

Vector Differentiation

§ Vector: A vector is a physical quantity which has both magnitude and direction.

Ex: $\vec{a} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$ is a vector.

and its magnitude is denoted by $|\vec{a}|$, and is given by $|\vec{a}| (\text{or}) a = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$.

$$\vec{a} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k} \rightarrow \sqrt{1 + 4 + 9} = \sqrt{14}$$

Scalar point function: If to each point $P(x, y, z)$ of a region E in space there corresponds a scalar denoted by $\phi(x, y, z)$, then $\phi(x, y, z)$ is called a scalar point function.

Eg: 1. Temperature at any instant

2. Density of a body.

3. Potential due to gravitational matter.

Vector point function: If to each point $P(x, y, z)$ there corresponds a definite vector denoted by $\vec{f}(x, y, z)$, then it is called the vector point function.

Eg: 1. The velocity of a moving fluid at any instant.

2. The gravitational intensity of force.

Ex: ① $\phi(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ (Scalar point function)

② $\vec{f}(x, y, z) = x^2\vec{i} + y^2\vec{j} + z^2\vec{k}$

(Vector point function)

Identify the nature of following functions

1. $x^2y^2z^2$ (S.P.F) 3. $(x+2z)\vec{i} + \vec{k}$

2. $x^2y^2\vec{i} - y^2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$ 4. $xy + y^2 + 2x$

Note: Differentiation of a vector point function follows the same rules as those of ordinary calculus.

Vector differential operators - The vector differential operators is denoted by ∇ and is defined as

$$\nabla = \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

Del applied to scalar point function.

Gradient - The gradient of a function ϕ is a vector function denoted by $\nabla \phi$ (or) grad ϕ and defined as

$$\text{grad } \phi \text{ (or) } \nabla \phi = \vec{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

Geometrically, $\nabla \phi$ denotes normal to the surface $\phi(x, y, z) = c$.

Eg:- ①

Note: unit vectors along $\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$

Eg:- ② Find a unit normal vector to the

surface $x^3 + y^3 + 3xyz = 3$ at the point $(1, 2, -1)$

Sol: Given $\overset{\text{surface}}{x^3 + y^3 + 3xyz = 3}$ and $P(1, 2, -1)$

$$\text{Taking value} \Rightarrow x^3 + y^3 + 3xyz - 3 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } \phi(x, y, z) = x^3 + y^3 + 3xyz - 3$$

To find Normal vector

$$\text{Normal Vector} = [\nabla \phi]_P$$

$$\text{By def } \nabla \phi = \bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^3 + y^3 + 3xyz - 3)$$

$$= \cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^3)} + \cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (y^3)} + 3 \cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xyz)} - \cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3)}$$

$$= \underline{3x^2} + 0 + 3yz - 0$$

$$= 3x^2 + 3yz$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = \cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^3)} + \cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y^3)} + 3 \cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xyz)} - \cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3)}$$

$$= 0 + 3y^2 + 3xz - 0$$

$$= 3y^2 + 3xz$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = \cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x^3)} + \cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial z} (y^3)} + 3 \cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial z} (xyz)} - \cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial z} (3)}$$

$$= 0 + 0 + 3xy - 0$$

$$= 3xy$$

$$\therefore \nabla \phi = \bar{i}(3x^2 + 3yz) + \bar{j}(3y^2 + 3xz) + \bar{k}(3xy)$$

\therefore Normal vector at $P = (\nabla \phi)_P(1, 2, -1)$

$$= \bar{i}((3 \cdot 1^2 + 3 \cdot 2 \cdot (-1)) + \bar{j}(3 \cdot 2^2 + 3(1)(-1)) + \bar{k}(3 \cdot 1 \cdot 2)$$

$$= (-3\bar{i} + 9\bar{j} + 6\bar{k})$$

$$\text{unit normal vector} = \frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|} = \frac{-3\bar{i} + 9\bar{j} + 6\bar{k}}{\sqrt{(-3)^2 + 9^2 + 6^2}}$$

$$= \frac{-3\bar{i} + 9\bar{j} + 6\bar{k}}{\sqrt{126}}$$

Eg:- ② Find a unit vector normal to the surface $xy^3z^2 = 4$ at the point $(-1, -1, 2)$

Sol: Given Surface $xy^3z^2 = 4$

$$xy^3z^2 - 4 = 0 \quad \text{and}$$

Let $\phi(x, y, z) = xy^3z^2 - 4$, and $P(-1, -1, 2)$

To find Normal

(i) Normal vector at $P = (\nabla \phi)_P$

$$\text{By def } \nabla \phi = \bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xy^3z^2 - 4)$$

$$= y^3z^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xy^3z^2 - 4) \\ &= 3xyz^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (xy^3z^2 - 4)$$

$$= 2xyz^3$$

$$\therefore \nabla \phi = \bar{i}(y^3z^2) + \bar{j}(3xyz^2) + \bar{k}(2xyz^3)$$

Normal vector at $P = (\nabla \phi)_P(-1, -1, 2)$

$$= \bar{i}(-1^3 \cdot 2^2) + \bar{j}(3 \cdot -1 \cdot -1^2 \cdot 2^2) + \bar{k}(2 \cdot -1 \cdot -1^3 \cdot 2)$$

$$= -4\bar{i} - 12\bar{j} + 4\bar{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{unit normal} &= \frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|} \\
 &= \frac{-4\vec{i} - 12\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}}{\sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-12)^2 + 4^2}} \\
 &= \frac{-4\vec{i} - 12\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}}{\sqrt{176}}
 \end{aligned}$$

③ If $f(x, y, z) = 3x^2y - y^3z^2$, then find grad f at the point $(1, -2, -1)$

Sol: Given $f(x, y, z) = 3x^2y - y^3z^2$
and $P(1, -2, -1)$.

To find grad f at P

$$\text{grad } f = \vec{i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial (3x^2y)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial (y^3z^2)}{\partial x} = 6xy$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial (3x^2y)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial (y^3z^2)}{\partial y} = 3x^2 - 3y^2z^2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial (3x^2y)}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial (y^3z^2)}{\partial z} = -2y^3z$$

$$\text{grad } f = \vec{i}(6xy) + \vec{j}(3x^2 - 3y^2z^2) + \vec{k}(-2y^3z)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\nabla f)_{P(1, -2, -1)} &= \vec{i}(6 \cdot 1 \cdot -2) + \vec{j}(3 \cdot 1^2 - 3 \cdot (-2)^2 \cdot (-1)^2) \\
 &\quad + \vec{k}(-2 \cdot (-2)^3 \cdot (-1))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= -12\vec{i} - 9\vec{j} - 16\vec{k} + 12\vec{i} + 6\vec{x}$$

Ans: $\vec{i} + 9\vec{j} + 16\vec{k}$ ④

(4) Find $\nabla \phi$, if $\phi = \log(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$

Sol: Given $\phi = \log(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} &= \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \\ &= \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} + 0 = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} &= \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \\ &= \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = \frac{2z}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{By def } \nabla \phi &= \bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \\ &= \frac{2x \bar{i}}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \frac{2y \bar{j}}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \frac{2z \bar{k}}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} (2x \bar{i} + 2y \bar{j} + 2z \bar{k})\end{aligned}$$

① Find a unit normal vector to the given surface

$$x^2y + 2xz^2 = 4 \text{ at the point } (2, -2, 3)$$

② Find a unit normal vector to the surface

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2 = 26 \text{ at the point } (2, 2, 3)$$

③ If $f = x^3 + y^3 + 3xy^2 + z^3$ find ∇f at $(1, 2, 3)$.

① Given Surface, $\phi(x, y, z) = x^2y + 2xz - 4$ and

and $P(2, -2, 3)$

To find Normal vectors

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 2xy + 2z \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = x^2 \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 2x \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{By def., } \nabla \phi = \bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = \bar{i}(2xy + 2z) + \bar{j}x^2 + \bar{k}2x.$$

\therefore Normal vector of ϕ at $p = (\nabla \phi)_{P(2, -2, 3)}$

$$(\nabla \phi) = \bar{i}(2 \cdot 2 \cdot -2 + 2 \cdot 3) + \bar{j}(2^2) + \bar{k}2 \cdot 2$$

$$= -2\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 4\bar{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{unit normal vector} &= \frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|} = \frac{-2\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 4\bar{k}}{\sqrt{(-2)^2 + 4^2 + 4^2}} \\ &= \frac{-2\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 4\bar{k}}{\sqrt{36}} = \frac{-\bar{i} + 2\bar{j} + 2\bar{k}}{\sqrt{36}} \end{aligned}$$

② Given Surface $\phi(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2 - 26$ and $P(2, 2, 3)$

To find Normal vectors

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 2x \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 2y \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 4z \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{By def., } \nabla \phi = \bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = \bar{i}2x + \bar{j}2y + \bar{k}4z$$

\therefore Normal vector at $p = (\nabla \phi)_{P(2, 2, 3)}$

$$= 4\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 12\bar{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{unit normal vector at } p &= \frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|} = \frac{4\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 12\bar{k}}{\sqrt{4^2 + 4^2 + 12^2}} \\ &= \frac{4\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 12\bar{k}}{\sqrt{176}} \end{aligned}$$

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③ Given $f = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 3xyz$ at point P

and P(1, 2, 3)

To find grad f

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 3x^2 + 3yz \quad | \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 3y^2 + 3xz \quad | \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 3z^2 + 3xy$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By def. } \text{grad } f &= \bar{i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \\ &= \bar{i}(3x^2 + 3yz) + \bar{j}(3y^2 + 3xz) + \bar{k}(3z^2 + 3xy) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{grad } f)_{P(1, 2, 3)} &= \bar{i}(3 + 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 3) + \bar{j}(3 \cdot 2^2 + 3 \cdot 1 \cdot 3) \\ &\quad + \bar{k}(3 \cdot 3^2 + 3 \cdot 1 \cdot 2) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 21\bar{i} + 21\bar{j} + 33\bar{k}$$

Topic ② Angle between two vectors

Let θ be the angle between two vectors \bar{a} and \bar{b} then ' θ ' is given by.

$$\boxed{\cos \theta = \frac{\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}}{|\bar{a}| |\bar{b}|}}$$

Ex: ① Find the angle between the surfaces

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9 \text{ and } z = x^2 + y^2 - 3 \text{ at } (2, -1, 2).$$

Sol: Given surfaces $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 9 = 0$

$$z - x^2 - y^2 + 3 = 0$$

$$\phi_1(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 9$$

$$\phi_2(x, y, z) = z - x^2 - y^2 + 3$$

and P(2, -1, 2)

Let θ be the angle between ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 .

$$\text{then } \cos \theta = \frac{\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}}{|\bar{a}| |\bar{b}|}$$

To find \bar{a} , $\bar{a} = (\nabla \phi_1)_P$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 9) = 2x$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial y} = 2y \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} = 2z$$

$$\therefore \nabla \phi_1 = \bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} = \bar{i}(2x) + \bar{j}(2y) + \bar{k}(2z)$$

$$\text{Now } \bar{a} = (\nabla \phi_1)_{P(2, -1, 2)}$$

$$= \bar{i}(2 \cdot 2) + \bar{j}(2 \cdot -1) + \bar{k}(2 \cdot 2)$$

$$\boxed{\bar{a} = 4\bar{i} - 2\bar{j} + 4\bar{k}}$$

To find \bar{b} , $\bar{b} = (\nabla \phi_2)_P$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial x} = -2x \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial y} = -2y \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial z} = 1$$

$$\therefore \nabla \phi_2 = \bar{i}(-2x) + \bar{j}(-2y) + \bar{k}(1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{b} &= (\nabla \phi_2)_{P(2, -1, 2)} = \bar{i}(-2 \cdot 2) + \bar{j}(-2 \cdot -1) + \bar{k}(1) \\ &= -4\bar{i} + 2\bar{j} + \bar{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{To find } \theta, \cos \theta = \frac{(4\bar{i} - 2\bar{j} + 4\bar{k}) \cdot (-4\bar{i} + 2\bar{j} + \bar{k})}{\sqrt{4^2 + (-2)^2 + 4^2} \sqrt{(-4)^2 + 2^2 + 1}}$$

$$= \frac{-16 - 4 + 4}{\sqrt{36} \sqrt{21}} = \frac{-16}{6\sqrt{21}}$$

$$= \frac{-8}{3\sqrt{21}} \quad \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-8}{3\sqrt{21}}\right)$$

Ex:-② Calculate the angle between the normals to the surface $xy = z^2$ at the points $(4, 1, 2)$ and $(3, 3, -3)$

Sol: Given Surface $xy = z^2$

$$xy - z^2 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } \phi(x, y, z) = xy - z^2$$

$$\text{and } P(4, 1, 2), Q(3, 3, -3)$$

Let θ be the angle between the normals to the surface, then

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}}{|\bar{a}| |\bar{b}|}$$

To find \bar{a}

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xy - z^2) = y \quad | \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = x \quad | \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = -2z$$

$$\therefore \nabla \phi = \vec{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

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

$$\bar{a} = (\nabla \phi)_{P(4, 1, 2)} = \vec{i} + 4\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}$$

To find \bar{b}

$$\bar{b} = (\nabla \phi)_{Q(3, 3, -3)}$$

$$= 3\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$$

To find θ

$$\cos \theta = \frac{(\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}) \cdot (3\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 6\vec{k})}{\sqrt{1+4^2+4^2} \sqrt{9+9+36}}$$

$$= \frac{3+12-24}{\sqrt{33} \sqrt{54}} = \frac{-9}{\sqrt{33} \sqrt{54}} = \frac{-9}{\sqrt{3} \sqrt{11} \sqrt{9} \sqrt{6}}$$

$$= \frac{-9}{\sqrt{9} \sqrt{22}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{22}}$$

Ex-③ Find the constants a and b so that the surface $ax^2 - by^2 = (a+2)x$ is orthogonal to the surface $4x^2y + z^3 = 4$ at the point $(1, -1, 2)$.

Sol: Given Surfaces $ax^2 - by^2 - (a+2)x = 0$

$$\text{and } 4x^2y + z^3 - 4 = 0.$$

$$\text{Let } \phi_1 = ax^2 - by^2 - (a+2)x \quad \text{(for substitution)}$$

$$\phi_2 = 4x^2y + z^3 - 4 \quad \text{and } P(1, -1, 2)$$

Given The two surfaces ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are orthogonal

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\theta = 90^\circ} \text{ and } \cos \theta = \cos 90 = 0$$

$$\text{To find } \bar{a} \quad \bar{a} = (\nabla \phi_1)_P$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} = 2ax - a - 2 \quad \left| \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial y} = -by \right. \quad \left| \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} = -b \right.$$

$$\nabla \phi_1 = \bar{i}(2ax - a - 2) + \bar{j}(-by) + \bar{k}(-b)$$

$$\bar{a} = (\nabla \phi_1)_{P(1, -1, 2)} = \bar{i}(2a - a - 2) - 2\bar{b}\bar{j} + b\bar{k}$$

$$\text{To find } \bar{b} \text{ is } \bar{b} = (\nabla \phi_2)_P \text{ at } (1, -1, 2)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial x} = 8xy \quad \left| \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial y} = 4x^2 \right. \quad \left| \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial z} = 3z^2 \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \phi_2 = \bar{i}(8xy) + \bar{j}(4x^2) + \bar{k}(3z^2)$$

$$\therefore \bar{b} = -8\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 12\bar{k}$$

$$\text{To find } a, b : \cos \theta = \frac{\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}}{|\bar{a}| |\bar{b}|} \Rightarrow \frac{\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}}{|\bar{a}| |\bar{b}|} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\bar{i}(a-2) - 2\bar{b}\bar{j} + \bar{b}\bar{k}) \cdot (-8\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 12\bar{k}) = 0$$

$$-8a + 16 - 8b + 12b = 0 \Rightarrow -8a + 4b + 16 = 0$$

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Substituting given point $P(1, -1, 2)$ in first surface $ax^2 - by^2 - (a+2)x = 0$

$$a + 2b - a - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow 2b - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 1$$

Substituting b value in eqn ①

$$8a + 4b + 16 = 0 \Rightarrow -8a + 4 + 16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -8a + 20 = 0 \Rightarrow 8a = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{20}{8} = \frac{5}{2}$$

Directional derivative

Def. :- The rate of change of $f(x, y)$ in the direction of a vector \vec{a} is called the directional derivative. It is defined as

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+ah, y+bh) - f(x, y)}{(h, b)}$$

- The directional derivative of a scalar function $\phi(x, y, z)$ in the direction of a vector \vec{a} is defined as $\frac{\nabla \phi \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$

- The directional derivative will be maximum in the direction of $\nabla \phi$

- Maximum value of directional derivative $= |\nabla \phi|$

Ex① Find the directional derivative of $\phi = xy + y^2 + 2z$ at $(1, 2, 0)$ in the direction of $\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$

Sol: Given $\phi = xy + y^2 + 2z$
 $P(1, 2, 0)$

$$\vec{a} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$$

$$\text{Directional derivative} = \frac{\nabla \phi \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$$

To find $\nabla \phi$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = y + 2 \quad | \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = x + 2 \quad | \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 2 \quad | \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = y + x$$

$$\nabla \phi = \vec{i}(y+2) + \vec{j}(x+2) + \vec{k}(y+x)$$

$$(\nabla \phi)_{P(1, 2, 0)} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$$

To find directional derivative

$$\text{Directional derivative} = (2\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 3\vec{k}) \cdot (\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k})$$

$$= \frac{2+2+6}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{10}{3} \quad \sqrt{1+2^2+2^2}$$

Ex: ② Find the directional derivative of *

$f(x, y, z) = 4e^{2x-y+2}$ at the point $A(1, 1, -1)$ in the direction of the vector towards the point $B(-3, 5, 6)$

Sol: Given $f(x, y, z) = 4e^{2x-y+2}$

and $A(1, 1, -1)$, $B(-3, 5, 6)$

Directional derivative = $\frac{\nabla f \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$

To find ∇f

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 4e^{2x-y+2} \times 2 = 8e^{2x-y+2}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 4e^{2x-y+2} \cdot (-1) = -4e^{2x-y+2}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 4e^{2x-y+2} \cdot 1 = 4e^{2x-y+2}$$

By def., $\nabla f = \bar{i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$

$$= \bar{i}(+8e^{2x-y+2}) + \bar{j}(-4e^{2x-y+2}) + \bar{k}(4e^{2x-y+2})$$

$$(\nabla f)_{A(1,1,-1)} = 8\bar{i} - 4\bar{j} + 4\bar{k}$$

To find \bar{a} Here $\bar{a} = \overline{AB}$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{Copy}) & \quad \text{OB} - \text{OA} = \overline{OB} - \overline{OA} \\ &= -3\bar{i} + 5\bar{j} + 6\bar{k} - (\bar{i} + \bar{j} - \bar{k}) \\ &= -4\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 7\bar{k} \end{aligned}$$

To find directional derivative

$$\text{Directional derivative} = \frac{(8\bar{i} - 4\bar{j} + 4\bar{k}) \cdot (-4\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 7\bar{k})}{\sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-4)^2 + 7^2}}$$

$$= \frac{-32 + 16 + 28}{\sqrt{81}} = \frac{12}{\sqrt{81}} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\text{Directional derivative} = \frac{12}{\sqrt{81}} = \frac{4}{3}$$

Exercise: Find the directional derivative of $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ at the point $(1, 2, 1)$.

1. Find the angle θ between the surfaces

$x^2 + y^2 = 3x + z^2$ and $3x^2 - y^2 + 2z = 1$ at the point $(1, -2, 1)$.

2. Find the directional derivative of

$f = x^2 - y^2 + 2z^2$ at the point $P(1, 2, 3)$ in the direction of the line PQ where Q is the point $(5, 0, 4)$. Also calculate the maximum value of directional derivative.

③ Find the directional derivative of $xyz^2 + xz$ at $(1, 1, 1)$ in the direction normal to the surface $3xyz^2 + y = z$ at $(0, 1, 1)$

Sol: Let $\phi(x, y, z) = xyz^2 + xz$
and $P(1, 1, 1)$

$$f(x, y, z) = 3xyz^2 + y - z \quad Q(0, 1, 1)$$

$$\text{Directional derivative} = \frac{\nabla \phi \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$$

Step i) To find $\nabla \phi$:-

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = yz^2 + z \quad | \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = xz^2 \quad | \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 2xyz + x$$

$$\text{By def. } \nabla \phi = \bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \phi = \bar{i}(yz^2 + z) + \bar{j}(xz^2) + \bar{k}(2xyz + x)$$

$$\nabla \phi \text{ at } P(1, 1, 1) = 2\bar{i} + \bar{j} + 3\bar{k}$$

Step ii) To find \vec{a} : Given \vec{a} = normal to the surface f at Q

$$= [\nabla f]_Q$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 3y^2 \quad | \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 6xyz + 1 \quad | \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = -1$$

$$\nabla f = \bar{i}(3y^2) + \bar{j}(6xyz + 1) - \bar{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} = (\nabla f) \text{ at } Q(0, 1, 1) = 3\bar{i} + \bar{j} - \bar{k}$$

Step iii) To find directional derivative.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Directional derivative} &= \frac{(\bar{i}(2\bar{i} + \bar{j} + 3\bar{k}) + \bar{j}(3\bar{i} + \bar{j} - \bar{k}))}{\sqrt{9+1+1}} \\ &= \frac{6+1-3}{\sqrt{11}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{11}} \end{aligned}$$

(4) Find the directional derivatives of $\phi = xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2$ along the tangent to the curve $x = t$, $y = t^2$, $z = t^3$ at the point $(1, 1, 1)$

Sol: Given $\phi = xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2$
 Curve: $x = t$, $y = t^2$, $z = t^3$
 and $P(1, 1, 1)$

To find $\nabla \phi$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = y^2 + 2xz, \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 2xy + z^2, \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 2yz + x^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By def } \nabla \phi &= \bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \\ &= \bar{i}(y^2 + 2xz) + \bar{j}(2xy + z^2) + \bar{k}(2yz + x^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$(\nabla \phi)_{(1,1,1)} = 3\bar{i} + 3\bar{j} + 3\bar{k}$$

To find \bar{a} Given \bar{a} = tangent to the curve

$$\bar{a} = \frac{d\bar{x}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt}\bar{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\bar{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\bar{k}$$

$$1\bar{i} + 2t\bar{j} + 3t^2\bar{k}$$

$$\bar{a}_{P(1,1,1)} = \bar{i} + 2\bar{j} + 3\bar{k} \quad [\because x=t \text{ at } P \text{ we have } t=1]$$

To find directional derivative

$$\text{Directional derivative} = \frac{\nabla \phi \cdot \bar{a}}{|\bar{a}|}$$

$$= (3\bar{i} + 3\bar{j} + 3\bar{k}) \cdot (\bar{i} + 2\bar{j} + 3\bar{k})$$

$$\sqrt{14}$$

$$= \frac{18}{\sqrt{14}}$$

⑤ The temperature at a point (x, y, z) 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 will
get warm as soon as possible. In what direction
should it fly?

Sol. Given $T(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z$

$$P(1, 1, 2)$$

The gradient of a function gives the direction
of rapid increase.

\therefore The direction of rapid increase in temperature

$$= (\nabla T)_P$$

To find ∇T ,

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 2x \quad | \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = 2y \quad | \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = -1$$

$$\therefore \nabla T = \bar{i}(2x) + \bar{j}(2y) - \bar{k}$$

$$\text{Now } (\nabla T)_{(1, 1, 2)} = 2\bar{i} + 2\bar{j} - \bar{k}.$$

⑥ Find the greatest value of the directional derivative
of the function $f = x^2y^2z^3$ at $(2, 1, -1)$

Sol. Given $f = x^2y^2z^3$ & $P(2, 1, -1)$

To find ∇f

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2xy^2z^3 \quad | \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^2z^3 \quad | \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 3x^2y^2z^2$$

$$\nabla f = \bar{i}(2xy^2z^3) + \bar{j}(x^2z^3) + \bar{k}(3x^2y^2z^2)$$

$$(\nabla f)_P = -4\bar{i} - 4\bar{j} + 12\bar{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Greatest value of Directional derivative} &= \sqrt{16 + 16 + 144} \\ &= \sqrt{176} = 4\sqrt{11} \end{aligned}$$

① Show that $\nabla[f(\bar{r})] = f'(\bar{r}) \bar{r}$ where $\bar{r} = \bar{x}\bar{i} + \bar{y}\bar{j} + \bar{z}\bar{k}$

Proof: Given $\bar{r} = \bar{x}\bar{i} + \bar{y}\bar{j} + \bar{z}\bar{k}$

$$\Rightarrow |\bar{r}| \text{ or } \bar{r} = \sqrt{\bar{x}^2 + \bar{y}^2 + \bar{z}^2}$$

$$\bar{r}^2 = \bar{x}^2 + \bar{y}^2 + \bar{z}^2 \quad \text{split into}$$

differentiating the above with respect to $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}$

Partially.

$$2\bar{r} \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial \bar{x}} = 2\bar{x} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} 2\bar{r} \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial \bar{y}} = 2\bar{y} \\ 2\bar{r} \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial \bar{z}} = 2\bar{z} \end{array} \right. \quad \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial \bar{x}} = \frac{2\bar{x}}{2\bar{r}}, \quad \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial \bar{y}} = \frac{2\bar{y}}{2\bar{r}}, \quad \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{2\bar{z}}{2\bar{r}}$$

Now consider L.H.S. $= \nabla[f(\bar{r})]$

$$= \bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}} [f(\bar{r})] + \bar{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{y}} [f(\bar{r})] + \bar{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} [f(\bar{r})]$$

$$= \bar{i} f'(\bar{r}) \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial \bar{x}} + \bar{j} f'(\bar{r}) \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial \bar{y}} + \bar{k} f'(\bar{r}) \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial \bar{z}}$$

$$= f'(\bar{r}) \left[\bar{i} \frac{2\bar{x}}{2\bar{r}} + \bar{j} \frac{2\bar{y}}{2\bar{r}} + \bar{k} \frac{2\bar{z}}{2\bar{r}} \right] \quad (\checkmark)$$

$$= \frac{f'(\bar{r})}{\bar{r}} \left[\bar{x}\bar{i} + \bar{y}\bar{j} + \bar{z}\bar{k} \right] \stackrel{\text{defn}}{=} f'(\bar{r}) \frac{\bar{r}}{\bar{r}} \quad \text{③}$$

② Prove that $n \cdot \nabla(\bar{r}^n) = n \bar{r}^{n-2} \bar{r}$

Sol: Let $\bar{r} = \bar{x}\bar{i} + \bar{y}\bar{j} + \bar{z}\bar{k}$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{r} = \sqrt{\bar{x}^2 + \bar{y}^2 + \bar{z}^2}$$

$(\bar{r}^n)' \bar{r}^2 = \bar{x}^2 + \bar{y}^2 + \bar{z}^2$ with respect to
differentiating above equation with respect to
 $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}$ partially

$$n \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial \bar{x}} = \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{r}} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} n \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial \bar{y}} = \frac{\bar{y}}{\bar{r}} \\ n \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{\bar{z}}{\bar{r}} \end{array} \right. \quad \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial \bar{x}} = \frac{2}{\bar{r}}$$

Now consider L.H.S = $\nabla(\varrho \mathbf{v})$

$$= \bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\varrho v) + \bar{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\varrho v) + \bar{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\varrho v)$$

$$= \bar{i} n \cdot \varrho^{n-1} \frac{\partial \varrho}{\partial x} + \bar{j} n \cdot \varrho^{n-1} \frac{\partial \varrho}{\partial y} + \bar{k} n \cdot \varrho^{n-1} \frac{\partial \varrho}{\partial z}$$

$$= n \varrho^{n-1} \left[\bar{i} \frac{\partial \varrho}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \varrho}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \varrho}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$= n \varrho^{n-1} \frac{\bar{\nabla} \varrho}{\varrho}$$

$$= n \cdot \varrho^{n-2} \bar{\nabla} \varrho$$

Divergence of a vector :- Let \bar{f} be any continuously differentiable vector point function. Then

" $\bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial z}$ " is called the divergence of \bar{f} and is written as $\text{div } \bar{f}$ (or) $\nabla \cdot \bar{f}$

$$\text{i.e., } \text{div } \bar{f} = \bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial z}$$

$$= \left(\bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \bar{f}$$

Note ① :- If $\bar{f} = f_1 \bar{i} + f_2 \bar{j} + f_3 \bar{k}$

$$\text{then, } \text{div } \bar{f} = \left(\bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (f_1 \bar{i} + f_2 \bar{j} + f_3 \bar{k})$$

$$= \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z}$$

Note ② Solenoidal vector

A vector point function \bar{f} is said to be

Solenoidal if $\text{div } \bar{f} = 0$

Ex: ① Given $\vec{f} = xy^2\vec{i} + 2x^2y\vec{j} - 3y^2\vec{k}$ then find

$\operatorname{div} \vec{f}$ at $(1, -1, 1)$

Sol: Given $\vec{f} = xy^2\vec{i} + 2x^2y\vec{j} - 3y^2\vec{k}$

and $P(1, -1, 1)$

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{f} = \nabla \cdot \vec{f}$$

$$= \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (xy^2\vec{i} + 2x^2y\vec{j} - 3y^2\vec{k})$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xy^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2x^2y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(3y^2)$$

$$= y^2 + 2x^2z - 6yz$$

$$[\operatorname{div}, \vec{f}]_{P(1, -1, 1)} = (-1)^2 + 2(-1)^2 + 1 - 6(-1) \cdot 1$$

$$= 1 + 2 + 6 = 9$$

Ex: ② Find $\operatorname{div} \vec{f}$, where $\vec{f} = \operatorname{grad}(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)$

Sol: let $\phi = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz$

To find \vec{f}

$$\text{given } \vec{f} = \operatorname{grad} \phi = \vec{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} &= 3x^2 - 3yz \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} &= 3y^2 - 3xz \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} &= 3z^2 - 3xy \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\therefore \vec{f} = \vec{i}(3x^2 - 3yz) + \vec{j}(3y^2 - 3xz) + \vec{k}(3z^2 - 3xy)$$

To find $\operatorname{div} \vec{f}$

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{f} = \nabla \cdot \vec{f} = \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot$$

$$\vec{i}(3x^2 - 3yz) + \vec{j}(3y^2 - 3xz) + \vec{k}(3z^2 - 3xy)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3x^2 - 3yz) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3y^2 - 3xz) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (3z^2 - 3xy)$$

$$= 6x + 6y + 6z$$

Ex: ③ If $\vec{f} = (x+3y)\vec{i} + (y-2z)\vec{j} + (x+pz)\vec{k}$ is

Solenoidal, find p.

Sol: Given $\vec{f} = (x+3y)\vec{i} + (y-2z)\vec{j} + (x+pz)\vec{k}$

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{div} \vec{f} &= \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot ((x+3y)\vec{i} + (y-2z)\vec{j} + (x+pz)\vec{k}) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x+3y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y-2z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x+pz) \\ &= 1 + 1 + p = 2 + p\end{aligned}$$

$\because \vec{f}$ is solenoidal $\Rightarrow \operatorname{div} \vec{f} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + p = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{p = -2}$$

Ex: ④ Show that $3y^4 z^2 \vec{i} + z^3 x^2 \vec{j} - 3x^2 y^2 \vec{k}$ is solenoidal.

Sol: Let $\vec{f} = 3y^4 z^2 \vec{i} + z^3 x^2 \vec{j} - 3x^2 y^2 \vec{k}$

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{f} = \nabla \cdot \vec{f}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (3y^4 z^2 \vec{i} + z^3 x^2 \vec{j} - 3x^2 y^2 \vec{k}) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3y^4 z^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (z^3 x^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (-3x^2 y^2) \\ &= 0 + 0 + 0 = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{div} \vec{f} = 0$$

$\therefore \vec{f}$ is solenoidal.

③ Show that $\frac{\bar{x}}{r^3}$ is solenoidal.

Sol: Let $\bar{f} = \frac{\bar{x}}{r^3} = \frac{1}{r^3} (x\bar{i} + y\bar{j} + z\bar{k})$

where $\bar{r} = x\bar{i} + y\bar{j} + z\bar{k}$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \Rightarrow r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}, \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r}, \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = \frac{z}{r}.$$

Consider $= \operatorname{div} \bar{f} = \nabla \cdot \bar{f}$

$$= \left(\bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{x}{r^3} \bar{i} + \frac{y}{r^3} \bar{j} + \frac{z}{r^3} \bar{k} \right)$$

$$= \bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{x}{r^3} \right) + \bar{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{y}{r^3} \right) + \bar{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{z}{r^3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{r^3 - 3r^2 \cdot x \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x}}{r^6} + \frac{r^3 - 3r^2 y \frac{\partial r}{\partial y}}{r^6} + \frac{r^3 - 3r^2 z \frac{\partial r}{\partial z}}{r^6}$$

$$= \frac{r^3 - 3r^2 \cdot x \cdot x}{r^6} + \frac{1}{r^3} - \frac{3r^2 \cdot y \cdot y}{r^6} + \frac{r^3 - 3r^2 \cdot z \cdot z}{r^6}$$

$$= \frac{3}{r^3} - \frac{3x^2}{r^5} - \frac{3y^2}{r^5} - \frac{3z^2}{r^5}$$

$$= \frac{3}{r^3} - \frac{3}{r^5} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = \frac{3}{r^3} - \frac{3}{r^5} \cdot 3r^2$$

$$= \frac{3}{r^3} - \frac{3}{r^3} = 0$$

$\therefore \frac{\bar{x}}{r^3}$ is solenoidal.

① Prove that $\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{g}^n \bar{\mathbf{g}}) = (n+3)\mathbf{g}^n$. Hence show that $\mathbf{g}^n \bar{\mathbf{g}}$ is solenoidal for $n = -3$.

Sol Let $\bar{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbf{g}^n \bar{\mathbf{g}} = \mathbf{g}^n (\mathbf{x}\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{y}\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{z}\mathbf{k})$

$$\bar{\mathbf{g}} = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{y}\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{z}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{g} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \Rightarrow g^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

then $\frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial x} = \frac{\mathbf{x}}{g} \quad | \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial y} = \frac{\mathbf{y}}{g} \quad | \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial z} = \frac{\mathbf{z}}{g}$

$$\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{g}^n \bar{\mathbf{g}}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{g}^n \bar{\mathbf{g}}$$

$$= \left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (\mathbf{g}^n x \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{g}^n y \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{g}^n z \mathbf{k})$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\mathbf{g}^n x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\mathbf{g}^n y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\mathbf{g}^n z)$$

$$= n \cdot \mathbf{g}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial x} \cdot x + \mathbf{g}^n + n \cdot \mathbf{g}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial y} \cdot y + \mathbf{g}^n$$

$$+ n \cdot \mathbf{g}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial z} \cdot z + \mathbf{g}^n$$

$$= n \cdot \mathbf{g}^{n-1} \left[\frac{x^2}{g} + \frac{y^2}{g} + \frac{z^2}{g} \right] + 3\mathbf{g}^n$$

$$= n \cdot \mathbf{g}^{n-1} \frac{g^2}{g} + 3\mathbf{g}^n = n \cdot \mathbf{g}^n + 3\mathbf{g}^n$$

$$= (n+3)\mathbf{g}^n$$

If $\mathbf{g}^n \bar{\mathbf{g}}$ is solenoidal then $\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{g}^n \bar{\mathbf{g}}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (n+3)\mathbf{g}^n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n+3=0$$

$$\Rightarrow n=-3.$$

Curl of a vector:-

Def: Let \vec{f} be any continuously differentiable vector point function. Then the vector function defined by $\vec{i} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial z}$ is called curl of \vec{f} and is denoted by $\text{curl } \vec{f}$ or $\nabla \times \vec{f}$.

$$\text{curl } \vec{f} = \vec{i} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \times \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial z}$$

$$= \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \times \vec{f}$$

(Note: If $\vec{f} = f_1 \vec{i} + f_2 \vec{j} + f_3 \vec{k}$)

then $\text{curl } \vec{f} = \nabla \times \vec{f}$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Irrational

② A vector \vec{f} is said to be Irrational, if $\text{curl } \vec{f} = \vec{0}$

③ If \vec{f} is irrational then there exists a scalar function $\phi(x, y, z)$ such that

$$\vec{f} = \text{grad } \phi, \text{ i.e., } \vec{f} = \vec{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

This ϕ is called Scalar potential of \vec{f} .

Ex :- ① If $\vec{f} = xy^2 \vec{i} + 2x^2yz \vec{j} - 3y^2z^2 \vec{k}$

find $\text{curl } \vec{f}$ at the point $(1, -1, 1)$

Sol:- Given $\vec{f} = xy^2 \vec{i} + 2x^2yz \vec{j} - 3y^2z^2 \vec{k}$
 $P(1, -1, 1)$

$$\text{curl } \vec{f} = \nabla \times \vec{f}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ xy^2 & 2x^2yz & -3y^2z \end{vmatrix} \\
&= \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 2x^2yz & -3y^2z \end{vmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ xy^2 & -3y^2z \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ xy^2 & 2x^2yz \end{vmatrix} \\
&= \vec{i} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(-3y^2z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(2x^2yz) \right] - \vec{j} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(-3y^2z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(xy^2) \right] \\
&\quad + \vec{k} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2x^2yz) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(xy^2) \right] \\
&= \vec{i}[-3z^2 - 2x^2y] - \vec{j}[0 - 0] + \vec{k}[4xyz - 2xy] \\
&= \vec{i}(-3z^2 - 2x^2y) + \vec{k}(4xyz - 2xy).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{curl } \vec{f} \Big|_{P(1, -1, 1)} &= \vec{i}(-3 + 2) + \vec{k}(-4 + 2) \\
&= -\vec{i} - 2\vec{k}.
\end{aligned}$$

Ex: ② Find $\text{curl } \vec{f}$ for $\vec{f} = 2xz^2 \vec{i} - yz \vec{j} + 3x^2z^3 \vec{k}$

$$\text{Sol: } \vec{f} = 2xz^2 \vec{i} - yz \vec{j} + 3x^2z^3 \vec{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{curl } \vec{f} &= \nabla \times \vec{f} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 2xz^2 & -yz & 3x^2z^3 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= \vec{i}[0 + y] - \vec{j}[3z^3 - 4xz^2] + \vec{k}[0 - 0] \\
&= y \vec{i} - (3z^3 - 4xz^2) \vec{j}.
\end{aligned}$$

Ex ③ Find \vec{f} where $\vec{f} = \text{grad}(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)$

Sol: Let $\phi = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz$.

To find \vec{f}

$$\vec{f} = \text{grad } \phi = i \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 3x^2 - 3yz \quad \left| \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 3y^2 - 3xz \quad \left| \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 3z^2 - 3xy \right. \right.$$

$$\therefore \vec{f} = \bar{i}(3x^2 - 3yz) + \bar{j}(3y^2 - 3xz) + \bar{k}(3z^2 - 3xy)$$

To find curl \vec{f} : $\text{curl } \vec{f} = \nabla \times \vec{f}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{curl } \vec{f} &= \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 3x^2 - 3yz & 3y^2 - 3xz & 3z^2 - 3xy \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \bar{i}[-3x + 3x] - \bar{j}[-3y + 3y] + \bar{k}[-3z + 3z] \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0\bar{i} + 0\bar{j} + 0\bar{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{curl } \vec{f} = \bar{0}$$

④ Find constants a, b and c if the vector

$$\vec{f} = (2x + 3y + az)\bar{i} + (bx + 2y + 3z)\bar{j} + (cx + cy + 3z)\bar{k}$$

is Irrotational.

Sol: $\text{curl } \vec{f} = \nabla \times \vec{f}$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 2x + 3y + az & bx + 2y + 3z & cx + cy + 3z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \bar{i}[c-3] - \bar{j}[2-a] + \bar{k}[b-3]$$

$\therefore \bar{f}$ is irrotational $\Rightarrow \text{curl } \bar{f} = \bar{0}$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{i}(c-3) - \bar{j}(2-a) + \bar{k}(b-3) = \bar{0} = 0\bar{i} + 0\bar{j} + 0\bar{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l|l|l} c-3=0 & 2-a=0 & b-3=0 \\ c=3 & a=2 & b=3 \end{array}$$

⑤ Show that the vector point function

$(x^2-yz)\bar{i} + (y^2-2x)\bar{j} + (z^2-xy)\bar{k}$ is irrotational and hence find its scalar potential function.

Sol: Let $\bar{f} = (x^2-yz)\bar{i} + (y^2-2x)\bar{j} + (z^2-xy)\bar{k}$

$$\text{curl } \bar{f} = \nabla \times \bar{f} = \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x^2-yz & y^2-2x & z^2-xy \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \bar{i}(-x+y) - \bar{j}(-y+x) + \bar{k}(-2+2)$$

$$= 0\bar{i} + 0\bar{j} + 0\bar{k} = \bar{0}$$

To find \bar{f} is irrotational.

$$\text{By def. } \bar{f} \phi \circ \bar{f} = \text{grad } \phi = \bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$(x^2-yz)\bar{i} + (y^2-2x)\bar{j} + (z^2-xy)\bar{k} = \bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = x^2-yz \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

Integration on b.s.

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx = \int (x^2-yz) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = \frac{x^3}{3} - xzy + C_1(y, z) \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

$$\text{from } \textcircled{A}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = y^2 - xy$$

Integrating w.r.t. y on b.s.

$$\phi = \frac{y^3}{3} - x y z + C_2(x, z) \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{II}$$

$$\text{from } \textcircled{A}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = z^2 - xy$$

Integrating on b.s. w.r.t. z and

$$\int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} dz = \int z^2 - xy dz$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = \frac{z^3}{3} - x y z + C_3(x, y) \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{III}$$

from \textcircled{I} , \textcircled{II} & \textcircled{III}

$$\phi = \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{y^3}{3} + \frac{z^3}{3} - x y z \text{ is the required scalar potential function.}$$

(b) Prove that $\vec{F} = (y+z)\vec{i} + (z+x)\vec{j} + (x+y)\vec{k}$ is irrotational and find scalar potential function ϕ such that $\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$.

$$\text{Sol: } \text{curl } \vec{F} = \nabla \times \vec{F}$$

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ y+z & z+x & x+y \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(1-1) + \vec{j}(1-1) + \vec{k}(1-1)$$

$$= 0\vec{i} + 0\vec{j} + 0\vec{k} = \vec{0}$$

To find ϕ

By def $\vec{f} = \text{grad } \phi$

$$\Rightarrow (y+z)\vec{i} + (x+z)\vec{j} + (z+x)\vec{k} = \vec{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = y+z \quad \boxed{A}$$

On Integration with respect to x .

$$\phi = xy + xz + g(y, z) \quad \boxed{1}$$

from \boxed{A} , $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = x+z$

On Integration w.r.t y

$$\Rightarrow \phi = xy + yz + g(x, z) \quad \boxed{2}$$

from \boxed{A} , $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = y+x$

On Integration w.r.t z

$$\phi = yz + xz + g(x, y) \quad \boxed{3}$$

from $\boxed{1}, \boxed{2}, \& \boxed{3}$

$\phi = xy + yz + zx$ is the required scalar potential function.

① Find constants a, b, c so that the vectors

$$\bar{A} = (x+2y+a^2)\bar{i} + (bx-3y-2)\bar{j} + (4x+cy+2z)\bar{k}$$

irrotational. Also find ϕ such that $\bar{A} = \nabla \phi$.

$$\text{Sol: } \text{Curl } \bar{A} = \nabla \times \bar{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x+2y+a^2 & bx-3y-2 & 4x+cy+2z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \bar{i}(c+1) - \bar{j}(4-a) + \bar{k}(b-2) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Since \bar{A} is irrotational, then $\text{curl } \bar{A} = \bar{0} = 0\bar{i} + 0\bar{j} + 0\bar{k}$

$$\text{Equating (1) \& (2)} \quad \begin{array}{l|l|l} c+1=0 & 4-a=0 & b-2=0 \\ c=-1 & a=4 & b=2 \end{array}$$

To find ϕ

$$\bar{A} = \nabla \phi$$

$$\text{i.e., } (x+2y+4z)\bar{i} + (2x-3y-2)\bar{j} + (4x-y+2z)\bar{k}$$

$$= \bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = x+2y+4z$$

$$\text{On Integration, } \phi = \frac{x^2}{2} + 2xy + 4xz + C_1(y, z)$$

$$\text{from (A), } \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 2x-3y-2. \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

$$\text{Integrating w.r.t } y, \phi = 2xy - \frac{3y^2}{2} - yz + C_2(x, z)$$

$$\text{from (A), } \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 4x-y+2z \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

$$\text{Integrating w.r.t } z, \phi = 2xz - 4xz^2 - yz^2 + z^2 + C_3(x, y)$$

By observing (I), (II), (III)

$$\phi = \frac{x^2}{2} + 2xy + 4xz - \frac{3y^2}{2} - yz^2 + z^2$$

(2) Prove that $\bar{g} \wedge \bar{g}$ is Irrotational.

$$\text{Sol: Let } \bar{f} = \bar{g} \wedge \bar{g} = \bar{g} (\bar{x}\bar{i} + \bar{y}\bar{j} + \bar{z}\bar{k})$$

$$\bar{g} = \bar{x}\bar{i} + \bar{y}\bar{j} + \bar{z}\bar{k}$$

$$\text{and } g = \sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2} \Rightarrow g^2 = x^2+y^2+z^2$$

differentiating with respect to x, y, z partially,

we get $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}$ | $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r}$ | $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} = \frac{z}{r}$.

Now $\text{curl } \vec{f} = \nabla \times \vec{f} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \varphi_x & \varphi_y & \varphi_z \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \vec{i} \left[z \cdot n \varphi^{n-1} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} - y \cdot n \varphi^{n-1} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$- \vec{j} \left[z \cdot n \varphi^{n-1} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} - x \cdot n \varphi^{n-1} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$+ \vec{k} \left[y \cdot n \varphi^{n-1} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} - x \cdot n \varphi^{n-1} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \right]$$

$$= \vec{i} \left[\cancel{y^2 n \varphi^{n-1}} - \cancel{y^2 n \varphi^{n-1}} \right] - \vec{j}(0) + \vec{k}(0)$$

$$= \vec{0}i + \vec{0}j + \vec{0}k = \vec{0}$$

$\therefore \varphi^n \vec{r}$ is irrotational.

Laplacian Operator: Laplacian operator is denoted by ∇^2 and is given by $\nabla \cdot \nabla$

$$\nabla^2 = \nabla \cdot \nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$
$$= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

(1) Prove that $\text{div}(\text{grad } \varphi^m) = m(m+1)\varphi^{m-2}$

(or) Prove that $\nabla^2 \varphi^m = m(m+1)\varphi^{m-2}$

Sol: Let $\vec{r} = xi + yj + zk$

$$\Rightarrow r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \Rightarrow r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

differentiating with respect to x, y, z partially

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r} \quad \left| \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r} \quad \right| \quad \left| \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = \frac{z}{r} \quad \right|$$

$$\text{Now consider } \nabla^2(\varrho^m) = \frac{\partial^2(\varrho^m)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2(\varrho^m)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2(\varrho^m)}{\partial z^2}$$

$$= \sum \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}(\varrho^m)$$

$$= \sum \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\varrho^m) \right)$$

$$= \sum \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[m \varrho^{m-1} \frac{\partial \varrho}{\partial x} \right]$$

$$= \sum \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[m \varrho^{m-1} \frac{x}{\varrho} \right]$$

$$= \sum \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[m \varrho^{m-2} x \right]$$

$$= \sum m \left[(m-2) \varrho^{m-3} \frac{\partial \varrho}{\partial x} x + m \varrho^{m-2} \right]$$

$$= \sum m(m-2) \varrho^{m-3} \frac{x^2}{\varrho} + m \varrho^{m-2}$$

$$= \sum m(m-2) \varrho^{m-4} x^2 + m \varrho^{m-2}$$

$$= m(m-2) \varrho^{m-4} x^2 + m \varrho^{m-2}$$

$$+ m(m-2) \varrho^{m-4} y^2 + m \varrho^{m-2}$$

$$+ m(m-2) \varrho^{m-4} z^2 + m \varrho^{m-2}$$

$$= m(m-2) \varrho^{m-4} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 3m \varrho^{m-2}$$

$$= m(m-2) \varrho^{m-4} \varrho^2 + 3m \varrho^{m-2}$$

$$= (m^2 - 2m) \varrho^{m-2}$$

$$= (m^2 - 2m + 3m) \varrho^{m-2}$$

$$= m(m+1) \varrho^{m-2}$$

Hence the Proof.

Vectors Identities

$$\text{grad } \phi \text{ (or) } \nabla \phi = \bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$\text{div } \bar{f} \text{ (or) } \nabla \cdot \bar{f} = \bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial z} = \left[\bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right] \bar{f}$$

$$\text{curl } \bar{f} \text{ (or) } \nabla \times \bar{f} = \left[\bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right] \times \bar{f} = \bar{i} \times \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \times \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \times \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla^2 \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\bar{a} \cdot (\bar{b} \times \bar{c}) = (\bar{a} \times \bar{b}) \cdot \bar{c}$$

$$\bar{a} \times (\bar{b} \times \bar{c}) = (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{c}) \bar{b} - (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}) \bar{c}$$

$$\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = \bar{b} \cdot \bar{a}$$

$$\bar{a} \times \bar{b} = -\bar{b} \times \bar{a}$$

① Prove that $\text{curl}(\text{grad } \phi) = \bar{0}$

Sol: By def., $\text{grad } \phi = \nabla \phi = \bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$

$$\text{curl}(\text{grad } \phi) = \nabla \times (\text{grad } \phi)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \bar{i} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z \partial y} \right] - \bar{j} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z \partial x} \right]$$

$$+ \bar{k} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y \partial x} \right]$$

$$= 0\bar{i} - 0\bar{j} + 0\bar{k}$$

$$\text{curl}[\text{grad } \phi] = \bar{0}$$

(2) Prove that $\operatorname{div}[\operatorname{curl} \bar{f}] = 0$

Sol: Let $\bar{f} = f_1 \bar{i} + f_2 \bar{j} + f_3 \bar{k}$

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{curl} \bar{f} &= \nabla \times \bar{f} = \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \bar{i} \left[\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z} \right] - \bar{j} \left[\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z} \right] \\ &\quad + \bar{k} \left[\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{div}[\operatorname{curl} \bar{f}] &= \nabla \cdot \operatorname{curl} \bar{f} \\ &= \left[\bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right] \cdot \left[\bar{i} \left(\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z} \right) - \bar{j} \left(\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \bar{k} \left(\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z} \right] - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= \cancel{\frac{\partial^2 f_3}{\partial x \partial y}} - \cancel{\frac{\partial^2 f_2}{\partial x \partial z}} - \cancel{\frac{\partial^2 f_3}{\partial y \partial x}} + \cancel{\frac{\partial^2 f_1}{\partial y \partial z}} + \cancel{\frac{\partial^2 f_2}{\partial z \partial x}} - \cancel{\frac{\partial^2 f_1}{\partial z \partial y}} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \operatorname{div}[\operatorname{curl} \bar{f}] = 0.$$

(3) Prove that $\operatorname{div}(\bar{a} \times \bar{b}) = \bar{b} \cdot \operatorname{curl} \bar{a} - \bar{a} \cdot \operatorname{curl} \bar{b}$

Sol: $\operatorname{div}(\bar{a} \times \bar{b}) = \nabla \cdot (\bar{a} \times \bar{b})$

$$= \left(\bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (\bar{a} \times \bar{b})$$

$$= \sum \bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \cdot (\bar{a} \times \bar{b})$$

$$= \sum \bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\bar{a} \times \bar{b})$$

$$= \sum \bar{i} \cdot \left[\frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \times \bar{b} + \bar{a} \times \frac{\partial \bar{b}}{\partial x} \right]$$

$$= \sum \bar{i} \cdot \left[\frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \times \bar{b} - \frac{\partial \bar{b}}{\partial x} \times \bar{a} \right]$$

$$= \sum \bar{i} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \times \bar{b} \right) - \sum \bar{i} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \bar{b}}{\partial x} \times \bar{a} \right)$$

Scalar triple product: $\bar{a} \cdot (\bar{b} \times \bar{c}) = (\bar{a} \times \bar{b}) \cdot \bar{c}$

$$= \sum \left(\bar{i} \times \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \right) \cdot \bar{b} - \sum \left(\bar{i} \times \frac{\partial \bar{b}}{\partial x} \right) \cdot \bar{a}$$

$$= \text{curl}(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}) - \bar{a} \cdot \text{curl}(\bar{b} \cdot \bar{a})$$

$$= (\nabla \times \bar{a}) \cdot \bar{b} - (\nabla \times \bar{b}) \cdot \bar{a}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \text{curl}(\bar{a} \times \bar{b}) = \bar{a} \text{div} \bar{b} - \bar{b} \text{div} \bar{a} + (\bar{b} \cdot \nabla) \bar{a} - (\bar{a} \cdot \nabla) \bar{b}$$

$$(\nabla \times (\bar{a} \times \bar{b})) = \bar{a}(\nabla \cdot \bar{b}) - \bar{b}(\nabla \cdot \bar{a}) + (\bar{b} \cdot \nabla) \bar{a} - (\bar{a} \cdot \nabla) \bar{b}$$

Sol: By def. $\text{curl}(\bar{a} \times \bar{b}) = \nabla \times (\bar{a} \times \bar{b})$.

$$= \sum \bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \times (\bar{a} \times \bar{b})$$

$$= \sum \bar{i} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\bar{a} \times \bar{b})$$

$$= \sum \bar{i} \times \left(\frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \times \bar{b} + \bar{a} \times \frac{\partial \bar{b}}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$= \sum \bar{i} \times \left(\frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \times \bar{b} \right) + \sum \bar{i} \times \left(\bar{a} \times \frac{\partial \bar{b}}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$= \sum \bar{i} \times \left(\frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \times \bar{b} \right) - \sum \bar{i} \times \left(\frac{\partial \bar{b}}{\partial x} \times \bar{a} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum \bar{i} \times \left(\frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \times \bar{b} \right) - \sum \bar{i} \times \left(\frac{\partial \bar{b}}{\partial x} \times \bar{a} \right) \\
 &= \sum (\bar{i} \cdot \bar{b}) \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} - \sum (\bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x}) \bar{b} - \sum (\bar{i} \cdot \bar{a}) \frac{\partial \bar{b}}{\partial x} \\
 &\quad + \sum (\bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{b}}{\partial x}) \bar{a} \\
 &\quad \boxed{\bar{a} \times (\bar{b} \times \bar{i}) = (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{c}) \bar{b} - (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}) \bar{c}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum (\bar{b} \cdot \bar{i}) \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} - \sum (\bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x}) \bar{b} - \sum (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{i}) \frac{\partial \bar{b}}{\partial x} \\
 &\quad + \sum (\bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{b}}{\partial x}) \bar{a} \\
 &= (\bar{b} \cdot \nabla) \bar{a} - (\nabla \cdot \bar{a}) \bar{b} - (\bar{a} \cdot \nabla) \bar{b} + (\nabla \cdot \bar{b}) \bar{a}
 \end{aligned}$$

⑤ Prove that $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \bar{a}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \bar{a}) - \nabla^2 \bar{a}$
 (or)

$$\text{curl}(\text{curl } \bar{a}) = \text{grad}(\text{div } \bar{a}) - \nabla^2 \bar{a}$$

Proof: Consider $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \bar{a})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \nabla \times \left(\bar{i} \times \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \times \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \times \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial z} \right) \\
 &= \sum \bar{i} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\bar{i} \times \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \times \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \times \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial z} \right) \\
 &= \sum \bar{i} \times \left(\bar{i} \times \frac{\partial^2 \bar{a}}{\partial x^2} + \bar{j} \times \frac{\partial^2 \bar{a}}{\partial x \partial y} + \bar{k} \times \frac{\partial^2 \bar{a}}{\partial x \partial z} \right) \\
 &= \sum \bar{i} \times \left(\bar{i} \times \frac{\partial^2 \bar{a}}{\partial x^2} \right) + \sum \bar{i} \times \left(\bar{j} \times \frac{\partial^2 \bar{a}}{\partial x \partial y} \right) \\
 &\quad + \sum \bar{i} \times \left(\bar{k} \times \frac{\partial^2 \bar{a}}{\partial x \partial z} \right) \\
 &\quad \boxed{\bar{a} \times (\bar{b} \times \bar{c}) = (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{c}) \bar{b} - (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}) \bar{c}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now $\bar{a} \times (\bar{b} \times \bar{c}) = (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{c}) \bar{b} - (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}) \bar{c}$

$$= \sum \left(\bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \bar{a}}{\partial x^2} \right) i - \left[(\bar{i} \cdot \bar{i}) \frac{\partial^2 \bar{a}}{\partial x^2} + \sum \left(\bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \bar{a}}{\partial x \partial y} \right) j \right. \\ \left. - \sum \left(\bar{i} \cdot j \right) \cancel{\frac{\partial^2 \bar{a}}{\partial x \partial y}} + \sum \left(\bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \bar{a}}{\partial x \partial z} \right) k \right]$$

$\left[\because \bar{i} \cdot \bar{j} = 0 = \bar{i} \cdot \bar{k} \right] \quad [\bar{i} \cdot \bar{i} = 1]$

$$= \sum i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \right) + \sum j \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \right) + \sum k \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \right) \\ - \sum \frac{\partial^2 \bar{a}}{\partial x^2}$$

$$= \sum \left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \left(\bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \right) - \nabla^2 \bar{a}$$

$$= \sum \nabla \left(\bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \right) - \nabla^2 \bar{a}$$

$$= \nabla \cdot (\nabla \cdot \bar{a}) - \nabla^2 \bar{a}$$

Hence the proof.