\hat{i} + 5xy^2\hat{j} + xyz^3\hat{k}]$  at the point (1, 2, 3).  
(b)  $\text{curl} [e^{xyz}(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})]$ .
- Find the value of 'a' if the vector  $(ax^2y + yz)\hat{i} + (xy^2 - xz^2)\hat{j} + (2xyz - 2x^2y^2)\hat{k}$  has zero divergence. Find the curl of above vector which has zero divergence.
- If  $\vec{v} = (\vec{r})/\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ , show that  $\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 2/\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$  and  $\nabla \times \vec{v} = \vec{0}$ .
- If  $u = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  and  $\vec{v} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ , show that  $\text{div} (u \vec{v}) = 5u$ .
- Show that each of following vectors are solenoidal:  
(a)  $(x + 3y)\hat{i} + (y - 3z)\hat{j} + (x - 2z)\hat{k}$  (b)  $3y^4z^2\hat{i} + 4x^3z^2\hat{j} + 3x^2y^2\hat{k}$  (c)  $\nabla u \times \nabla v$
- If  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  and  $r = |\vec{r}| \neq 0$ , show that  
(a)  $\nabla(1/r^2) = -2\vec{r}/r^4$ ;  $\nabla \cdot (\vec{r}/r^2) = 1/r^2$  (b)  $\nabla \cdot (r^n \vec{r}) = (n + 3)r^n$ ;  $\nabla \times (r^n \vec{r}) = \vec{0}$ .  
(c)  $\nabla \left[ \nabla \cdot \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right] = -\frac{2}{r^3} \vec{r}$
- Prove that (a)  $\nabla \vec{a}^2 = 2(\vec{a} \cdot \nabla)\vec{a} + 2\vec{a} \times (\nabla \times \vec{a})$ , where  $\vec{a}$  is the constant vector.  
(b)  $\nabla \times (\vec{r} \times \vec{u}) = \vec{r}(\nabla \cdot \vec{u}) - 2\vec{u} - (\vec{r} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u}$ .
- (a) If  $\phi = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-n}$ , find the  $\text{div grad } \phi$  and determine  $n$  if  $\text{div grad } \phi = 0$ .  
(b) Show that  $\text{grad } r^n = n(n + 1)r^{n-2}$ , where  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ .
- In electromagnetic theory, we have  $\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$ ,  $\nabla \cdot \vec{H} = 0$ ,  $\nabla \times \vec{D} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t}$ ,  $\nabla \times \vec{H} = \frac{1}{c} (\rho \vec{V} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t})$ .  
Prove that  $\nabla^2 \vec{H} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{1}{c} \nabla \times (\rho \vec{V})$  and  $\nabla^2 \vec{D} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{D}}{\partial t^2} = \nabla \rho + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \vec{V})$ .
- If  $u = x^2yz$ ,  $v = xy - 3z^2$ , find (i)  $\nabla(\nabla u \cdot \nabla v)$  (ii)  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla u \times \nabla v)$ .
- For a solenoidal vector  $\vec{f}$ , show that  $\text{curl curl curl curl } \vec{f} = \nabla^4 \vec{f}$ .
- Calculate (i)  $\text{curl}(\text{grad } f)$ , given  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z$  [BPTU 2006]  
(ii)  $\text{curl}(\text{curl } \vec{a})$ , given  $\vec{a} = x^2y\hat{i} + y^2z\hat{j} + z^2y\hat{k}$
- Show that each of the following vectors are solenoidal:  
(i)  $(-x^2 + yz)\hat{i} + (4y - z^2x)\hat{j} + (2xz - 4z)\hat{k}$   
(ii)  $3y^4z^2\hat{i} + 4x^3z^2\hat{j} + 3x^2y^2\hat{k}$   
(iii)  $\nabla \phi \times \nabla \psi$

#### INTEGRAL VECTOR CALCULUS

## 17.9 INTEGRATION OF VECTORS

If two vector functions  $\vec{f}(t)$  and  $\vec{g}(t)$  be such that  $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{g}(t)) = \vec{f}(t)$ , then  $\vec{g}(t)$  is called an integral of  $\vec{f}(t)$  with respect to a scalar variable  $t$  and we can write  $\int \vec{f}(t)dt = \vec{g}(t)$ .

### Indefinite Integral

If  $\vec{c}$  be an arbitrary constant vector and  $\vec{f}(t) = \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{g}(t)) = \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{g}(t) + \vec{c})$ , then  $\int \vec{f}(t)dt = \vec{g}(t) + \vec{c}$ . This is called the indefinite integral of  $\vec{f}(t)$ .

### Definite Integral

If  $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{g}(t)) = \vec{f}(t)$  for all values of  $t$  in the interval  $(a, b)$ , then the definite integral of  $\vec{f}(t)$  between  $a$  and  $b$  is defined and denoted by  $\int_a^b \vec{f}(t)dt = [\vec{g}(t)]_a^b = \vec{g}(b) - \vec{g}(a)$ .

**Example 47:** If  $\frac{d^2\vec{f}}{dt^2} = 6t\hat{i} - 12t^2\hat{j} + 4\cos t\hat{k}$ , find  $\vec{f}$ , given that  $\frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} = -\hat{i} - 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{f} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j}$  at  $t = 0$ .

**Solution:** Given that  $\frac{d^2\vec{f}}{dt^2} = 6t\hat{i} - 12t^2\hat{j} + 4\cos t\hat{k}$  ... (1)

Integrating (1) with respect to  $t$ ,

$$\int \frac{d^2\vec{f}}{dt^2} dt = \int (6t\hat{i} - 12t^2\hat{j} + 4\cos t\hat{k}) dt$$

Implying  $\frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} = 3t^2\hat{i} - 4t^3\hat{j} + 4\sin t\hat{k} + \vec{c}_1$  ... (2)

Now, integrating (2) with respect to  $t$ ,

$$\int \frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} dt = \int (3t^2\hat{i} - 4t^3\hat{j} + 4\sin t\hat{k} + \vec{c}_1) dt$$

Implying  $\vec{f} = t^3\hat{i} - t^4\hat{j} - 4\cos t\hat{k} + \vec{c}_1t + \vec{c}_2$  ... (3)

Also we are given that at  $t = 0$ ,  $\frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} = -\hat{i} - 3\hat{k}$  ... (4)

$$\vec{f} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} \quad \dots (5)$$

Using (2) and (4),  $\vec{c}_1 = -\hat{i} - 3\hat{k}$

Using (3) and (5),  $-4\hat{k} + \vec{c}_2 = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} \Rightarrow \vec{c}_2 = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

Putting the values of the constant vectors  $\vec{c}_1$  &  $\vec{c}_2$  in (3), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{f} &= t^3\hat{i} - t^4\hat{j} - 4\cos t\hat{k} + (-\hat{i} - 3\hat{k})t + (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) \\ &= (t^3 - t + 2)\hat{i} + (1 - t^4)\hat{j} - (4\cos t + 3t + 4)\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

## ASSIGNMENT 5

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1. For given  $\vec{f}(t) = (5t^2 - 3t)\hat{i} + 6t^3\hat{j} - 7t\hat{k}$ , evaluate  $\int_2^4 \vec{f}(t)dt$ .

2. Given  $\vec{r}(t) = 3t^2\hat{i} + t\hat{j} - t^3\hat{k}$ , evaluate  $\int_0^1 \left(\vec{r} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}\right) dt$ .

3. If  $\vec{r}(t) = \begin{cases} 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}, & \text{when } t = 1 \\ 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, & \text{when } t = 2 \end{cases}$ , show that  $\int_1^2 \left( \vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right) dt = 10$ .
4. The acceleration of a particle at any time  $t \geq 0$  is given by  $12 \cos 2t \hat{i} - 8 \sin 2t \hat{j} + 16t \hat{k}$ , the displacement and velocity are initially zero. Find the velocity and displacement at any time.

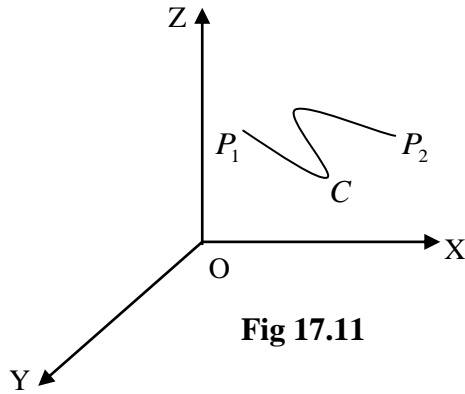
### 17.10 LINE INTEGRAL

Let  $\vec{r}(u) = x(u)\hat{i} + y(u)\hat{j} + z(u)\hat{k}$  defines a curve  $C$  joining points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  where  $\vec{r}(u)$  is the position vector of  $(x, y, z)$  and the value of  $u$  at  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  is  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ , respectively.

Now if  $A(x, y, z) = A_1\hat{i} + A_2\hat{j} + A_3\hat{k}$  be vector function of defined position and continuous along  $C$ , then the integral of the tangential component of  $A$  along  $C$  from  $P_1$  to  $P_2$  written as  $\int_{P_1}^{P_2} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$  is known as the line integral. Also in terms of Cartesian components, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{P_1}^{P_2} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_{P_1}^{P_2} (A_1\hat{i} + A_2\hat{j} + A_3\hat{k}) \cdot (dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j} + dz\hat{k}) \\ &= \int_{P_1}^{P_2} (A_1 dx + A_2 dy + A_3 dz) = \int_C (A_1 dx + A_2 dy + A_3 dz) \end{aligned}$$

If  $\vec{A}$  (vector function of the position) represents the force  $\vec{F}$  on a particle moving along  $C$ , then the line integral represents the work done by the force  $\vec{F}$ . If  $C$  is a simple closed curve, then the integral around  $C$  is generally written as



**Fig 17.11**

$$\oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = \oint (A_1 dx + A_2 dy + A_3 dz)$$

In Fluid Mechanics and Aerodynamics, the above integral is called circulation of  $\vec{A}$  about  $C$ , where  $\vec{A}$  represents the velocity of the fluid.

Let  $A = \text{grad } \phi$ , then we have

$$\int_P^Q \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_P^Q (\nabla \phi) \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_P^Q \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (\hat{i} dx + \hat{j} dy + \hat{k} dz)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_P^Q \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} dz \right) \\
&= \int_P^Q d\phi = [\phi]_P^Q = \phi_Q - \phi_P \quad \dots (1)
\end{aligned}$$

We see that the integral  $\int_P^Q \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$  depends on the value of  $\phi$  at the end  $P$  and  $Q$  and not on the particular path. In case  $\phi$  is single valued and the integral is taken round a closed curve, the terminal points  $P$  and  $Q$  coincide and  $\phi_B = \phi_P$ .

[Because function  $\phi$  is uniform]

The integration along a closed curve is denoted by the sign of circle in the mid of the integral sign i.e. for a uniform function, we have

$$\oint_C (\nabla \phi) \cdot d\vec{r} = 0 \quad \dots (2)$$

*The converse of the above result is also true i.e. if there exists a vector  $\vec{A}$  and its integral round every closed curve in the region under consideration vanishes, then there exist a point function  $\phi$  such that  $\vec{A} = \text{grad}\phi$ .*

To prove this consider any closed curve  $ABCD$  such that the integral round it is zero, so integral along  $ABC$  must be equal to that along  $ADC$ . Similarly, the integral along  $ABC$  must be equal to that along any curve joining  $A$  to  $C$ , i.e. independent of the path from  $A$  to  $C$  with  $A$  be a fixed point and  $C$  a variable point. Then due to the fact that line integral is independent of the path chosen, the value of the line integral from  $A$  to  $C$  must be a scalar point function, say  $\phi$  i.e.  $\int_A^C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = \phi$

Now if  $d\phi$  is the increment in  $\phi$  due to a small displacement  $d\vec{r}$  of  $\vec{r}$ , then we have  $d\phi = \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$

But we already know that  $d\phi = \nabla \phi \cdot d\vec{r}$ , so  $\vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = (\nabla \phi) \cdot d\vec{r}$ ,

$\Rightarrow (\vec{A} - \nabla \phi) \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$ , which is true for all  $d\vec{r}$  and hence  $\vec{A} = \nabla \phi$ .

The vector  $\vec{A}$  is called a **potential vector** (or gradient vector), and in cartesian component; the condition that  $\vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = A_1 dx + A_2 dy + A_3 dz$  be a perfect differential can be thrown easily into the form

$$\frac{\partial A_2}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial z} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \dots (3)$$

**Circulation:** If  $\vec{A}$  represents the velocity of a fluid particle, then the line integral  $\int_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$  is called the circulation of  $\vec{A}$  along  $C$ .

The vector point function  $\vec{A}$ , is said to be irrotational in a region, if its circulation along every closed curve in the region is zero i.e.  $\int_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$



**Theorem:** The necessary and sufficient condition for a vector point function  $\vec{A}$  to be irrotational in a simply connected region is the  $\text{curl } \vec{A} = 0$  at every point of the region.

**Work:** If  $\vec{A}$  represents the force acting on a particle moving along an arc  $PQ$  then the work done during the small displacement  $d\vec{r}$  is equal to  $\vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$ . Therefore, the total work done by  $\vec{A}$  during the displacement from  $P$  to  $Q$  is given by the line integral  $\int_P^Q \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$ .

**Example 48:** Evaluate the line integral  $\int [(x^2 + xy)dx + (x^2 + y^2)dy]$ , where  $C$  is the square formed by the lines  $y = \pm 1$  and  $x = \pm 1$ .

**Solution:** Curve  $C$  is square in the  $xy$  plane where  $z = 0$

$\therefore \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$  in  $xy$  plane

$$d\vec{r} = dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j} \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Now } \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int [(x^2 + xy)dx + (x^2 + y^2)dy]$$

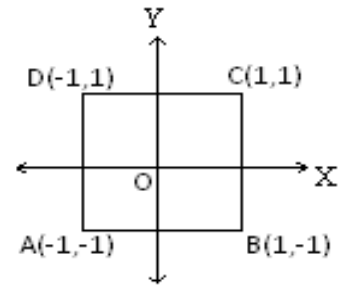
Path of the integration is shown in figure 17.12, it consists of lines  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$  and  $DA$ . As curve  $C$  is a square, then

On  $AB$ ,  $y = -1 \Rightarrow dy = 0$  and  $x$  varies from  $-1$  to  $1$

On  $BC$ ,  $x = 1 \Rightarrow dx = 0$  and  $y$  varies from  $-1$  to  $1$

On  $CD$ ,  $y = 1 \Rightarrow dy = 0$  and  $x$  varies from  $1$  to  $-1$

On  $DA$ ,  $x = -1 \Rightarrow dx = 0$  and  $y$  varies from  $1$  to  $-1$



**Fig. 7.12**

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_{AB} (x^2 - x)dx + \int_{BC} (1 + y^2)dy + \int_{CD} (x^2 + x)dx + \int_{DA} (1 + y^2)dy \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 (x^2 - x)dx + \int_{-1}^1 (1 + y^2)dy + \int_1^{-1} (x^2 + x)dx + \int_1^{-1} (1 + y^2)dy \\ &= \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-1}^1 + \int_{-1}^1 (1 + y^2)dy + \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_1^{-1} - \int_{-1}^1 (1 + y^2)dy \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left( -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 49:** If  $\vec{F} = 3xy\hat{i} - y^2\hat{j}$ , evaluate  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  where  $C$  is the arc of the parabola  $y = 2x^2$  from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(1, 2)$ .

**Solution:** Because the integration is performed in the  $xy$ -plane ( $z = 0$ ), we take

$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} \text{ so that } d\vec{r} = dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j}$$

$$\therefore \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = (3xy\hat{i} - y^2\hat{j}) \cdot (dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j}) = 3xy dx - y^2 dy$$

On the curve  $C$ :  $y = 2x^2$  from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(1, 2)$

$$\vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 3x(2x^2)dx - (2x^2)^2 4x dx = (6x^3 - 16x^5)dx$$

Also  $x$  varies from 0 to 1.

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_0^1 (6x^3 - 16x^5)dx = \left[ \frac{6x^4}{4} - \frac{16x^6}{6} \right]_0^1 = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{8}{3} = -\frac{7}{6}$$

**Note:** If the curve is traversed in the opposite direction, that is from (1, 2) to (0, 0), the value of the integral would be  $\frac{7}{6}$ .

**Example 50:** A vector field is given by  $\vec{F} = (\sin y)\hat{i} + x(1 + \cos y)\hat{j}$ . Evaluate the line integral over the circular path given by  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ ,  $z = 0$ . [PTU 2003]

**Solution:** The parametric equations of the circular path are  $x = a \cos t$ ,  $y = a \sin t$ ,  $z = 0$  where  $t$  varies from 0 to  $2\pi$ . Since the particle moves in the  $xy$ -plane ( $z = 0$ ), we can take  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \oint_C [\sin y \hat{i} + x(1 + \cos y)\hat{j}] \cdot (dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j}) \\ &= \oint_C [\sin y dx + x(1 + \cos y)dy] \\ &= \oint_C [(\sin y dx + x \cos y dy) + x dy] = \oint_C d(x \sin y) + \oint_C x dy \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} d[a \cos t \sin(a \sin t)]dt + \int_0^{2\pi} a \cos t \cdot a \cos t dt \\ &= [a \cos t \sin(a \sin t)]_0^{2\pi} + a^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 t dt \\ &= \frac{a^2}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (1 + \cos 2t)dt = \frac{a^2}{2} \left[ t + \frac{\sin 2t}{2} \right]_0^{2\pi} = \frac{a^2}{2} (2\pi) = \pi a^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 51:** Compute the line integral  $\int_C (y^2 dx - x^2 dy)$  about the triangle whose vertices are (1, 0), (0, 1) and (-1, 0). [NIT Uttarakhand 2011]

**Solution:** Here the closed curve  $C$  is a triangle  $ABC$ .

On  $AB$ : Equation of line  $AB$  is

$$y - 0 = \frac{1-0}{0-1}(x - 1) \Rightarrow y = 1 - x$$

$$\therefore dy = -dx \text{ and } x \text{ varies from 1 to 0.}$$

On  $BC$ : Equation of line  $BC$  is

$$y - 1 = \frac{0-1}{-1-0}(x - 0) \Rightarrow y = 1 + x$$

$$\therefore dy = dx \text{ and } x \text{ varies from 0 to -1.}$$

On  $CA$ :  $y = 0$ . Therefore,  $dy = 0$  and  $x$  varies from -1 to 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C (y^2 dx - x^2 dy) &= \int_{AB} (y^2 dx - x^2 dy) + \int_{BC} (y^2 dx - x^2 dy) + \int_{CA} (y^2 dx - x^2 dy) \\ &= \int_1^0 [(1 - x)^2 dx - x^2(-dx)] + \int_0^{-1} [(1 + x)^2 dx - x^2 dx] + \int_{-1}^1 0 dx \end{aligned}$$

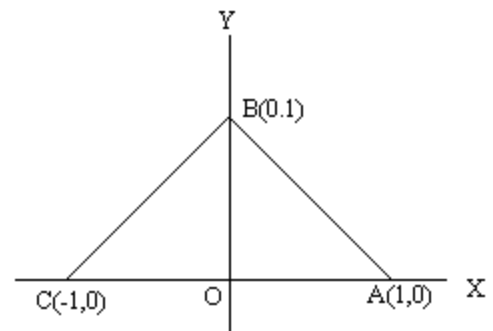


Fig. 7.13

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_1^0 (2x^2 - 2x + 1)dx + \int_0^{-1} (2x + 1)dx + 0 \\
&= \left[ \frac{2x^3}{3} - \frac{2x^2}{2} + x \right]_1^0 + \left[ \frac{2x^2}{2} + x \right]_0^{-1} = \left( -\frac{2}{3} + 1 - 1 \right) + (1 - 1) = -\frac{2}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 52:** If  $\vec{F} = (3x^2 + 6y)\hat{i} - 14yz\hat{j} + 20xz^2\hat{k}$ , evaluate  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  where

- (i)  $C$  is the line joining the point  $(0, 0, 0)$  to  $(1, 1, 1)$
- (ii)  $C$  is given by  $x = t, y = t^2, z = t^3$  from the point  $(0, 0, 0)$  to  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

**Solution:** (i) Equation of line joining  $(0,0,0)$  to  $(1,1,1)$  is

$$\frac{x-0}{1-0} = \frac{y-0}{1-0} = \frac{z-0}{1-0} = t \text{ (say)}$$

$\therefore$  Parametric equations of the line  $C$  are  $x = t, y = t, z = t; 0 \leq t \leq 1$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now } \vec{F} = (3x^2 + 6y)\hat{i} - 14yz\hat{j} + 20xz^2\hat{k} = (3t^2 + 6t)\hat{i} - 14t^2\hat{j} + 20t^3\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_C \left( \vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right) dt \\
&= \int_C [(3t^2 + 6t)\hat{i} - 14t^2\hat{j} + 20t^3\hat{k}] \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) dt \\
&= \int_0^1 (3t^2 + 6t - 14t^2 + 20t^3) dt \\
&= \left[ \frac{3t^3}{3} + \frac{6t^2}{2} - \frac{14t^3}{3} + \frac{20t^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = \left( 1 + 3 - \frac{14}{3} + 5 \right) = \frac{13}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) Here the curve  $C$  is given by  $x = t, y = t^2, z = t^3$  from the point  $(0,0,0)$  to  $(1,1,1)$

$$\therefore \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} = t\hat{i} + t^2\hat{j} + t^3\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \hat{i} + 2t\hat{j} + 3t^2\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now } \vec{F} = (3x^2 + 6y)\hat{i} - 14yz\hat{j} + 20xz^2\hat{k} = 9t^2\hat{i} - 14t^5\hat{j} + 20t^7\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_C \left( \vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right) dt \\
&= \int_C [9t^2\hat{i} - 14t^5\hat{j} + 20t^7\hat{k}] \cdot (\hat{i} + 2t\hat{j} + 3t^2\hat{k}) dt \\
&= \int_0^1 (9t^2 - 28t^6 + 60t^9) dt \\
&= \left[ \frac{9t^3}{3} - \frac{28t^7}{7} + \frac{60t^{10}}{10} \right]_0^1 = (3 - 4 + 6) = 5
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 53:** Find the circulation of  $\vec{F}$  around the curve  $C$  where  $\vec{F} = y\hat{i} + z\hat{j} + x\hat{k}$  and  $C$  is the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1, z = 0$ .

**Solution:** Circulation of  $\vec{F}$  along the curve  $C$  is  $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$

Equation of circle is  $x^2 + y^2 = 1, z = 0$

Its parameteric equations are  $x = \cos \theta, y = \sin \theta, z = 0$

Now  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} = \cos \theta \hat{i} + \sin \theta \hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$  so that

$$d\vec{r} = (-\sin \theta \hat{i} + \cos \theta \hat{j} + 0\hat{k})d\theta$$

Also  $\vec{F} = y\hat{i} + z\hat{j} + x\hat{k} = \sin \theta \hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \oint_C (\sin \theta \hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k}) \cdot (-\sin \theta \hat{i} + \cos \theta \hat{j} + 0\hat{k})d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} -\sin^2 \theta \, d\theta \quad (\text{since along the circle, } \theta \text{ varies from } 0 \text{ to } 2\pi) \\ &= -\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1-\cos 2\theta}{2} d\theta = -\left[\frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{4}\right]_0^{2\pi} \\ &= -\left[\left(\frac{2\pi}{2} - 0\right) - (0 - 0)\right] = -\pi \end{aligned}$$

**Example 54:** Find the work done in moving a particle once round a circle  $C$  in the  $xy$  plane, if the circle has its centre at the origin and radius 2 units and the force field is given as

$$\vec{F} = (2x - y + 2z)\hat{i} + (x + y - z)\hat{j} + (3x - 2y - 5z)\hat{k}.$$

**Solution:** Equation of a circle having centre  $(0,0)$  with radius 2 in  $xy$  plane is  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ . Parametric equations of this circle are  $x = 2 \cos t, y = 2 \sin t, z = 0$ .

Since integration is to be performed around a circle in  $xy$  plane,

$$\therefore \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} = 2 \cos t \hat{i} + 2 \sin t \hat{j} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = -2 \sin t \hat{i} + 2 \cos t \hat{j}$$

Work done,  $\int_C \left(\vec{F} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}\right) dt$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int \{(2x - y + 2z)\hat{i} + (x + y - z)\hat{j} + (3x - 2y - 5z)\hat{k}\} \cdot \{-2 \sin t \hat{i} + 2 \cos t \hat{j}\} dt \\ &= \int \{(4 \cos t - 2 \sin t)\hat{i} + (2 \cos t + 2 \sin t)\hat{j} + (6 \cos t - 4 \sin t)\hat{k}\} \cdot \{-2 \sin t \hat{i} + 2 \cos t \hat{j}\} dt \end{aligned}$$

In moving round the circle,  $t$  varies from 0 to  $2\pi$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Work done} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \{(4 \cos t - 2 \sin t)(-2 \sin t) + (2 \cos t + 2 \sin t)(2 \cos t)\} dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} [-8 \cos t \sin t + 4 \sin^2 t + 4 \cos^2 t + 4 \sin t \cos t] dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} [4 - 4 \sin t \cos t] dt = \left[4t - 4 \frac{\sin^2 t}{2}\right]_0^{2\pi} \\ &= [(8\pi - 2 \sin^2 2\pi) - (0 - 0)] = 8\pi \end{aligned}$$

## ASSIGNMENT 6

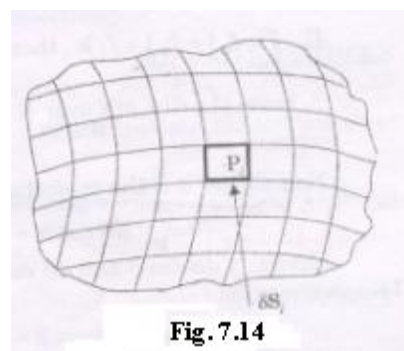
- Using the line integral, compute the work done by the force  $\vec{F} = (2y + 3)\hat{i} + (xz)\hat{j} + (yz - x)\hat{k}$ , when it moves a particle from  $(0,0,0)$  to  $(2,1,1)$  along the curve  $x = 2t^2, y = t, z = t^3$ .
- Find the work done in moving a particle in the force field  $\vec{F} = 3x^2\hat{i} + (2xz - y)\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ , along
  - the straight line from  $(0,0,0)$  to  $(2,1,3)$ .
  - the curve defined by  $x^2 = 4y, 3x^3 = 8z$  from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 2$ .
- If  $C$  is a simple closed curve in the  $xy$  plane not enclosing the origin, show that  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$ , where  $\vec{F} = \frac{y\hat{i} - x\hat{j}}{x^2 + y^2}$ .
- If  $\vec{f} = (5xy - 6x^2)\hat{i} + (2y - 4x)\hat{j}$ , evaluate  $\int_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r}$  along the curve  $C$  in  $xy$ -plane,  $y = x^3$  from the point  $(1, 1)$  to  $(2, 8)$ .
- Evaluate  $\int_C (xy + z^2)ds$  where  $C$  is the arc of the helix  $x = \cos t, y = \sin t, z = t$  which joins the points  $(1, 0, 0)$  and  $(-1, 0, \pi)$ .
- If  $\vec{F} = 2y\hat{i} - z\hat{j} + x\hat{k}$ , evaluate  $\int_C \vec{F} \times d\vec{r}$  along the curve  $x = \cos t, y = \sin t, z = 2 \cos t$  from  $t = 0$  to  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

## 17.11 SURFACE INTEGRALS AND FLUX

An integral which is to be evaluated over a surface is called a surface integral. Suppose  $S$  is a surface of finite area. Divide the area  $S$  into  $n$  sub-areas  $\delta S_1, \delta S_2, \dots, \delta S_n$ . In each area  $\delta S_i$ , choose an arbitrary point  $P_i(x_i, y_i, z_i)$ . Let  $\varphi$  define a scalar point function over the area  $S$ .

Now from the sum  $\sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(P_i) \delta S_i$ , where  $\varphi(P_i) = \varphi(x_i, y_i, z_i)$

Now let us take the limit of the sum as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , each sub-area  $\delta S_i$  reduces to a point and the limit if it exists is called the surface integral of  $\varphi$  over  $S$  and is denoted by  $\iint_S \varphi dS$ .



**Note:** If  $S$  is piecewise smooth then the function  $\varphi(x, y, z)$  is continuous over  $S$  and then the limit exists and is independent of sub-divisions and choice of the point  $P_i$ .

**Flux:** Suppose  $S$  is a piecewise smooth surface so that the vector function  $\vec{F}$  defined over  $S$  is continuous over  $S$ . Let  $P$  be any point of the surface  $S$  and suppose  $\hat{n}$  is a unit vector at  $P$  in the direction of outward drawn normal to the surface  $S$  at  $P$ . Then the component of  $\vec{F}$  along  $\hat{n}$  is  $\vec{F} \cdot \hat{n}$  and the integral of  $\vec{F} \cdot \hat{n}$  over  $S$  is called the surface integral of  $\vec{F}$  over  $S$  and is denoted by  $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS$ . It is also called flux of  $\vec{F}$  over  $S$ .

### Different Forms of Surface Integral

$$(i) \quad \text{Flux of } \vec{F} \text{ over } S = \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS \quad \dots (1)$$

Now let  $\vec{dS}$  denote a vector (called vector area) whose magnitude is that of differential of surface area i.e.,  $dS$  and whose direction is that of  $\hat{n}$ . Then clearly

$$\vec{dS} = \hat{n}dS$$

$$\text{From (1), flux of } \vec{F} \text{ over } S = \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{dS} \quad \dots (2)$$

- (ii) Suppose outward drawn normal to the surface  $S$  at  $P$  makes angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  with the positive direction of axes and if  $l, m, n$  denote the direction cosines of this outward drawn normal, then

$$l = \cos \alpha, \quad m = \cos \beta, \quad n = \cos \gamma$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \hat{n} = \cos \alpha \hat{i} + \cos \beta \hat{j} + \cos \gamma \hat{k}$$

$$\text{If } \vec{F} = F_1 \hat{i} + F_2 \hat{j} + F_3 \hat{k} \quad \text{then} \quad \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} = F_1 \cos \alpha + F_2 \cos \beta + F_3 \cos \gamma$$

$$\therefore \text{ From (1), flux of } \vec{F} \text{ over } S = \iint_S (F_1 \cos \alpha + F_2 \cos \beta + F_3 \cos \gamma) dS \quad \dots (3)$$

Now  $dS \cos \alpha$  is the projection of area  $dS$  on the  $yz$  plane, therefore  $dS \cos \alpha = dydz$ .

Similarly  $dS \cos \beta$  and  $dS \cos \gamma$  are the projections of the area  $dS$  on the  $zx$  and  $xy$  plane respectively and therefore  $dS \cos \beta = dzdx$ ,  $dS \cos \gamma = dxdy$ .

$$\therefore \text{ From (3), } \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iint_S \vec{F}_1 dydz + \vec{F}_2 dzdx + \vec{F}_3 dxdy \quad \dots (4)$$

**Note:** In order to evaluate surface integral it is convenient to express them as double integrals by taking the projection of surface  $S$  on one of the coordinate planes. This will happen only if any line perpendicular to co-ordinate plane chosen meets the surface in one point and not more than one point. Surface  $S$  is divided into sub surfaces, if above requirement is not met, so that sub surfaces may satisfy the above requirement.

- (iii) Suppose surface  $S$  is such that any line perpendicular to  $xy$  plane does not meet  $S$  in more than one point. Let the equation of surface  $S$  be  $Z = h(x, y)$ .

Let  $R_1$  denotes the orthogonal projection of  $S$  on the  $xy$  plane. Then projection of  $dS$  on the  $xy$  plane  $= dS \cos \gamma$ , where  $\gamma$  is the acute angle which the normal to the surface  $S$  makes with positive direction of  $Z$ -axis.

$$\therefore dS \cos \gamma = dxdy \quad \dots (5)$$

$$\text{But } \cos \gamma = \frac{|\hat{n} \cdot \hat{k}|}{|\hat{n}|} = |\hat{n} \cdot \hat{k}|$$

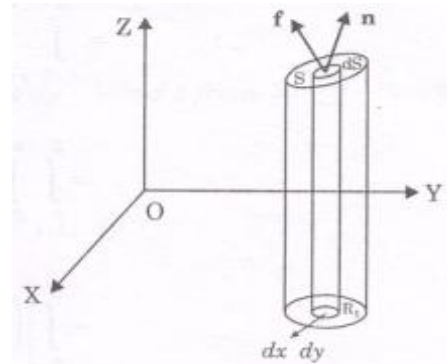
$$\text{Therefore from (5), } dS = \frac{dxdy}{|\hat{n} \cdot \hat{k}|} \quad \dots (6)$$

$$\text{Thus } \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iint_{R_1} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \frac{dxdy}{|\hat{n} \cdot \hat{k}|} \quad \dots (7)$$

$$\text{Similarly we have, } \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iint_{R_2} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \frac{dydz}{|\hat{n} \cdot \hat{i}|} \quad \dots (8)$$

$$\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iint_{R_3} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \frac{dzdx}{|\hat{n} \cdot \hat{j}|} \quad \dots (9)$$

where  $R_2, R_3$  are the projections of  $S$  on  $zx$  and  $xy$  planes, respectively.



**Fig. 7.15**

**Example 55:** Evaluate  $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS$  where  $\vec{F} = z \hat{i} + x \hat{j} + 3y^2z \hat{k}$  and  $S$  is the surface of the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$  included in the first octant between  $z = 0$  and  $z = 5$ .

**Solution:** A vector normal to the surface  $S$  is given by

$$\vec{n} = \nabla(x^2 + y^2) = 2x \hat{i} + 2y \hat{j} \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\therefore \hat{n} = \text{unit vector normal to surface } S \text{ at any point } (x, y, z) = \frac{2x\hat{i}+2y\hat{j}}{\sqrt{4x^2+4y^2}} \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\because x^2 + y^2 = 16, \text{ therefore } \hat{n} = \frac{2x\hat{i}+2y\hat{j}}{\sqrt{4(x^2+y^2)}} = \frac{2x\hat{i}+2y\hat{j}}{8} = \frac{x}{4}\hat{i} + \frac{y}{4}\hat{j} \quad \dots (3)$$

$$\text{Now } \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iint_R \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \frac{dx dz}{|\hat{n} \cdot \hat{j}|}$$

(projection on  $xy$  plane can't be taken as the surface  $S$  is perpendicular to  $xy$  plane)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \iint_R \left( \frac{xz}{4} + \frac{xy}{4} \right) \frac{dx dz}{\frac{y}{4}} = \iint_R \left( \frac{xz}{y} + x \right) dx dz, \quad \left( \text{since from (3), } \hat{n} \cdot \hat{j} = \frac{y}{4} \right) \\ &= \int_{z=0}^5 \int_{x=0}^4 \left( \frac{xz}{\sqrt{16-x^2}} + x \right) dx dz = \int_{z=0}^5 \int_{x=0}^4 \left( \frac{-z(-2x)}{\sqrt{16-x^2}} + x \right) dx dz \\ &= \int_{z=0}^5 \left[ -\frac{z\sqrt{16-x^2}}{1/2} + \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{x=0}^4 dz = \int_{z=0}^5 (4z + 8) dz = \left[ \frac{4z^2}{2} + 8z \right]_{z=0}^5 = 90 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 56:** Evaluate  $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS$  where  $\vec{F} = 6z \hat{i} - 4 \hat{j} + y \hat{k}$  and  $S$  is the portion of the plane  $2x + 3y + 6z = 12$  in the first octant.

**Solution:** Vector normal to surface  $S$  is given by

$$\nabla(2x + 3y + 6z) = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \hat{n} = \text{unit vector normal to surface } S \text{ at any point } (x, y, z) = \frac{2\hat{i}+3\hat{j}+6\hat{k}}{\sqrt{4+9+36}} = \frac{2}{7}\hat{i} + \frac{3}{7}\hat{j} + \frac{6}{7}\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now } \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} = (6z \hat{i} - 4 \hat{j} + y \hat{k}) \cdot \left( \frac{2}{7}\hat{i} + \frac{3}{7}\hat{j} + \frac{6}{7}\hat{k} \right) = \frac{12}{7}z - \frac{12}{7} + \frac{6}{7}y$$

Taking projection on  $xy$  plane

$$\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iint_R \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \frac{dx dy}{|\hat{n} \cdot \hat{k}|} = \iint_R \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \frac{dx dy}{6/7} \quad \dots (1)$$

where  $R$  is the region of projection of  $S$  on  $xy$  plane.  $R$  is bounded by  $x$ -axis,  $y$ -axis and the line  $2x + 3y = 12, z = 0$ . In order to evaluate double integral in (1),  $y$  varies from 0 to 4 and  $x$  varies from 0 to  $\frac{12-3y}{2}$ . Therefore from (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS &= \int_{y=0}^4 \int_{x=0}^{\frac{12-3y}{2}} [2z - 2 + y] dx dy, & [\text{Find } z \text{ from } 2x + 3y + 6z = 12] \\ &= \int_{y=0}^4 \int_{x=0}^{\frac{12-3y}{2}} \left[ 2 \left( 2 - \frac{x}{3} - \frac{y}{2} \right) - 2 + y \right] dx dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{y=0}^4 \int_{x=0}^{\frac{12-3y}{2}} \left[ 2 - \frac{2x}{3} \right] dx dy = \int_0^4 \left[ 2x - \frac{x^2}{3} \right]_{x=0}^{\frac{12-3y}{2}} dy \\
&= \int_0^4 \left[ 2 \times \frac{12-3y}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{12-3y}{2} \right)^2 \right] dy \\
&= \left[ \frac{(12-3y)^2}{-6} + \frac{(12-3y)^3}{108} \right]_{y=0}^4 = \frac{144}{6} - \frac{1728}{108} = 24 - 16 = 8
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 57:**  $\iint_S \phi \hat{n} dS$  where  $\phi = \frac{3}{8}xyz$  and  $S$  is the surface of cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$  included in the first octant between  $z = 0$  to  $z = 5$ .

**Solution:** A vector normal to the surface  $S$  is given by

$$\vec{n} = \nabla(x^2 + y^2) = 2x\hat{i} + 2y\hat{j}$$

$$\therefore \hat{n} = \text{unit vector normal to surface } S \text{ at any point } (x, y, z) = \frac{2x\hat{i} + 2y\hat{j}}{\sqrt{4x^2 + 4y^2}}$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{2x\hat{i} + 2y\hat{j}}{\sqrt{4(x^2 + y^2)}} = \frac{2x\hat{i} + 2y\hat{j}}{8} = \frac{x}{4}\hat{i} + \frac{y}{4}\hat{j} \quad [\because x^2 + y^2 = 16]$$

$$\text{Now } \iint_S \phi \hat{n} dS = \iint_R \frac{3}{8}xyz \left( \frac{x}{4}\hat{i} + \frac{y}{4}\hat{j} \right) \frac{dx dz}{|\hat{n} \cdot \hat{j}|} \quad \dots(1)$$

where  $R$  is the region of projection of  $S$  on  $zx$  plane. Therefore, from (1)

$$\begin{aligned}
\iint_S \phi \hat{n} dS &= \int_{z=0}^5 \int_{x=0}^4 \left( \frac{3}{32}x^2yz\hat{i} + \frac{3}{32}xy^2z\hat{j} \right) \frac{dx dz}{y/4}, \quad \text{where } y^2 = 16 - x^2 \\
&= \int_{z=0}^5 \int_{x=0}^4 \left( \frac{3}{8}x^2z\hat{i} + \frac{3}{8}xz\sqrt{(16-x^2)}\hat{j} \right) dx dz \\
&= \frac{3}{8} \int_{z=0}^5 \left( \frac{x^3z}{3}\hat{i} - \frac{z}{2} \frac{(16-x^2)^{3/2}}{3/2}\hat{j} \right)_{x=0}^4 dz \\
&= \frac{3}{8} \int_{z=0}^5 \left( \frac{64}{3}z\hat{i} + \frac{64}{3}z\hat{j} \right) dz = 8 \left[ \frac{z^2}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{z^2}{2}\hat{j} \right]_{z=0}^5 = 100\hat{i} + 100\hat{j}
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 58:** Evaluate  $\int_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}$  where  $\vec{F} = x\hat{i} - (z^2 - zx)\hat{j} - xy\hat{k}$  and  $S$  is the triangular surface with vertices  $(2, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 2, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 4)$ .

**Solution:** The triangular surface  $S$  with vertices  $(2,0,0)$ ,  $(0,2,0)$ , and  $(0,0,4)$  is given by the equation

$$\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} + \frac{z}{4} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2x + 2y + z = 4 \quad \dots (1)$$

Vector normal to surface  $S$  is given by  $\nabla(2x + 2y + z) = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$\therefore \hat{n} = \text{unit vector normal to surface } S \text{ at any point } (x, y, z) = \frac{2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{4+4+1}} = \frac{2}{3}\hat{i} + \frac{2}{3}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{3}\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now } \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} = (x\hat{i} - (z^2 - zx)\hat{j} - xy\hat{k}) \cdot \left( \frac{2}{3}\hat{i} + \frac{2}{3}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{3}\hat{k} \right) = \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{2}{3}(z^2 - zx) - \frac{1}{3}xy$$

Taking projection on  $xy$  plane



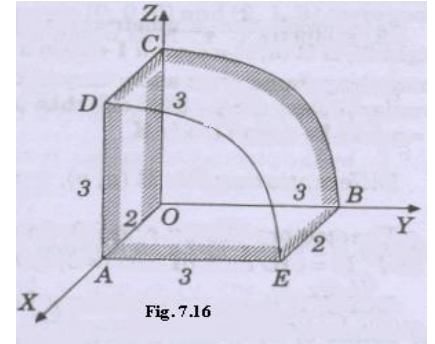
$$\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iint_R \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \frac{dx dy}{|\hat{n} \cdot \hat{k}|} = \iint_R \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \frac{dx dy}{1/3} \quad \dots (2)$$

where  $R$  is the region of projection of  $S$  on  $xy$  plane.  $R$  is bounded by  $x$ -axis,  $y$ -axis and the line  $2x + 2y = 4$  i.e.,  $x + y = 2$ ,  $z = 0$ . In order to integrate double integral in (2),  $y$  varies from 0 to 2 and  $x$  varies from 0 to  $2 - y$ . Therefore from (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS &= \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{x=0}^{2-y} \left[ \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{2}{3}(z^2 - zx) - \frac{1}{3}xy \right] dx dy && [\text{Find } z \text{ from } 2x + 2y + z = 4] \\ &= \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{x=0}^{2-y} \left[ \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{2}{3}\{(4 - 2x - 2y)^2 - (4 - 2x - 2y)x\} - \frac{1}{3}xy \right] dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{x=0}^{2-y} [2x - 2\{16 + 4x^2 + 4y^2 - 16x + 8xy - 16y - 4x + 2x^2 + 2xy\} - xy] dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{x=0}^{2-y} (-12x^2 - 8y^2 + 42x + 32y - 21xy - 32) dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \int_{y=0}^2 \left[ -4x^3 - 8xy^2 + 21x^2 + 32xy - 21\frac{x^2y}{2} - 32x \right]_{x=0}^{2-y} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \int_{y=0}^2 \left[ -4(2-y)^3 - 8(2-y)y^2 + 21(2-y)^2 + 32(2-y)y - 21\frac{(2-y)^2y}{2} - 32(2-y) \right] dy \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \int_{y=0}^2 \left( \frac{3}{2}y^3 + 9y^2 + 18y - 12 \right) dy = 38 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 59:** Evaluate  $\int_S \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} ds$  where  $\vec{f} = 2x^2y \hat{i} - y^2 \hat{j} + 4xz^2 \hat{k}$  and  $S$  is closed surface of the region in the first octant bounded by the cylinder  $y^2 + z^2 = 9$  and the planes  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 0$  and  $z = 0$ .

**Solution:** The given closed surface  $S$  is piecewise smooth and is comprised of  $S_1$  –the rectangular face  $OAEB$  in  $xy$ -plane;  $S_2$  –the rectangular face  $OADC$  in  $xz$ -plane;  $S_3$  – the circular quadrant  $ABC$  in  $yz$ -plane;  $S_4$  – the circular quadrant  $AED$  and  $S_5$  – the curved surface  $BCDE$  of the cylinder in the first octant (see Fig. 17.16).



$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int_S \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} ds &= \int_{S_1} \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} ds + \int_{S_2} \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} ds + \int_{S_3} \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} ds \\ &\quad + \int_{S_4} \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} ds + \int_{S_5} \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} ds \quad \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \int_{S_1} \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} ds &= \int_{S_1} (2x^2y \hat{i} - y^2 \hat{j} + 4xz^2 \hat{k}) \cdot (-\hat{k}) ds = -4 \int_{S_1} xz^2 ds = 0 \\ &\quad (\text{as } z = 0 \text{ in } xy\text{-plane}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \int_{S_2} \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} ds = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{S_3} \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} ds$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{S_4} \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} ds &= \int_{S_4} (2x^2y \hat{i} - y^2 \hat{j} + 4xz^2 \hat{k}) \cdot \hat{i} ds = \int_{S_4} 2x^2y ds \\ &= \int_0^3 \int_0^{\sqrt{9-z^2}} 8y dy dz = 4 \int_0^3 (9 - z^2) dz = 72 \end{aligned}$$

To find  $\hat{n}$  in  $S_5$ , we note that  $\nabla(y^2 + z^2 - 9) = 2y \hat{j} + 2z \hat{k}$ ,

$$\text{Implying } \hat{n} = \frac{2y \hat{j} + 2z \hat{k}}{\sqrt{4(y^2 + z^2)}} = \frac{y \hat{j} + z \hat{k}}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad |\hat{n} \cdot \hat{k}| = \frac{z}{3} \quad \text{so that } ds = dx dy / (z/3) \quad (\text{as } y^2 + z^2 = 9)$$

$$\int_{S_5} \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} \, ds = \int_0^2 \int_0^3 \frac{(-y^3 + 4xz^3)}{3} \, dx dy / (z/3) = \int_0^2 \int_0^3 \left( \frac{-y^3}{z} + 4xz^2 \right) \, dx dy$$

Now putting  $y = 3 \sin \theta$ ,  $z = 3 \cos \theta \quad \therefore dy = 3 \cos \theta \, d\theta$

$$\int_0^2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left[ \frac{-27 \sin^3 \theta}{3 \cos \theta} + 4x (9 \cos^2 \theta) \right] 3 \cos \theta \, d\theta dx$$

## ASSIGNMENT 7

1. If velocity vector is  $\vec{F} = y \hat{i} + 2 \hat{j} + xz \hat{k}$  m/sec., show that the flux of water through the parabolic cylinder  $y = x^2$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 3$ ,  $0 \leq z \leq 2$  is  $69 \, m^3/sec$ .
2. Evaluate  $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \, dS$  where  $\vec{F} = (x + y^2) \hat{i} - 2x \hat{j} + 2yz \hat{k}$  and  $S$  is the surface of the plane  $2x + y + 2z = 6$  in the first octant.
3. If  $\vec{F} = 4xz \hat{i} - y^2 \hat{j} + yz \hat{k}$ ; evaluate  $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \, dS$ , where  $S$  is the surface of the cube bounded by  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $y = 1$ ,  $z = 0$ ,  $z = 1$ .
4. If  $\vec{F} = 2y \hat{i} - 3 \hat{j} + x^2 \hat{k}$  and  $S$  is the surface of the parabolic cylinder  $y^2 = 8x$  in the first octant bounded by the planes  $y = 4$  and  $z = 6$ , show that  $\int_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \, ds = 132$ .
5. Evaluate  $\int_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \, ds$  where  $\vec{F} = 6z \hat{i} - 4 \hat{j} + y \hat{k}$  and  $S$  is the portion of the plane  $2x + 3y + 6z = 12$  in the first octant.

## 17.12 VOLUME INTEGRALS

Suppose  $V$  is the volume bounded by a surface  $S$ . Divide the volume  $V$  into sub-volumes  $\delta V_1, \delta V_2, \dots, \delta V_n$ . In each  $\delta V_i$ , choose an arbitrary point  $P_i$  whose coordinates are  $(x_i, y_i, z_i)$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a single valued function defined over  $V$ . Form the sum  $\sum \varphi(P_i) \delta V_i$ , where  $\varphi(P_i) = \varphi(x_i, y_i, z_i)$ .

Now let us take the limit of the sum as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then the limit, if exists, is called the volume integral of  $\varphi$  over  $V$  and is denoted as  $\iiint_V \varphi \, dV$ .

Likewise if  $\vec{F}$  is a vector point function defined in the given region of volume  $V$  then vector volume integral of  $\vec{F}$  over  $V$  is  $\iiint_V \vec{F} \, dV$ .

**Note:** Above volume integral becomes  $\iiint_V \varphi \, dx \, dy \, dz$  if we subdivide the volume  $V$  into small cuboids by drawing lines parallel to three co-ordinate axes because in that case  $dV = dx \, dy \, dz$ .

**Example 60:** If  $\vec{F} = (2x^2 - 3z) \hat{i} - 2xy \hat{j} - 4x \hat{k}$ , evaluate  $\iiint_V \nabla \times \vec{F} \, dV$  where  $V$  is the region bounded by the co-ordinate planes and the plane  $2x + 2y + z = 4$ .

**Solution:** Consider

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 2x^2 - 3z & -2xy & -4x \end{vmatrix} = 0\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2y\hat{k}$$

Region bounded by  $2x + 2y + z = 4$  and coordinate planes such that

$$2x \leq 4, \quad 2x + 2y \leq 4, \quad 2x + 2y + z \leq 4$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad x \leq 2, \quad y \leq 2 - x, \quad z \leq 4 - 2x - 2y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \quad \iiint_V \nabla \times \vec{F} \, dV &= \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^{2-x} \int_{z=0}^{4-2x-2y} (\hat{j} - 2y\hat{k}) \, dz \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^{2-x} [z\hat{j} - 2yz\hat{k}]_{z=0}^{z=4-2x-2y} \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^{2-x} \{(4 - 2x - 2y)\hat{j} - 2y(4 - 2x - 2y)\hat{k}\} \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^2 \left[ (4y - 2xy - y^2)\hat{j} - \left(4y^2 - 2xy^2 - \frac{4}{3}y^3\right)\hat{k} \right]_{y=0}^{y=2-x} \, dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^2 \left[ \{8 - 4x - 2x(2 - x) - (2 - x)^2\}\hat{j} - \left(4(2 - x)^2 - 2x(2 - x)^2 - \frac{4}{3}(2 - x)^3\right)\hat{k} \right] \, dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^2 \left[ (4 - 4x + x^2)\hat{j} - \left(-\frac{2}{3}x^3 + 4x^2 - 8x + \frac{16}{3}\right)\hat{k} \right] \, dx \\ &= \left[ 4x - 2x^2 + \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{x=0}^{x=2} \hat{j} - \left[ -\frac{1}{6}x^4 + \frac{4}{3}x^3 - 4x^2 + \frac{16}{3}x \right]_{x=0}^{x=2} \hat{k} \\ &= \frac{8}{3}\hat{j} - \frac{8}{3}\hat{k} = \frac{8}{3}(\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \end{aligned}$$

## ASSIGNMENT 8

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1. Evaluate  $\iiint_V \phi \, dV$  where  $\phi = 45x^2y$  and  $V$  is the region bounded by the planes  $4x + 2y + z = 8$ ,  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $z = 0$ .
2. If  $\vec{F} = 2xz\hat{i} - x\hat{j} + y^2\hat{k}$ ; evaluate  $\iiint_V \vec{F} \, dV$  where  $V$  is the region bounded by the planes  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 6$ ,  $z = x^2$ ,  $z = 4$ .

### 17.13 STOKE'S THEOREM (*Relation between Line and Surface Integral*)

**Statement:** Let  $S$  be a piecewise smooth open surface bounded by a piecewise smooth simple curve  $C$ . If  $\vec{f}(x, y, z)$  be a continuous vector function which has continuous first partial derivative in a region of space which contains  $S$ , then  $\oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_C \text{curl } \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} \, dS$ , where  $\hat{n}$  is the unit normal vector at any point of  $S$  and  $C$  is traversed in positive direction.

Direction of  $C$  is positive if an observer walking on the boundary of  $S$  in this direction with its head pointing in the direction of outward normal  $\hat{n}$  to  $S$  has the surface on the left.

We may put the statement of Stoke's theorem in words as under:

The line integral of the tangential component of a vector  $\vec{f}$  taken around a simple closed curve  $C$  is equal to the surface integral of normal component of curl of  $\vec{f}$  taken over  $S$  having  $C$  as its boundary.

### Stoke's Theorem in Cartesian Form:

#### a) Cartesian Form of Stoke's Theorem in Plane (or Green's Theorem in Plane)

Choose system of coordinate axes such that the plane of the surface is in  $xy$  plane and normal to the surface  $S$  lies along the  $z$ -axis. Normal vector is constant in this case.

Suppose  $\vec{f} = f_1 \hat{i} + f_2 \hat{j} + f_3 \hat{k}$

$$\therefore \oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} = \oint_C \vec{f} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} ds = \oint_C \vec{f} \cdot \vec{t} ds \quad \text{where } \vec{t} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} \text{ is unit vector tangent to } C.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \oint_C (f_1 \hat{i} + f_2 \hat{j} + f_3 \hat{k}) \cdot \left( \hat{i} \frac{dx}{ds} + \hat{j} \frac{dy}{ds} + \hat{k} \frac{dz}{ds} \right) ds \\ &= \oint_C \left( f_1 \frac{dx}{ds} + f_2 \frac{dy}{ds} + f_3 \frac{dz}{ds} \right) ds \end{aligned}$$

But tangent at any point lies in the  $xy$  plane, so  $\frac{dz}{ds} = 0$

$$\therefore \oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} = \oint_C \left( f_1 \frac{dx}{ds} + f_2 \frac{dy}{ds} \right) ds \quad \dots (1)$$

Now  $\iint_S \text{curl } \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iint_S \text{curl } \vec{f} \cdot \hat{k} dS$  (Here normal is along  $Z$ -axis)

$$= \iint_S \left( \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \right) dxdy \quad \dots (2)$$

Using (1) and (2), Stoke's theorem is

$$\oint_C (f_1 dx + f_2 dy) = \iint_S \left( \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \right) dxdy$$

#### b) Cartesian Form of Stoke's Theorem in Space

Suppose  $\vec{f} = f_1 \hat{i} + f_2 \hat{j} + f_3 \hat{k}$  and  $\hat{n}$  is an outward drawn normal unit vector of  $S$  making angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  with positive direction of axes.

$$\therefore \hat{n} = \cos \alpha \hat{i} + \cos \beta \hat{j} + \cos \gamma \hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } \nabla \times \vec{f} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$i.e. \quad \text{curl } \vec{f} = \left[ \left( \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z} \right) \hat{i} + \left( \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x} \right) \hat{j} + \left( \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \right) \hat{k} \right]$$

$$\therefore \text{curl } \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} = \left( \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z} \right) \cos \alpha + \left( \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x} \right) \cos \beta + \left( \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \right) \cos \gamma \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Also } \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} = (f_1 \hat{i} + f_2 \hat{j} + f_3 \hat{k}) \cdot (dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j} + dz \hat{k})$$

or  $\vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} = (f_1 dx + f_2 dy + f_3 dz)$

Then Stoke's theorem is

$$\oint_C (f_1 dx + f_2 dy + f_3 dz) = \iint_S \left[ \left( \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z} \right) \cos \alpha + \left( \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x} \right) \cos \beta + \left( \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \right) \cos \gamma \right] dS$$

**Example 61:** Verify Stoke's theorem for  $\vec{f} = (2x - y)\hat{i} - yz^2\hat{j} - y^2z\hat{k}$  when  $S$  is the upper half of the surface of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$  and  $C$  is its boundary.

**Solution:** The boundary  $C$  of the upper half of the sphere  $S$  is circle in the  $xy$  plane. Therefore, parametric equations of  $C$  are  $x = \cos t$ ,  $y = \sin t$ ,  $z = 0$  when  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

Now,  $\oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} = \oint_C (f_1 dx + f_2 dy + f_3 dz)$

$$= \oint_C (2x - y)dx - yz^2 dy - y^2 z dz = \oint_C (2 \cos t - \sin t)(-\sin t) dt$$

$$[\because x = \cos t, \therefore dx = -\sin t dt \text{ and other terms of integrand become zero as } z = 0]$$

$$= \int_{t=0}^{2\pi} [(2 \cos t)(-\sin t) + \sin^2 t] dt = \left[ 2 \frac{\cos^2 t}{2} \right]_{t=0}^{2\pi} + \int_{t=0}^{2\pi} \sin^2 t dt$$

$$= (1 - 1) + 4 \int_{t=0}^{\pi/2} \sin^2 t dt \quad (\text{Property of definite integral})$$

$$= 0 + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \pi \quad \dots (1)$$

Now,  $\text{curl } \vec{f} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 2x - y & -yz^2 & -y^2 z \end{vmatrix} = (-2yz + 2yz)\hat{i} + (0 - 0)\hat{j} + (0 + 1)\hat{k} = \hat{k}$

Now,  $\iint \text{curl } \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iint_S \hat{k} \cdot \hat{n} dS$

$$= \iint_R \hat{k} \cdot \hat{n} \frac{dx dy}{|\hat{n} \cdot \hat{k}|} \quad [\text{where } R \text{ is the projection of } S \text{ on } xy - \text{plane}]$$

$$= \iint_R dx dy$$

Now projection of  $S$  on  $xy$  plane is circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .

$$= \int_{x=-1}^1 \int_{y=-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx dy = 4 \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{y=0}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx dy \quad [\text{By definite integral}]$$

$$= 4 \int_{x=0}^1 \sqrt{1-x^2} dx = 4 \left[ \frac{x\sqrt{1-x^2}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1} x \right]_{x=0}^1$$

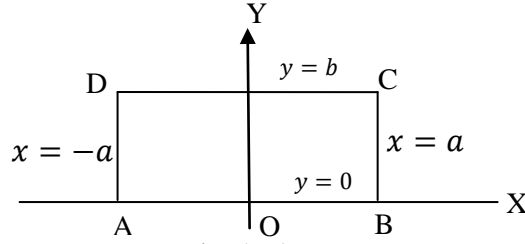
$$= 4 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1} 1 \right] = 4 \times \frac{\pi}{4} = \pi \quad \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2), Stoke's theorem is verified.

**Example 62:** Verify Stoke's theorem for the function  $\vec{f} = (x^2 + y^2)\hat{i} - 2xy\hat{j}$  taken round the rectangle bounded by  $x = \pm a$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $y = b$ . [KUK 2006]

**Solution:** Given  $\vec{f} = (x^2 + y^2) \hat{i} - 2xy \hat{j}$

Therefore,  $\vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} = [(x^2 + y^2) \hat{i} - 2xy \hat{j}] \cdot [dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j}] = (x^2 + y^2) dx - 2xy dy$



**Fig. 17.17**

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \oint_C (x^2 + y^2) dx - 2xy dy \\ &= \int_{DA} (x^2 + y^2) dx - 2xy dy + \int_{AB} (x^2 + y^2) dx - 2xy dy \\ &\quad + \int_{BC} (x^2 + y^2) dx - 2xy dy + \int_{CD} (x^2 + y^2) dx - 2xy dy \quad \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

**On DA:**  $x = -a$ ,  $\therefore dx = 0$

$$\therefore \int_{DA} (x^2 + y^2) dx - 2xy dy = \int_{DA} -2(-a)y dy = \int_{y=b}^0 2ay dy = [ay^2]_b^0 = -ab^2$$

**On AB:**  $y = 0$ ,  $\therefore dy = 0$

$$\therefore \int_{AB} (x^2 + y^2) dx - 2xy dy = \int_{AB} x^2 dx = \int_{-a}^a x^2 dx = \frac{2}{3} a^3$$

**On BC:**  $x = a$ ,  $\therefore dx = 0$

$$\therefore \int_{BC} (x^2 + y^2) dx - 2xy dy = \int_{BC} (-2ay) dy = \int_{y=0}^b (-2ay) dy = -ab^2$$

**On CD:**  $y = b$ ,  $\therefore dy = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int_{CD} (x^2 + y^2) dx - 2xy dy &= \int_{CD} (x^2 + b^2) dx = \int_{x=a}^{-a} (x^2 + b^2) dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} + b^2 x \right]_{x=a}^{-a} = -2 \left( \frac{a^3}{3} + b^2 a \right) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these values in (1), we get

$$\oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} = -ab^2 + \frac{2}{3} a^3 - ab^2 - 2 \left( \frac{a^3}{3} + b^2 a \right) = -4ab^2 \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\text{Now, } \text{curl } \vec{f} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x^2 + y^2 & -2xy & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \hat{i} + 0 \hat{j} + (-2y - 2y) \hat{k} = -4y \hat{k}$$

Since Surface lies in xy-plane, therefore  $\hat{n} = \hat{k}$ .

$$\therefore \iint_S \text{curl } \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iint_S (-4y \hat{k}) \cdot \hat{k} dS = \int_{y=0}^b \int_{x=-a}^a -4y dy dx = -4ab^2 \quad \dots (3)$$

Hence from (2) and (3), theorem is verified.

**Example 63:** Evaluate by Stoke's theorem  $\oint_C (yz dx + xz dy + xydz)$ , where  $C$  is the curve  $x^2 + y^2 = 1, z = y^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution: } \oint_C (yz dx + xz dy + xydz) &= \oint_C (yz \hat{i} + xz \hat{j} + xy \hat{k}) \cdot (dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j} + dz \hat{k}) \\ &= \oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r}, \quad \text{where } \vec{f} = yz \hat{i} + xz \hat{j} + xy \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

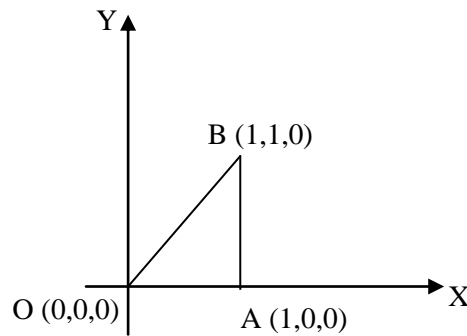
$$\text{Now, } \text{curl } \vec{f} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ yz & zx & xy \end{vmatrix} = (x - x)\hat{i} + (y - y)\hat{j} + (z - z)\hat{k} = 0$$

$$\therefore \oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_S \text{curl } \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} dS = 0 \quad [\because \text{curl } \vec{f} = 0]$$

**Example 64:** Evaluate  $\oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r}$  by Stoke's theorem, where  $\vec{f} = y^2 \hat{i} + x^2 \hat{j} - (x + z) \hat{k}$  and  $C$  is the boundary of triangle with vertices at  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 1, 0)$ .

**Solution:** Here,

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



**Fig. 17.18**

Here triangle is in the xy plane as z co-ordinate of each vertex of the triangle is zero.

$$\therefore \hat{n} = \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \text{curl } \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} = [0 \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2(x - y) \hat{k}] \cdot \hat{k} = 2(x - y)$$

$$\text{By Stoke's theorem, } \oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_S \text{curl } \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} dS$$

$$= \iint_S 2(x - y) dy dx$$

Note here the equation of OB is  $y = x$ , thus for  $S$ ,  $x$  varies from 0 to 1 and  $y$  from 0 to  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{y=0}^x 2(x-y) dy dx = \int_{x=0}^1 2 \left( xy - \frac{y^2}{2} \right)_{y=0}^x dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^1 2 \left( x^2 - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) dx = \int_{x=0}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}\end{aligned}$$

**Note: Green's Theorem in plane is special case of Stoke's Theorem:** If  $R$  is the region in  $xy$  plane bounded by a closed curve  $C$  then this is a special case of Stoke's theorem. In this case  $\hat{n} = \hat{k}$  and it is called vector form of Green's theorem in plane. Vector form of Green's theorem can be written as

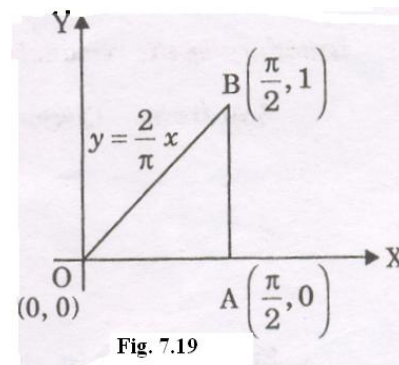
$$\iint_R (\nabla \times \vec{f}) \cdot \hat{k} dR = \oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

**Example 65:** Evaluate  $\oint_C [(y - \sin x)dx + \cos x dy]$ , where  $C$  is the triangle having vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$  and  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1)$  (i) directly (ii) by using Green's theorem in plane [KUK 2011]

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(i) Here } \oint_C [(y - \sin x)dx + \cos x dy] \\ &= \oint_C [(y - \sin x)\hat{i} + \cos x \hat{j}] \cdot (dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j}) \\ &= \oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r}\end{aligned}$$

where  $\vec{f} = [(y - \sin x)\hat{i} + \cos x \hat{j}]$  and  $d\vec{r} = dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j}$  and  $C$  is triangle OAB



$$\text{Now } \oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} = \oint_C [(y - \sin x) dx + \cos x dy]$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \int_{OA} [(y - \sin x) dx + \cos x dy] + \int_{AB} [(y - \sin x) dx + \cos x dy] \\ &\quad + \int_{BO} [(y - \sin x) dx + \cos x dy] \quad \dots (1)\end{aligned}$$

**On OA:**  $y = 0$ ,  $\therefore dy = 0$

$$\therefore \int_{OA} [(y - \sin x) dx + \cos x dy] = \int_{OA} [-\sin x dx] = \int_{x=0}^{\pi/2} -\sin x dx = -1$$

**On AB:**  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\therefore dx = 0$

$$\therefore \int_{AB} [(y - \sin x) dx + \cos x dy] = 0$$

**On BO:**  $y = \frac{2}{\pi}x$ ,  $\therefore dy = \frac{2}{\pi}dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \int_{BO} [(y - \sin x) dx + \cos x dy] &= \int_{x=\pi/2}^0 \left[ \left( \frac{2}{\pi}x - \sin x \right) dx + \cos x \frac{2}{\pi} dx \right] \\ &= \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{x^2}{2} + \cos x + \frac{2}{\pi} \sin x \right]_{x=\pi/2}^0 = 1 - \left[ \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2}{\pi} \right]\end{aligned}$$



Substituting these values in (1), we get

$$\oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} = -1 + 0 + 1 - \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{2}{\pi} = -\left[\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2}{\pi}\right]$$

(ii) **By Green's Theorem**

$$\begin{aligned}\oint_C (f_1 dx + f_2 dy) &= \iint_S \left( \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \right) dx dy \\&= \int_{x=0}^{\pi/2} \int_{y=0}^{2x/\pi} (-\sin x - 1) dy dx = \int_{x=0}^{\pi/2} (-\sin x - 1) [y]_{y=0}^{2x/\pi} dx \\&= \int_{x=0}^{\pi/2} -\frac{2}{\pi} x (\sin x + 1) dx = -\frac{2}{\pi} \int_{x=0}^{\pi/2} (x \sin x + x) dx \\&= -\frac{2}{\pi} \left[ x(-\cos x) + \sin x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{x=0}^{\pi/2} = -\frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \left( -0 + 1 + \frac{\pi^2}{8} \right) - (0 + 0 + 0) \right] \\&= -\left( \frac{2}{\pi} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)\end{aligned}$$

**Example 66:** Verify Green's theorem in the plane for  $\oint_C (xy + y^2)dx + x^2 dy$ , where  $C$  is the closed curve of the region bounded by  $y = x$  and  $y = x^2$ .

**Solution:**

$$\oint_C (xy + y^2)dx + x^2 dy = \int_{OBA} [(xy + y^2)dx + x^2 dy] + \int_{OAB} [(xy + y^2)dx + x^2 dy] \quad \dots (1)$$

**Along curve OBA:**  $y = x^2 \quad \therefore \quad dy = 2x dx$

$$\therefore \int_{OBA} [(xy + y^2)dx + x^2 dy] = \int_{x=0}^1 [(x^3 + x^4)dx + 2x^3 dx] = \frac{19}{20}$$

**Along curve AO:**  $y = x \quad \therefore \quad dy = dx$

$$\therefore \int_{AO} [(xy + y^2)dx + x^2 dy] = \int_{x=1}^0 [(x^2 + x^2)dx + x^2 dx] = \int_{x=1}^0 [3x^2] dx = -1$$

$$\therefore \text{from (1), } \oint_C (xy + y^2)dx + x^2 dy = \frac{19}{20} - 1 = -\frac{1}{20} \quad \dots (2)$$

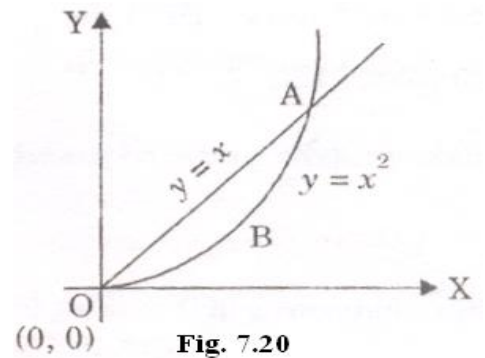
Here  $f_1 = xy + y^2$ ,  $f_2 = x^2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} = x + 2y, \quad \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} = 2x$$

By Green's theorem,

$$\begin{aligned}\oint_C (f_1 dx + f_2 dy) &= \iint_S \left( \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \right) dy dx \\&= \iint_S (2x - x - 2y) dy dx \\&= \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{y=x^2}^{y=x} (x - 2y) dy dx = \int_{x=0}^1 [xy - y^2]_{y=x^2}^{y=x} dx \\&= \int_{x=0}^1 (x^4 - x^3) dx = \left[ \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_{x=0}^{x=1} = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{4} = -\frac{1}{20} \quad \dots (3)\end{aligned}$$

Equation (2) and (3) verify the result.



**Fig. 7.20**

## ASSIGNMENT 9

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1. Verify Green's theorem for  $\int_C [(3x - 8y^2)dx + (4y - 6xy)dy]$  where C is the boundary of the region bounded by  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$  and  $x + y = 1$ . [KUK 2007]
2. Verify Green's theorem in plane for  $\oint_C [(3x^2 - 8y^2)dx + (4y - 6xy)dy]$ , where C is the boundary of the region defined by  $y = \sqrt{x}$  and  $y = x^2$ . [KUK 2008]
3. Apply Green's theorem to evaluate  $\int_C [(2x^2 - y^2)dx + (x^2 + y^2)dy]$ , where C is the boundary of the area enclosed by x-axis and the upper half of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ . [KUK 2010]
4. Evaluate the surface integral  $\iint_S \text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS$  by transforming it into a line integral, S being that part of the surface of the paraboloid  $z = (1 - x^2 - y^2)$  for which  $z \geq 0$  and  $\vec{F} = y\hat{i} + z\hat{j} + x\hat{k}$ . [KUK 2008]
5. Using Stoke's theorem, evaluate  $\int_C [(x + y)dx + (2x - z)dy + (y + z)dz]$ , where C is the boundary of the triangle with vertices  $(2, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 3, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 6)$ . [KUK 2009]
6. Verify Stoke's theorem for a vector field defined by  $\vec{f} = -y^3\hat{i} + x^3\hat{j}$ , in the region  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ ,  $z = 0$ .

### 17.14 GAUSS'S DIVERGENCE THEOREM (*Relation between Volume and Surface Integral*)

**Statement:** Suppose  $V$  is the volume bounded by a closed piecewise smooth surface  $S$ . Suppose  $\vec{f}(x, y, z)$  is a vector function which is continuous and has continuous first partial derivatives in  $V$ . Then

$$\iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{f} dV = \iint_S \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} dS$$

where  $\hat{n}$  is the outward unit normal to the surface  $S$ .

**In other words:** The surface integral of the normal component of a vector  $\vec{f}$  taken over a closed surface is equal to the integral of the divergence of  $\vec{f}$  over the volume enclosed by the surface.

#### Divergence Theorem in Cartesian Coordinates

If  $\vec{f} = f_1\hat{i} + f_2\hat{j} + f_3\hat{k}$  then  $\text{div } \vec{f} = \nabla \cdot \vec{f} = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z}$ . Suppose  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  are the angles made by the outward drawn unit normal with the positive direction of axes, then

$$\hat{n} = \cos \alpha \hat{i} + \cos \beta \hat{j} + \cos \gamma \hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} = f_1 \cos \alpha + f_2 \cos \beta + f_3 \cos \gamma$$

Then divergence theorem is

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_V \left( \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z} \right) dx dy dz &= \iint_S (f_1 \cos \alpha + f_2 \cos \beta + f_3 \cos \gamma) dS \\ &= \iint_S (f_1 dydz + f_2 dzdx + f_3 dxdy) \end{aligned}$$

$$[\because \cos \alpha dS = dydz \text{ etc.}]$$

**Proof:** Let  $\vec{f} = f_1\hat{i} + f_2\hat{j} + f_3\hat{k}$  where  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$  and  $f_3$  and their derivatives in any direction are finite and continuous.

Suppose  $S$  is a closed surface such that it is possible to choose rectangular cartesian co-ordinate system such that any line drawn parallel to coordinate axes does not cut  $S$  in more than two points.

Let  $R$  be the orthogonal projection of  $S$  on the  $xy$ -plane. Any line parallel to  $z$ -axis through a point of  $R$  meets the boundary of  $S$  in two points. Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be the lower and upper portions of  $S$ . Let the equations of these portions be

$$z = \Phi_1(x, y) \text{ and } z = \Phi_2(x, y)$$

$$\text{where } \Phi_1(x, y) \geq \Phi_2(x, y)$$

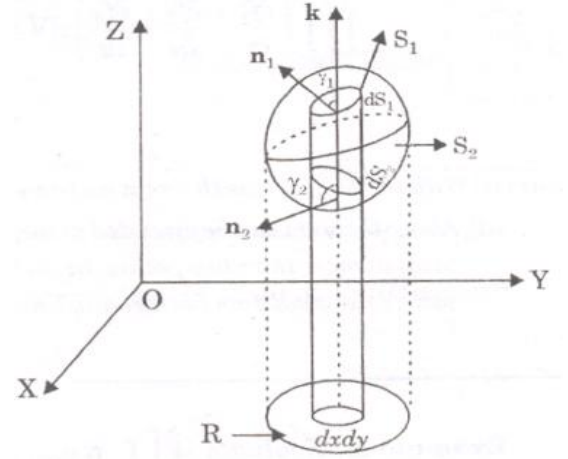


Fig. 7.21

Consider the volume integral

$$\iiint_V \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z} dV = \iiint_V \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z} dx dy dz = \iint \left[ \int_{z=\Phi_2(x,y)}^{z=\Phi_1(x,y)} \left( \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z} dz \right) \right] dx dy$$

$$\iiint_V \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z} dV = \iint [f_3(x, y, z)]_{\Phi_2(x,y)}^{\Phi_1(x,y)} dx dy = \iint \{f_3(x, y, \Phi_1) - f_3(x, y, \Phi_2)\} dx dy \quad \dots (1)$$

Let  $\hat{n}_1$  be the unit outward drawn vector making an acute angle  $\gamma_1$  with  $\hat{k}$  for the upper position  $S_1$  as shown in the figure.

Now projection  $dx dy$  of  $dS_1$  on the  $xy$  plane is given as  $dxdy = dS_1 \cos \gamma = dS_1 \hat{k} \cdot \hat{n}_1 = \hat{k} \cdot \hat{n}_1 dS_1$

$$\text{Now } \iint_R f_3(x, y, \Phi_1) dxdy = \iint_{S_1} f_3 \hat{k} \cdot \hat{n}_1 dS_1 \quad \dots (2)$$

Similarly if  $\hat{n}_2$  be the unit outward drawn normal to the lower surface  $S_2$  making an angle  $\gamma_2$  with  $\hat{k}$ . Obviously  $\gamma_2$  is an obtuse angle

$$\therefore dxdy = dS_2 \cos(\pi - \gamma_2) = -dS_2 \cos \gamma_2 = -\hat{k} \cdot \hat{n}_2 dS_2$$

$$\therefore \iint_R f_3(x, y, \Phi_2) dxdy = -\iint_{S_2} f_3 \hat{k} \cdot \hat{n}_2 dS_2 \quad \dots (3)$$

From (1), (2) and (3), we have

$$\iiint_V \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z} dV = \iint_{S_1} f_3 \hat{k} \cdot \hat{n}_1 dS_1 + \iint_{S_2} f_3 \hat{k} \cdot \hat{n}_2 dS_2 = \iint_S f_3 \hat{k} \cdot \hat{n} dS \quad \dots (4)$$

Similarly by projecting  $S$  on the other coordinate planes

$$\iiint_V \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} dV = \iint_S f_2 \hat{j} \cdot \vec{n} dS \quad \dots (5)$$

$$\text{And } \iiint_V \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} dV = \iint_S f_1 \hat{i} \cdot \vec{n} dS \quad \dots (6)$$

Adding (4), (5) and (6), we get

$$\iiint_V \left( \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z} \right) dV = \iint_S (f_1 \hat{i} + f_2 \hat{j} + f_3 \hat{k}) \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iint_S \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} dS$$

**Note:** With the help of this theorem we can express volume integral as surface integral or vice versa.

### 17.15 GREEN'S THEOREM (For Harmonic Functions)

**Statement:** If  $\Phi$  and  $\psi$  are two scalar point functions having continuous second order derivatives in a region  $V$  bounded by a closed surface  $S$ , then

$$\iiint_V (\Phi \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \Phi) dV = \iint_S (\Phi \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \Phi) \cdot \hat{n} dS$$

**Proof:** By Gauss's divergence theorem,

$$\iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{f} dV = \iint_S \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} dS \quad \dots (1)$$

Take  $\vec{f} = \Phi \nabla \psi$  so that  $\nabla \cdot \vec{f} = \nabla \cdot (\Phi \nabla \psi)$

$$= \Phi (\nabla \cdot \nabla \psi) + \nabla \Phi \cdot \nabla \psi$$

$$= \Phi \nabla^2 \psi - \nabla \Phi \cdot \nabla \psi \quad \dots (2)$$

Now  $\vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} = (\Phi \nabla \psi) \cdot \hat{n}$ . Using this and (2) in (1), we get

$$\iiint_V [\Phi \nabla^2 \psi - \nabla \Phi \cdot \nabla \psi] dV = \iint_S (\Phi \nabla \psi) \cdot \hat{n} dS \quad \dots (3)$$

Again starting as above by interchanging  $\Phi$  and  $\psi$ , we obtain as in (3)

$$\iiint_V [\psi \nabla^2 \Phi - \nabla \psi \cdot \nabla \Phi] dV = \iint_S (\psi \nabla \Phi) \cdot \hat{n} dS \quad \dots (4)$$

Subtracting (4) from (3), we get

$$\iiint_V (\Phi \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \Phi) dV = \iint_S (\Phi \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \Phi) \cdot \hat{n} dS \quad \dots (5)$$

**Another Form of Green's Theorem:**

$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n}$  and  $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n}$  denote the direction of derivative of  $\Phi$  and  $\psi$  along the outward drawn normal at any point of  $S$ .

$$\nabla \Phi = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n} \hat{n} \text{ and } \nabla \psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} \hat{n}$$

$$\therefore \Phi \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \Phi = \left( \Phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} \right) \hat{n} - \left( \psi \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n} \right) \hat{n}$$

$$\text{or } (\Phi \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \Phi) \cdot \hat{n} = \left( \Phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} \hat{n} - \psi \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n} \hat{n} \right) \cdot \hat{n} = \Phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} - \psi \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n}$$

$\therefore$  Equation (5) becomes

$$\iiint_V (\Phi \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \Phi) dV = \iint_S \left( \Phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} - \psi \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n} \right) dS$$

**Example 67:** Evaluate  $\iint_S \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} dS$  where  $\vec{f} = 4xy \hat{i} + yz \hat{j} - zx \hat{k}$  and  $S$  is the surface of the cube bounded by the planes  $x = 0, x = 2, y = 0, y = 2, z = 0, z = 2$ .

**Solution:** Here  $\vec{f} = 4xy \hat{i} + yz \hat{j} - zx \hat{k}$ . By Gauss's divergence theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} dS &= \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{f} dV \\ &= \iiint_V \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (4xy \hat{i} + yz \hat{j} - zx \hat{k}) dV \\ &= \iiint_V (4y + z - x) dV = \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{z=0}^2 (4y + z - x) dz dy dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 \left[ 4yz + \frac{z^2}{2} - xz \right]_{z=0}^{z=2} dy dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^2 \left[ \int_{y=0}^2 [8y + 2 - 2x] dy \right] dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^2 (4y^2 + 2y - 2xy)_{y=0}^{y=2} dx = \int_{x=0}^2 (20 - 4x) dx \\ &= [20x - 2x^2]_{x=0}^{x=2} = 32 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 68:** Use Gauss theorem to show that  $\iint_S [(x^3 - yz) \hat{i} - 2x^2y \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}] \cdot \hat{n} dS = \frac{a^5}{3}$

where  $S$  denotes the surface of the cube bounded by the planes,  $x = 0, x = a, y = 0, y = a, z = 0, z = a$ .

**Solution:** By Gauss's divergence theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S [(x^3 - yz) \hat{i} - 2x^2y \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}] \cdot \hat{n} dS &= \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \{(x^3 - yz) \hat{i} - 2x^2y \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}\} dV \\ &= \int_0^a \int_0^a \int_0^a (3x^2 - 2x^2) dx dy dz \\ &= \int_0^a \int_0^a \left[ \int_0^a x^2 dx \right] dy dz = \int_0^a \int_0^a \left( \frac{x^3}{3} \right)_0^a dy dz \\ &= \int_0^a \int_0^a \left( \frac{a^3}{3} \right) dy dz = \int_0^a \left( \frac{a^3}{3} y \right)_0^a dz = \int_0^a \frac{a^4}{3} dz = \frac{a^4}{3} (z)_0^a = \frac{a^5}{3} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 69:** Evaluate  $\iint_S \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} dS$  with the help of Gauss theorem for  $\vec{f} = 6z \hat{i} + (2x + y) \hat{j} - x \hat{k}$  taken over the region  $S$  bounded by the surface of the cylinder  $x^2 + z^2 = 9$  included between  $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0$  and  $y = 8$ .

**Solution:**  $\vec{f} = 6z \hat{i} + (2x + y) \hat{j} - x \hat{k}$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{f} = \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \{6z \hat{i} + (2x + y) \hat{j} - x \hat{k}\} = 1$$

By Gauss's divergence theorem,

$$\iint_S \vec{f} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iiint_V 1 dx dy dz$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{x=0}^3 \int_{y=0}^8 \int_{z=0}^{\sqrt{9-x^2}} dz dy dx = \int_{x=0}^3 \int_{y=0}^8 [z]_{z=0}^{z=\sqrt{9-x^2}} dy dx \\
&= \int_{x=0}^3 \int_{y=0}^8 \sqrt{9-x^2} dy dx \\
&= \int_{x=0}^3 [\sqrt{9-x^2} y]_{y=0}^8 dx = \int_{x=0}^3 8\sqrt{9-x^2} dx \\
&= 8 \left[ \frac{x\sqrt{9-x^2}}{2} + \frac{9}{2} \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{3} \right]_{x=0}^3 = 18\pi
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 70:** Evaluate  $\iint_S (x dy dz + y dz dx + z dx dy)$  where  $S$  is the surface of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$ . [KUK 2011, 2009]

**Solution:** By Gauss's divergence theorem

$$\begin{aligned}
\iint_S (x dy dz + y dz dx + z dx dy) &= \iiint_V \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} \right) dx dy dz = \iiint_V 3 dx dy dz \\
&= 3 \iiint_V dx dy dz = 3 \times \text{volume of the sphere } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2 \\
&= 3 \times \frac{4}{3} \pi a^3 = 4\pi a^3
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 71:** Show that  $\iint_S \hat{n} dS = 0$  for any closed surface  $S$ .

**Solution:** Let  $C$  be any closed vector.

$$\therefore C \iint_S \hat{n} dS = \iint_S C \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iiint_V \text{div } C dV$$

$$\therefore C \iint_S \hat{n} dS = 0 \quad [\because C \text{ is constant, therefore } \text{div } C = 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow \iint_S \hat{n} dS = 0$$

**Example 72:** Prove that  $\iiint_V \frac{1}{r^2} dV = \iint_S \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \hat{n}}{r^2} dS$ , where  $\vec{r} = x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} + z \hat{k}$  and  $|\vec{r}| = r$ .

$$\text{Solution: } \iint_S \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \hat{n}}{r^2} dS = \iint_S \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iiint_V \left( \nabla \cdot \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2} \right) dV \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2} \right) = \frac{1}{r^2} (\nabla \cdot \vec{r}) + \vec{r} \cdot \nabla \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\text{Also, } \vec{r} = x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} + z \hat{k} \Rightarrow r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\therefore 2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = 2x; \quad 2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = 2y; \quad 2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = 2z$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}; \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r}; \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = \frac{z}{r} \quad \dots (3)$$

$$\text{Now, } \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2} \right) = \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \right) = \frac{-2}{r^3} \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} \right) \quad [\text{using (3)}]$$

$$= \frac{-2}{r^4} (x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} + z \hat{k}) = \frac{-2}{r^4} \vec{r}$$

Also,  $\nabla \cdot \vec{r} = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$

Substituting these values in (2), we have

$$\nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2} \right) = \frac{1}{r^2} \cdot 3 + \vec{r} \cdot \left( -\frac{2}{r^4} \right) \vec{r} = \frac{3}{r^2} - \frac{2}{r^4} r^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \quad [\because \vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} = r^2]$$

$$\therefore \text{From (1),} \quad \iint_S \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \hat{n}}{r^2} dS = \iiint_V \frac{1}{r^2} dV$$

## ASSIGNMENT 10

- Find  $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS$  where  $\vec{F} = (2x + z)\hat{i} - (xz + y)\hat{j} + (y^2 + 2z)\hat{k}$  and S is the surface of the sphere having centre  $(3, -1, 2)$  and radius 3 units. [KUK 2006]
- Use Divergence theorem to evaluate  $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}$  where  $\vec{F} = x^3\hat{i} + y^3\hat{j} + z^3\hat{k}$  and S is the outer surface of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ . [KUK 2007]
- Verify Divergence theorem for  $\vec{F} = (x^2 - yz)\hat{i} + (y^2 - zx)\hat{j} + (z^2 - xy)\hat{k}$  taken over rectangular parallelepiped  $0 \leq x \leq a, 0 \leq y \leq b, 0 \leq z \leq c$ . [KUK 2010]

## ANSWERS

### ASSIGNMENT 1

- $-4(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j})$
- $(x - a/\sqrt{2}) = (y - a/\sqrt{2}) = (z - \frac{a\pi}{4} \tan \alpha) / \sqrt{2} \tan \alpha$
- $[t\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - (2t - 3)\hat{k}] / \sqrt{(5t^2 - 12t + 13)}; \frac{1}{3}(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$
- (a)  $u a^2 \sec \alpha$  (b)  $a^3 \tan \alpha; (-\cos \alpha \sin t \hat{i} + \cos \alpha \cos t \hat{j} + \sin \alpha \hat{k})$
- (a)  $p\hat{i} + (p + 2q)\hat{j} + (p + q)\hat{k}; \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(-\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  (b)  $(p + q)\hat{i} + q\hat{j} + 2q\hat{k}; \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$
- (a)  $ab/(a^2 \sin^2 t + b^2 \cos^2 t)^{3/2}$  (b)  $1/4\sqrt{2}$

### ASSIGNMENT 2

- $v = \sqrt{37}$  and  $a = \sqrt{325}$  at  $t = 0$
- $\frac{8}{7}\sqrt{14}; \frac{1}{7}\sqrt{14}$
- $a = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$
- $\frac{70}{\sqrt{29}}; \sqrt{\frac{436}{29}}$
- 21.29 knots/hr. in the direction  $74^\circ 47'$  South of East
- $\sqrt{17}$  meter per hour in the direction  $\tan^{-1}(0.25)$  North of East

### ASSIGNMENT 3

- (a)  $2(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) / (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$
- $\frac{15}{\sqrt{17}}$
- $\frac{37}{3}$
- $\frac{1}{3}(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$
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- $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}\right)$
- $\cos^{-1}(1/\sqrt{22})$
- $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{8}{3\sqrt{21}}\right)$
- $\lambda = 4$  and  $\mu = 1$

#### ASSIGNMENT 4

2. (a) 80 (b)  $e^{xyz} (x(z-y)\hat{i} + y(x-z)\hat{j} + z(y-x)\hat{k})$

3.  $a = -2$ ;  $4x(z-xy)\hat{i} + y(1-2z+4xy)\hat{j} + (2x^2+y^2-z^2-z)\hat{k}$

9. (a)  $\frac{2n(2n-1)}{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^{n+1}}; n = \frac{1}{2}$

11. (i)  $2(y^3+3x^2y-6xy^2)z\hat{i} + 2(3xy^2+x^3-6x^2y)z\hat{j} + 2(xy^2+x^3-3x^2y)y\hat{k}$  (ii) Zero

13. (i) 0 (ii)  $2(x+z)\hat{j} + 2y\hat{k}$

#### ASSIGNMENT 5

1.  $\frac{226}{3}\hat{i} + 360\hat{j} - 42\hat{k}$  2.  $-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$

4.  $\vec{v} = 6\sin 2t\hat{i} + 4(\cos 2t - 1)\hat{j} + 8t^2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{r} = 3(1 - \cos 2t)\hat{i} + 2\sin 2t\hat{j} + \frac{8t^3}{3}\hat{k}$

#### ASSIGNMENT 6

1.  $8\frac{8}{35}$  2. 16, 16 4. 35 5.  $\frac{\pi^3\sqrt{2}}{3}$

6.  $(2 - \frac{\pi}{4})\hat{i} - (\pi - \frac{1}{2})\hat{j}$

#### ASSIGNMENT 7

2. 81 3. 3/2 5. 8

#### ASSIGNMENT 8

1. 128 2.  $128\hat{i} - 24\hat{j} + 384\hat{k}$

#### ASSIGNMENT 9

3. 4/3 5. 21

#### ASSIGNMENT 10

1.  $108\pi$  2.  $56\pi a^2/9$