
Module : 6

Vector

Differentiation

Vector valued functions and motion in space:

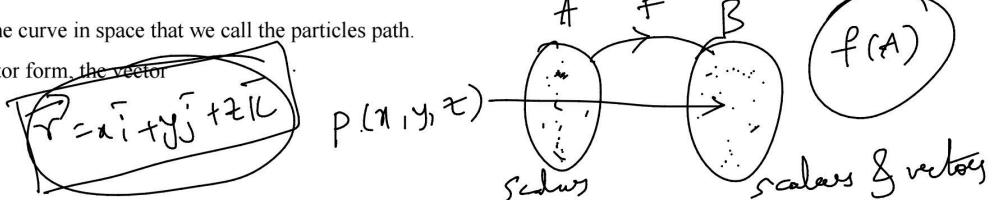
When a particle moves through space during a time interval I , we think of the particle coordinates as functions defined on I , $x = f(t)$, $y = g(t)$ and $z = h(t)$, $t \in I$

The points $(x, y, z) = f(t), g(t), h(t)$ make up the curve in space that we call the particles path.

A curve in space can also be represented in vector form, the vector

$$\vec{r}(t) = \overrightarrow{OP} = f(t)\vec{i} + g(t)\vec{j} + h(t)\vec{k}$$

$\vec{r}(t) = \overrightarrow{OP}$ is the position vector.

**Definition:**

- Let $\vec{r}(t) = f(t)\vec{i} + g(t)\vec{j} + h(t)\vec{k}$ be a vector function with domain D , and l is a vector. We say that \vec{r} has limit l at t approaches t_0 and write $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{r}(t) = l$, if for every number $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that for all $t \in D$ is $|\vec{r}(t) - l| < \epsilon$, whenever $0 < |t - t_0| < \delta$.

- A vector function $\vec{r}(t) = f(t)\vec{i} + g(t)\vec{j} + h(t)\vec{k}$ has a derivative at t , if f, g and h are derivatives at t . The derivative is the vector

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{r}(t + \Delta t) - \vec{r}(t)}{\Delta t} \quad \leftarrow \quad \frac{df}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t + \Delta t) - f(t)}{\Delta t}$$

$= \frac{df}{dt}\vec{i} + \frac{dg}{dt}\vec{j} + \frac{dh}{dt}\vec{k}$ \rightarrow tangent vector.

As $t \rightarrow t_0$
 $f(t) \rightarrow$ unique value

- If \vec{r} is the position vector of a particle moving along a smooth curve in a space, then $v(t) = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$ is the particle velocity, tangent to the curve. At any time t , the direction of v is the particle speed, and the derivative of $\frac{dv}{dt}$ when exists, is the particles acceleration vector.

Note:

- Velocity is the derivative of position vector: $v = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$ \rightarrow tangent vector
- Speed is the magnitude of the velocity: Speed $= |\vec{v}|$
- Acceleration is the derivative of the velocity $a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$
- The unit vector $\vec{v}/|\vec{v}|$ is the direction of motion at time t .

Problem:

Find the velocity, speed and acceleration of a particle whose motion in space is given by the position vector $\vec{r}(t) = (2\cos t)\vec{i} + (2\sin t)\vec{j} + (5\cos^2 t)\vec{k}$.

$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \rightarrow$ tangent vector (velocity)

Properties:

- Let ϕ be any scalar function & \vec{a} be a vector function
then $\frac{d}{dt}(\phi \vec{a}) = \frac{d\phi}{dt} \vec{a} + \phi \frac{d\vec{a}}{dt}$
- If λ is a const, $\frac{d}{dt}(\lambda \vec{a}) = \lambda \frac{d\vec{a}}{dt}$, \vec{a} is a vector function
- $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{a} \pm \vec{b}) = \frac{d\vec{a}}{dt} \pm \frac{d\vec{b}}{dt}$, \vec{a}, \vec{b} are vector functions
- $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) = \frac{d\vec{a}}{dt} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{a} \cdot \frac{d\vec{b}}{dt}$, \vec{a}, \vec{b} are vector functions
- $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \frac{d\vec{a}}{dt} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \frac{d\vec{b}}{dt}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{a} \times \bar{b}) = \frac{d\bar{a}}{dt} \times \bar{b} + \bar{a} \times \frac{d\bar{b}}{dt}$$

\rightarrow Vector differential operator (∇) — def

The vector differential operator ∇ is defined as

$$\nabla \equiv \bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

Gradient of a scalar point function:

Let ϕ be a scalar point function, then the gradient of a scalar point function ϕ is denoted by $\text{grad } \phi$ or $\nabla \phi$

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

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

Properties:

If ϕ, ψ are two scalar point functions

$$1) \text{grad}(\phi \pm \psi) = \text{grad } \phi \pm \text{grad } \psi.$$

$$2) \text{grad}(\phi \psi) = \psi \text{grad } \phi + \phi \text{grad } \psi$$

$$3) \text{grad}\left(\frac{\phi}{\psi}\right) = \frac{\psi \text{grad } \phi - \phi \text{grad } \psi}{\psi^2}, \quad \psi \neq 0.$$

$$4) \bar{r} = \bar{x} + \bar{y} + \bar{z}, \quad \text{then} \quad d\bar{r} = dx\bar{i} + dy\bar{j} + dz\bar{k}$$

If ϕ is a scalar function, then

$$\phi(x, y, z)$$

$$d\phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} dz$$

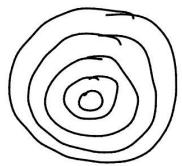
$$= \left(\bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (\bar{i} dx + \bar{j} dy + \bar{k} dz)$$

$d\phi = \nabla \phi \cdot d\bar{r}$

$\therefore \text{if } \phi(x, y, z) = C \text{ denotes level surfaces}$

→ Let $\phi(x, y, z) = c$ denotes level surfaces.

Ex: $\phi(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$
 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = c$ - level surface



then $d\phi = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla \phi \cdot d\bar{r} = 0}$$

$\Rightarrow \nabla \phi$ is \perp to $d\bar{r}$

$d\bar{r}$ is the tangent vector.

$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla \phi \text{ is a normal vector}}$

→ If \bar{a} is a vector, then $\frac{\bar{a}}{|\bar{a}|}$ is the unit vector.

→ Find a unit normal vector to the given surface $x^2y + 2xz = 4$ at the point $(2, -2, 3)$.

Sol: $\phi = x^2y + 2xz - 4$

normal vector to ϕ is $\nabla \phi = \bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$

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

$$\nabla \phi \Big|_{(2, -2, 3)} = \bar{i}(-8 + 6) + \bar{j}(4) + \bar{k}(4)$$

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

$$\text{unit normal vector} = \frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|} = \frac{-2\bar{i} + 4\bar{j} + 4\bar{k}}{\sqrt{4 + 16 + 16}}$$

→ Evaluate the angle b/w the normals to the surface $xy = z^2$ at the points $(4, 1, 2)$ & $(3, 3, -3)$.

Sol:

$$\phi = xy - z^2$$

Let \vec{n}_1 be the normal to ϕ at $(4, 1, 2)$

\vec{n}_2 be the normal to ϕ at $(3, 3, -3)$

$$\vec{n}_1 = \nabla \phi \Big|_{(4, 1, 2)}, \quad \vec{n}_2 = \nabla \phi \Big|_{(3, 3, -3)}$$

$$\vec{n}_1 = \left(i \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \Big|_{(4, 1, 2)}, \quad \vec{n}_2 = \left(i \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \Big|_{(3, 3, -3)}$$

$$\vec{n}_1 = \vec{i} + 4\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}, \quad \vec{n}_2 = 3\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2}{|\vec{n}_1| |\vec{n}_2|} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{3+12-24}{\sqrt{1+16+16} \sqrt{9+9+36}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-9}{\sqrt{33} \sqrt{54}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-9}{\sqrt{33} \sqrt{54}} \right).$$

→ Find the angle of intersection of the surfaces
 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 29$ & $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 4x - 6y - 8z - 47 = 0$ at the
 point $(4, -3, 2)$

→ Divergence of a vector point function

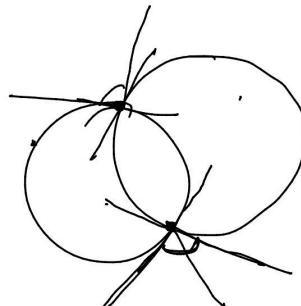
Let $\vec{F} = f_1 \vec{i} + f_2 \vec{j} + f_3 \vec{k}$ be a vector

point function then the divergence of a vector point function \vec{F} is denoted by $\operatorname{div} \vec{F}$ or $\nabla \cdot \vec{F}$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (f_1 \vec{i} + f_2 \vec{j} + f_3 \vec{k})$$

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

$$\vec{F} = f_1 \vec{i} + f_2 \vec{j} + f_3 \vec{k}$$



$$\nabla \cdot \vec{f} = (\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z})$$

$$\boxed{\operatorname{div} \vec{f} = \nabla \cdot \vec{f} = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z}.}$$

$$\vec{f} = f_1 \vec{i} + f_2 \vec{j} + f_3 \vec{k}$$

\rightarrow Solenoidal vector:

A vector \vec{f} is said to be solenoidal vector if $\operatorname{div} \vec{f} = 0$.

$$\rightarrow \operatorname{div}(\vec{f} \pm \vec{g}) = \operatorname{div} \vec{f} \pm \operatorname{div} \vec{g}.$$

\rightarrow find the value of n if $\vec{f} = r^n \vec{r}$ is solenoidal,

sol: $\operatorname{div} \vec{f} = 0 \Rightarrow$ then \vec{f} is solenoidal.

$$\vec{f} = r^n \vec{r}.$$

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

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

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

Diff partially w.r.t to x, y, z .

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

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

$$f_1 \vec{i} + f_2 \vec{j} + f_3 \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{f} = r^n \vec{r} = r^n (x \vec{i} + y \vec{j} + z \vec{k}) = f_1 r^n \vec{i} + f_2 r^n \vec{j} + f_3 r^n \vec{k}$$

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{f} = \nabla \cdot \vec{f} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (f_1 r^n) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (f_2 r^n) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (f_3 r^n)$$

$$= \sum \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (r^n x)$$

$$= \sum \left(r^{n-1} + x^{n-1} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$= \sum \left(r^n + x^{n-1} \cdot \frac{x}{r} \right)$$

$$= \sum (r^n + n r^{n-2} x^2)$$

$$= r^n + n r^{n-2} x^2 + r^n + n r^{n-2} y^2 + r^n + n r^{n-2} z^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= r^n + n r^{n-2} x^2 + r^n + n r^{n-2} y^2 + r^n + n r^{n-2} z^2 \\
 &= 3r^n + n r^{n-2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \\
 &\quad 3r^n + n r^{n-2} (r^2) \\
 &\quad 3r^n + n r^n \\
 \operatorname{div} \vec{f} &= r^n (3+n) \\
 \text{is solenoidal} \Rightarrow \operatorname{div} \vec{f} &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow r^n (3+n) &= 0 \\
 \rightarrow n+3 &= 0 \\
 \boxed{n = -3}
 \end{aligned}$$

+ find $\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{y}}{y^3} \right)$ where $\vec{y} = \vec{x}_i + \vec{y}_j + \vec{z}_k$

\rightarrow Directional derivative:

Directional derivative → rate of change of f in the direction of \vec{v}

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \rightarrow \text{ur ur ur ur ur z}$$

$$\frac{24}{27} \rightarrow 1, 4, 4$$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \rightarrow$ " Let $\phi(x,y,z)$ be a scalar point function, then the derivative of ϕ in the direction of \vec{a} is called as directional derivative & it is defined as $\nabla \phi \cdot \hat{e}$ where \hat{e} is the unit vector in the direction of \vec{a} , i.e. $\hat{e} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$.

$$\text{Directional derivative} = \nabla \phi \cdot \hat{e}$$

→ Directional derivative = $\nabla \phi \cdot \vec{e}$
 → Directional derivative of ϕ in the direction of \vec{a}

it is unit vector in the direction of a

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

$$\text{Dipole moment} = |\nabla \phi|$$

Maximum directional derivative is $= |\nabla \phi|$
 Minimum $= -|\nabla \phi|$

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

Sol: Directional derivative $= \nabla f \cdot \hat{e}$
 \hat{e} is the unit vector in the direction of $\vec{a} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$

$$\hat{e} = \frac{\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}}{\sqrt{1+4+4}} = \frac{\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f \cdot \hat{e} &= \left(i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}}{3} \right) \\ &= (\vec{i}(y+z) + \vec{j}(x+2) + \vec{k}(x+y)) \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}}{3} \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f \cdot \hat{e} \Big|_{(1,2,0)} &= [\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 3\vec{k}] \cdot \left[\frac{\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}}{3} \right] \\ &= \frac{2+2+6}{3} = \frac{10}{3}\end{aligned}$$

→ Find the directional derivative of $f = x^2 - y^2 + 2z^2$ at $P(1, 2, 3)$ in the direction of \vec{PQ} where Q is $(5, 0, 4)$.

Sol: $\vec{PQ} = \vec{OQ} - \vec{OP}$

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

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OP} &= \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k} \\ \vec{OQ} &= 5\vec{i} + 4\vec{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Directional derivative} = \nabla f \cdot \hat{e}, \quad \hat{e} = \frac{\vec{PQ}}{|\vec{PQ}|} = \frac{4\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}}{\sqrt{16+4+1}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f \Big|_{(1,2,3)} &= \left. \vec{i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right|_{(1,2,3)} \\ &= \vec{i}(2x) + \vec{j}(-2y) + \vec{k}(4z) \Big|_{(1,2,3)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla f \Big|_{(1,2,3)} = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$$

$$\nabla f \cdot \hat{e} \Big|_{(1,2,3)} = (\hat{2i} - \hat{4j} + \hat{12k}) \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{4i} - \hat{2j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{21}} \right) =$$

→ find the greatest value of the directional derivative of $f = xy^2z^3$ at $(2,1,-1)$.

Sol Greatest directional derivative = $|\nabla f|$

→ If the temperature at any point in space is given by $t = xy + yz + zx$, find the direction in which the temperature changes most rapidly with distance from $(1,1,1)$ & determine the maximum rate of change.

Sol $t = xy + yz + zx$

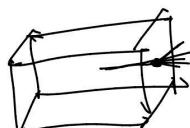
of \vec{t}'

→ The greatest rate of increase at any point is given by the direction of ∇t .

- Note: 1) The maximum rate of change of f occurs in the direction of ∇f & maximum rate is $|\nabla f|$
- 2) The minimum rate of change of f occurs in the direction of $-\nabla f$ & minimum rate is $-|\nabla f|$.

→ Divergence of a vector $\underline{F} = \nabla \cdot \underline{F}$

→ Let $\vec{V} = V_x\hat{i} + V_y\hat{j} + V_z\hat{k}$ be the velocity vector of any moving fluid, then $\nabla \cdot \vec{V}$ represents the rate of change of flow per unit volume at the point.



→ If \vec{V} represents electric flux, then the amount of flux diverging per unit volume is

→ If $\nabla \times \vec{v}$ represents the amount of flux diverging per unit volume as $\nabla \cdot \vec{v}$.

→ Show that $\vec{v} = (2x^2 + 8xy^2z)\vec{i} + (3x^3y - 3xyz)\vec{j} - (4y^2z^2 + 2x^3z^3)\vec{k}$ is not solenoidal.

Sol:

→ Curl of a vector

Let $\vec{f} = f_1\vec{i} + f_2\vec{j} + f_3\vec{k}$ be a continuously differentiable vector function, then curl of \vec{f} is denoted by $\text{curl } \vec{f}$ (or) $\nabla \times \vec{f}$ & it is defined as

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

→ curl represents the angular rotation of the vector

If \vec{w} be an angular velocity about a fixed axis & \vec{v} is the velocity at any point $p(x, y, z)$, then

$$\boxed{\vec{w} = \frac{1}{2} \text{curl } \vec{v}}$$

The angular velocity of rotation at any point is equal to half the curl of velocity vector.

→ Ierotation of vector:

\vec{f} is said to be irrotational vector if $\text{curl } \vec{f} = 0$

→ Note: If $\text{curl } \vec{f} = 0$ then \vec{f} a scalar function $\phi \rightarrow$ $\vec{f} = \nabla \phi$.

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

$$| \vec{i} \quad \vec{j} \quad \vec{k} |$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

\rightarrow If $\bar{r} = x\bar{i} + y\bar{j} + z\bar{k}$, then p.t. $r^n \bar{r}$ is irrotational.

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

$$r = |\bar{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}, \quad r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

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

$$r^n \bar{r} = r^n (x\bar{i} + y\bar{j} + z\bar{k}) = x r^n \bar{i} + y r^n \bar{j} + z r^n \bar{k}$$

$$\text{curl } r^n \bar{r} = \nabla \times (r^n \bar{r}) = \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x r^n & y r^n & z r^n \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

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

$$\nabla \times (r^n \bar{r}) = \bar{0}$$

$\Rightarrow r^n \bar{r}$ is an irrotational vector.

\rightarrow If $\bar{F} = (x+y+1)\bar{i} + \bar{j} - (x+y)\bar{k}$ then show that $\bar{F} \cdot \text{curl } \bar{F} = 0$

\rightarrow show that the vector $(x^2 - y^2)\bar{i} + (y^2 - z^2)\bar{j} + (z^2 - x^2)\bar{k}$ is irrotational.

→ show that the vector $(x^2 - yz)\vec{i} + (y^2 - zx)\vec{j} + (z^2 - xy)\vec{k}$ is irrotational and find its scalar potential.

$$\text{Sol: } \vec{F} = (x^2 - yz)\vec{i} + (y^2 - zx)\vec{j} + (z^2 - xy)\vec{k} = F_1\vec{i} + F_2\vec{j} + F_3\vec{k}$$

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x^2 - yz & y^2 - zx & z^2 - xy \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i}(-x+z) - \vec{j}(-y+x) + \vec{k}(-z+y) = \vec{0}$$

$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{F}$ is irrotational.

→ If $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{0}$ then ∫ a scalar point function $\phi \rightarrow$

$$\vec{F} = \nabla \phi$$

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

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = x^2 - yz, \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = y^2 - zx, \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = z^2 - xy. \quad \leftarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = x^2 - yz$$

Integrate wrt to 'x'

$$\phi = \frac{x^3}{3} - xyz + f(y, z) \quad \leftarrow \textcircled{2}$$

Diffr partially wrt to 'y'

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 0 - xz + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(y, z)$$

$$\text{from } \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow y^2 - zx = -xz + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(y, z)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(y, z) = y^2$$

Integrate wrt to 'y'

$$f(y, z) = \frac{y^3}{3} + g(z), \text{ where } g(z) \text{ is integration constant}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \phi = \frac{x^3}{3} - xyz + \frac{y^3}{3} + g(z) \quad \leftarrow \textcircled{3}$$

Diffr partially wrt to 'z'

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 0 - xy + 0 + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} g(z)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 0 - xy + 0 + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} g(z)$$

From ① $z^2 - xy = -xy + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} g(z)$

$$\frac{d}{dz} g(z) = z^2$$

Integrate w.r.t to 'z'

$$g(z) = \frac{z^3}{3} + C$$

③ $\Rightarrow \boxed{\phi = \frac{x^3}{3} - xy^2 + \frac{y^3}{3} + \frac{z^3}{3} + C}$

\rightarrow find the constants a, b, c so that the vector
 $\bar{F} = (a+2y+az)\bar{i} + (bx-3y-z)\bar{j} + (4x+cy+2z)\bar{k}$ is
 irrotational. Also find the scalar point function.

Ans $a = 4, b = 2, c = -1$

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

\rightarrow operators:

1) $\nabla \equiv \bar{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$

2) $\bar{a} \cdot \nabla \equiv (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{i}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{j}) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{k}) \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$

If ϕ is scalar function & \bar{f} is a vector function.

$$(\bar{a} \cdot \nabla) \phi = (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{i}) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{j}) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{k}) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

3) $\bar{a} \times \nabla \equiv (\bar{a} \times \bar{i}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (\bar{a} \times \bar{j}) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + (\bar{a} \times \bar{k}) \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$

$$(\bar{a} \times \nabla) \phi = (\bar{a} \times \bar{i}) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + (\bar{a} \times \bar{j}) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + (\bar{a} \times \bar{k}) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

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

$$(\bar{a} \times \nabla) \times \bar{f} = (\bar{a} \times \bar{i}) \times \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial x} + (\bar{a} \times \bar{j}) \times \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial y} + (\bar{a} \times \bar{k}) \times \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial z}$$

$$\bar{a} \cdot \bar{f} = \bar{i} \cdot \bar{f} + \bar{j} \cdot \bar{f} + \bar{k} \cdot \bar{f} \quad (\text{divergence})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \vec{i} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \quad (\text{divergence})$$

\vec{F} is vector function

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \vec{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial z}.$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \vec{i} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \quad (\text{curl})$$

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

\rightarrow Laplacian operator: (∇^2)

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

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}}.$$

$$\rightarrow \text{P-T div}(\text{grad } r^m) = m(m+1)r^{m-2}, \quad \vec{r} = \vec{x}\vec{i} + \vec{y}\vec{j} + \vec{z}\vec{k}$$

$$\text{sol: } \text{div}(\text{grad } r^m) = \nabla \cdot (\nabla r^m)$$

$$= \nabla^2 r^m$$

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

$$\vec{r} = \vec{x}\vec{i} + \vec{y}\vec{j} + \vec{z}\vec{k} \Rightarrow r = |\vec{r}|, \quad r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{div}(\text{grad } r^m) &= \sum \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} r^m \\ &= \sum \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} r^m \right) = \sum \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[m r^{m-1} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right] \\ &= \sum \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[m r^{m-1} \cdot \frac{x}{r} \right] \\ &= \sum \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[m r^{m-2} \cdot \frac{x}{r} \right] \\ &= \sum m \left(r^{m-2} \cdot 1 + x \cdot (m-2) r^{m-3} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right) \\ &= \sum m \left(r^{m-2} + x(m-2) r^{m-3} \frac{x}{r} \right) \\ &= \sum m \left(r^{m-2} + (m-2) r^{m-4} x^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum m \left(r^{m-2} + (m-2) r^{m-4} \bar{x}^2 \right) \\
&= m r^{m-2} + m(m-2) r^{m-4} \bar{x}^2 + m r^{m-2} + m(m-2) r^{m-4} \bar{y}^2 \\
&+ m r^{m-2} + m(m-2) r^{m-4} \bar{z}^2. \\
&= 3mr^{m-2} + m(m-2) r^{m-4} \left[\bar{x}^2 + \bar{y}^2 + \bar{z}^2 \right] \\
&3mr^{m-2} + m(m-2) r^{m-4} \bar{r}^2 \\
&3mr^{m-2} + m(m-2) r^{m-2} \\
&r^{m-2} m \left[3 + m - 2 \right] = m(m+1) r^{m-2}.
\end{aligned}$$

→ find $\nabla^2(\log r)$

→ If \bar{a} is a vector differentiable function & ϕ is a scalar function, then

$$\begin{aligned}
1) \quad P.T \quad \operatorname{div}(\phi \bar{a}) &= (\operatorname{grad} \phi) \cdot \bar{a} + \phi \operatorname{div} \bar{a} \\
(\text{or}) \quad \nabla \cdot (\phi \bar{a}) &= (\nabla \phi) \cdot \bar{a} + \phi (\nabla \cdot \bar{a}).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{sol: } \operatorname{div}(\phi \bar{a}) &= \nabla \cdot (\phi \bar{a}) = \sum \bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\phi \bar{a}) \\
&= \sum \bar{i} \cdot \left[\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \bar{a} + \phi \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \right] \\
&= \sum \left(\bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \bar{a} \right) + \sum \left(\bar{i} - \phi \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \right) \\
&= \sum \left(\bar{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right) \cdot \bar{a} + \sum \left(\bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{a}}{\partial x} \right) \phi \\
&= \nabla \phi \cdot \bar{a} + (\nabla \cdot \bar{a}) \phi
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla &\equiv \bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \bar{j} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \bar{k} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\
&\equiv \sum \bar{i} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow 2) \operatorname{curl}(\phi \bar{a}) = \nabla \times (\phi \bar{a}) = (\operatorname{grad} \phi) \times \bar{a} + \phi \operatorname{curl} \bar{a}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
3) \quad \operatorname{grad}(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}) &= (\bar{b} \cdot \nabla) \bar{a} + (\bar{a} \cdot \nabla) \bar{b} + \bar{b} \times \operatorname{curl} \bar{a} + \\
&\quad \bar{a} \times \operatorname{curl} \bar{b}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$4) \quad \nabla \cdot (\bar{a} \times \bar{b}) = \bar{b} \cdot (\nabla \times \bar{a}) - \bar{a} \cdot (\nabla \times \bar{b})$$

$$5) \quad \text{curl}(\bar{a} \times \bar{b}) = \bar{a} \cdot \text{div} \bar{b} - \bar{b} \cdot \text{div} \bar{a}$$

$$6) \quad \text{curl}[\text{grad } \bar{f}] = 0$$

$$7) \quad \text{div}[\text{curl } \bar{f}] = 0 \quad . \quad \bar{f} = f_{1i} \bar{i} + f_{2j} \bar{j} + f_{3k} \bar{k}$$