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Q 5 (e). Prove that  $\nabla^2 r^n = n(n+1)r^{n-2}$

& that  $r^n \vec{r}$  is irrotational, where  $r = |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

→ We have  $\nabla^2 r^n = \nabla \cdot (\nabla r^n) = \text{div}(\text{grad } r^n)$

$$= \text{div}(nr^{n-1} \text{grad } r)$$

$$= \text{div}\left(nr^{n-1} \frac{1}{r} \vec{r}\right) = \text{div}(nr^{n-2} \vec{r})$$

$$= (nr^{n-2}) \text{div } \vec{r} + \vec{r} \cdot (\text{grad } nr^{n-2})$$

$$= 3nr^{n-2} + \vec{r} \cdot [n(n-2)r^{n-2} \text{grad } r]$$

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

$$= 3nr^{n-2} + \vec{r} \cdot [n(n-2)r^{n-4} \vec{r}]$$

$$= 3nr^{n-2} + n(n-2)r^{n-4}(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r})$$

$$= 3nr^{n-2} + n(n-2)r^{n-4}r^2$$

$$= nr^{n-2}(3+n-2)$$

$$= n(n+1)r^{n-2}$$

Now,  $|\vec{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

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

$r^n \vec{r}$  is irrotational if  $\text{curl}(r^n \vec{r}) = 0$

$$\text{curl}(r^n \vec{r}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x^2 & y^2 & z^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$= \hat{i}(0) + \hat{j}(0) + \hat{k}(0) = 0$$

∴  $r^n \vec{r}$  is an irrotational vector.

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Using Stokes' theorem, evaluate

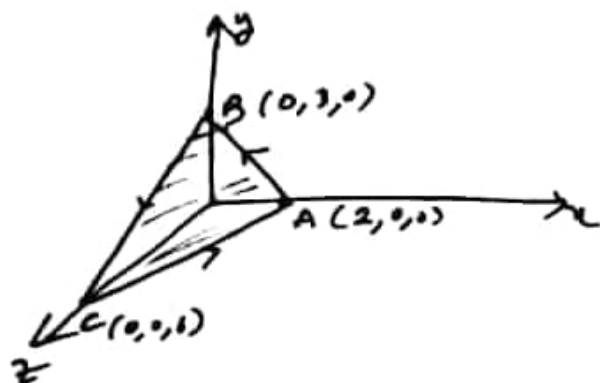
$$\oint_C [(x+y) dx + (2x-z) dy + (y+z) dz]$$

where  $C$  is boundary of triangle with vertices at  $(2, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 3, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 6)$

The given integral is of form  $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$

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

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{k} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$



Boundary  $(C) = ABCA$   
Area  $(S) = \text{Triangle } ABC$

Using Stokes' Theorem,

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_S (\text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n}) dS$$

Now  $\hat{n}$  is normal vector to  $\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{3} + \frac{z}{6} = 1$

$$\hat{n} = \left( \frac{\hat{i}}{2} + \frac{\hat{j}}{3} + \frac{\hat{k}}{6} \right) / \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{14}} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} = \frac{7}{\sqrt{14}} \quad \text{[From (1) and (2)]}$$

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \frac{7}{\sqrt{14}} \iint_S dS = \frac{7}{\sqrt{14}} (\text{Area of } \triangle ABC)$$

Area of  $\Delta ABC$

$$\Delta^2 = \Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2 + \Delta z^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot 3 \cdot 6\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot 6\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot 3\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta^2 = 126$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 3\sqrt{14}$$

— (3)

Then,

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \frac{7}{\sqrt{14}} \cdot 3\sqrt{14} = 21$$

$$\boxed{\oint_C (x+y)dx + (2x-z)dy + (y+z)dz = 21}$$

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Q 8 c) Find the curvature & torsion of circular helix

$$\vec{r} = a (\cos \theta, \sin \theta, \theta \cot \beta)$$

$\beta$  is constant angle at which it cuts its generators

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{d\theta} = a \{-\sin \theta \mathbf{i} + \cos \theta \mathbf{j} + \cot \beta \mathbf{k}\} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{d\theta^2} = a \{-\cos \theta \mathbf{i} - \sin \theta \mathbf{j} + 0\} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\frac{d^3\vec{r}}{d\theta^3} = a \{\sin \theta \mathbf{i} - \cos \theta \mathbf{j} + 0\} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Now,  $\left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\theta} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{d\theta^2} \right|$

$$\frac{d^3\vec{r}}{d\theta^3} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{d\theta^2} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -a \sin \theta & a \cos \theta & a \cot \beta \\ -a \cos \theta & -a \sin \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a^2 \{ (\sin \theta \cos \beta) \mathbf{i} - (\cos \theta \cos \beta) \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} \}$$

$$\therefore \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\theta} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{d\theta^2} \right| = \sqrt{a^4 [(\sin \theta \cos \beta)^2 + (\cos \theta \cos \beta)^2 + 1^2]}$$

$$= a^2 \sqrt{1 + \cos^2 \beta} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Also,  $\left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\theta} \right| = a \sqrt{1 + \cos^2 \beta} \quad \text{--- (5)}$

Now, scalar triple prod  $\left[ \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\theta} \quad \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{d\theta^2} \quad \frac{d^3\vec{r}}{d\theta^3} \right]$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -a \sin \theta & a \cos \theta & a \cot \beta \\ -a \cos \theta & -a \sin \theta & 0 \\ a \sin \theta & -a \cos \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a^3 \cos \beta \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Now, curvature  $k = \frac{\left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \right|}{\left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right|^3}$

From (4) & (5),

$$k = \frac{a^2 \sqrt{1 + \cos^2 \beta}}{(a \sqrt{1 + \cos^2 \beta})^3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{a^3 (1 + \cos^2 \beta)}}$$

$$\text{Torsion, } T = \frac{\left[ \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \quad \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \quad \frac{d^3\vec{r}}{dt^3} \right]}{\left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \right|^2}$$

From (4) & (6)

$$T = \frac{a^3 \cos \beta}{a^4 (1 + \cos^2 \beta)} = \boxed{\frac{a \cos \beta}{a(1 + \cos^2 \beta)}}$$

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7d) Evaluate  $\iiint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \hat{n} dS$ ,

where 'S' is surface of cone,  $z = 2 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , above  $xy$ -plane &  $\vec{F} = (x-z)\hat{i} + (x^3 + yz)\hat{j} - 3xy^2\hat{k}$

→ The  $xy$ -plane cuts the surface S of cone in the circle C, whose equations are

$$\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} = 4 \quad \& \quad z = 0.$$

Let the parametric equations of curve C be

$$x = \sqrt{2} \cos t \quad y = \sqrt{2} \sin t$$

$$z = 0$$

By Stokes' Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_C (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \hat{n} \, ds &= \oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \\ &= \int_C [(x-z)\hat{i} + (x^3+yz)\hat{j} - 3xy^2\hat{k}] \cdot (dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j} + dz\hat{k}) \\ &= \int_C (x-z)dx + (x^3+yz)dy + (-3xy^2)dz \\ &= \int_C xdx + x^3dy \quad \dots \quad z = dz = 0 \\ &= \int_{t=0}^{2\pi} \left[ x \frac{dx}{dt} + x^3 \frac{dy}{dt} \right] dt \\ &= \int_{t=0}^{2\pi} [2\cos t(-2\sin t) + 2^3 \cos^3 t \cdot 2\cos t] dt \\ &= \int_{t=0}^{2\pi} [-4\sin t \cos t + 16 \cos^4 t] dt \\ &= -2 \int_{t=0}^{2\pi} \sin 2t \, dt + 16 \int_{t=0}^{2\pi} \cos^4 t \, dt \\ &= \left[ \cos 2t \right]_0^{2\pi} + 16 \left\{ \frac{1}{32} [\sin 4t]_0^{2\pi} - \frac{1}{8} [t]_0^{2\pi} + \frac{1}{2} [t]_0^{2\pi} + \frac{1}{4} [\sin 2t]_0^{2\pi} \right\} \\ &= 0 + 16 \left\{ 0 - \frac{1}{8}(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2}(2\pi) + 0 \right\} \\ &= \boxed{12\pi} \end{aligned}$$