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PREVIOUS YEARS QUESTIONS (2019-1983)

SEGMENT-WISE

VECTOR ANALYSIS

2019

- ❖ Find the directional derivative of the function $xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2$ along the tangent to the curve $x = t$, $y = t^2$ and $z = t^3$ at the point $(1, 1, 1)$. [10]
- ❖ Find the circulation of \vec{F} round the curve C , where $\vec{F} = (2x + y^2)\hat{i} + (3y - 4x)\hat{j}$ and C is the curve $y = x^2$ from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 1)$ and the curve $y^2 = x$ from $(1, 1)$ to $(0, 0)$. [15]
- ❖ Find the radius of curvature and radius of torsion of the helix $x = a \cos u$, $y = a \sin u$, $z = au \tan \alpha$. [15]
- ❖ State Gauss divergence theorem. Verify this theorem for $\vec{F} = 4x\hat{i} - 2y^2\hat{j} + z^2\hat{k}$, taken over the region bounded by $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, $z = 0$ and $z = 3$. [15]
- ❖ Evaluate by Stoke's theorem $\oint_C e^x dx + 2y dy - dz$, where C is the curve $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, $z = 2$. [05]

2018

- ❖ Find the angle between the tangent at a general point of the curve whose equations are $x = 3t$, $y = 3t^2$, $z = 3t^3$ and the line $y = z - x = 0$. (10)
- ❖ If S is the surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$, then evaluate $\iiint_S [(x+z)dydz + (y+z)dzdx + (x+y)dxdy]$ using Gauss' divergence theorem. (12)
- ❖ Find the curvature and torsion of the curve $\vec{r} = a(u - \sin u)\hat{i} + a(1 - \cos u)\hat{j} + bu\hat{k}$ (12)
- ❖ Let $\vec{v} = v_1\hat{i} + v_2\hat{j} + v_3\hat{k}$. Show that $\text{curl}(\text{curl } \vec{v}) = \text{grad}(\text{div } \vec{v}) - \nabla^2 \vec{v}$. (12)

- ❖ Evaluate the line integral $\int_C -y^3 dx + x^3 dy + z^3 dz$ using Stoke's theorem. Here C is the intersection of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and the plane $x + y + z = 1$. The orientation on C corresponds to counterclockwise motion in the xy -plane. (13)
- ❖ Let $\vec{F} = xy^2\hat{i} + (y+x)\hat{j}$. Integrate $(\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \vec{k}$ over the region in the first quadrant bounded by the curves $y = x^2$ and $y = x$ using Green's theorem. (13)

2017

- ❖ For what values of the constants a , b and c the vector $\vec{V} = (x + y + az)\hat{i} + (bx + 2y - z)\hat{j} + (-x + cy + 2z)\hat{k}$ is irrotational. Find the divergence in cylindrical coordinates of this vector with these values. (10)
- ❖ The position vector of a moving point at time t is $\vec{r} = \sin t\hat{i} + \cos 2t\hat{j} + (t^2 + 2t)\hat{k}$. Find the components of acceleration \vec{a} in the directions parallel to the velocity vector \vec{v} and perpendicular to the plane of \vec{r} and \vec{v} at time $t = 0$. (10)
- ❖ Find the curvature vector and its magnitude at any point $\vec{r} = (\theta)$ of the curve $\vec{r} = (a \cos \theta, a \sin \theta, a\theta)$. Show that the locus of the feet of the perpendicular from the origin to the tangent is a curve that completely lies on the hyperboloid $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = a^2$. (16)
- ❖ Evaluate the integral : $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds$ where $\vec{F} = 3xy^2\hat{i} + (yx^2 - y^3)\hat{j} + 3zx^2\hat{k}$ and S is a surface of the cylinder $y^2 + z^2 \leq 4$, $-3 \leq x \leq 3$, using divergence theorem. (09)

- ❖ Using Green's theorem, evaluate the $\int_C F(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{r}$

counterclockwise where

$$F(\vec{r}) = (x^2 + y^2)\hat{i} + (x^2 - y^2)\hat{j}$$

and $d\vec{r} = dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j}$ and the curve C is the boundary

of the region

$$R = \{(x, y) | 1 \leq y \leq 2 - x^2\}. \quad (08)$$

2016

- ❖ Prove that the vectors $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$,

$$\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \vec{c} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 6\hat{k} \text{ can form the}$$

sides of a triangle. Find the lengths of the medians of the triangle. (10)

- ❖ Find $f(r)$ such that $\nabla f = \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3}$ and $f(1) = 0$. (10)

- ❖ Prove that

$$\oint_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iiint_S d\vec{S} \times \nabla f \quad (10)$$

- ❖ For the cardioid $r = a(1 + \cos\theta)$, show that the square of the radius of curvature at any point (r, θ) is proportional to r . Also find the radius of curvature if $\theta = 0, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}$. (15)

2015

- ❖ Find the angle between the surfaces $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 9 = 0$ and $z = x^2 + y^2 - 3$ at $(2, -1, 2)$. (10)

- ❖ Find the value of λ and μ so that the surfaces $\lambda x^2 - \mu yz = (\lambda + 2)x$ and $4x^2y + z^3 = 4$ may intersect orthogonally at $(1, -1, 2)$. (12)

- ❖ A vector field is given by

$$\vec{F} = (x^2 + xy^2)\hat{i} + (y^2 + x^2y)\hat{j}$$

Verify that the field \vec{F} is irrotational or not. Find the scalar potential. (12)

- ❖ Evaluate $\int_C e^{-x}(\sin y dx + \cos y dy)$, where C is the rectangle with vertices $(0, 0), (\pi, 0), (\pi, \frac{\pi}{2}), (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$. (12)

2014

- ❖ Find the curvature vector at any point of the curve $\vec{r}(t) = t \cos t \hat{i} + t \sin t \hat{j}, 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$. Give its

magnitude also. (10)

- ❖ Evaluate by Stokes' theorem

$$\int_{\Gamma} (y dx + z dy + x dz)$$

where Γ is the curve given by

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2ax - 2ay = 0, x + y = 2a, \text{ starting from } (2a, 0, 0) \text{ and then going below the } z\text{-plane.} \quad (20)$$

2013

- ❖ Show that the curve

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

lies in a plane. (10)

- ❖ Calculate $\nabla^2(r^n)$ and find its expression in terms of r and n , r being the distance of any point (x, y, z) from the origin, n being a constant and ∇^2 being

the Laplace operator. (10)

- ❖ A curve in space is defined by the vector equation $\vec{r} = t^2\hat{i} + 2t\hat{j} - t^3\hat{k}$. Determine the angle between

the tangents to this curve at the points $t = +1$ and $t = -1$. (10)

- ❖ By using Divergence Theorem of Gauss, evaluate the surface integral

$$\iiint_S (a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} dS,$$

where S is the surface of the ellipsoid

$$ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1, \quad a, b \text{ and } c \text{ being all positive}$$

constants. (15)

- ❖ Use Stokes theorem to evaluate the line integral

$$\int_C (-y^3 dx + x^3 dy - z^3 dz), \text{ where } C \text{ is the}$$

intersection of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and the plane $x + y + z = 1$. (15)

2012

- ❖ If $\vec{A} = x^2yz\hat{i} - 2xz^3\hat{j} + xz^2\hat{k}$

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

Find the value of $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y}(\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$ at (1, 0, -2). (12)

- ❖ Derive the Frenet-Serret formulae.
Define the curvature and torsion for a space curve.
Compute them for the space curve

$$x = t, y = t^2, z = \frac{2}{3}t^3$$

Show that the curvature and torsion are equal for this curve. (20)

- ❖ Verify Green's theorem in the plane for

$$\oint_C \{xy + y^2\} dx + x^2 dy$$

where C is the closed curve of the region bounded by $y = x$ and $y = x^2$. (20)

- ❖ If $\vec{F} = y\vec{i} + (x - 2xz)\vec{j} - xy\vec{k}$, evaluate

$$\iiint_S (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) \cdot \vec{n} d\vec{s}$$

where S is the surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$ above the xy-plane. (20)

2011

- ❖ For two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} given respectively by

$$\vec{a} = 5t^2\vec{i} + t\vec{j} - t^3\vec{k} \text{ and } \vec{b} = \sin t\vec{i} - \cos t\vec{j}$$

Determine: (i) $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$ and (ii) $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$ (10)

- ❖ If u and v are two scalar fields and \vec{f} is a vector field, such that $u\vec{f} = \text{grad } v$, find the value of

$$\vec{f} \cdot \text{curl } \vec{f} \quad (10)$$

- ❖ Examine whether the vectors $\nabla u, \nabla v$ and ∇w are coplanar, where u, v and w are the scalar functions defined by: $u = x + y + z$, $v = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ and

$$w = yz + zx + xy. \quad (15)$$

- ❖ If $\vec{u} = 4y\vec{i} + x\vec{j} - 2z\vec{k}$, calculate the double integral

$$\iint (\nabla \times \vec{u}) \cdot d\vec{s} \text{ over the hemisphere given by}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2, z \geq 0. \quad (15)$$

- ❖ If \vec{r} be the position vector of a point, find the value(s) of n for which the vector $r^n \vec{r}$ is

(i) irrotational, (ii) solenoidal. (15)

- ❖ Verify Gauss Divergence Theorem for the vector $\vec{v} = x^2\vec{i} + y^2\vec{j} - z^2\vec{k}$ taken over the cube

$$0 \leq x, y, z \leq 1. \quad (15)$$

2010

- ❖ Find the directional derivative of $f(x, y) = x^2y^3 + xy$ at the point (2, 1) in the direction of a unit vector which makes an angle of $\pi/3$ with the x-axis. (12)

- ❖ Show that the vector field defined by the vector function $\vec{V} = xyz(yz\vec{i} + xz\vec{j} + xy\vec{k})$ is conservative. (12)

- ❖ Prove that $\text{div}(f\vec{V}) = f(\text{div}\vec{V}) + (\text{grad } f) \cdot \vec{V}$ where f is a scalar function. (20)

- ❖ Use the divergence theorem to evaluate $\iint_S \vec{V} \cdot \vec{n} dA$

$$\text{where } \vec{V} = x^2z\vec{i} + y\vec{j} - xz^2\vec{k} \text{ and S is the boundary}$$

of the region bounded by the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$

and the plane $z = 4y$. (20)

- ❖ Verify Green's theorem for ;
 $e^{-x} \sin y dx + e^{-x} \cos y dy$ the path of integration being the boundary of the square whose vertices are (0, 0), $(\pi/2, 0)$, $(\pi/2, \pi/2)$ and $(0, \pi/2)$. (20)

2009

- ❖ Show that $\text{div}(\text{grad } r^n) = n(n+1)r^{n-2}$

$$\text{Where } r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}. \quad (12)$$

- ❖ Find the directional derivatives of –

(i) $4xz^3 - 3x^2y^2z^2$ at (2, -1, 2) along z-axis;

(ii) $x^2yz + 4xz^2$ at (1, -2, 1) in the direction of

$$2\vec{i} - \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}. \quad (12)$$

- ❖ Find the work done in moving the particle once round the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1, z = 0$ under the field

of force given by

$$\vec{F} = (2x - y + z)\hat{i} + (x + y - z^2)\hat{j} + (3x - 2y + 4z)\hat{k}$$

(20)

- ❖ Using divergence theorem, evaluate $\iint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S}$ where $\vec{A} = x^3\hat{i} + y^3\hat{j} + z^3\hat{k}$ and S is the surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$. (20)

- ❖ Find the value of $\iint_S (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{S}$

taken over the upper portion of the surface $x^2 + y^2 - 2ax + az = 0$ and the bounding curve lies

in the plane $z = 0$, when

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

(20)

2008

- ❖ Find the 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)

- ❖ Show that $\vec{F} = (2xy + z^3)\hat{i} + x^2\hat{j} + 3xz^2\hat{k}$ is a conservative force field. Find the scalar potential for \vec{F} and the work done in moving an object in this field from (1, -2, 1) to (3, 1, 4).

$$P.T \nabla^2 f(r) = \frac{d^2 f}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{df}{dr} \text{ where } r = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2}$$

. Hence find f(r) such that $\nabla^2 f(r) = 0$.

- ❖ Show that for the space curve $x = t, y = t^2, z = \frac{2}{3}t^3$ the curvature and torsion are same at every point.

- ❖ Evaluate $\int_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$ along the curve $x^2 + y^2 = 1, z = 1$ from (0, 1, 1) to (1, 0, 1) if $\vec{A} = (yz + 2x)\hat{i} + xz\hat{j} + (xy + 2z)\hat{k}$.

- ❖ Evaluate $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS$ where $\vec{F} = 4x\hat{i} - 2y^2\hat{j} + z^2\hat{k}$

and 'S' is the surface of the cylinder bounded by $x^2 + y^2 = 4, z = 0$ and $z = 3$.

2007

- ❖ If \vec{r} denotes the position vector of a point and if \hat{r} be the unit vector in the direction of $\vec{r}, r = |\vec{r}|$ determine grad (r^{-1}) in terms of \hat{r} and r .

- ❖ Find the curvature and torsion at any point of the curve $x = a \cos 2t, y = a \sin 2t, z = 2a \sin t$

- ❖ For any constant vector \vec{a} show that the vector represented by curl ($\vec{a} \times \vec{r}$) is always parallel to the vector \vec{a}, \vec{r} being the position vector of a point (x, y, z), measured from the origin.

- ❖ If $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ find the value(s) of n in order that $r^n \vec{r}$ may be (i) solenoidal or (ii) irrotational

- ❖ Determine $\int_C (y dx + z dy + x dz)$ by using Stoke's theorem, where 'C' is the curve defined by $(x-a)^2 + (y-a)^2 + z^2 = 2a^2, x+y=2a$ that starts from the point (2a, 0, 0) and goes at first below the z-plane.

2006

- ❖ Find the values of constant a, b, and c so that the directional of the function $f = ax^2y + byz + cz^2x^3$ at the point (1, 2, -1) has maximum magnitude 64 in the direction parallel to Z-axis.

- ❖ If $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{k}, \vec{B} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{C} = 4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$, determine a vector \vec{R} satisfying the vector equations $\vec{R} \times \vec{B} = \vec{C} \times \vec{B}$ and $\vec{R} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$

- ❖ Prove that $r^n \vec{r}$ is an irrotational vector for any value of n, but is solenoidal only if $n+3=0$.

- ❖ If the unit tangent vector \vec{t} and binormal \vec{b} makes angles θ and ϕ respectively with a constant unit vector \vec{a} , prove that $\frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \phi} \frac{d\theta}{d\phi} = \frac{k}{\tau}$

- ❖ Verify Stoke's theorem for the function $\vec{F} = x^2 \hat{i} - xy \hat{j}$ integrated round the square in the plane $z = 0$ and bounded by the lines $x=0, y=0, x=a$ and $y=a, a > 0$.

2005

- ❖ Show that the volume of the tetrahedron ABCD is $\frac{1}{6}(\overline{AB} \times \overline{AC}) \cdot \overline{AD}$. Hence find the volume of the tetrahedron with vertices $(2, 2, 2), (2, 0, 0), (0, 2, 0)$ and $(0, 0, 2)$.
- ❖ Prove that the curl of a vector field is independent of the choice of co-ordinates.
- ❖ The parametric equation of a circular helix is $\vec{r} = a \cos u \hat{i} + a \sin u \hat{j} + cu \hat{k}$; where 'c' is a constant and 'u' is a parameter.
- ❖ Find the unit tangent vector \hat{t} at the point 'u' and the arc length measured from $u = 0$. Also find $\frac{d\hat{i}}{ds}$, where 'S' is the arc length.
- ❖ Show that $\text{curl} \left(\hat{k} \times \text{grad} \frac{1}{r} \right) + \text{grad} \left(\hat{k} \cdot \text{grad} \frac{1}{r} \right) = 0$ where r is the distance from the origin and \hat{k} is the unit vector in the direction OZ.
- ❖ Find the curvature and the torsion of the space curve $x = a(3u - u^3), y = 3au^2, z = a(3u + u^3)$.
- ❖ Evaluate $\oint_S (x^3 dy dz + x^2 y dz dx + x^2 z dx dy)$ by

Gauss divergence theorem, where S is the surface of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ bounded by $z=0$ and $z=b$.

2004

- ❖ Show that if \vec{A} and \vec{B} are irrotational, then $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ is solenoidal.
- ❖ Show that the Frenet – Serret formula can be written in the form $\frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{T}, \frac{d\vec{N}}{ds} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{N}$ and $\frac{d\vec{B}}{ds} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{B}$
Where, $\vec{\omega} = \tau \vec{T} + k \vec{B}$

- ❖ Prove the identity $\nabla(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) = (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{A} + (\vec{A} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} + \vec{B} \times (\nabla \times \vec{A}) + \vec{A} \times (\nabla \times \vec{B})$
- ❖ Derive the identity $\iiint_V (\phi \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \phi) dV = \iint_S (\phi \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \phi) \cdot \hat{n} dS$, where V is the volume bounded by the closed surface S.
- ❖ Verify Stoke's theorem for $\vec{f} = (2x - y) \hat{i} - yz^2 \hat{j} - y^2 z \hat{k}$ where S is the upper half surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ and C is its boundary.

2003

- ❖ Show that if \vec{a}', \vec{b}' and \vec{c}' are the reciprocals of the non-coplanar vectors \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} , then any vector \vec{r} may be expressed as $\vec{r} = (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a}') \vec{a} + (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{b}') \vec{b} + (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{c}') \vec{c}$.
- ❖ Prove that the divergence of a vector field is invariant w.r. t co-ordinate transformations.
- ❖ Let the position vector of a particle moving on a plane curve be $\vec{r}(t)$, where t is the time. Find the components of its acceleration along the radial and transverse directions.
- ❖ Prove the identity $\nabla A^2 = 2(\vec{A} \cdot \nabla) \vec{A} + 2\vec{A} \times (\nabla \times \vec{A})$

$$\text{Where } \nabla = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

- ❖ Find the radii of curvature and torsion at a point of intersection of the surfaces $x^2 - y^2 = c^2, y = x \tanh\left(\frac{z}{c}\right)$
- ❖ Evaluate $\iint_S \text{curl } \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S}$ where S is the open surface $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 4z = 0, z \geq 0$ and $\vec{A} = (y^2 + z^2 - x^2) \hat{i} + (2z^2 + x^2 - y^2) \hat{j} + (x^2 + y^2 - 3z^2) \hat{k}$

2002

- ❖ Let \vec{R} be the unit vector along the vector $\vec{r}(t)$.

Show that $\vec{R} \times \frac{d\vec{R}}{dt} = \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$ where $r = |\vec{r}|$.

- ❖ Find the curvature K for the space curve $x = a \cos \theta, y = a \sin \theta, z = a \theta \tan \alpha$

- ❖ Show that $\text{curl}(\text{curl } \vec{v}) = \text{grad}(\text{div } \vec{v}) - \nabla^2 \vec{v}$

- ❖ Let D be a closed and bounded region having boundary S . Further let 'f' be a scalar function having second order partial derivatives defined on it. Show that

$$\iiint_S (f \text{ grad } f) \cdot \hat{n} dS = \iiint_V [|\text{grad } f|^2 + f \nabla^2 f] dV$$

Hence or otherwise evaluate $\iint_S (f \text{ grad } f) \cdot \hat{n} dS$

for $f = 2x + y + 2z$ over $S \equiv x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$

- ❖ Find the values of constants a, b , and c such that the maximum value of directional derivative of $f = ax^2y + byz + cx^2z^2$ at $(1, -1, 1)$ is in the direction parallel to y axis and has magnitude 6.

2001

- ❖ Find the length of the arc of the twisted curve $\vec{r} = (3t, 3t^2, 2t^3)$ from the point $t = 0$ to the point $t = 1$. Find also the unit tangent \vec{T} , unit normal \vec{n} and the unit binormal \vec{b} at $t = 1$.

- ❖ Show that $\text{curl} \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{r}}{r^3} = -\frac{\vec{a}}{r^3} + \frac{3\vec{r}}{r^5}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r})$ where \vec{a} is a constant vector.

- ❖ Find the directional derivative of $f = x^2yz^3$ along $x = e^{-t}, y = 1 + 2\sin t, z = t - \cos t$ at $t = 0$.

- ❖ Show that the vector field defined by $F = 2xyz^3\hat{i} + x^2z^3\hat{j} + 3x^2yz^2\hat{k}$ is irrotational. Find also the scalar 'u' such that $F = \text{grad } u$.

- ❖ Verify Gauss divergence theorem of $A = (4x, -2y^2, z^2)$ taken over the region bounded by $x^2 + y^2 = 4, z = 0$ & $z = 3$.

2000

- ❖ In what direction from the point $(-1, 1, 1)$ is the directional derivative of $f = x^2yz^3$ a maximum? compute its magnitude.

- ❖ Show that

$$(i) (A+B) \cdot (B+C) \times (C+A) = 2A \cdot B \times C$$

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

(1990)

- ❖ Evaluate $\iint_S F \cdot \hat{n} dS$ where $F = 2xy\hat{i} + yz^2\hat{j} + xz\hat{k}$ and S is the surface of the parallelopiped bounded by $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0, x = 2, y = 1$ and $z = 3$.

1999

- ❖ If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are the position vectors A, B, C prove that $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$ is a vector perpendicular to the plane ABC .

- ❖ If $\vec{F} = \nabla(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)$, find $\nabla \times \vec{F}$.

- ❖ Evaluate $\int_C (e^{-x} \sin y dx + e^{-x} \cos y dy)$; (by Green's theorem), where 'C' is the rectangle whose vertices are $(0,0), (\pi, 0), (\pi, \pi/2)$ & $(0, \pi/2)$.

- ❖ If X, Y, Z are the components of a contra variant vector in rectangular cartesian co-ordinates x, y, z in a three dimensional space, show that the components of the vector in cylindrical co-ordinates

$$r, \theta, Z \text{ are } X \cos \theta + Y \sin \theta, \frac{-X}{r} \sin \theta + \frac{Y}{r} \cos \theta, Z$$

1998

- ❖ If \vec{r}_1 and \vec{r}_2 are the vectors joining the fixed points $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $B(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ respectively to a variable point $P(x, y, z)$, then find the values of $\text{grad}(\vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_2)$ and $\text{curl}(\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2)$

- ❖ Show that $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ if either $\vec{b} = 0$ (or any other vector is '0') or \vec{c} is collinear with \vec{a} or \vec{b} is orthogonal to \vec{a} and \vec{c} (both).

1997

- ❖ Prove that if \vec{A}, \vec{B} and \vec{C} are three given non coplanar vectors, then any vector \vec{F} can be put in the form $\vec{F} = \alpha \vec{B} \times \vec{C} + \beta \vec{C} \times \vec{A} + \gamma \vec{A} \times \vec{B}$. For a given \vec{F} determine α, β, γ .
- ❖ Verify Gauss theorem for $\vec{F} = 4x\hat{i} - 2y^2\hat{j} + z^2\hat{k}$ taken over the region bounded by $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, and $z = 0$ and $z = 3$.

1996

- ❖ If $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ and $r = |\vec{r}|$, show that
 - (i) $\vec{r} \times \text{grad } f(r) = 0$
 - (ii) $\text{div}(r^n \vec{r}) = (n+3)r^n$
- ❖ Verify Gauss divergence theorem for $\vec{F} = xy\hat{i} + z^2\hat{j} + 2yz\hat{k}$, on the tetrahedron $x = y = z = 0, x + y + z = 1$

1994

- ❖ If $\vec{F} = y\hat{i} + (x - 2xz)\hat{j} - xy\hat{k}$, evaluate $\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \hat{n} dS$.

1993

- ❖ Evaluate $\iint_S \nabla \times \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds$, where S is the upper half surface of the unit sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ and $\vec{F} = z\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + y\hat{k}$.

1992

- ❖ If $\vec{f}(x, y, z) = (y^2 + z^2)\hat{i} + (z^2 + x^2)\hat{j} + (x^2 + y^2)\hat{k}$ then calculate $\int_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{x}$ where 'C' consists of

- (i) The line segment from (0,0,0) to (1,1,1)
- (ii) The three line segments AB, BC and CD, where A, B, C and D are respectively the points (0,0,0), (1,0,0), (1,1,0) and (1,1,1)
- (iii) The curve $\vec{x} = u\hat{i} + u^2\hat{j} + u^3\hat{k}$, u from 0 to 1.

- ❖ If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are constant vectors, show that
 - (i) $\text{div}\{\vec{x} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{x})\} = -2\vec{x} \cdot \vec{a}$
 - (ii) $\text{div}\{(\vec{a} \times \vec{x}) \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{x})\} = 2\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{x}) - 2\vec{b} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{x})$

1991

- ❖ If ϕ be a scalar point function and F be a vector point function, show that the components of F normal and tangential to surface $\phi = 0$ at any point there of are $\frac{(F \cdot \nabla \phi) \nabla \phi}{(\nabla \phi)^2}$ and $\frac{\nabla \phi \times (F \times \nabla \phi)}{(\nabla \phi)^2}$
- ❖ Find the value of $\int \text{curl } F \cdot d\vec{S}$ taken over the portion of the surface $x^2 + y^2 - 2ax + az = 0$, for which $z \geq 0$, when $F = (y^2 + z^2 - x^2)\hat{i} + (z^2 + x^2 - y^2)\hat{j} + (x^2 + y^2 - z^2)\hat{k}$.

1989

- ❖ Define the curl of a vector point function
- ❖ Prove that $\nabla \times \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r^2} \right) = 0$ where $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$ and $r = |\vec{r}|$.

1988

- ❖ Define the divergence of a vector point function, prove that $\text{div}(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) = \vec{v} \cdot \text{curl } \vec{u} - \vec{u} \cdot \text{curl } \vec{v}$. (1986)
- ❖ Using Gauss divergence theorem, evaluate $\iint_S (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z^2\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{n} ds$ where S is the closed surface bounded by the cone $x^2 + y^2 = z$ and the plane $z=1$ and \hat{n} is the outward unit normal to S.

1987

- ❖ Show that for a vector field \vec{f} , $\text{curl}(\text{curl } \vec{f}) = \text{grad}(\text{div } \vec{f}) - \nabla^2 \vec{f}$.

- ❖ If \vec{r} is the position vector to a point whose distance

from the origin is r , prove that $\text{div } \vec{f} = 0$ if $\vec{f} = \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3}$.

- ❖ Prove that for a three vectors $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$

$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{b}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) - \vec{c}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$ and explain its geometric meaning. (1990)

1986

- ❖ Let \vec{a}, \vec{b} be given vectors in the three dimensional

Euclidean space E_3 and let $\phi(\vec{x})$ be a scalar field of the vectors \vec{x} also of E_3 .

If $\phi(\vec{x}) = (\vec{x} \times \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} \times \vec{b})$, show that grad

$$\phi(\vec{x}) = \vec{b} \times (\vec{x} \times \vec{a}) + \vec{a} \times (\vec{x} \times \vec{b}).$$

- ❖ If \vec{f}, \vec{g} are two vector fields in E_3 and if 'div',

'curl' are defined on an open set $S \subset E_3$ show that

$$\text{div}(\vec{f} \times \vec{g}) = \vec{g} \cdot \text{curl } \vec{f} - \vec{f} \cdot \text{curl } \vec{g}. \quad (1988)$$

1985

- ❖ If P, Q, R are points (3, -2, -1), (1, 3, 4), (2, 1, -2) respectively. Find the distance from P to the plane OQR, where 'O' is the origin.

- ❖ Find the angle between the tangents to the curve

$$\vec{r} = t^2 \hat{i} - 2t \hat{j} + t^3 \hat{k} \quad \text{at the points } t=1 \text{ and } t=2$$

- ❖ Find $\text{div } F$ and $\text{curl } F$, where

$$F = \nabla(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)$$

1983

- ❖ Prove that $\text{curl}(\text{curl } F) = \text{grad div } F - \nabla^2 F$.

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PREVIOUS YEARS QUESTIONS (2019-2000)

SEGMENT-WISE

VECTOR ANALYSIS

(ACCORDING TO THE NEW SYLLABUS PATTERN) PAPER - I

2019

- ❖ Let $\vec{r} = \vec{r}(s)$ represent a space curve. Find $\frac{d^3\vec{r}}{ds^3}$ in terms of \vec{T}, \vec{N} and \vec{B} , where \vec{T}, \vec{N} and \vec{B} , represent tangent, principal normal and binormal respectively. Compute $\frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} \cdot \left(\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{ds^2} \times \frac{d^3\vec{r}}{ds^3} \right)$ in terms of radius of curvature and the torsion. (08)
- ❖ Evaluate $\int_{(0,0)}^{(2,1)} (10x^4 - 2xy^3)dx - 3x^2y^2dy$ along the path $x^4 - 6xy^3 = 4y^2$. (08)
- ❖ Verify Stoke's theorem for $\vec{V} = (2x - y)\hat{i} - yz^2\hat{j} - y^2z\hat{k}$, where S is the upper half surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ and C is its boundary. (10)
- ❖ Derive the Frenet-Serret formula. Verify the same for the space curve $x = 3 \cos t, y = 3 \sin t, z = 4t$. (10)
- ❖ Derive $\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$ in spherical coordinates and compute $\nabla^2 \left(\frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right)$ in spherical coordinates. (15)

2018

- ❖ If $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ and $f(r)$ is differentiable, show that $\text{div}[f(r)\vec{r}] = rf'(r) + 3f(r)$. Hence or

otherwise show that $\text{div}\left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3}\right) = 0$. (08)

- ❖ Show that $\vec{F} = (2xy + z^3)\hat{i} + x^2\hat{j} + 3xz^2\hat{k}$ is a conservative force. Hence, find the scalar potential. Also find the work done in moving a particle of unit mass in the force field from (1, -2, 1) to (3, 1, 4). (15)
- ❖ Let α be a unit-speed curve in \mathbf{R}^3 with constant curvature and zero torsion. Show that α is (part of) a circle. (10)
- ❖ For a curve lying on a sphere of radius a and such that the torsion is never 0, show that $\left(\frac{1}{\kappa}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\kappa'}{\kappa^2\tau}\right)^2 = a^2$. (10)

2017

- ❖ Prove that $\nabla^2 r^n = n(n+1)r^{n-2}$ and that $r^n\vec{r}$ is irrotational, where $r = |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$. (8)
- ❖ Using Stokes' theorem, evaluate $\oint_C [(x+y)dx + (2x-z)dy + (y+z)dz]$, where C is the boundary of the triangle with vertices at (2, 0, 0), (0, 3, 0) and (0, 0, 6). (15)
- ❖ Evaluate $\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{f}) \cdot \hat{n} dS$, where S is the surface of the cone, $z = 2 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ above xy-plane and $\vec{f} = (x-z)\hat{i} + (x^3 + yz)\hat{j} - 3xy^2\hat{k}$. (10)
- ❖ Find the curvature and torsion of the circular helix $\vec{r} = a(\cos \theta, \sin \theta, \theta \cot \beta)$,

β is the constant angle at which it cuts its generators. (10)

- ❖ If the tangent to a curve makes a constant angle α , with a fixed line, then prove that $k \cos \alpha \pm \tau \sin \alpha = 0$.

Conversely, if $\frac{k}{\tau}$ is constant, then show that the tangent makes a constant angle with a fixed direction. (10)

2016

- ❖ If E be the solid bounded by the xy plane and the paraboloid $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$, then evaluate $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}$

where S is the surface bounding the volume E and $\vec{F} = (zx \sin yz + x^3)\hat{i} + \cos yz\hat{j} + (3zy^2 - e^{x^2+y^2})\hat{k}$.

(8)

- ❖ Evaluate $\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \hat{n} dS$ for

$\vec{F} = (2x - y)\hat{i} - yz^2\hat{j} - y^2z\hat{k}$ where S is the upper half surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ bounded by its projection on the xy plane. (10)

- ❖ State Stokes' theorem. Verify the Stokes' theorem for the function $\vec{F} = x\hat{i} + z\hat{j} + 2y\hat{k}$, where c is the curve obtained by the intersection of the plane $z = x$ and the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and S is the surface inside the intersected one. (15)

- ❖ Prove that $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}$, if and only if either $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$ or \vec{c} is collinear with \vec{a} or \vec{b} is perpendicular to both \vec{a} and \vec{c} . (10)

2015

- ❖ Find the curvature and torsion of the curve $x = a \cos t, y = a \sin t, z = bt$. (8)

- ❖ Examine if the vector field defined by $\vec{F} = 2xyz^3\hat{i} + x^2z^3\hat{j} + 3x^2yz^2\hat{k}$ is irrotational. If so, find the scalar potential ϕ such that $\vec{F} = \text{grad } \phi$. (10)

- ❖ Using divergence theorem, evaluate

$$\iiint_S (x^3 dydz + x^2 ydzdx + x^2 zdydx)$$

where S is the surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$. (15)

- ❖ If $\vec{F} = y\hat{i} + (x - 2xz)\hat{j} - xy\hat{k}$, evaluate

$$\iiint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \hat{n} dS, \text{ where S is the surface of the sphere } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2 \text{ above the xy-plane. (10)}$$

2014

- ❖ For three vectors show that:

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + \vec{b} \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) + \vec{c} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \vec{0} \quad (8)$$

- ❖ For the vector $\vec{A} = \frac{x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ examine if \vec{A} is an irrotational vector. Then determine ϕ such that $\vec{A} = \nabla \phi$. (10)

- ❖ Evaluate $\iint_S \nabla \times \vec{A} \cdot \vec{n} dS$ for

$\vec{A} = (x^2 + y - 4)\hat{i} + 3xy\hat{j} + (2xz + z^2)\hat{k}$ and S is the surface of hemisphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 16$ above xy plane. (15)

- ❖ Verify the divergence theorem for $\vec{A} = 4x\hat{i} - 2y^2\hat{j} + z^2\hat{k}$ over the region

$$x^2 + y^2 = 4, z = 0, z = 3. \quad (15)$$

2013

- ❖ \vec{F} being a vector, prove that

$$\text{curl curl } \vec{F} = \text{grad div } \vec{F} - \nabla^2 \vec{F}$$

$$\text{where } \nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}. \quad (8)$$

- ❖ Evaluate $\int_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}$,

$$\text{where } \vec{F} = 4x\hat{i} - 2y^2\hat{j} + z^2\hat{k}$$

and S is the surface bounding the region

$$x^2 + y^2 = 4, z = 0 \text{ and } z = 3. \quad (13)$$

- ❖ Verify the Divergence theorem for the vector function
 $\vec{F} = (x^2 - yz)\vec{i} + (y^2 - xz)\vec{j} + (z^2 - xy)\vec{k}$
 taken over the rectangular parallelepiped
 $0 \leq x \leq a, 0 \leq y \leq b, 0 \leq z \leq c$. (14)

2012

- ❖ If $u = x + y + z$, $v = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$, $w = yz + zx + xy$, prove that $\text{grad } u$, $\text{grad } v$ and $\text{grad } w$ are coplanar. (8)
- ❖ Find the value of $\iint_S (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{s}$ taken over the upper portion of the surface $x^2 + y^2 - 2ax + az = 0$ and the bounding curve lies in the plane $z = 0$, when
 $\vec{F} = (y^2 + z^2 - x)\vec{i} + (z^2 + x^2 - y^2)\vec{j} + (x^2 + y^2 - z^2)\vec{k}$. (10)
- ❖ Find the value of the line integral over a circular path given by $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$, $z = 0$ where the vector field, $\vec{F} = (\sin y)\vec{i} + x(1 + \cos y)\vec{j}$. (10)

2011

- ❖ Verify Green's theorem in the plane to $\oint_C [(3x^2 - 8y^2)dx + (4y - 6xy)dy]$.
 Where C is the boundary of the region enclosed by the curves $y = \sqrt{x}$ and $y = x^2$. (10)
- ❖ The position vector \vec{r} of a particle of mass 2 units at any time t , referred to fixed origin and axes, is
 $\vec{r} = (t^2 - 2t)\vec{i} + \left(\frac{1}{2}t^2 + 1\right)\vec{j} + \frac{1}{2}t^2\vec{k}$,
 At time $t = 1$, find its kinetic energy, angular momentum, time rate of change of angular momentum and the moment of the resultant force, acting at the particle, about the origin. (10)
- ❖ Find the curvature, torsion and the relation between the arc length S and parameter u for the curve:
 $\vec{r} = \vec{r}(u) = 2 \log_e u \vec{i} + 4u \vec{j} + (2u^2 + 1)\vec{k}$ (10)

- ❖ Prove the vector identity:
 $\text{curl}(\vec{f} \times \vec{g}) = \vec{f} \text{div } \vec{g} - \vec{g} \text{div } \vec{f} + (\vec{g} \cdot \nabla)\vec{f} - (\vec{f} \cdot \nabla)\vec{g}$
 and verify it for the vectors $\vec{f} = x\vec{i} + z\vec{j} + y\vec{k}$
 and $\vec{g} = y\vec{i} + z\vec{k}$. (10)

- ❖ Evaluate the line integral $\oint_C (\sin x dx + y^2 dy - dz)$, where C is the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 16$, $z = 3$, by using Stokes' theorem. (10)

2010

- ❖ Find the directional derivation of \vec{V}^2 , Where,
 $\vec{V} = xy^2\vec{i} + zy^2\vec{j} + xz^2\vec{k}$ at the point $(2, 0, 3)$ in the direction of the outward normal to the surface $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 14$ at the point $(3, 2, 1)$ (8)
- ❖ (1) Show that $\vec{F} = (2xy + z^2)\vec{i} + x^2\vec{j} + 3z^2x\vec{k}$ is a conservative field. Find its scalar potential and also the work done in moving a particle from $(1, -2, 1)$ to $(3, 1, 4)$.
- (2) Show that, $\nabla^2 f(r) = \left(\frac{2}{r}\right)f'(r) + f''(r)$,
 Where $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$. (10)
- ❖ Use divergence theorem to evaluate, $\iiint_S (x^3 dy dz + x^2 y dz dx + x^2 z dy dx)$, Where S is the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$. (10)

- ❖ If $\vec{A} = 2y\vec{i} - z\vec{j} - x^2\vec{k}$ and S is the surface of the parabolic cylinder $y^2 = 8x$ in the first octant bounded by the planes $y = 4$, $z = 6$, evaluate the surface integral, $\iint_S \vec{A} \cdot \hat{n} d\vec{S}$. (10)
- ❖ Use Green's theorem in a plane to evaluate the integral, $\int_C [(2x^2 - y^2)dx + (x^2 + y^2)dy]$ where C is the boundary of the surface in the xy - plane enclosed by, $y = 0$ and the semi-circle, $y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$. (10)

2009

- ❖ Verify Green's theorem in the plane for $\oint_C [(xy + y^2)dx + x^2dy]$ where C is the closed curve of the region bounded by $y = x$ and $y = x^2$. (10)

- ❖ Show that $\vec{A} = (6xy + z^3)\hat{i} + (3x^2 - z)\hat{j} + (3xz^2 - y)\hat{k}$ is irrotational. Find a scalar function ϕ such that $\vec{A} = \text{grad } \phi$. (10)

- ❖ Let $\psi(x, y, z)$ be a scalar function. Find $\text{grad } \psi$ and $\nabla^2 \psi$ in spherical coordinates. (8)

- ❖ Verify Stokes theorem for $\vec{A} = (y - z + 2)\hat{i} + (yz + 4)\hat{j} - xz\hat{k}$ Where S is the surface of the cube $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0, x = 2, y = 2, z = 2$ above the xy-plane. (12)

- ❖ Show that, if $\vec{r} = x(s)\hat{i} + y(s)\hat{j} + z(s)\hat{k}$ is a space curve, $\frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} \cdot \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{ds^2} \times \frac{d^3\vec{r}}{ds^3} = \frac{\tau}{\rho^2}$, where τ is the torsion and ρ the radius of curvature (10)

2008

- ❖ Show that $\oint_S \frac{ds}{\sqrt{a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2}} = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{abc}}$,

Where S is the surface of the ellipsoid $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$ (10)

- ❖ Find the unit vector along the normal to the surface $z = x^2 + y^2$ at the point $(-1, -2, 5)$. (10)

- ❖ Prove that the necessary and sufficient condition for the vector function \vec{V} of the scalar variable t to have constant magnitude is $\vec{V} \cdot \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} = 0$. (10)

- ❖ If $\vec{F} = 2x^2\hat{i} - 4yz\hat{j} + zx\hat{k}$, evaluate $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds$

Where S is the surface of the cube bounded by the planes $x = 0, x = 1, y = 0, y = 1, z = 0, z = 1$.

2007

- ❖ Evaluate $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ Where

$$\vec{F} = C[-3a \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta \hat{i} + a(2 \sin \theta - 3 \sin^3 \theta) \hat{j} + b \sin 2\theta \hat{k}]$$

and the curve C is given by $\vec{r} = a \cos \theta \hat{i} + a \sin \theta \hat{j} + b \theta \hat{k}$ θ varying from $\pi/4$ to $\pi/2$. (10)

- ❖ Show that $\text{curl} \left(\frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{r}}{r^3} \right) = -\frac{\vec{a}}{r^3} + \frac{3\vec{r}}{r^3} (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r})$ Where \vec{a} is a constant vector and $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ (10)

- ❖ Find the curvature and torsion at any point of the curve $x = a \cos 2t, y = a \sin 2t, z = 2a \sin t$. (10)

- ❖ Evaluate the surface integral $\int_S (yz\hat{i} + zx\hat{j} + xy\hat{k}) \cdot d\vec{a}$,

Where S is the surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ in the first octant. (10)

- ❖ Apply Stokes theorem to Prove that $\int_C (ydx + zdy + xdz) = -2\sqrt{2}\pi a^2$,

Where C is the curve given by $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2ax - 2ay = 0, x + y = 2a$. (10)

2006

- ❖ If $\vec{f} = 3xy\hat{i} - y^2\hat{j}$, determine the value of $\int_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r}$,

Where C is the curve $y = 2x^2$ in the xy-plane from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 2)$. (10)

- ❖ If $u\vec{f} = \nabla V$ Where u, v are scalar fields and \vec{f} is a vector field, find the value of $\vec{f} \cdot \text{curl } \vec{f}$. (10)

- ❖ If O be the origin, A, B two fixed points and P(x, y, z) a variable point, show that $\text{curl}(\overrightarrow{PA} \times \overrightarrow{PB}) = 2(\overrightarrow{AB})$. (10)

- ❖ Using stokes theorem, determine the value of the integral $\int_{\Gamma} (y \, dx + z \, dy + x \, dz)$, Where Γ is the curve defined by $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$, $x + z = a$ (10)

- ❖ Prove that the cylindrical coordinate system is orthogonal (10)

2005

- ❖ For the curve $\vec{r} = a(3t - t^3)\vec{i} + 3at^2\vec{j} + a(3t + t^3)\vec{k}$,

a being a constant. Show that the radius of curvature is equal to its radius of torsion (10)

- ❖ Find $f(r)$ if $f(r)\vec{r}$ is both solenoidal and irrotational. (10)

- ❖ Evaluate $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$ Where $\vec{F} = yz\vec{i} + zx\vec{j} + xy\vec{k}$

and 'S' is the part of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$

that lies in the first octant. (10)

- ❖ Verify the divergence theorem for $\vec{F} = 4x\vec{i} - 2y^2\vec{j} + z^2\vec{k}$ taken over the region

bounded by $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, $z = 0$ and $z = 3$. (10)

- ❖ By using vector methods, find an equation for the tangent plane to the surface $z = x^2 + y^2$ at the point (1, -1, 2). (10)

2004

- ❖ Evaluate $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ for the field $\vec{F} = \text{grad}(xy^2z^3)$

Where C is the ellipse in which the plane $z = 2x + 3y$ cuts the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 12$ counter clockwise as viewed from the positive end of the z-axis looking towards the origin. (10)

- ❖ Show that $\text{div}(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{B} \cdot \text{curl} \vec{A} - \vec{A} \cdot \text{curl} \vec{B}$ (10)

- ❖ Evaluate $\text{Curl} \left[\frac{(2\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 3\vec{k}) \times \vec{r}}{r^n} \right]$

Where $\vec{r} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$ and $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$.

(10)

- ❖ Evaluate $\iiint_S (x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}) \cdot \vec{n} \, ds$. Where S is the

surface $x + y + z = 1$ lying in the first octant. (10)

- ❖ Express $\nabla^2 u$ in spherical polar coordinates. (10)

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- ❖ Find the expression for curvature and torsion at a point on the curve

$$x = a \cos \theta, y = a \sin \theta, z = a \theta \cot \beta. \quad (10)$$

- ❖ If \vec{r} is the position vector of the point (x, y, z) with

respect to the origin, prove that

$$\nabla^2 f(r) = f''(r) + \frac{2}{r} f'(r). \text{ Find } f(r) \text{ such that}$$

$$\nabla^2 f(r) = 0 \quad (10)$$

- ❖ If \vec{F} is solenoidal, Prove that

$$\text{curl curl curl curl } \vec{F} = \nabla^4 \vec{F} \quad (10)$$

- ❖ Verify stoke's Theorem when

$$\vec{F} = (2xy - x^2)\vec{i} - (x^2 - y^2)\vec{j} \text{ \& } C$$

is the boundary of the region closed by the parabolas $y^2 = x$ and $x^2 = y$. (10)

- ❖ Express $\nabla \times \vec{F}$ and $\nabla^2 \phi$ in cylindrical coordinates. (10)

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- ❖ Find the curvature and torsion of the curve, $x = \frac{2t+1}{t-1}$, $y = \frac{t^2}{t-1}$, $z = t+2$. Interpret your answer. (10)

- ❖ State stoke's theorem and then verify if for

$$\vec{A} = (x^2 + 1)\vec{i} + xy\vec{j} \text{ integrated round the square}$$

in the plane $z = 0$ whose sides are along the lines. $x = 0, y = 0, x = 1, y = 1$. (10)

- ❖ Prove that

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

$$(ii) \operatorname{curl} \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{r}}{r^3} = -\frac{\vec{a}}{r^3} + \frac{3\vec{r}}{r^3}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r}),$$

$$\vec{a} = \text{const ant vector.} \quad (10)$$

- ❖ Show that if $A \neq \vec{0}$ and both of the conditions

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{C} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \vec{A} \times \vec{C} \quad \text{hold simultaneously}$$

then $\vec{B} = \vec{C}$ but if only one of these conditions

holds then $\vec{B} \neq \vec{C}$ necessarily. (10)

- ❖ Prove the following

(i) If u_1, u_2, u_3 are general coordinates, then

$$\frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_1} \times \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_2} \times \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_3} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{\nabla} u_1, \vec{\nabla} u_2, \vec{\nabla} u_3 \quad \text{are reciprocal}$$

system of vectors.

$$(ii) \left(\frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_1} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_2} \times \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u_3} \right) (\vec{\nabla} u_1 \cdot \vec{\nabla} u_2 \times \vec{\nabla} u_3) = 1 \quad (10)$$

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- ❖ Find an equation for the plane passing through the points $P_1(3, 1, -2)$, $P_2(-1, 2, 4)$, $P_3(2, -1, 1)$ by

using vector method. (10)

- ❖ Prove that $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{A}) = -\nabla^2 \vec{A} + \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{A})$ (10)

- ❖ If $\nabla \cdot \vec{E}, \nabla \cdot \vec{H}, \nabla \times \vec{E} = \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t}, \nabla \times \vec{H} = \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$ Show that

$$\vec{E} \text{ \& } \vec{H} \text{ satisfy } \nabla^2 u = -\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \quad (10)$$

- ❖ Given the space Curve $x = t, y = t^2, z = \frac{2}{3}t^3$.

Find (1) the curvature ρ (2) the torsion τ . (10)

- ❖ If $F = (y^2 + z^2 - x^2)i + (z^2 + x^2 - y^2)j + (x^2 + y^2 - z^2)k$,

evaluate $\iint_S \operatorname{curl} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \, ds$, taken over the portion

of the surface $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2ax + az = 0$ above the plane $z = 0$ and verify stokes theorem. (10)

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- ❖ Prove the identities:

(1) $\operatorname{Curl} \operatorname{grad} \phi = 0$, (2) $\operatorname{div} \operatorname{curl} f = 0$

If $\vec{OA} = ai, \vec{OB} = aj, \vec{OC} = ak$ form three

coterminous edges of a cube and s denotes the surface of the cube, evaluate

$$\int_s \{ (x^3 - yz)i - 2x^2 yj + 2k \} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds \text{ by expressing it}$$

as volume integral, Where \vec{n} is the unit outward normal to ds . (20)
