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**VECTOR CALCULUS, LAPLACE TRANSFORM AND NUMERICAL METHODS (22MA21A)**

**UNIT 1: VECTOR DIFFERENTIATION**

**TUTORIAL SHEET-1**

1. If  $\phi(x, y, z) = xy^2z^3 - x^3y^2z$ , then  $|\nabla\phi|$  at  $(1, -1, 1)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans:**  $2\sqrt{2}$

2. The maximum directional derivative of  $\phi(x, y, z) = x^2y + yz^2 - xz^3$  at  $(-1, 2, 1)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans:**  $\sqrt{78}$

3. If  $\phi(x, y, z) = x^2 + \sin y + z$  then  $|\nabla\phi|$  at  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2}, 1)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans:**  $\hat{k}$

4. Find the unit normal vector to the surface  $\phi(x, y, z) = x^2y + y^2z + xz^2 - 5$  at the point  $(1, -1, 2)$ .

**Ans:**  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{38}}(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$

5. Find the constants  $a$  and  $b$  so that the surface  $3x^2 - 2y^2 - 3z^2 + 8 = 0$  is orthogonal to the surface  $ax^2 + y^2 = bz$  at the point  $(-1, 2, 1)$ .

**Ans:**  $a = \frac{4}{9}, b = \frac{40}{9}$

7. Find the directional derivative of  $\phi(x, y, z) = xyz - xy^2z^3$  at  $(1, 2, -1)$  in the direction of  $\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ .

**Ans:**  $\frac{29}{\sqrt{11}}$



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**TUTORIAL SHEET-2**

1. If  $\vec{f} = 3x^2\hat{i} + 5xy^2\hat{j} + xyz^3\hat{k}$  then find  $\text{div } \vec{f}$  at  $(1, 2, 3)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans: 80**

2. If  $\vec{f} = (y^2 + z^2 - x^2)\hat{i} + (z^2 + x^2 - y^2)\hat{j} + (x^2 + y^2 - z^2)\hat{k}$  then find  $\text{div } \vec{f}$  and  $\text{curl } \vec{f}$

**Ans:  $\text{div } \vec{f} = -2(x + y + z)$   $\text{curl } \vec{f} = 2[(y - z)\hat{i} + (z - x)\hat{j} + (x - y)\hat{k}]$**

3. Show that the vector field  $\vec{f} = (x + 3y)\hat{i} + (y - 3z)\hat{j} + (x - 2z)\hat{k}$  is solenoidal.

4. Determine the constant  $a$  such that the vector field  $\vec{f} = 3x\hat{i} + (x + y)\hat{j} - az\hat{k}$  is solenoidal.

**Ans: 4**

5. If  $\vec{f} = x^2\hat{i} + y^2\hat{j} + z^2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{g} = yz\hat{i} + xz\hat{j} + xy\hat{k}$  then show that  $\vec{f} \times \vec{g}$  is solenoidal.

6. If  $\vec{f} = (2x + 3y + az)\hat{i} + (bx + 2y + 3z)\hat{j} + (2x + cy + 3z)\hat{k}$  is irrotational vector field, then find the constants  $a, b, c$ .

**Ans:  $a = 2, b = 3, c = 3$**

7. If  $\phi = x^2y + 2xy + z^2$  then show that  $|\nabla\phi|$  is irrotational.

8. If  $\phi = x^2 - y^2$  then show that  $\phi$  satisfies the Laplacian equation.

9. If  $\phi = 2x^2yz^3$  then find  $\nabla^2\phi$  at  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

**Ans: 1**

10. If  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  and  $r = |\vec{r}|$  then show that  $r^n\vec{r}$  is irrotational for all values of  $n$  and solenoidal for  $n = -3$ .

11. Show that  $\vec{f} = (6xy + z^3)\hat{i} + (3x^2 - z)\hat{j} + (3xz^2 - y)\hat{k}$  is irrotational. Find the function  $\phi$  such that  $\vec{f} = \nabla\phi$ .

**Ans:  $\phi = 3x^2y + xz^3 - yz$ .**



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**TUTORIAL SHEET-3**

1. Compute the gradient of the scalar potentials
  - a)  $f = rz \cos \theta$  in the cylindrical coordinate system  $(r, \theta, z)$ .
  - b)  $f = r^2 \sin 2\theta \sin \phi$  in the spherical coordinates  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ .
  - c)  $f = r^2 + 2r \cos \theta - e^z \sin \theta$  in the cylindrical coordinate system  $(r, \theta, z)$ .
  - d)  $f = 3r^2 \sin \theta + e^r \cos \phi - r$  in the spherical coordinates  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ .
  - e)  $f = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$  in the spherical coordinates  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ .
  - f)  $g = \frac{zr^3}{\cos \theta}$  in the cylindrical coordinate system  $(r, \theta, z)$ .
2. If  $\vec{F} = r^2 \cos \theta \hat{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \hat{e}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \hat{e}_\phi$  in the spherical coordinates  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ , determine  $\text{div } \vec{F}$  and  $\text{curl } \vec{F}$ .
3. Prove that  $\vec{F} = rz \sin 2\theta \left( \hat{e}_r + \cot 2\theta \hat{e}_\theta + \frac{r}{2z} \hat{e}_z \right)$  is irrotational in the cylindrical coordinate system  $(r, \theta, z)$ .
4. Prove that  $\vec{F} = \frac{\cos \theta}{r^3} \left( \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \hat{e}_r - \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \frac{1}{r} \hat{e}_\theta + r^4 \hat{e}_\phi \right)$  is solenoidal in spherical coordinates  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ .
5. Show that  $\nabla^2 f = 2r^2 \cos \theta$ , if  $f = r^2 z^2 \cos 2\theta$ .
6. Show that  $\vec{F} = \frac{2 \cos \theta}{r^3} \hat{e}_r + \frac{\sin \theta}{r^3} \hat{e}_\theta$  is solenoidal in spherical coordinates  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ .
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