

Quiz - 3: Scalar and Vector Fields	
CLO-1: Interpret the consequences of del (nabla) operator on scalar and vector fields.	
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Question: For the vector field, $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle z, y, x \rangle$ and the scalar field $g(x, y, z) = x + y + z$, verify the identity: $\nabla \times (g\mathbf{F}) = g(\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) + \nabla g \times \mathbf{F}$.

Note: You are required to show details of your work to get maximum marks.

Solution: $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle z, y, x \rangle$

$$g(x, y, z) = x + y + z$$

$$g\vec{F} = (x+y+z) \langle z, y, x \rangle$$

$$= \langle xz + yz + z^2, xy + y^2 + yz, x^2 + xy + xz \rangle$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (g\vec{F}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ xz + yz + z^2 & xy + y^2 + yz & x^2 + xy + xz \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i} [x - y] - \hat{j} [2x + y + z - x - 2z] + \hat{k} [y - z]$$

$$= \langle x - y, z - x, y - z \rangle \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ z & y & x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \langle 0, -(1 - 1), 0 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle = \vec{0} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$g(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) = (x+y+z) \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle \text{ [using (i)]}$$

$$= \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle \rightarrow (ii)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} g = \langle g_x, g_y, g_z \rangle$$

$$= \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{\nabla} g \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \langle x-y, z-x, y-z \rangle \rightarrow (iii)$$

Adding (ii) + (iii)

$$g(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) + \vec{\nabla} g \times \vec{F} = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle + \langle x-y, z-x, y-z \rangle$$

$$= \langle x-y, z-x, y-z \rangle \rightarrow (2)$$

From (1) + (2)

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (g\vec{F}) = g(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) + \vec{\nabla} g \times \vec{F}.$$

Hence proved.