

VECTOR DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS

A study of vector calculus is necessary in

- physics and engineering
- Engineering mechanics

Ex: 1. A boy is riding a bike with a velocity of 30 km/hr in a north-east direction. Defining a velocity, we need two things i.e. the magnitude of the velocity and it's direction.

Scalar: A physical quantity which requires only magnitude for it's presentation is called scalar quantity.

Ex: Length, time, mass, temperature etc.

Vector: A physical quantity which requires both magnitude and direction for it's presentation is called vector quantity.

Ex: Velocity, acceleration, displacement etc.

Geometrical Representation:

 Direction of arrow represents direction and length of line segment gives magnitude of the vector.

Notation: Vector is denoted by alphabetical letter with bar over it such as $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{x}, \bar{y}$ etc.

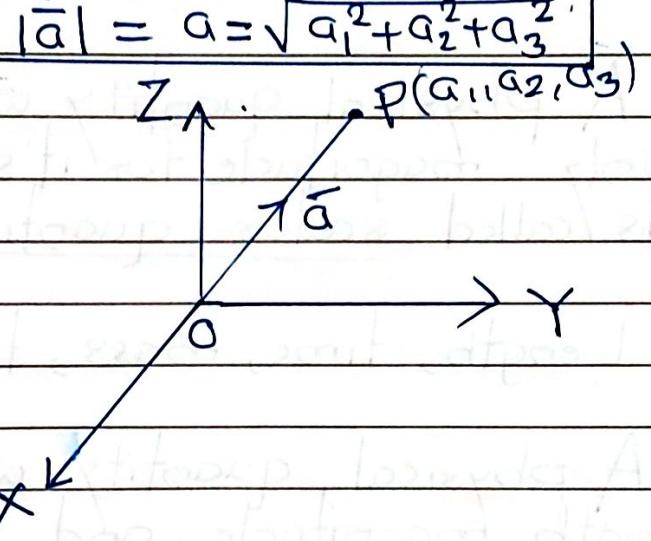
Magnitude: Magnitude of vector \bar{a} is denoted by $|\bar{a}|$ or simply by a .

Analytically, vector in three dimension is given by,

$$\overline{OP} = \bar{a} = a_1 \bar{i} + a_2 \bar{j} + a_3 \bar{k}$$

(a_1, a_2, a_3) are co-ordinate of point P representing vector \bar{a} .

$$|\bar{a}| = a = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2}$$



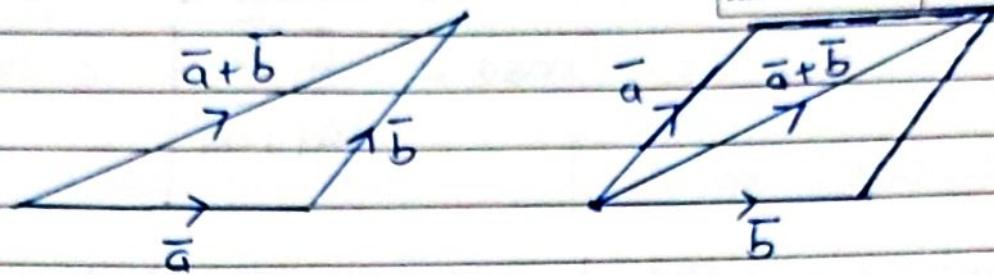
Algebra of vectors:

Let $\bar{a} = a_1 \bar{i} + a_2 \bar{j} + a_3 \bar{k}$ and

$\bar{b} = b_1 \bar{i} + b_2 \bar{j} + b_3 \bar{k}$ be any vectors.

1. Addition:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{a} + \bar{b} = & (a_1 + b_1) \bar{i} + (a_2 + b_2) \bar{j} \\ & + (a_3 + b_3) \bar{k}\end{aligned}$$



2. Negative Vector :

Negative of vector say \bar{a} is a vector denoted by $-\bar{a}$.

Note : \bar{a} and $-\bar{a}$ have same magnitude but they are in opposite directions.



3. Subtraction of vectors :

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{a} - \bar{b} &= \bar{a} + (-\bar{b}) \\ &= (a_1 - b_1)\mathbf{i} + (a_2 - b_2)\mathbf{j} + (a_3 - b_3)\mathbf{k} \\ &\quad \begin{array}{c} \bar{a} \\ \bar{b} \end{array} \\ &\quad \begin{array}{c} \bar{a} + (-\bar{b}) \\ -\bar{b} \end{array} \\ &= \bar{a} - \bar{b}\end{aligned}$$

Product of vectors :

(i). Dot Product (Scalar Product)

Dot product of two vectors say \bar{a} and \bar{b} is denoted by $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}$ and is defined as

$$\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = |\bar{a}| |\bar{b}| \cos \theta = ab \cos \theta$$

where θ is angle between \bar{a} and \bar{b}

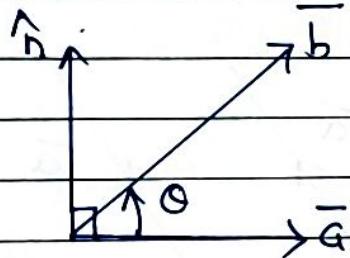
$$\cos\theta = \frac{\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}}{|\bar{a}| |\bar{b}|}$$

(2) Cross Product (Vector Product)

Cross product of \bar{a} and \bar{b} is denoted by $\bar{a} \times \bar{b}$ and is defined as,

$$\bar{a} \times \bar{b} = |\bar{a}| |\bar{b}| \sin\theta \hat{a}$$

$$\bar{a} \times \bar{b} = (a \sin\theta) \hat{a}$$



where \hat{a} is unit vector normal to plane of \bar{a} and \bar{b} .

Direction of \hat{a} is given by right hand screw rule.

Note: A vector of unit magnitude along the direction of given vector say \bar{a} is called unit vector along \bar{a} .

It is denoted by \hat{a} .

$$\text{It is given by } \hat{a} = \frac{\bar{a}}{|\bar{a}|}$$

Properties of Product of vectors

Dot Product

Cross Product

(i) Dot product is commutative

$$\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = \bar{b} \cdot \bar{a}$$

(i) Cross product is not commutative

$$\bar{a} \times \bar{b} \neq \bar{b} \times \bar{a}$$

$$\bar{a} \times \bar{b} = -(\bar{b} \times \bar{a})$$

(ii) Dot product is scalar quantity

(ii) Cross product is vector quantity

(iii) If m is any constant

$$\bar{a} \cdot m\bar{b} = m\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = m(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}) \\ = (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b})m$$

$$\bar{a} \times m\bar{b} = m\bar{a} \times \bar{b}$$

$$= m(\bar{a} \times \bar{b})$$

$$= (\bar{a} \times \bar{b})m$$

(iv) If $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = 0$, then \bar{a} and \bar{b} are perpendicular to each other

(iv) If $\bar{a} \times \bar{b} = 0$, then \bar{a} and \bar{b} are parallel to each other.

(3) Scalar triple product:

The product of $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$ of form $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} \times \bar{c}$ is scalar quantity called as scalar triple product.

Notation: $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} \times \bar{c} = [\bar{a} \bar{b} \bar{c}]$

(4) Vector triple product:

The product of $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$ of the form

$\bar{a} \times (\bar{b} \times \bar{c})$ is a vector quantity called as vector triple product.

It is defined as,

$$\bar{a} \times (\bar{b} \times \bar{c}) = (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{c})\bar{b} - (\bar{b} \cdot \bar{a})\bar{c}$$

Note: $1 \times (2 \times 3) = (1 \cdot 3)2 - (2 \cdot 1)3$

Note: $\bar{i}, \bar{j}, \bar{k}$ are unit vectors along positive x, y, z directions respectively.

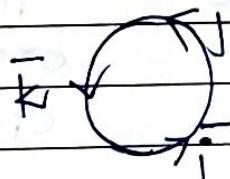
We have, $\bar{i} \cdot \bar{i} = 1, \bar{j} \cdot \bar{j} = 1, \bar{k} \cdot \bar{k} = 1$

$$\bar{i} \cdot \bar{j} = \bar{j} \cdot \bar{k} = \bar{i} \cdot \bar{k} = 0$$

$$\bar{i} \times \bar{i} = \bar{j} \times \bar{j} = \bar{k} \times \bar{k} = 0$$

$$\bar{i} \times \bar{j} = \bar{k}, \bar{j} \times \bar{k} = \bar{i}, \bar{k} \times \bar{i} = \bar{j}$$

$$\bar{j} \times \bar{i} = -\bar{k}, \bar{k} \times \bar{j} = -\bar{i}, \bar{i} \times \bar{k} = -\bar{j}$$



Results: Let $\bar{a} = a_1 \bar{i} + a_2 \bar{j} + a_3 \bar{k}$
 $\bar{b} = b_1 \bar{i} + b_2 \bar{j} + b_3 \bar{k}$
 $\bar{c} = c_1 \bar{i} + c_2 \bar{j} + c_3 \bar{k}$

be any vectors then

$$(i) \quad \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = (a_1 \bar{i} + a_2 \bar{j} + a_3 \bar{k}) \cdot (b_1 \bar{i} + b_2 \bar{j} + b_3 \bar{k}) \\ = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3$$

$$(ii) \bar{a} \times \bar{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$(iii) \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} \times \bar{c} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Note Properties of scalar triple product:

(i) Value of scalar triple product remains unchanged if we change vectors $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$ cyclically.
i.e $[\bar{a} \bar{b} \bar{c}] = [\bar{b} \bar{c} \bar{a}] = [\bar{c} \bar{a} \bar{b}]$

$$\text{i.e } \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} \times \bar{c} = \bar{b} \cdot \bar{c} \times \bar{a} = \bar{c} \cdot \bar{a} \times \bar{b}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} \times \bar{c} &= \bar{c} \cdot \bar{a} \times \bar{b} \\ \Rightarrow \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} \times \bar{c} &= \bar{a} \times \bar{b} \cdot \bar{c} \quad (*) \\ &\text{(As dot product is commutative)} \end{aligned}$$

(*) Shows dot and cross product can be interchanged.

(2) In a scalar triple product, if two vectors are same or parallel, then value of scalar triple product is zero.

Ex: 1 : If $\bar{a} = 5\bar{i} + \bar{j} + 7\bar{k}$, $\bar{b} = 2\bar{i} - 3\bar{j} + 4\bar{k}$
 $\bar{c} = -\bar{i} + 5\bar{j} - 2\bar{k}$ then find

- (i) $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}$ (ii) $\bar{a} \times \bar{c}$ (iii) $\bar{b} \times \bar{c}$
- (iv) $|\bar{b} \times \bar{a}|$ (v) \hat{a} (vi) \hat{c} (vii) $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}$

Sol: (i) $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = (5\bar{i} + \bar{j} + 7\bar{k}) \cdot (2\bar{i} - 3\bar{j} + 4\bar{k})$

$$= 10 - 3 + 28$$

$$= 38 - 3 = 35$$

(ii) $\bar{a} \times \bar{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ 5 & 1 & 7 \\ -1 & 5 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \bar{i}(-2 - 35) - \bar{j}(-10 + 7) + \bar{k}(25 + 1)$$

$$= -37\bar{i} + 3\bar{j} + 26\bar{k}$$

(iii) $\bar{b} \times \bar{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ -1 & 5 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \bar{i}(6 - 20) - \bar{j}(-4 + 4) + \bar{k}(10 + 3)$$

$$= -14\bar{i} + 7\bar{k}$$

(iv) $\bar{b} \times \bar{a} = \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 5 & 1 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = \bar{i}(-21 - 4) - \bar{j}(14 - 20) + \bar{k}\left(\frac{2}{2} + 15\right)$

$$= -25\bar{i} + 6\bar{j} + 17\bar{k}$$

$$|\bar{b} \times \bar{a}| = \sqrt{(-2s)^2 + s^2 + (17)^2} \\ = \sqrt{950}$$

$$(v) \cdot \hat{a} = \frac{\bar{a}}{|\bar{a}|} = \frac{5\bar{i} + \bar{j} + 7\bar{k}}{\sqrt{25+1+49}} = \frac{5\bar{i} + \bar{j} + 7\bar{k}}{\sqrt{75}}$$

$$(vi) \hat{c} = \frac{\bar{c}}{|\bar{c}|} = \frac{-\bar{i} + 5\bar{j} - 2\bar{k}}{\sqrt{80}}$$

$$(vii) \bar{a} \cdot \bar{c} = \underline{-14}$$

Ex: 2. If $\bar{a} = -10\bar{i} - 6\bar{j} + 5\bar{k}$, $\bar{b} = 2\bar{j} + 15\bar{k}$,
 $\bar{c} = 3\bar{i} - 4\bar{j} + 4\bar{k}$

then find

- (i) $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{c}$ (ii) $\bar{c} \times \bar{a}$ (iii) $(\bar{b} \times \bar{c})$ (iv) $\bar{a} \times \bar{c}$
- (v) $\bar{c} \cdot \bar{b}$

Vector Function :

If for each scalar variable t , there corresponds a vector \bar{r} by some definite rule, then \bar{r} is called as vector function of scalar t .

It is written as $\bar{r} = F(t)$

e.g (i) Velocity of a moving body

(ii) Force applied at certain points

Derivative of a certain function

Let $\vec{s} = f(t)$ be any vector function.

Derivative of \vec{s} w.r.t t is denoted by $\frac{d\vec{s}}{dt}$

and it is defined as -

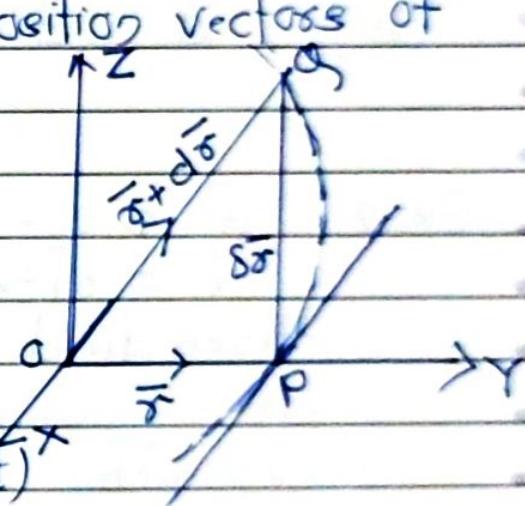
$$\frac{d\vec{s}}{dt} = \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{f}(t + \delta t) - \vec{f}(t)}{\delta t}$$

Let \vec{s} and $\vec{s} + \delta \vec{s}$ be the position vectors of points P and Q respectively.

Where,

$$\vec{s} = \vec{f}(t)$$

$$\vec{s} + \delta \vec{s} = \vec{f}(t + \delta t)$$



$$\text{From dig. } \overline{PQ} = \delta \vec{s} = \vec{f}(t + \delta t) - \vec{f}(t)$$

$$\frac{d\vec{s}}{dt} = \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta \vec{s}}{\delta t} = \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\overline{PQ}}{\delta t}$$

As $\delta t \rightarrow 0$, Q \rightarrow P

In this case, vector \overline{PQ} attains the position of tangent to curve \vec{s} at point P

$\frac{d\vec{s}}{dt}$ is vector along the direction of tangent to curve \vec{s} .

Note (i) If $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$, $z = z(t)$ be any arbitrary point on given curve then vector equation of curve C is given by —

$$\vec{r} = x(t)\vec{i} + y(t)\vec{j} + z(t)\vec{k}$$

(ii) In practice,

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt}\vec{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\vec{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\vec{k}$$

(iii) In particular, if \vec{r} is displacement vector of time t then $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$ is velocity vector.

It is denoted by \vec{v} .

$$\therefore \vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$$

$$\text{acceleration } \vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$$

(iv) Division of vectors say \vec{u} and \vec{v}
i.e. $\frac{\vec{u}}{\vec{v}}$ is not defined.

Rules of derivative:

Let $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$ are vector functions of t , s is a scalar function of t , c is any constant.
then (i) $\frac{d}{dt} c = 0$

$$(ii) \frac{d}{dt} (c \bar{u}) = c \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt}$$

$$(iii) \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{u} + \bar{v}) = \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} \pm \frac{d\bar{v}}{dt}$$

$$(iv) \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}) = \bar{u} \cdot \frac{d\bar{v}}{dt} + \bar{v} \cdot \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt}$$

$$(v) \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{u} \times \bar{v}) = \bar{u} \times \frac{d\bar{v}}{dt} + \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} \times \bar{v}$$

$$(vi) \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} \times \bar{w}) = \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} \cdot \bar{v} \times \bar{w} + \bar{u} \cdot \frac{d\bar{v}}{dt} \times \bar{w} \\ + \bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} \times \frac{d\bar{w}}{dt}$$

$$(vii) \frac{d}{dt} (s \bar{u}) = \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} s + \frac{ds}{dt} \bar{u}$$

Ex: If $\bar{x} = \bar{A} e^{nt} + \bar{B} e^{-nt}$ then show that

$$\frac{d^2 \bar{x}}{dt^2} - n^2 \bar{x} = 0 \text{ where } \bar{A}, \bar{B} \text{ are}$$

constant vectors and n is any constant.

Soln : Consider,

$$\bar{x} = \bar{A} e^{nt} + \bar{B} e^{-nt}$$

Diff. w.r.t t'

$$\frac{d\bar{x}}{dt} = n \bar{A} e^{nt} + (-n) \bar{B} e^{-nt}$$

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Differentiate again w.r.t t

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2 \bar{\sigma}}{dt^2} &= \bar{A} e^{nt} (n^2) + \bar{B} \bar{e}^{-nt} (-n)^2 \\ &= n^2 [\bar{A} e^{nt} + \bar{B} \bar{e}^{-nt}] \\ &= n^2 \bar{\sigma}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 \bar{\sigma}}{dt^2} - n^2 \bar{\sigma} = 0$$

Ex: 2. If $\bar{\sigma} = \bar{a} e^{2t} + \bar{b} e^{3t}$ where \bar{a}, \bar{b} are constant vectors then show that

$$\frac{d^2 \bar{\sigma}}{dt^2} - 5 \frac{d \bar{\sigma}}{dt} + 6 \bar{\sigma} = 0$$

Ex: 3. If $\bar{A} = st^2 \bar{i} + t \bar{j} - t^3 \bar{k}$ and $\bar{B} = \bar{t} \bar{i} + 2t \bar{j}$

then find value of

$$(i) \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}) \quad (ii) \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{A} \times \bar{B}) \quad (iii) \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{A} \cdot \bar{A})$$

$$\text{Ans: } (i) \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}) = 15t^2 + 4t$$

$$(ii) \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{A} \times \bar{B}) = 8t^3 \bar{i} - 4t^3 \bar{j} + (30t^2 - 2t) \bar{k}$$

$$(iii) \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{A} \cdot \bar{A}) = 100t^3 + 2t + 6t^5$$

Ex: 4. Find $\frac{d\bar{f}}{dt}$ if $f = \sigma^2 \bar{\sigma} + (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}) \bar{b}$

where $\bar{\sigma}$ is function of t , $\sigma = |\bar{\sigma}|$
and \bar{a}, \bar{b} are constant vectors.

Soln: Consider $\bar{f} = \sigma^2 \bar{\sigma} + (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}) \bar{b}$

Step-1: Differentiate w.r.t t

$$\frac{d\bar{f}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(\sigma^2 \bar{\sigma}) + \frac{d}{dt}(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}) \bar{b}$$

$$= \sigma^2 \frac{d\bar{\sigma}}{dt} + \bar{\sigma} \frac{d}{dt}(\sigma^2) + \bar{b} \frac{d}{dt}(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma})$$

Since b is constant vector

$$= \sigma^2 \frac{d\bar{\sigma}}{dt} + \underline{\underline{\bar{\sigma} \bar{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dt}}} + \bar{b} (\bar{a} \cdot \underline{\frac{d\bar{\sigma}}{dt}})$$

Ex: 5. Find $\frac{df}{dt}$ if $f = \sigma^3 \bar{\sigma} + \bar{q} \times \frac{d\bar{\sigma}}{dt}$ where

$\bar{\sigma}$ is function of t , $|\bar{\sigma}| = \sigma$ and \bar{q} is a constant vector.

Sol: Consider, $f = \sigma^3 \bar{\sigma} + \bar{q} \times \frac{d\bar{\sigma}}{dt}$ —①

Differentiating Eq' ① w.r.t t

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sigma^3 \bar{\sigma} + \bar{q} \times \frac{d\bar{\sigma}}{dt} \right]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{x}^3 \vec{\sigma}) + \frac{d}{dt} \left(\vec{a} \times \frac{d\vec{\sigma}}{dt} \right)$$

$$= \vec{x}^3 \frac{d\vec{\sigma}}{dt} + \vec{\sigma} \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{x}^3) + \vec{a} \times \frac{d^2 \vec{\sigma}}{dt^2}$$

$$= \vec{x}^3 \frac{d\vec{\sigma}}{dt} + \vec{\sigma} 3\vec{x}^2 \frac{d\vec{\sigma}}{dt} + \vec{a} \times \frac{d^2 \vec{\sigma}}{dt^2}$$

Ex: 6 If $\vec{\sigma} = \vec{a} \sinht + \vec{b} \cosh t$, where \vec{a}, \vec{b} are constant vectors then prove that

$$(i) \frac{d^2 \vec{\sigma}}{dt^2} = \vec{\sigma}$$

$$(ii) \frac{d\vec{\sigma}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2 \vec{\sigma}}{dt^2} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = \frac{d\vec{\sigma}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2 \vec{\sigma}}{dt^2} = (\vec{a} \cosh t + \vec{b} \sinh t) \times (\vec{a} \sinh t + \vec{b} \cosh t)$$

$$= \cosh t \sinh t (\vec{a} \times \vec{a}) + \cosh^2 t (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + \sinh^2 t (\vec{b} \times \vec{a}) + \sinh t \cosh t (\vec{b} \times \vec{b})$$

$$= \cosh^2 t (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) - \sinh^2 t (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$

$$= (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) [\cosh^2 t - \sinh^2 t] \quad \text{As } \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = -(\vec{b} \times \vec{a})$$

$$= (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) (1)$$

$$= \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$$

$$(iii) \bar{r} \cdot \frac{d\bar{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2\bar{r}}{dt^2} = \bar{r} \cdot \frac{d\bar{r}}{dt} \times \bar{r}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\text{As } (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} \times \bar{c}) = 0.$$

Ex:7. The position vector of particle at a time t is $\bar{r} = \cos(t-1)\bar{i} + \sinh(t-1)\bar{j} + mt^3\bar{k}$.

Find condition imposed on m by \bar{r} at time $t=1$, acceleration is normal to position vector.

Soln : Consider,

$$\bar{r} = \cos(t-1)\bar{i} + \sinh(t-1)\bar{j} + mt^3\bar{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\bar{r}}{dt} = -\sin(t-1)\bar{i} + \cosh(t-1)\bar{j} + 3mt^2\bar{k} \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2\bar{r}}{dt^2} = -\cos(t-1)\bar{i} + \sinh(t-1)\bar{j} + 6mt\bar{k} \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2\bar{r}}{dt^2} = -\cos(t-1)\bar{i} + \sinh(t-1)\bar{j} + 6mt\bar{k} \quad (3)$$

Now at time $t=1$,

$$(\bar{r})_{t=1} = -\cos 0 \bar{i} + \sinh 0 \bar{j} + m \bar{k}$$

$$= -\bar{i} + m \bar{k}$$

As $\cos 0 = 1, \sinh 0 = 0$

$$\bar{a} = \left(\frac{d^2\bar{r}}{dt^2} \right)_{t=1} = -\cos 0 \bar{i} + \sinh 0 \bar{j} + 6m \bar{k}$$

$$= -\bar{i} + 6m \bar{k}$$

Given: Since acceleration is normal to position vector.

$$\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma} = 0$$

$$(-i + 6mk) \cdot (i + mk) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 + 6m^2 = 0$$

$$m^2 = \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow m = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$$

Ex: 8. Find magnitude of velocity and acceleration of particle which moves along the curve

$x = 2\sin 3t$, $y = 2\cos 3t$, $z = 8t$ at any time $t > 0$. Find unit tangent vector to curve

Soln: The displacement vector of moving particle is given by -

$$\bar{\sigma} = (2\sin 3t)\bar{i} + (2\cos 3t)\bar{j} + (8t)\bar{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{v} = \frac{d\bar{\sigma}}{dt} = 6\cos 3t \bar{i} - 6\sin 3t \bar{j} + 8\bar{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{a} = \frac{d^2\bar{\sigma}}{dt^2} = -18\sin 3t \bar{i} - 18\cos 3t \bar{j} + 0$$

$$|\bar{v}| = \sqrt{(6\cos 3t)^2 + (-6\sin 3t)^2 + 8^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{36(\cos^2 3t + \sin^2 3t) + 64}$$

$$= \sqrt{36 + 64}$$

$$= \sqrt{100} = 10$$

$$|\bar{a}| = \sqrt{(-18\sin 3t)^2 + (-18\cos 3t)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{18^2} = 18$$

tangent.

\therefore Unit vector is given by

$$\hat{T} = \frac{\vec{I}}{|\vec{V}|}, \frac{\vec{J}}{|\vec{V}|} = \frac{1}{10} (6\cos 3t \vec{i} - 6\sin 3t \vec{j} + 8\vec{k})$$

Ex:9 A particle moves along curve $\vec{\sigma} = e^{-t} \vec{i} + e^{2t} \vec{j} + e^t \vec{k}$

Find velocity and acceleration at $t=0$

Ex:10 A curve is given by the equation

$$x = (t^2 + 1), y = (4t - 3), z = (2t^2 - 6t)$$

Find the angle between tangent at $t=2$ and $t=3$

Soln: Given curve is —

$$\vec{\sigma} = (t^2 + 1) \vec{i} + (4t - 3) \vec{j} + (2t^2 - 6t) \vec{k} \quad (1)$$

Tangent to curve $\vec{\sigma}$ at $t=t_0$ is given by

$$\left(\frac{d\vec{\sigma}}{dt} \right)_{t=t_0}$$

Differentiating (1) w.r.t t

$$\frac{d\vec{\sigma}}{dt} = 2t \vec{i} + 4 \vec{j} + (4t - 6) \vec{k} \quad (2)$$

Let \vec{T}_1 and \vec{T}_2 be tangents to given curve at $t=2$ and $t=3$ respectively.

$$\vec{T}_1 = \left(\frac{d\vec{\sigma}}{dt} \right)_{t=2}, \quad (\vec{T}_2 = \left(\frac{d\vec{\sigma}}{dt} \right)_{t=3})$$

From eqn (2)

$$\vec{T}_1 = 4 \vec{i} + 4 \vec{j} + 2 \vec{k}, \quad \vec{T}_2 = 6 \vec{i} + 4 \vec{j} + 6 \vec{k}$$

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Let θ be the angle between \vec{T}_1 and \vec{T}_2

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{\vec{T}_1 \cdot \vec{T}_2}{|\vec{T}_1| |\vec{T}_2|} = \frac{(4\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}) \cdot (6\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} + 6\vec{k})}{\sqrt{6+16+4} \sqrt{36+16+36}} \\ &= \frac{24 + 16 + 12}{\sqrt{36} \sqrt{88}} \\ &= \frac{52}{6\sqrt{4 \times 22}} = \frac{13}{3\sqrt{22}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{13}{3\sqrt{22}} \right)$$

Vector Differential Operator:

Defn // A variable quantity whose value at any point in a region of space depends upon the position of the point, is called a point function.

(i) Scalar Point function:

Let R be region of space at each point of which a scalar, $\phi = \phi(x, y, z)$ is given, Then ϕ is called a scalar function, and R is called a scalar field.

e.g (i) density of rigid body,

(ii) temperature distribution in a medium.

Vector Point function:

Let R be a region of space at each point of which a vector $\vec{F} = F(x, y, z)$ is given,

then \vec{F} is called a vector point function and R is called a vector field.

- e.g. (i) Velocity of a moving fluid
- (ii) gravitational force.

Level Surface:

A surface passing through ^{those} points where value of function is same is called a level surface.

It is denoted by $\phi(x, y, z) = c$

e.g. density of uniform body.

A vector differential operator is denoted by ∇ called as Del or nabla and is given by

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

Gradient of scalar point function:

Note: When ∇ is operated on scalar function say $\phi(x, y, z)$, we get a vector quantity.

This vector quantity is called gradient of ϕ .

Notation: $\text{grad } \phi$ or $\nabla \phi$

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

Directional Derivative:

The rate of change of ϕ at point say P along given direction is called directional derivative of ϕ at P.

Note: (i) Let $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \vec{r}}$ rate of change of ϕ along any arbitrary direction \vec{PQ} and $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n}$ be rate of change of ϕ along normal direction.
 $\vec{PQ} = \vec{S}$

$$(ii) \cdot \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \vec{r}} \leq \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n}$$

i.e Rate of change of ϕ along normal is maximum.

(iii) Grad ϕ i.e $\nabla \phi$ is the vector along direction of normal to surface ϕ .

(iv) Rate of change of ϕ is maximum

(iv) Magnitude of maximum rate of change of ϕ is given by $|\nabla \phi|$.

(v) The DD of scalar point function $\phi(x,y,z) = c$ at point $P(x,y,z)$ in the direction of given vector \vec{a} is given by -

$$\text{Directional Derivative} = (\nabla \phi)_P \cdot \hat{a}$$

$$\text{where } \hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$$

Ex: 1. Find unit normal to the surface $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 3$ at $(1, 1, 1)$

Sol: Let vector normal to the surface ϕ at the point P is given by $(\nabla \phi)_P$

$$\text{Let } \phi(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 3$$

$\therefore (\nabla \phi)_P$ is normal to surface ϕ at pt $(1, 1, 1)$

(Consider,

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

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

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

$$\text{Now } (\nabla \phi)_{(1, 1, 1)} = 2\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k} = \vec{N}$$

Now, unit normal along \vec{N} is given by,

$$\hat{N} = \frac{\vec{N}}{|\vec{N}|}$$

$$= \frac{2\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}}{\sqrt{4+4+4}} = \frac{2i+2j+2k}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\hat{N} = \frac{i+j+k}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Ex. 1: Find angle between normals to surfaces
 $x \log z = y^2 - 1$ and $x^2 y = 2 - z$ at the point $(1, 1, 1)$

Soln: Let $\phi = x \log z - y^2 + 1$
& $\psi = x^2 y - 2 + z$

Now,
Step-1: $\nabla \phi = \left(\bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) (x \log z - y^2 + 1)$
 $= \log z \bar{i} - 2y \bar{j} + \frac{x}{z} \bar{k}$

$\nabla \phi|_{(1,1,1)} = (\log z \bar{i} - 2y \bar{j} + \frac{x}{z} \bar{k})|_{(1,1,1)}$
 $\bar{N}_1 = -2\bar{j} + \bar{k}$

where ~~say~~ \bar{N}_1 be the normal to the plane
surface ϕ

~~Step-2~~ $\nabla \psi = \left(\bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) (x^2 y - 2 + z)$

$(\nabla \psi)|_{(1,1,1)} = \bar{N}_2 = (2xy\bar{i} + x^2\bar{j} + \bar{k})|_{(1,1,1)} = 2\bar{i} + \bar{j} + \bar{k}$

where \bar{N}_2 be the normal to the surface

Ans.

Step-II: Let θ be the angle between \vec{N}_1 and \vec{N}_2 .

$$\therefore \vec{N}_1 \cdot \vec{N}_2 = |\vec{N}_1| |\vec{N}_2| \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore (-2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = (\sqrt{4+1})(\sqrt{4+1+1}) \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore -2+1 = \sqrt{5} \sqrt{6} \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \right)$$

Note-1: Two surfaces are said to be intersect orthogonally with each other if normal's to surfaces at point of contact intersect with each other at right angle.

2. If two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} are perpendicular then their dot product is zero!
i.e. if $\vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$ then $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

Ex: 1: Find angle between the normals to the surface $xy = z^2$ at the points $(1, 2, 1)$ and $(3, 2, 3)$

Soln: Let $\phi = xy - z^2$

Normal to surface ϕ at point (x, y, z) is given by $(\nabla \phi)(x, y, z)$

Step-I: Consider, $\nabla \phi = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) (\alpha y - z^2)$

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

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

Step-II: Let \bar{N}_1 and \bar{N}_2 be normals to surface ϕ at the points $(1, 2, 1)$ and $(3, 2, 3)$ respectively.

$$\therefore \bar{N}_1 = (\nabla \phi)_{(1, 2, 1)} = 2\bar{i} + \bar{j} - 2\bar{k}$$

$$\bar{N}_2 = (\nabla \phi)_{(3, 2, 3)} = 2\bar{i} + 3\bar{j} - 6\bar{k}$$

Step-III: Let θ be the angle between \bar{N}_1 and \bar{N}_2 .

$$\therefore \bar{N}_1 \cdot \bar{N}_2 = |\bar{N}_1| |\bar{N}_2| \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{\bar{N}_1 \cdot \bar{N}_2}{|\bar{N}_1| |\bar{N}_2|}$$

$$= \frac{(2\bar{i} + \bar{j} - 2\bar{k}) \cdot (2\bar{i} + 3\bar{j} - 6\bar{k})}{\sqrt{4+1+4} \sqrt{4+9+36}}$$

$$= \frac{4+3+12}{(3)(7)}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{19}{21}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{19}{21} \right)$$

Ex 2. Find constants a and b , so that the surface $ax^2 - byz = (a+2)x$ will be orthogonal to the surface $4x^2y + z^3 = 4$ at the point $(1, -1, 2)$

Soln.: Two surfaces are said to be orthogonal to each other if normals to the two surfaces at the point of contact intersect each other at right angles.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \phi &= ax^2 - byz - (a+2)x \\ \psi &= 4x^2y + z^3 - 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } \bar{N}_1 = (\nabla \phi)_{(1, -1, 2)}, \bar{N}_2 = (\nabla \psi)_{(1, -1, 2)}$$

$$\text{Step-1: } \bar{N}_1 = (\nabla \phi)_{(1, -1, 2)} = i(a-2) + j(-2b) + k\bar{b}$$

$$\bar{N}_2 = (\nabla \psi)_{(1, -1, 2)} = -8i + 4j + 12k$$

Since \bar{N}_1 & \bar{N}_2 intersect each other at right angles, we have,

$$\bar{N}_1 \cdot \bar{N}_2 = 0.$$

$$\therefore (i(a-2) + j(-2b) + k\bar{b}) \cdot (-8i + 4j + 12k) = 0$$

$$-8a + 4b + 16 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Since given point $(1, -1, 2)$ lies on two surfaces ϕ & ψ ,

Hence put $(1, -1, 2)$ in the eq' of surface ϕ :

$$\therefore a+2b = a+2$$

$$\therefore b = 1.$$

$$\text{put in (1) } \Rightarrow a = \underline{\underline{5/2}}.$$

Ex: 3. What is the greatest rate of increase of $\phi = x^2 + yz^2$ at point $(1, -1, 3)$

Sol: Greatest rate of increase is along it's normal i.e. along direction of $\nabla\phi$
it's value = $|\nabla\phi|$

Step-1: Consider,

$$(\nabla\phi)_{(1, -1, 3)} = 2i + 9j - 6k$$

$$|\nabla\phi|_{(1, -1, 3)} = \sqrt{2^2 + 9^2 + (-6)^2} = 11$$

Working rule to find Directional Derivative:

Working rule to find directional derivative
of a scalar function $\phi(x, y, z)$ at the point $P(x, y, z)$ in the direction of \vec{a} .

Step-1: Directional Derivative

$$DD = (\nabla\phi)_P \cdot \hat{a} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Step-2: Find $\nabla\phi$ as

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

Step-3: Find value of $\nabla\phi$ at the point P
i.e. find $(\nabla\phi)_{P(x, y, z)}$

Step-4: Find vector \vec{a} by given information.

Step-5: Find unit vector \hat{a} in the direction of vector \vec{a} by using the formula.

$$\hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$$

Step-6: Put the values in (1), then we get DD

Different types of Examples of Directional derivative:

Directional Derivative of $\phi(x, y, z)$ at the point $P(x, y, z)$ in direction of

(i) given vector $\vec{a} = a_1 \vec{i} + a_2 \vec{j} + a_3 \vec{k}$

$$D \cdot D = (\nabla \phi)_P \cdot \hat{a}$$

(ii) Vector along line PQ where $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$

Here $\vec{a} = \overrightarrow{PQ} = (x_2 - x) \vec{i} + (y_2 - y) \vec{j} + (z_2 - z) \vec{k}$

(iii) Tangent to given curve

$$x = x(t), y = y(t), z = z(t) \text{ at } t = t_0.$$

Here $\vec{a} = \left(\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right)_{t=t_0}$ where

$$\vec{r} = x(t) \vec{i} + y(t) \vec{j} + z(t) \vec{k}$$

(iv) Normal to surface say $\psi(x, y, z)$ at the point $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$

Ex: 1. Find directional derivative of $\phi = x^2 y z + 4 x z^2$ at the point $(1, -2, -1)$ in the direction of vector $2\vec{i} - \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$

Step-1:

Sol: We know that D.D at $P(x, y, z)$ in the direction of vector \vec{a} is given by.

$$D \cdot D = (\nabla \phi)_P \cdot \hat{a} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Here, $\phi = x^2 y z + 4 x z^2$, $P(x, y, z) = P(1, -2, -1)$
 $\vec{a} = 2\vec{i} - \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$

Consider,

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

$$= \bar{i}(2xyz + 4z^2) + \bar{j}(x^2z) + \bar{k}(x^2y + 8xz)$$

Now

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

$$= i [4 + 4] + j [-4] + \bar{k} [-10]$$

$$= 8i - j - 10\bar{k}$$

Step-II : To find \hat{a}

$$\hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{2\bar{i} - \bar{j} - 2\bar{k}}{\sqrt{4 + 1 + 4}} = \frac{2i - j - 2k}{3}$$

(substitute in ①)

$$D \cdot D = (\nabla \phi)_P \cdot \hat{a}$$

$$= (8i - j - 10\bar{k}) \cdot \left(\frac{2\bar{i} - \bar{j} - 2\bar{k}}{3} \right)$$

$$D \cdot D = \frac{16 + 1 + 20}{3} = \frac{37}{3}$$

Ex: 2. Find D.D of $\phi = xy^2 + yz^3$ at point $(2, -1, 1)$ if the direction of vector $i + 2j + 2k$

Ans: $D \cdot D = -11/3$

Ex:3. Find magnitude of maximum value of directional derivative of $\phi = x^2y^2z^4$ at the point $(3, 1, -2)$.

Sol?

Magnitude of maximum value of $D \cdot D = |\nabla \phi|_P = 418.45$

Ex:4. Find the Directional derivative of the function $\phi = xy^2 + yz^3$ at $(1, -1, 1)$ along the direction normal to the surface $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$ at $(1, 2, 1)$.

Sol: Step-1 :

We know that D.D. of scalar point function at the point $P(x, y, z)$ along direction of \vec{a} is given by -

$$\text{Directional Derivative} = (\nabla \phi)_{(1, -1, 1)} \cdot \hat{a}$$

$$\nabla \phi = \left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) (xy^2 + yz^3)$$

$$= i(y^2) + j(2xy + z^3) + k(3yz^2)$$

$$(\nabla \phi)_{(1, -1, 1)} = \frac{i + (-j) - 3k}{1 - j - 3k}$$

Step-II: $\vec{a} = \text{normal to given surface}$
 $\psi = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 9$ at $(1, 2, 1)$

$$= (\nabla \psi)_{(1, 2, 1)}$$

$$\bar{a} = (\nabla \psi)_{(1,2,1)} = 2\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 2\bar{k}$$

$$\hat{a} = \frac{\bar{a}}{24} = \frac{2\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 2\bar{k}}{24}$$

Step-III : Directional Derivative = $-4/3$

Ex:5. Find the directional derivative of $\phi = 4xz^3 - 3x^2y^2z$ at $(2, -1, 2)$ in the direction of tangent to the curve $x = e^t \cos t$, $y = e^t \sin t$, $z = e^t$ at $t=0$

Soln: Step-1: $D \cdot D = (\nabla \phi)_P \cdot \hat{a}$

$$(\nabla \phi)_{(2, -1, 2)} = 8\bar{i} + 48\bar{j} + 84\bar{k}$$

Step-2: $\bar{a} = \text{tangent to the curve}$
 $x = e^t \cos t$, $y = e^t \sin t$, $z = e^t$ at $t=0$
 $\bar{\sigma} = (e^t \cos t)\bar{i} + (e^t \sin t)\bar{j} + e^t \bar{k}$

$$\left(\frac{d\bar{\sigma}}{dt}\right)_{t=0} = \bar{i} + \bar{j} + \bar{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Step-3}: \quad \hat{a} &= \frac{\bar{a}}{|\bar{a}|} = \frac{\bar{i} + \bar{j} + \bar{k}}{\sqrt{1+1+1}} \\ &= \frac{\bar{i} + \bar{j} + \bar{k}}{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } D \cdot D = 140/\sqrt{3}$$

Ex:6 : Find the directional derivative of $\operatorname{div} (x^5 \vec{i} + y^5 \vec{j} + z^5 \vec{k})$ at $(1, 2, 3)$ in the direction of outward normal to the surface $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$ at $(1, 2, 3)$

Soln : We know that directional derivative ϕ at the point P in the direction of vector \vec{a} is given by,

$$D \cdot D = (\nabla \phi)_P \cdot \vec{a} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Here. $\phi = \nabla \cdot (x^5 \vec{i} + y^5 \vec{j} + z^5 \vec{k})$

$$\therefore \phi = \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (x^5 \vec{i} + y^5 \vec{j} + z^5 \vec{k})$$

$$= \vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x^5 + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} y^5 + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} z^5$$

$$\phi = 5x^4 + 5y^4 + 5z^4$$

Now,

$$\nabla \phi = \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) (5x^4 + 5y^4 + 5z^4)$$

$$= 20x^3 \vec{i} + 20y^3 \vec{j} + 20z^3 \vec{k}$$

Hence $(\nabla \phi)_{(1, 2, 3)} = 20\vec{i} + 20 \times 8\vec{j} + 20 \times 27\vec{k}$

$$= 20\vec{i} + 160\vec{j} + 540\vec{k}$$

Step-II: Let $\psi = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 9$

A outward normal vector to surface Ψ is given by $\nabla \Psi$

Consider,

$$\nabla \Psi = \left(\bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 9)$$

$$= (2x)\bar{i} + (2y)\bar{j} + (2z)\bar{k}$$

$$\therefore (\nabla \Psi)_{(1, 2, 3)} = 2\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 6\bar{k} = \bar{a} \text{ (say)}$$

$$\text{Step III : } \hat{a} = \frac{\bar{a}}{|\bar{a}|} = \frac{2\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 6\bar{k}}{\sqrt{4+16+36}} \\ = \frac{2\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 6\bar{k}}{\sqrt{56}}$$

Hence eqn ① becomes —

$$D \cdot D = (\nabla \phi)_P \cdot \hat{a}$$

$$= (20\bar{i} + 160\bar{j} + 540\bar{k}) \cdot \frac{(2\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 6\bar{k})}{\sqrt{56}}$$

$$= \frac{3920}{\sqrt{56}} // 40 + 640 + 3240$$

Ex: 7. Find D.D of $\phi = xy + yz^2$ at $(1, -1, 1)$ towards the point $(2, 1, 2)$.

$$\text{Ans: (i) } (\nabla \phi)_{(1, -1, 1)} = -\bar{i} + 2\bar{j} - 2\bar{k}$$

$$\therefore \bar{a} = \bar{PQ} = \bar{Q} - \bar{P} ; P = (1, -1, 1) \\ Q = (2, 1, 2)$$

(iii) $D \cdot D = 1/\sqrt{6}$

Ex: 8. Find directional derivative of
 $\phi = 2xz^4 - x^2y$ at $(2, -2, 1)$ towards the
 point $(1, 1, -1)$

Ans $D \cdot D = -\frac{54}{\sqrt{14}}$

Ex: 9. Find the directional derivative of the function
 $\phi = e^{2x-y-z}$ at $(1, 1, 1)$ in the direction of
 the tangent to the curve $x = \bar{e}^t$, $y = 2\sin t + 1$
 $z = t - \cos t$ at $t=0$

Ans: $\bar{a} = \left(\frac{d\bar{r}}{dt} \right)_{t=0} = \bar{i} + 2\bar{j} + \bar{k}$

$$D \cdot D = -5/\sqrt{6}$$

Ex: 10. Find the D.D of $\phi = 3 \log(x+y+z)$
 at $(1, 1, 1)$ in the direction of tangent to the
 curve $x = b\sin t$, $y = b\cos t$, $z = bt$ at $t=0$

Ans: $D \cdot D = 2/\sqrt{2}$

Ex: 11. Find the D.D. of $\phi = xy^2 + yz^3$
 at $(1, -1, 1)$ in the direction of the tangent
 to the curve
 $x = \sin t$, $y = \cos t$, $z = t$, at $t = \pi/4$

$$DD = 1 - 3/\sqrt{2}$$

Ex: 12. Find the D.D of $\phi = 4xz^3 - 3x^2yz^2$ at $(2, -1, 2)$ in the direction of normal to surface $x^3 + y^3 + 3xyz = 3$ at point $(1, 2, -1)$

$$\text{Ans: } D \cdot D = \frac{192}{\sqrt{126}}$$

Ex: 13. Find the directional derivative of $xy^2 + yz^3$ at $(2, -1, 1)$ along the line
 $2(x-2) = y+1 = z-1$

$$\text{Ans: } D \cdot D = -11/3$$

Hint. For \bar{a} :

$$\underline{x-2} = \frac{y+1}{2} = \frac{z-1}{2}$$

Vector say \bar{a} along this line is given by,
 $\bar{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

Ex: 14. Find D.D of $\phi = 5x^2y - 5y^2z + 2z^2x$ at the point $(1, 1, 1)$ in the direction of the line $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{-2} = \frac{z}{1}$

$$\text{Ans: } D \cdot D = 11$$

Ex: 15. Find D.D of $\phi = 4xz^3 - 3x^2yz^2$ at the point $(2, -1, 2)$ along a line equally inclined with co-ordinate axes.

Hint. To find \bar{a} :

A vector along a line which is equally inclined with co-ordinate axes is given by
 $\bar{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$\text{Ans: } D \cdot D = \frac{140}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Ex:16 : If the D.D of $\phi = ax^2y + by^2z + cz^2x$ at $(1,1,1)$ has maximum magnitude 15 in the direction parallel to $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{-2} = \frac{z}{1}$ then find values of a, b, c

Ans: ~~i~~ (i) Magnitude of maximum D.D of ϕ is $|\nabla\phi|$
 $\nabla\phi = (2a+c)\vec{i} + (a+2b)\vec{j} + (b+2c)\vec{k}$
 $|\nabla\phi| = \sqrt{(2a+c)^2 + (a+2b)^2 + (b+2c)^2}$

(ii) From given line
 $\vec{a} = 2\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$

Since $(\nabla\phi)_{(1,1,1)}$ is parallel to $2\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$,

hence unit vectors along $(\nabla\phi)_{(1,1,1)}$ and $2\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$ are equal.

$$\therefore \frac{(\nabla\phi)_{(1,1,1)}}{|\nabla\phi|_{(1,1,1)}} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$$

Equating coefficients of $\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}$ from LHS & RHS, we get,

$$a = \frac{20}{9}, b = -\frac{55}{9}, c = \frac{50}{9}$$

Ex:17 If the D.D of $\phi = axy + byz + cxz$ at $(1,1,1)$ has maximum magnitude 4 in a direction parallel to x-axis then find values of a, b, c

Hint: $\nabla \phi = \vec{i}$
 $|\nabla \phi|$

Solving we get,
 $a=2, b=-2, c=2$.

Ex:18 Find the values of constants a, b, c ,
such that the D.D. of $\phi = axy^2 + byz + cz^2x^2$
at $(2, 1, 1)$ has a maximum magnitude 12 in
the direction parallel to x -axis

$$a=4, b=-16, c=2.$$

Divergence and curl of vector function:

Let $\vec{F} = f_1(x, y, z) \vec{i} + f_2(x, y, z) \vec{j} + f_3(x, y, z) \vec{k}$
be given vector point function.

① When ∇ is operated on \vec{F} , we get scalar quantity called as divergence of \vec{F} .

It is denoted by Div \vec{F} or $\nabla \cdot \vec{F}$.

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

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} f_3$$

② When ∇ operated vectorially on \vec{F} , we get vector quantity called as curl of \vec{F} and it is denoted by curl \vec{F} or $\nabla \times \vec{F}$

$$\operatorname{curl} \bar{F} = \nabla \times \bar{F} \quad \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Ex: 1. If $\phi = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz$ then find
 (i) $\operatorname{div}(\operatorname{grad} \phi)$ (ii) $\operatorname{curl}(\operatorname{grad} \phi)$

Sol: We have,

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

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}(\operatorname{grad} \phi) &= \nabla \cdot (\operatorname{grad} \phi) \\ &= \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} &\approx \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(3x^2 - 3yz) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(3y^2 - 3xz) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(3z^2 - 3xy) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$(ii) \operatorname{curl}(\operatorname{grad} \phi) = \nabla \times \nabla \phi$$

$$\operatorname{curl}(\operatorname{grad} \phi) = \nabla \times \nabla \phi$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (3x^2 - 3yz) & (3y^2 - 3xz) & (3z^2 - 3xy) \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

$$= \bar{0}$$

Ex: 2. If $\bar{F} = 3xyz^2\bar{i} + 4x^3y\bar{j} - xy^2\bar{k}$
 then find $\text{grad}(\text{Div } \bar{F})$ at $(-1, 2, 1)$

Ans: $\text{grad}(\text{Div } \bar{F})(-1, 2, 1) = 12\bar{i} + 3\bar{j} + 12\bar{k}$

Ex: 3. Find $\text{curl}(\text{curl } \bar{F})$ at point $(1, 1, 1)$
 if $\bar{F} = x^2y\bar{i} + xyz\bar{j} + 2yz\bar{k}$

Ans: $(\text{curl curl } \bar{F})(1, 1, 1) = 4\bar{j}$

Ex: 4. Find $\text{curl curl } \bar{F}$ at the point $(1, 1, 1)$
 where $\bar{F} = x^2y\bar{i} + xyz\bar{j} + z^2y\bar{k}$

Ans: $\text{curl curl } \bar{F} = 2\bar{i} + 6\bar{j} + \bar{k}$

Scaloidal and Irrotational vector field

1. A vector field \vec{F} is said to be Scaloidal if $\nabla \cdot \vec{F}$ i.e. $\text{Div} \vec{F} = 0$

2. A vector field \vec{F} is said to be irrotational or conservative if $\nabla \times \vec{F}$ i.e. $\text{curl} \vec{F} = 0$

In this case, there exist a scalar potential ϕ such that $\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$

Method of finding ϕ :

If \vec{F} is irrotational then $\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$

$$\therefore \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \nabla \phi \cdot d\vec{r}$$

where $\vec{r} = xi + yj + zk$
 $d\vec{r} = dx\vec{i} + dy\vec{j} + dz\vec{k}$

$$\therefore \left[f_1(x, y, z) \mathbf{i} + f_2(x, y, z) \mathbf{j} + f_3(x, y, z) \mathbf{k} \right] \cdot \left[dx \mathbf{i} + dy \mathbf{j} + dz \mathbf{k} \right]$$

$$= \left[i \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right] \cdot [dx \mathbf{i} + dy \mathbf{j} + dz \mathbf{k}]$$

$$\therefore f_1(x, y, z) dx + f_2(x, y, z) dy + f_3(x, y, z) dz = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} dz$$

Hence,

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

If \bar{F} is irrotational integral ^{then} ~~LHS~~ will be total differential of some function.

On integrating both sides.

$$\int_{y, z \text{ const}} f_1(x, y, z) dx + \int_{z \text{ const}} (\text{Terms of } f_2) dy + \int_{x \& y} (\text{Terms of } f_3) dz + C = \phi$$

Ex: 1. If $\bar{F} = (x+3y) \mathbf{i} + (y-2z) \mathbf{j} + (az+x) \mathbf{k}$ is solenoidal. Find value of a

Soln : Since \bar{F} is solenoidal we have,
 $\nabla \cdot \bar{F} = 0$

$$\left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot [(x+3y) \mathbf{i} + (y-2z) \mathbf{j} + (az+x) \mathbf{k}] = 0$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow a = -2$$

Ex: 2. Find the value of m if

$\bar{F} = (x+2y)\bar{i} + (my+4z)\bar{j} + (5z+6x)\bar{k}$ is solenoidal.

Sol: Since \bar{F} is solenoidal $\text{Div } \bar{F} = 0$
 i.e $\nabla \cdot \bar{F} = 0$

$$\left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left[(x+2y)i + (my+4z)j + (5z+6x)k \right] = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x+2y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (my+4z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (5z+6x) = 0$$

$$\therefore 1 + m + 5 = 0$$

$$m+6=0$$

$$\underline{m=-6}$$

$$\text{Ex: 3. If } \bar{F} = (ax+3y+4z)\bar{i} + (x-2y+3z)\bar{j} + (3x+2y-z)\bar{k}$$

is solenoidal, then find value of a.

$$\text{Ans: } a=3$$

Ex: 4 For what value of constant a , the vector field $\bar{F} = (axy - z^3)\hat{i} + (a-2)x^2\hat{j} + (1-a)xz^2\hat{k}$

Sol: Since \bar{F} is irrotational

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \times \bar{F} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (axy - z^3) & (a-2)x^2 & (1-a)xz^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{i} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (1-a)xz^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (a-2)x^2 \right) - \hat{j} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (1-a)xz^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (axy - z^3) \right) + \hat{k} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (a-2)x^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (axy - z^3) \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{i} (0 - 0) - \hat{j} ((1-a)z^2 - (-3z^2)) + \hat{k} (2x(a-2) - ax) = 0$$

$$- \hat{j} [(1-a)z^2 + 3z^2] + \hat{k} [2(a-2)x - ax] = 0.$$

$$- \hat{j} [(1-a)z^2 + 3z^2] + \hat{k} [2ax - 4x - ax] = 0 \cdot \hat{j} + 0 \cdot \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore z^2 - az + 3z^2 = 0 \quad \& \quad 2ax - 4x - ax = 0$$

$$az^2 = 4x^2 \quad \quad \quad az = 4x$$

$$a = 4 \quad \quad \quad a = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 4$$

Ex:5 Find constants a, b, c so that

$$\bar{F} = (x+2y+az)\bar{i} + (bx-3y-z)\bar{j} + (4x+cy+2z)\bar{k}$$

is irrotational.

(Sol): Since \bar{F} is irrotational

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \times \bar{F} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (x+2y+az) & (bx-3y-z) & (4x+cy+2z) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\therefore \bar{i} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (4x+cy+2z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (bx-3y-z) \right)$$

$$- \bar{j} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (4x+cy+2z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x+2y+az) \right)$$

$$+ \bar{k} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (bx-3y-z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x+2y+az) \right) = 0$$

$$\therefore \bar{i} (c - (-1)) - \bar{j} (4 - a) + \bar{k} (b - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{Hence, } (c+1)\bar{i} - (4-a)\bar{j} + (b-2)\bar{k} = 0 \bar{i} + 0\bar{j} + 0\bar{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow c+1=0 \quad ; \quad -(4-a)=0 \quad \Rightarrow b-2=0$$

$$\therefore c=-1 \quad \quad \quad \Rightarrow a=4 \quad \quad \quad b=2$$

Ex: 6. If $\bar{F} = (y+z)\bar{i} + (z+x)\bar{j} + (x+y)\bar{k}$

Show that

$$\text{curl curl curl curl } \bar{F} = \nabla^4 \bar{F}$$

Soln: LHS = $\text{curl curl curl curl } \bar{F} = \nabla \times \nabla \times \nabla \times \nabla \times \bar{F}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \nabla \times \nabla \times (\nabla \times \nabla \times \bar{F}) \\
 &= \nabla \times \nabla \times \left[\underset{(1 \cdot 3)}{\cancel{\nabla}} \underset{2}{\cancel{\nabla}} (\nabla \cdot \bar{F}) \nabla - \underset{(2 \cdot 1)}{\cancel{\nabla}} (\nabla \cdot \nabla) \bar{F} \right] \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla \cdot \bar{F} &= \left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot [(y+z)\bar{i} + (z+x)\bar{j} + (x+y)\bar{k}] \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(y+z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(z+x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(x+y) \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

From eqn (1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.H.S.} &= \nabla \times \nabla \times [0 - (\nabla \cdot \nabla) \bar{F}] \\
 &= \nabla \times \nabla \times [-\nabla^2 \bar{F}] \\
 &= -[\nabla \times \nabla \times \underline{\nabla^2 \bar{F}}] \\
 &= -[\nabla(\nabla \cdot \nabla^2 \bar{F}) - (\nabla \cdot \nabla) \nabla^2 \bar{F}] \\
 &= -[\nabla(\nabla^2 \cdot \nabla \bar{F}) - (\nabla \cdot \nabla) \nabla^2 \bar{F}]
 \end{aligned}$$

As dot product is commutative,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -[-\nabla^2 \nabla^2 \bar{F}] \\
 &= \nabla^4 \bar{F} = \text{RHS}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Ex: 7. If \bar{u} and \bar{v} are irrotational vectors
then prove that $\bar{u} \times \bar{v}$ is solenoidal vector.

(soln) : Since \bar{u} & \bar{v} are irrotational vectors
 $\Rightarrow \nabla \times \bar{u} = \bar{0}$ and $\nabla \times \bar{v} = \bar{0}$

Now, consider,

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot (\bar{u} \times \bar{v}) &= \bar{v} \cdot (\nabla \times \bar{u}) - \bar{u} \cdot (\nabla \times \bar{v}) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \bar{u} \times \bar{v}$ is solenoidal vector.

Vector Identities :

Properties of ∇ :

If \bar{u}, \bar{v} are vector functions and ϕ and ψ are scalar functions then

$$(i) \quad \nabla \cdot (\bar{u} \pm \bar{v}) = \nabla \cdot \bar{u} \pm \nabla \cdot \bar{v}$$

$$(ii) \quad \nabla \times (\bar{u} \pm \bar{v}) = \nabla \times \bar{u} \pm \nabla \times \bar{v}$$

$$(iii) \quad \nabla \cdot (\phi \bar{u}) = \phi (\nabla \cdot \bar{u}) + (\nabla \phi) \cdot \bar{u}$$

$$(iv) \quad \nabla \times (\phi \bar{u}) = \phi (\nabla \times \bar{u}) + (\nabla \phi) \times \bar{u}$$

$$(v) \quad \nabla (\phi \psi) = \phi (\nabla \psi) + (\nabla \phi) \psi$$

$$(vi) \quad \nabla \cdot (\bar{u} \times \bar{v}) = \bar{v} \cdot (\nabla \times \bar{u}) - \bar{u} \cdot (\nabla \times \bar{v})$$

$$(vii) \quad \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = \nabla^2 \phi$$

$$(viii) \quad \nabla \times (\nabla \phi) = 0$$

$$(ix) \quad \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \bar{u}) = 0$$

$$(x) \quad \nabla \times (\nabla \times \bar{u}) = \nabla (\nabla \cdot \bar{u}) - (\nabla \cdot \nabla) \bar{u} \quad ((1 \cdot 3)2 - (2 \cdot 1)3) \\ = \nabla (\nabla \cdot \bar{u}) - \nabla^2 \bar{u}$$

Result : Let $\bar{r} = x\bar{i} + y\bar{j} + z\bar{k}$, $r = |\bar{r}|$

$$\bar{a} = a_1 \bar{i} + a_2 \bar{j} + a_3 \bar{k}$$

then,

- (i) $\nabla \cdot \vec{\sigma} = 3$ (ii) $\nabla \times \vec{\sigma} = 0$
- (iii) $\nabla \cdot \vec{a} = 0$ (iv) $\nabla \times \vec{a} = 0$
- (v) $\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = \sigma^2$ (vi) $(\vec{a} \cdot \nabla) \vec{\sigma} = \vec{a}$
- (vii) $\nabla(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) = \vec{a}$ (viii) $\nabla \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{\sigma}) = 0$
- (ix) $\nabla f(\sigma) = \frac{f'(\sigma)}{\sigma} \vec{\sigma}$ (x) $\nabla(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) = 0$

Note: $\nabla \cdot \nabla = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} = \nabla^2$ \leftarrow Laplace operator.

Ex: 1 Prove that $\frac{\vec{\sigma}}{\sigma^3}$ is solenoidal or,

Prove that $\nabla \cdot \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{\sigma^3} = 0$.

Sol: We know that a vector function \vec{F} is solenoidal if $\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 0$

Hence we have to prove $\nabla \cdot \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{\sigma^3} = 0$

Consider,

$$\nabla \cdot \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{\sigma^3} = \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^3} \vec{\sigma} \right) = \left(\nabla \frac{1}{\sigma^3} \right) \cdot \vec{\sigma} + \frac{1}{\sigma^3} (\nabla \cdot \vec{\sigma})$$

$$= \left(-\frac{3\bar{\sigma}^4}{\bar{\sigma}} \right) \cdot \bar{\sigma} + \frac{3}{\bar{\sigma}^3}$$

Since $\nabla f(\bar{\sigma}) = \frac{f'(\bar{\sigma})}{\bar{\sigma}}$

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{\sigma} = 3$$

$$= -\frac{3}{\bar{\sigma}^5} (\bar{\sigma} \cdot \bar{\sigma}) + \frac{3}{\bar{\sigma}^3}$$

$$= -\frac{3}{\bar{\sigma}^5} \bar{\sigma}^2 + \frac{3}{\bar{\sigma}^3} = -\frac{3}{\bar{\sigma}^3} + \frac{3}{\bar{\sigma}^3} = 0$$

Hence, $\frac{\bar{\sigma}}{\bar{\sigma}^3}$ will be solenoidal

Ex: 2. If \bar{a} is a constant vector and $\bar{\sigma} = \alpha \bar{i} + \beta \bar{j} + \gamma \bar{k}$ then prove that:

$$\nabla \times (\bar{a} \times \bar{\sigma}) = 2\bar{a}$$

Soln : LHS = $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \nabla & \bar{a} & \bar{\sigma} \end{vmatrix}$

$$// = (1 \cdot 3)2 - (2 \cdot 1)3 //$$

$$L.H.S = (\nabla \cdot \bar{\sigma}) \bar{a} - (\bar{a} \cdot \nabla) \bar{\sigma}$$

$$= 3\bar{a} - \bar{a}$$

$$= 2\bar{a}$$

Ex: 3. Prove that $\frac{\bar{a} \times \bar{\sigma}}{r^n}$ is solenoidal or

Prove that $\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\bar{a} \times \bar{\sigma}}{r^n} \right) = 0$

Soln: Consider,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\bar{a} \times \bar{r}}{r^n} \right) &= \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{r^n} (\bar{a} \times \bar{r}) \right) \\
 &\quad \downarrow \bar{u} \\
 &= (\nabla \phi) \cdot \bar{u} + \phi (\nabla \cdot \bar{u}) \\
 &= \left(\nabla \frac{1}{r^n} \right) \cdot (\bar{a} \times \bar{r}) + \frac{1}{r^n} (\nabla \cdot (\bar{a} \times \bar{r})) \\
 &= \left(-\frac{n}{r} \frac{\bar{r}^{n-1}}{\bar{r}} \right) \cdot (\bar{a} \times \bar{r}) + \frac{1}{r^n} (0) \\
 &\quad \downarrow \nabla f(r) = \frac{f'(r)}{r} \bar{r} \\
 &= \frac{-n}{r^{n+2}} \bar{r} \cdot (\bar{a} \times \bar{r}) \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

[Since is vector triple product, if two vectors are equal then scalar triple product is zero.] $\Rightarrow \bar{r} \cdot (\bar{a} \times \bar{r}) = 0$.

Ex: 3. Prove that $\nabla f(r) = \frac{f'(r)}{r} \bar{r}$

Soln: Let $\bar{r} = xi + yj + zk$, $|\bar{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = r$

Now,

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

$$\nabla f(\sigma) = \bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(\sigma) + \bar{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(\sigma) + \bar{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(\sigma)$$

Now, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{df}{d\sigma} \cdot \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}$

As $f(\sigma) \rightarrow \sigma$

$$\therefore \sigma = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{\sigma \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} = \frac{x}{\sigma}$$

Hence, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{df}{d\sigma} \cdot \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x} = \frac{df}{d\sigma} \cdot \frac{x}{\sigma}$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{df}{d\sigma} \cdot \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial y} = \frac{df}{d\sigma} \cdot \frac{y}{\sigma}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{df}{d\sigma} \cdot \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial z} = \frac{df}{d\sigma} \cdot \frac{z}{\sigma}$$

Substituting in $\nabla f(\sigma)$

$$\therefore \nabla f(\sigma) = \bar{i} \frac{df}{d\sigma} \cdot \frac{x}{\sigma} + \bar{j} \frac{df}{d\sigma} \cdot \frac{y}{\sigma} + \bar{k} \frac{df}{d\sigma} \cdot \frac{z}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{df}{d\sigma} [x\bar{i} + y\bar{j} + z\bar{k}]$$

$$= \frac{df}{d\sigma} \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{\sigma}$$

$$\nabla f(\sigma) = f'(\sigma) \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{\sigma}$$

$$\therefore \frac{df}{d\sigma} = f'(\sigma)$$

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Result

$$\text{Ex: 4. Prove that } \nabla^2 f(\sigma) = f''(\sigma) + \frac{2}{\sigma} f'(\sigma)$$

$$\underline{\text{Sol:}} \quad \text{We have, } \nabla^2 f(\sigma) = \nabla \cdot \nabla f(\sigma)$$

$$= \nabla \cdot (\nabla f(\sigma))$$

$$= \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{f'(\sigma)}{\sigma} \bar{u} \right)$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\phi \bar{u}) = (\nabla \phi) \cdot \bar{u} + \phi (\nabla \cdot \bar{u})$$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 f(\sigma) = \left(\nabla \frac{f'(\sigma)}{\sigma} \right) \cdot \bar{u} + \frac{f'(\sigma)}{\sigma} (\nabla \cdot \bar{u})$$

$$= \left[\left(\frac{d}{d\sigma} \frac{f'(\sigma)}{\sigma} \right) \bar{u} \right] \cdot \bar{u} + \frac{f'(\sigma)}{\sigma} (3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma} \left[\left(\frac{\sigma f''(\sigma) - f'(\sigma) \cdot 1}{\sigma^2} \right) \bar{u} \right] \cdot \bar{u} + \frac{3 f'(\sigma)}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^3} [\sigma f''(\sigma) - f'(\sigma)] (\bar{u} \cdot \bar{u}) + \frac{3 f'(\sigma)}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^3} [\sigma f''(\sigma) - f'(\sigma)] \bar{u}^2 + \frac{3 f'(\sigma)}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma f''(\sigma)}{\sigma} - \frac{f'(\sigma)}{\sigma} + \frac{3 f'(\sigma)}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma f''(\sigma)}{\sigma} + \frac{2 f'(\sigma)}{\sigma}$$

$$\nabla^2 f(\sigma) = f''(\sigma) + \frac{2}{\sigma} f'(\sigma)$$

Ex:5. Prove that: $\nabla \left(\frac{\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}}{\sigma^n} \right) = \nabla \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^n} (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}) \right)$

$$= \frac{\bar{a}}{\sigma^n} - n \frac{(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}) \bar{\sigma}}{\sigma^{n+2}}$$

(Here $\frac{1}{\sigma^n}$ and $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}$ both are scalars)

Sol: Consider $\nabla \left(\frac{\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}}{\sigma^n} \right) = \nabla \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^n} (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}) \right)$

Since $\nabla(\phi\psi) = (\nabla\phi)\psi + \psi(\nabla\phi)$

Take $\phi = \frac{1}{\sigma^n}$, $\psi = \bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}$.

$$\nabla \left(\frac{\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}}{\sigma^n} \right) = \left(\nabla \frac{1}{\sigma^n} \right) (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}) + (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}) \left(\nabla \frac{1}{\sigma^n} \right)$$

$$= -n \frac{\sigma^{n-1}}{\sigma} \frac{\bar{\sigma}}{\bar{\sigma}} + \frac{1}{\sigma} \bar{a}$$

As $\nabla f(\sigma) = \frac{f'(\sigma)}{\sigma} \bar{\sigma}$, $\nabla(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}) = \bar{a}$

$$= -n \cdot \frac{\bar{\sigma}(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}) + 1}{\sigma^{n+2}} \bar{a}$$

$$= \frac{\bar{a}}{\sigma^n} - \frac{n(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{\sigma}) \bar{\sigma}}{\sigma^{n+2}}$$

Ex: 6. Prove that: $\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\bar{a} \cdot \bar{x}}{x^3} \right) = \frac{\bar{a}}{x^3} - \frac{3(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{x})}{x^5} \bar{x}$

Soln: Consider H.W. Refer Ex. 5

Ex: 7. Prove that: $\nabla \cdot \left[\sigma \nabla \left(\frac{1}{x^n} \right) \right] = \frac{n(n-2)}{x^{n+1}}$

Soln: L.H.S = $\nabla \cdot [\sigma \nabla \bar{x}^n]$

$$= \nabla \cdot \left[\bar{x} \left(\frac{(-n)\bar{x}^{n-1}}{\bar{x}} \right) \bar{x} \right]$$

$$= (-n) \nabla \cdot \left[(\bar{x}^{n-1}) \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{u}} \right]$$

$$= (-n) \left[(\nabla \phi) \cdot \bar{u} + \phi (\nabla \cdot \bar{u}) \right]$$

$$= (-n) \left[\left(\frac{(-n-1)\bar{x}^{n-2}}{\bar{x}} \right) \cdot \bar{x} + \bar{x}^{n-1} (\nabla \cdot \bar{x}) \right]$$

$$= (-n) \left[\frac{(-n-1)}{\bar{x}^{n+2}} (\bar{x} \cdot \bar{x}) + \bar{x}^{n-1} (3) \right]$$

$$= (-n) \left[\frac{-(n+1)}{\bar{x}^{n+3}} \cdot \bar{x}^2 + \bar{x}^{n-1} (3) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore L.H.S &= -n \left[(-n-1) \cancel{\sigma}^{n-3} \cdot \cancel{\sigma}^2 + 3\cancel{\sigma}^{-n-1} \right] \\
 &= \cancel{\sigma}^{-n-1} \left[(-n)(-n-1) \cancel{\sigma}^{-n-1} - 3n \right] \\
 &= \cancel{\sigma}^{-n-1} \left[n^2 + n - 3n \right] \\
 &= \cancel{\sigma}^{-n-1} \left[n^2 - 2n \right] \\
 &= \frac{n^2 - 2n}{\cancel{\sigma}^{n+1}} \\
 &= \frac{n(n-2)}{\cancel{\sigma}^{n+1}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(Ex. 8) Prove that $\nabla^4 e^\sigma = e^\sigma + \frac{4}{\sigma} e^\sigma$

Sol: $\nabla^4 e^\sigma = \nabla^2 (\nabla^2 e^\sigma)$

$$\text{Since, } \nabla^2 f(\sigma) = f''(\sigma) + \frac{2}{\sigma} f'(\sigma)$$

$$\text{Here } f(\sigma) = e^\sigma \Rightarrow f'(\sigma) = e^\sigma \text{ and } f''(\sigma) = e^\sigma$$

Hence, $\nabla^4 e^\sigma = \nabla^2 \left(e^\sigma + \frac{2}{\sigma} e^\sigma \right)$

$$= \nabla^2 \left(\left(1 + \frac{2}{\sigma} \right) e^\sigma \right) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\nabla^4 e^\sigma = \frac{d^2}{d\sigma^2} \left(\left(1 + \frac{2}{\sigma} \right) e^\sigma \right) + \frac{2}{\sigma} \frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\left(1 + \frac{2}{\sigma} \right) e^\sigma \right) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\left(1 + \frac{2}{\sigma} \right) e^\sigma \right) = \left(1 + \frac{2}{\sigma} \right) e^\sigma + e^\sigma \left(-\frac{2}{\sigma^2} \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx} \left(\left(1 + \frac{2}{x} \right) e^x \right) = \left(1 + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2} \right) e^x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left(\left(1 + \frac{2}{x} \right) e^x \right) &= \left(1 + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2} \right) e^x + e^x \left(-\frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x^3} \right) \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x^3} \right) e^x \end{aligned}$$

Substituting in ①

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^4 e^x &= \left(1 + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x^3} \right) e^x + \frac{2}{x} \left[\left(1 + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2} \right) e^x \right] \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x^3} + \frac{2}{x} + \frac{4}{x^2} - \frac{4}{x^3} \right) e^x \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{4}{x} \right) e^x \\ &= e^x + \frac{4}{x} e^x \end{aligned}$$

(Ex: 9) Prove that: $\nabla^4 (\cancel{x^2} x^2 \log x) = \frac{6}{x^2}$

Soln: $\nabla^4 (x^2 \log x) = \nabla^2 \nabla^2 \left[\underline{(x^2 \log x)} \right] \quad ①$

Here $f(x) = x^2 \log x$

$$f'(x) = x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \log x \cdot (2x) = x + 2x \log x$$

$$f''(x) = 1 + 2 \left(x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \log x \cdot 1 \right)$$

$$\therefore f''(\sigma) = 3 + 2 \log \sigma$$

$$\text{Hence, } \nabla^2(\sigma^2 \log \sigma) = (3 + 2 \log \sigma) + \frac{2}{\sigma} \int (1 + 2 \log \sigma)$$

$$\nabla^2(\sigma^2 \log \sigma) = 5 + 6 \log \sigma \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

∴ From eq ①

$$\nabla^4 \sigma^2 \log \sigma = \nabla^2(5 + 6 \log \sigma)$$

$$= \frac{d^2}{d\sigma^2}(5 + 6 \log \sigma) + \frac{2}{\sigma} \frac{d}{d\sigma}(5 + 6 \log \sigma)$$

$$= -\frac{6}{\sigma^2} + \frac{2}{\sigma}(6/\sigma)$$

$$= -\frac{6}{\sigma^2} + \frac{12}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\boxed{\nabla^4 \sigma^2 \log \sigma = \frac{6}{\sigma^2}}$$

Ex: 10. Prove that: $\nabla^4 \sigma^4 = 120$

$$\underline{\text{Soln}}: \quad \nabla^4 \sigma^4 = \nabla^2(\nabla^2 \sigma^4) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Since } \nabla^2 f(\sigma) = f''(\sigma) + \frac{2}{\sigma} f'(\sigma)$$

$$\text{Here. } f(\sigma) = \sigma^4 \Rightarrow f'(\sigma) = 4\sigma^3 \Rightarrow f''(\sigma) = 12\sigma^2$$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 f(\sigma) = \nabla^2 \sigma^4 = 12\sigma^2 + \frac{2}{\sigma} \times 4\sigma^3$$

$$= 12\sigma^2 + 8\sigma^2$$

$$= 20\sigma^2$$

Substitute in ①

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \nabla^4 x^4 &= \nabla^2 (\nabla^2 x^4) \\
 &= \nabla^2 (20x^2) \\
 &= \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (20x^2) + \frac{2}{x} \frac{d}{dx} (20x^2) \\
 &= 40 + \frac{2}{x} (40 \cdot x) \\
 &= 40 + 80 \\
 &= 120
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex: II Prove that: $\nabla \cdot \left[\tau \nabla \frac{1}{\tau^5} \right] = \frac{15}{\tau^6}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(Sol)} : \quad \text{L.H.S} &= \nabla \cdot \left[\tau \nabla \left(\frac{1}{\tau^5} \right) \right] \\
 &= \nabla \left[\tau \left(-5 \tau^{-5-2} \bar{\tau} \right) \right] \\
 &\quad \left(\because \nabla \bar{\tau} = (-) \bar{\tau}^{-2} \cdot \bar{\tau} \right) \\
 &= \nabla \left(-5 \tau^{-6} \bar{\tau} \right) \\
 &= -5 \nabla \left(\frac{1}{\tau^6} \bar{\tau} \right) \\
 &= -5 \left[\left(\nabla \frac{1}{\tau^6} \right) \cdot \bar{\tau} + \frac{1}{\tau^6} (\nabla \cdot \bar{\tau}) \right] \\
 &= -5 \left[\left(-6 \tau^{-6-2} \bar{\tau} \right) \cdot \bar{\tau} + \frac{1}{\tau^6} \cdot 3 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= -5 \left[-6x^{-6-2} (\bar{x} \cdot \bar{x}) + \frac{1}{x^6} (3) \right]$$

$$= -5 \left(-6x^{-6} + \frac{3}{x^6} \right)$$

$$= -5 \left(\frac{-6}{x^6} + \frac{3}{x^6} \right) = -5 \times \frac{3}{x^6}$$

$$\boxed{\nabla \left(x \nabla \frac{1}{x^5} \right) = \frac{15}{x^6}}$$