

1. In the spherical polar system:

- (a) Evaluate  $\frac{\partial \hat{r}}{\partial \theta}, \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \theta}, \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}}{\partial \theta}, \frac{\partial \hat{r}}{\partial \phi}, \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \phi}, \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}}{\partial \phi}$
- (b) Using the above partial derivatives evaluate  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \hat{r}, \vec{\nabla} \cdot \hat{\theta}$  and  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \hat{\phi}$  where  $\vec{\nabla} = \hat{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \hat{\theta} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \hat{\phi} \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$

Now you can evaluate the expression for  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}$  in spherical polar co-ordinates using the result of part (b) and using the product rules. Try it and see whether you get the expression for divergence.

2. Cylindrical system of co-ordinate is specified by three variables  $(s, \phi, z)$  given by

$$x = s \cos \phi; \quad y = s \sin \phi; \quad z = z$$

Find the unit vectors  $\hat{s}, \hat{\phi}, \hat{z}$  in this co-ordinate system. Find  $h_s, h_\phi$  and  $h_z$  and write down the expression for  $\vec{\nabla} F$  for a scalar function  $F$  in this system.

3. If  $\vec{A} = s\hat{z}$  find  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$ .
4. Find the divergence of  $\vec{v} = (r \cos \theta)\hat{r} + (r \sin \theta)\hat{\theta} + (r \sin \theta \cos \phi)\hat{\phi}$ . Check the divergence theorem for this function, using the volume as the inverted hemispherical bowl of radius  $R$ , resting on the  $x$ - $y$  plane and centred at the origin.
5. (a) If  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$  show that there exists a vector function  $\vec{A}$  such that  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \vec{B}$
- (b) Show that any vector field  $\vec{F}$  can be expressed as

$$\vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} \Phi + \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$

where  $\Phi$  is a scalar field and  $\vec{A}$  is a vector field.  
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