



VECTOR CALCULUS, LAPLACE TRANSFORM & NUMERICAL METHODS
(MA221TA)
UNIT-I

VECTOR DIFFERENTIATION

TUTORIAL SHEET-1

1. If \vec{f} is a vector function with constant magnitude then $\vec{f} \cdot \frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ ans: 0

2. The displacement of a particle moving along a path is given by $x = (1 - t^3)$, $y = (1 + t^2)$, $z = (2t - 5)$ the magnitude of velocity vector at $t = 1$ second is _____
ans: $\sqrt{17}$

3. The temperature at a point (x, y, z) in space is given by $T(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z$. A mosquito located at $(1, 1, 2)$ desires to fly in such a direction that it gets cooled faster. Which of the following direction it should fly?
Ans: a) $2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

4. For the curves whose equations are given below, find the unit tangent vectors:

(i) $x = t^2 + 1$, $y = 4t - 3$, $z = 2(t^2 - 3t)$ at $t = 0$.

(ii) $\vec{r} = (a \cos 3t)\hat{i} + (a \sin 3t)\hat{j} + (4at)\hat{k}$ at $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$

ans: (i) $\hat{t} = \frac{(2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})}{\sqrt{13}}$ (ii) $\frac{1}{5\sqrt{2}} \left[-3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\sqrt{2}\hat{k} \right]$

5. A particle moves along the curve $\vec{r} = 2t^2\hat{i} + (t^2 - 4t)\hat{j} + (3t - 5)\hat{k}$. Find the component of velocity and acceleration in the direction of vector $c = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ at $t = 1$.

ans: $\frac{16}{\sqrt{14}}$ & $\frac{-2}{\sqrt{14}}$

6. A person on a hang glider is spiralling upward due to rapidly rising air on a path having position vector $r(t) = (3\cos t)\hat{i} + (3\sin t)\hat{j} + t^2\hat{k}$. Find (a) the velocity and acceleration vectors (b) the glider's speed at any time t .

Ans: $v = (-3\sin t)\hat{i} + (3\cos t)\hat{j} + 2t\hat{k}$; $a = (-3\cos t)\hat{i} + (-3\sin t)\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$;

$|v| = \sqrt{9 + 4t^2}$

7. A Particle move along the curve $x = e^{-t}$, $y = 2 \cos 3t$, $z = 2 \sin 3t$, where t is the time. Determine its velocity and acceleration vectors and also the magnitude of velocity and acceleration at $t=0$.

Ans: $\sqrt{37}, \sqrt{13}$



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TUTORIAL SHEET-2

1. If $\phi(x, y, z) = xy^2z^3 - x^3y^2z$, then $|\nabla\phi|$ at $(1, -1, 1) =$ _____. 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 $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}, 1\right)$ is _____. Ans: \hat{k}
4. Find the unit normal vector to the surface $\phi(x, y, z) = x^2y + y^2z + z^2x = 5$ at the point $(1, -1, 2)$.
ans: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{38}}(2i - 3j + 5k)$
5. Show that the surfaces $4x^2 - z^3 = 4$ and $5x^2 - 2yz = 7x$ intersect orthogonally at the point $(1, -1, -2)$.
6. 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: $a = 4/9, b = 40/9$
7. Find a and b such that the surfaces $ax^2 - bxyz = (a + 2)x$ and $4x^{2y} + z^3 = 4$ cut orthogonally at $(1, -1, 2)$. Ans: $a = 5/2, b = 1$
8. Find the directional derivative of $\phi(x, y, z) = xyz - xy^2z^3$ at $(1, 2, -1)$ in the direction of $i - j - 3k$. Ans: $29/\sqrt{11}$
9. Find the directional derivation of $x^2y^2z^2$ at the point $(1, -1, 1)$ in the direction of the tangent to the curve $x = e^t, y = \sin 2t + 1, z = 1 - \cos t$ at $t = 0$
Ans: $i + 2j, \frac{6}{\sqrt{5}}$



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TUTORIAL SHEET-3

1. If $\phi = 3x^2y - y^3z^2$, $\text{grad } \phi$ at the point (1, -2, -1) is _____. Ans: - (12i+5j+8k)
2. If $\vec{f} = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$ then $\text{div } (\text{grad } f)$ is equal to _____. Ans: 0
3. 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). ans: 80
2. Find 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 $\text{div } \vec{f}, \text{curl } \vec{f}$
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
 $\vec{f} = (x + 3y)\hat{i} + (y - 2z)\hat{j} + (x - az)\hat{k}$ is solenoidal. ans: 2
5. If $\vec{f} = x^2\hat{i} + y^2\hat{j} + z^2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{g} = yz\hat{i} + zx\hat{j} + xy\hat{k}$ 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 ϕ satisfies the Laplacian equation.
9. If $\phi = 2x^2yz^3$ then find $\nabla^2 \phi$ at (1, 1, 1). Ans: 16
10. If $\vec{r} = xi + yj + zk$ 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 ϕ such that $\vec{f} = \text{grad } \phi$. Ans: $\phi = 3x^2y + xz^3 - yz$.

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TUTORIAL SHEET-4

I Find gradient and Laplacian of

1. $\psi = r^2 \sin 2\theta \sin \phi$ in spherical coordinates (r, θ, ϕ)
2. $f = \rho^2 + 2\rho \cos \phi - e^z \sin \phi$ in cylindrical coordinates (ρ, ϕ, z)

II Find divergence of

1. $\vec{f} = r^2 \hat{e}_r - 2\cos^2 \phi \hat{e}_\theta + \frac{\phi}{r^2+1} \hat{e}_\phi$ in spherical coordinates (r, θ, ϕ) .
2. $\vec{A} = z[\sin \theta \hat{e}_r + \cos \theta \hat{e}_\theta] - r \cos \theta \hat{e}_z$ in cylindrical coordinates (r, θ, z) . Hence interpret the result.

III Find curl of

1. $\vec{f} = \rho z \sin 2\theta \hat{e}_\rho + \rho z \cos 2\theta \hat{e}_\theta - \frac{\rho^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2} \hat{e}_z$ in cylindrical coordinates (ρ, θ, z) . Hence interpret the result.
2. $\vec{A} = \frac{2\cos \theta}{\rho^3} \hat{e}_\rho - \frac{\sin \theta}{\rho^3} \hat{e}_\theta$ in spherical coordinates (ρ, θ, ϕ) .