

# SUMMARY OF LECTURE-1

1. Del operator  $\nabla \rightarrow \nabla = \left\{ \hat{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right\}$

operating on scalar (T)  $\nabla \vec{T} \rightarrow$  Acts as a vector.

2. operating on vectors  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V}$  and  
Divergence and curl  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V}$

Sum rules, product rules,

3. Second derivatives:

$$\text{on } \nabla \vec{T}, \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} T) = \nabla^2 T$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{on } \vec{V} &= \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V}) - \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V}) \\ &\quad \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V}), \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} &= 0 \\ \vec{A} &= (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \end{aligned}$$

# Mathematical preliminaries.

## 1. Derivative

$f \equiv f(x)$  - function of  $x$ .

$\frac{df}{dx} \rightarrow$  How much  $f$  changes with an infinitesimal change in  $x$ .

Scalar field  $T \equiv T(x, y, z)$ .

$$dT = \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} dz$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}$$

partial derivatives

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

$$= \underline{\vec{\nabla} T \cdot d\vec{l}}$$

$$\text{where } \vec{\nabla} T = \hat{x} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}$$

is the gradient of a scalar field.

Gradient of a scalar field = vector field.

$$dT = |\vec{\nabla} T| \cdot |d\vec{l}| \cos \theta. \quad \text{for a fixed } |d\vec{l}|$$

$dT$  is maximum for  $\theta = 0$ .

$\vec{\nabla} T$  = direction of maximum increase in scalar field.

Gradient operator

$$\nabla = \left( \hat{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \quad \text{Vector operator}$$

Three types of operation

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \\ \vec{r} = ? \end{array} \right]$$

1) operate on a scalar field  $\rightarrow$  Gradient.  $\vec{\nabla} T$

2) Scalar product with another vector  $\rightarrow$  Divergence.  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v}$

3) Cross product with another vector field  $\rightarrow$  Curl.  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v}$

Divergence.

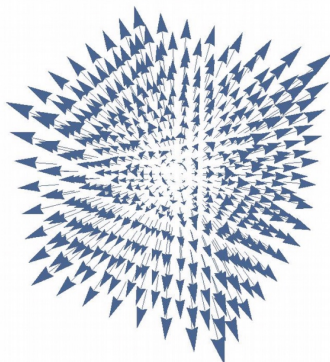
$$\vec{v} = (v_x \hat{x} + v_y \hat{y} + v_z \hat{z})$$

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

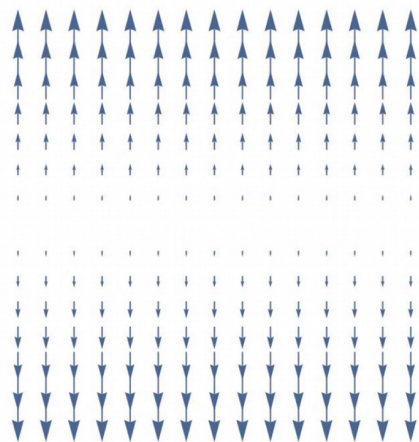
Scalar.

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

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

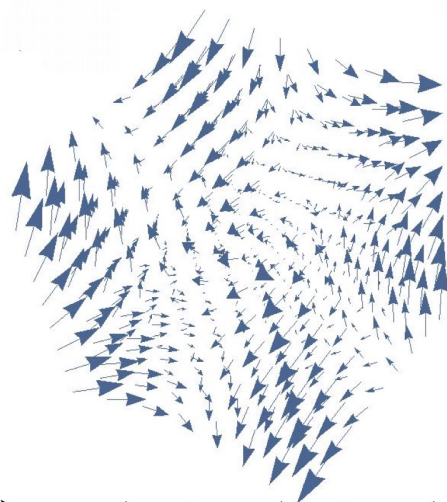


$$\vec{v} = x \hat{x} + y \hat{y} + z \hat{z}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 3$$



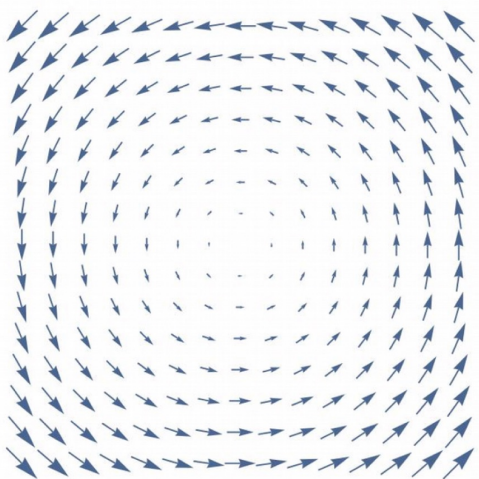
$$\vec{v} = z \hat{z}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 1$$



$$\vec{v} = xy \hat{x} + 2yz \hat{y} + 3zx \hat{z}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = y + 2z + 3x$$



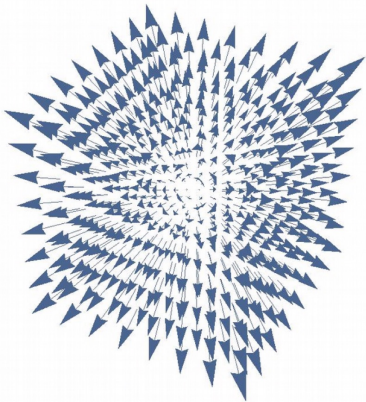
$$\vec{v} = -y \hat{x} + x \hat{y}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

The curl of a vector field.

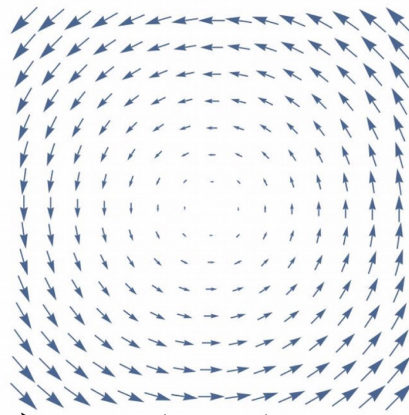
$$\underline{\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v}} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix}$$

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



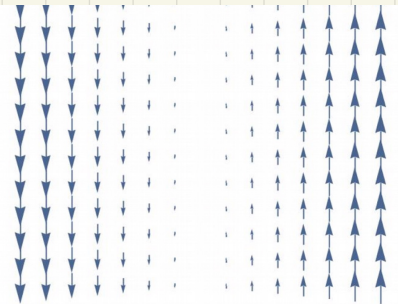
$$\vec{v} = x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + z\hat{z}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{v} = 0$$



$$\vec{v} = -y\hat{x} + x\hat{y}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{v} = 2\hat{z}$$



$$\vec{v} = x\hat{y}$$

$$\underline{\nabla \times \vec{v} = \hat{z}}$$

How much a vector field curls around a point.

## SUM RULES

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f+g) = \frac{df}{dx} + \frac{dg}{dx}$$

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

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

$$\nabla \times (\vec{A} + \vec{B}) = (\nabla \times \vec{A}) + (\nabla \times \vec{B})$$

## MULTIPLICATION BY A CONSTANT

$$\frac{d}{dx}(kf) = k \frac{df}{dx}$$

$$\nabla(kf) = k \nabla f$$

$$\nabla \cdot (k\vec{A}) = k(\nabla \cdot \vec{A})$$

$$\nabla \times (k\vec{A}) = k(\nabla \times \vec{A})$$

## PRODUCT RULES

$$\frac{d}{dx}(fg) = f \frac{dg}{dx} + g \frac{df}{dx}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$(\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{A}$$
$$\left( B_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, B_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, B_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$(A_x, A_y, A_z)$$

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

$$\left( \hat{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left( \hat{x} f A_x + \hat{y} f A_y + \hat{z} f A_z \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (f A_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (f A_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (f A_z)$$

$$= \underline{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} A_x} + \underline{f \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x}} + \underline{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} A_y} + \underline{f \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y}} + \underline{A_z \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}} + \underline{f \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}}$$

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

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

x-component.

$$\left[ \vec{\nabla} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) \right]_x = \underline{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z)}$$

$$\left[ \vec{A} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \right]_x = A_y (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})_z - A_z (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})_y$$

$$= \underline{A_y \left( \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} \right) - A_z \left( \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} \right)}$$

$$\left[ \vec{B} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \right]_x = B_y (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})_z - B_z (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})_y$$

$$= \underline{B_y \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) - B_z \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right)}$$

$$\left[ (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B} \right]_x = \underline{\left( A_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + A_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + A_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) B_x} = \underline{A_x \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} + A_y \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} + A_z \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z}}$$



$$\left[ \vec{\nabla} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) \right]_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \vec{A} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \right]_x &= A_y (\nabla \times \vec{B})_z - A_z (\nabla \times \vec{B})_y \\ &= A_y \left( \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} \right) - A_z \left( \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \vec{B} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \right]_x &= B_y (\nabla \times \vec{A})_z - B_z (\nabla \times \vec{A})_y \\ &= B_y \left( \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) - B_z \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B} \right]_x = \left( A_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + A_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + A_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) B_x =$$

$$A_x \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} + A_y \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} + A_z \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z}$$

$$\left[ (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{A} \right]_x = B_x \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + B_y \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} + B_z \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & A_y \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} - A_y \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} - A_z \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} + A_z \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} \\ & + B_y \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - B_y \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} - B_z \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} + B_z \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \\ & + A_x \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} + A_y \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} + A_z \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} \\ & + B_x \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + B_y \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} + B_z \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} \end{aligned} \right\} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_y B_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_z B_z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_x B_x) = \vec{\nabla} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})_x$$



## Second derivatives

$\vec{\nabla} T \rightarrow$  Gradient : Vector

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} \Rightarrow$  Divergence : Scalar

$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \rightarrow$  Curl : Vector

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$$

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} T) \rightarrow$  Divergence of gradient

$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} T) \rightarrow$  Curl of a gradient.

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} xx & xy & xz \\ yx & yy & yz \\ zx & zy & zz \end{pmatrix}$$

$\vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) \rightarrow$  Gradient of divergence.

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \rightarrow$  Divergence of a curl

$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \rightarrow$  Curl of a curl.

## Divergence of Gradient

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\nabla T) = \left( \hat{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \left( \hat{x} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)$$
$$= \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2}$$

Laplacian :  $\nabla^2 T$

Important in E&M theory

Laplacian of  $\vec{u}$  {vector}

$$\nabla^2 \vec{u} = \hat{x}(\nabla^2 u_x) + \hat{y}(\nabla^2 u_y) + \hat{z}(\nabla^2 u_z)$$

$$\vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u}) ?$$

Curl of a Gradient.

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \left( \hat{x} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix} = \hat{x} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z \partial y} \right] + \hat{y} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z \partial x} \right] + \dots = 0$$

$$\underline{\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} T) = 0}$$

3) Gradient & divergence.

$$\vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) \neq \nabla^2 \vec{A}$$

$$\left( \hat{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$= \hat{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \quad \right) + \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \quad \right).$$

4) Divergence & curl.

$$\left( \hat{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \left[ \hat{x} \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{y} \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{z} \left( \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) \right] = 0$$

$$1) \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})_x &= \frac{\partial^2 A_y}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial x \partial z} \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_y}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial x \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial z^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_y}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial x \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \Big|_x = \nabla \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A})_x - \nabla^2 A \Big|_x$$

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

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} T) \rightarrow$  Divergence of gradient. Laplacian.

$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} T) \rightarrow$  Curl of a gradient.

$\nabla (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) \rightarrow$  Gradient of divergence.

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \rightarrow$  Divergence of a curl

$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \rightarrow$  Curl of a curl.