

Q Show that the curve  $\vec{r}(t) = t\hat{i} + (1+\frac{1}{t})\hat{j} + (\frac{1}{t}-t^2)\hat{k}$  lies in a plane.

Ans. A curve lies in plane if bi-normal vector (B) is constant  $\Rightarrow \frac{dB}{dt} = 0 \therefore \tau N = \frac{dB}{dt} = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  Torsion ( $\tau$ ) is zero for a planar curve.

$$\tau = \frac{[\vec{r}'(t) \vec{r}''(t) \vec{r}'''(t)]}{\|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\|^2} = 0$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = t\hat{i} + (1+\frac{1}{t})\hat{j} + (\frac{1}{t}-t^2)\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \hat{i} + (-\frac{1}{t^2})\hat{j} + (-\frac{1}{t^2}-1)\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r}''(t) = 0\hat{i} + \frac{2}{t^3}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{t^3}\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r}'''(t) = 0\hat{i} - \frac{6}{t^4}\hat{j} - \frac{6}{t^4}\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -1/t^2 & -1/t^2 - 1 \\ 0 & 2/t^3 & 2/t^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\frac{6}{t^6} - \frac{6}{t^6} + \frac{6}{t^4}\right)\hat{i} - \left(-\frac{6}{t^4} - 0\right)\hat{j} + \left(-\frac{6}{t^4}\right)\hat{k}$$

$$= \frac{6}{t^4} (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

$$(\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'''(t) = \left(\frac{6}{t^4} (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})\right) \cdot \left(0\hat{i} - \frac{6}{t^4}\hat{j} - \frac{6}{t^4}\hat{k}\right)$$

$$= \frac{-36}{t^8} + \frac{36}{t^8} = 0$$

$$\therefore \tau = \frac{[\vec{r}'(t) \vec{r}''(t) \vec{r}'''(t)]}{\|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\|^2} = 0$$

Hence the given curve is planar.



Q Calculate  $\nabla^2(r^n)$  in terms of  $r$  and  $n$  where  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

sol.  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \quad \therefore \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}, \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r}, \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = \frac{z}{r}$   
 $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} \quad \therefore \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial x} = \hat{i}, \quad \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial y} = \hat{j}, \quad \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial z} = \hat{k}$

Now  $\nabla^2(r^n) = \nabla \cdot (\nabla r^n) = \nabla \cdot \left( \sum i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (r^n) \right) = \nabla \cdot \left( \sum i n r^{n-1} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right)$   
 $= \nabla \cdot \left( \sum i n r^{n-1} \left( \frac{x}{r} \right) \right) = \nabla \cdot \left( \sum i n r^{n-2} x \right) = \nabla \cdot (n r^{n-2} \sum x i)$   
 $= \nabla \cdot (n r^{n-2} (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})) = \nabla \cdot (n r^{n-2} \vec{r})$

Now, As  $\nabla \cdot (\phi \vec{V}) = \nabla \phi \cdot \vec{V} + \phi \nabla \cdot \vec{V}$

$\therefore \nabla \cdot (n r^{n-2} \vec{r}) = \nabla(n r^{n-2}) \cdot \vec{r} + n r^{n-2} \nabla \cdot \vec{r}$   
 $= \left( n \sum i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} r^{n-2} \right) \cdot \vec{r} + n r^{n-2} \sum i \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial x}$   
 $= \left( n \sum i (n-2) r^{n-3} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right) \cdot \vec{r} + n r^{n-2} \sum \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i}$   
 $= \left( n(n-2) \sum i r^{n-3} \cdot \frac{x}{r} \right) \cdot \vec{r} + n r^{n-2} \sum 1$   
 $= (n(n-2) r^{n-4} \sum x \hat{i}) \cdot \vec{r} + 3n r^{n-2}$   
 $= (n(n-2) r^{n-4} \vec{r}) \cdot \vec{r} + 3n r^{n-2}$   
 $= n(n-2) r^{n-4} (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}) + 3n r^{n-2}$   
 $= n(n-2) r^{n-4} r^2 + 3n r^{n-2}$   
 $= (n^2 - 2n) r^{n-2} + 3n r^{n-2} = (n^2 - 2n + 3n) r^{n-2}$   
 $= (n^2 + n) r^{n-2} = \boxed{n(n+1) r^{n-2}} \quad \text{Ans.}$



Q Curve in space is defined by  $\vec{r} = t^2 \hat{i} + 2t \hat{j} - t^3 \hat{k}$ . Find the angle between the tangents at point  $t=1$  &  $t=-1$

sol: Given  $\vec{r} = t^2 \hat{i} + 2t \hat{j} - t^3 \hat{k}$

equation of tangent is given by  $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$

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

$$\left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right|_{t=1} = 2(1) \hat{i} + 2 \hat{j} - 3(1)^2 \hat{k} = 2 \hat{i} + 2 \hat{j} - 3 \hat{k} = \vec{A}$$

$$4 \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right|_{t=-1} = 2(-1) \hat{i} + 2 \hat{j} - 3(-1)^2 \hat{k} = -2 \hat{i} + 2 \hat{j} - 3 \hat{k} = \vec{B}$$

$$\therefore \text{Angle between the tangents} = \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}}{|\vec{A}| |\vec{B}|} \quad (\cos \theta)$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{(2 \hat{i} + 2 \hat{j} - 3 \hat{k}) \cdot (-2 \hat{i} + 2 \hat{j} - 3 \hat{k})}{\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + (-3)^2} \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 2^2 + (-3)^2}} = \frac{-4 + 4 + 9}{\sqrt{17} \sqrt{17}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{9}{17}$$

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

Hence angle between the tangents at  $t=1$  &  $t=-1$  is  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{9}{17}\right)$



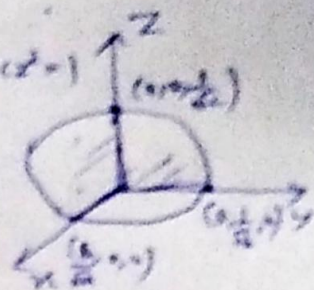
Q By using Divergence theorem of Gauss, evaluate the surface integral  $\iint_S (a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2)^{1/2} dS$ , where  $S$  is the surface of the ellipsoid  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$ ,  $a, b, c > 0$

sol: Surface  $S$  is surface of ellipsoid  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$  enclosing volume  $V$ .

unit normal to surface ( $\hat{n}$ ) =  $\frac{\nabla S}{|\nabla S|}$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\nabla (ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)}{|\nabla (ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2)|} = \frac{2ax\hat{i} + 2by\hat{j} + 2cz\hat{k}}{\sqrt{4a^2x^2 + 4b^2y^2 + 4c^2z^2}}$$

$$= \frac{2(ax\hat{i} + by\hat{j} + cz\hat{k})}{2\sqrt{a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2}} = \frac{ax\hat{i} + by\hat{j} + cz\hat{k}}{\sqrt{a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2}}$$



Let vector field  $\vec{F} = F_1\hat{i} + F_2\hat{j} + F_3\hat{k}$  then

$$\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iint_S (a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2)^{1/2} dS$$

$$\therefore \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} = (a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{F_1ax + F_2by + F_3cz}{\sqrt{a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_1ax + F_2by + F_3cz = 1$$

$$\therefore F_1 = x \quad F_2 = y \quad F_3 = z \quad (\because ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1)$$

$$\text{Hence, } \vec{F} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iint_S (a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2)^{1/2} dS$$

Using Gauss divergence theorem

$$\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iiint_V (\text{div } \vec{F}) dV \quad \text{where } \text{div } \vec{F} = \text{Divergence of } \vec{F}$$

$V = \text{Volume enclosed by surface } S.$

$$\text{div } \vec{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(z) = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$$

$$\therefore \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iiint_V 3 dV = 3 \iiint_V dV = 3 \iiint_V dx dy dz$$



Converting to spherical co-ordinates

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } u &= \sqrt{a}x \Rightarrow du = \sqrt{a}dx \\ v &= \sqrt{b}y \Rightarrow dv = \sqrt{b}dy \\ w &= \sqrt{c}z \Rightarrow dw = \sqrt{c}dz \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow u^2 + v^2 + w^2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore dx dy dz = \frac{du dv dw}{\sqrt{abc}}$$

$$\therefore 3 \iiint_V dx dy dz = 3 \iiint_V \frac{du dv dw}{\sqrt{abc}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{abc}} \iiint_V du dv dw$$

Changing to spherical co-ordinates

$$dx dy dz = r^2 \sin \phi dr d\phi d\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{\sqrt{abc}} \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi} \int_{r=0}^1 r^2 \sin \phi dr d\phi d\theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{abc}} \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi} \left| \frac{r^3}{3} \sin \phi \right|_0^1 d\phi d\theta$$

$$= \frac{3}{\sqrt{abc}} \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{3} - 0 \right) \sin \phi d\phi d\theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{abc}} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \left| -\cos \phi \right|_0^{\pi} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{abc}} \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} (-\cos \pi + \cos 0) d\theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{abc}} \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} d\theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{abc}} \left| \theta \right|_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{abc}} (2\pi - 0) = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{abc}}$$

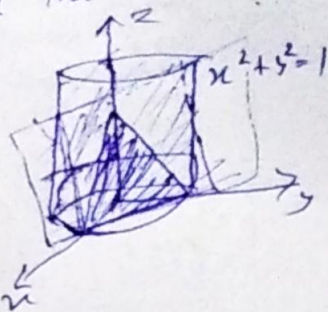
$$\therefore \iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iiint_V (\text{div } \vec{F}) dv = \frac{4}{\sqrt{abc}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\iint_S (a^2 x^2 + b^2 y^2 + c^2 z^2)^{-1/2} dS = \frac{4}{\sqrt{abc}}}$$



Q Use stoke's theorem to evaluate  $\int_C -y^3 dx + x^3 dy - z^3 dz$  where  $C$  is intersection of the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  & the plane  $x + y + z = 1$ .

sol. According to stokes theorem



$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS$  or  $\int_S \text{curl}(\vec{F}) \cdot \hat{n} dS$   
where  $C$  is the boundary &  $S$  is the region enclosed by  $C$ .  $\hat{n}$  is unit normal of surface  $S$ .

$$\therefore \int_C -y^3 dx + x^3 dy - z^3 dz = \int_C (-y^3 \hat{i} + x^3 \hat{j} - z^3 \hat{k}) \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F} = -y^3 \hat{i} + x^3 \hat{j} - z^3 \hat{k}$$

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

Using stokes theorem

$$\int_C (-y^3 \hat{i} + x^3 \hat{j} - z^3 \hat{k}) \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_S 3(x^2+y^2)\hat{k} \cdot \hat{n} dS$$

Surface  $S$  is on the plane  $x+y+z=1$

$$\therefore \hat{n} = \frac{\nabla S}{|\nabla S|} = \frac{\nabla(x+y+z-1)}{|\nabla(x+y+z-1)|} = \frac{\hat{i}+\hat{j}+\hat{k}}{\sqrt{1^2+1^2+1^2}} = \frac{\hat{i}+\hat{j}+\hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore \int_S 3(x^2+y^2)\hat{k} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{i}+\hat{j}+\hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}}\right) dS = \int_S \sqrt{3}(x^2+y^2) dS$$

$$dS = \frac{dx dy}{|\hat{n} \cdot \hat{k}|} = \frac{dx dy}{1/\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3} dx dy$$

$$\therefore \int_S \sqrt{3}(x^2+y^2) dS = \int_S \sqrt{3}(x^2+y^2) \sqrt{3} dx dy = \iint 3(x^2+y^2) dx dy$$

Changing to cylindrical co-ordinates

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 3r^2 (r dr d\theta) = \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \frac{3r^4}{4} \right]_0^1 d\theta = \frac{3}{4} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \theta \Big|_0^{2\pi} = \frac{3}{4} \times 2\pi = \boxed{\frac{3\pi}{2}} \text{ Ans.}$$

