

Table of Formulas in Vector Analysis

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Definition:

All operators are linear. d is exterior derivative, and

$$\omega_{A_1 \times A_2}^2 := \omega_{A_1}^1 \wedge \omega_{A_2}^1$$

$$\omega_{A \cdot B}^3 := \omega_A^1 \wedge \omega_B^2$$

$$\omega_{\nabla f}^1 := d\omega_f^0$$

$$\omega_{\nabla \times A}^2 := d\omega_A^1$$

$$\omega_{\nabla \cdot B}^3 := d\omega_B^2$$

On grad:

$$\nabla(fg) = f\nabla g + g\nabla f$$

$$\nabla(A \cdot B) = (A \cdot \nabla)B + (B \cdot \nabla)A + A \times (\nabla \times B) + B \times (\nabla \times A)$$

$$\nabla \left(\frac{1}{|r - r'|} \right) = -\frac{r - r'}{|r - r'|^3}$$

On div:

$$\nabla \cdot (fA) = (\nabla f) \cdot A + f\nabla \cdot A$$

$$\nabla \cdot (A \times B) = B \cdot (\nabla \times A) - A \cdot (\nabla \times B)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{r - r'}{|r - r'|^3} \right) = 4\pi\delta^3(r - r')$$

On rot:

$$\nabla \times (fA) = f\nabla \times A + \nabla f \times A$$

$$\nabla \times (A \times B) = (B \cdot \nabla)A - (A \cdot \nabla)B + (\nabla \cdot B)A - (\nabla \cdot A)B$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times A) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot A) - \nabla \cdot (\nabla A) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot A) - \nabla^2 A$$

$$\hat{n} \cdot (\nabla \times \hat{n}) = 0 \quad (\hat{n} \text{ is the normal vector of a surface})$$

On ∇^2 :

$$\nabla^2(fg) = g\nabla^2 f + 2\nabla f \cdot \nabla g + f\nabla^2 g$$

$$\nabla \cdot (f\nabla g) = f\nabla^2 g + \nabla f \cdot \nabla g$$

$$\nabla \cdot (f\nabla g - g\nabla f) = f\nabla^2 g - g\nabla^2 f$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla^2 f) = \nabla^2(\nabla \cdot f)$$

$$\nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{|r - r'|} \right) = -4\pi\delta^3(r - r')$$

On Integral:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_S d\omega &= \int_{\partial S} \omega \text{ (Stokes Theorem)} \\
\int_V dV(\nabla * f) &= \int_{\partial V} d\sigma * f \text{ (When } * = \cdot, \text{ it is the famous Gauss Formula.)} \\
\int_V dV(A \cdot \nabla)B &= \int_{\partial V} A \cdot d\sigma B \text{ (if } \nabla \cdot A = 0) \\
\int_S d\sigma \cdot (\nabla \times A) &= \int_{\partial S} dl \cdot A \text{ (the traditional Stokes Formula)} \\
\int_S (d\sigma \times \nabla) \times A &= \int_{\partial S} dl \times A \\
\int_S d\sigma \times \nabla f &= \int_{\partial S} dl f
\end{aligned}$$

Orthogonal coordinates:

Generally for any curvilinear coordinates in \mathbb{R}^3 , we should have $dl^2 = g_{ij}(t)dt^i dt^j$ and $dV = \sqrt{\det g_{ij}(t)}dt^1 \wedge dt^2 \wedge dt^3$. However, for orthogonal coordinates, g becomes diagonal, i.e. $g = \text{diag}(H_1^2, H_2^2, H_3^2)$, and $dV = H_1 H_2 H_3 dt^1 \wedge dt^2 \wedge dt^3$.

Here're the most useful orthogonal coordinates:

	H_1	H_2	H_3	$H = H_1 H_2 H_3$
(x, y, z)	1	1	1	1
(r, θ, z)	1	r	1	r
(ρ, θ, ϕ)	1	ρ	$\rho \sin \theta$	$\rho^2 \sin \theta$

$$\begin{aligned}
A \cdot dl &:= \omega_A^1 = A_1 H_1 dt_1 + A_2 H_2 dt_2 + A_3 H_3 dt_3 \\
B \cdot d\sigma &:= \omega_B^2 = H \left(\frac{B_1}{H_1} dt_2 \wedge dt_3 - \frac{B_2}{H_2} dt_1 \wedge dt_3 + \frac{B_3}{H_3} dt_1 \wedge dt_2 \right) \\
f dV &:= \omega_f^3 = f H dt_1 \wedge dt_2 \wedge dt_3
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla f &= \frac{1}{H_1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t_1} \hat{e}_1 + \frac{1}{H_2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t_2} \hat{e}_2 + \frac{1}{H_3} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t_3} \hat{e}_3 \\
\nabla \times A &= \frac{1}{H} \begin{vmatrix} \partial_{t_1} & \partial_{t_2} & \partial_{t_3} \\ H_1 A_1 & H_2 A_2 & H_3 A_3 \\ H_1 \hat{e}_1 & H_2 \hat{e}_2 & H_3 \hat{e}_3 \end{vmatrix} \\
\nabla \cdot A &= \frac{1}{H} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} (A_1 H_2 H_3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} (A_2 H_3 H_1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t_3} (A_3 H_1 H_2) \right] \\
\nabla^2 f &= \frac{1}{H} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \left(\frac{H_2 H_3}{H_1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t_1} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} \left(\frac{H_3 H_1}{H_2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t_2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t_3} \left(\frac{H_1 H_2}{H_3} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t_3} \right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$