

Triple Product

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Scalar Triple Product. Let $a = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$, $b = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$ and $c = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$, where $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ are unit vectors along the three mutually \perp^2 axes, then the scalar triple product is defined by

$$[abc] = a \cdot (b \times c) = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Note: (i) $[abc] = [bca] = [cab]$

(ii) $[abc] = -[bac]$, (iii) $a \cdot (b \times c) = (a \times b) \cdot c$

(iv) The scalar triple product gives the volume of the parallelepiped whose sides are represented by the vectors a, b, c .

Vector triple Product.

Let a, b, c be three vectors, then the vector triple product is defined by $a \times (b \times c) = (a \cdot c)b - (a \cdot b)c$

Note: $(a \times b) \times c = -c \times (a \times b) = (a \cdot c)b - (b \cdot c)a$

Examples: 1. $[a+b, b+c, c+a] = 2[abc]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= (a+b) \cdot \{(b+c) \times (c+a)\} = (a+b) \cdot (b \times c + b \times a + c \times a) \\ &= a \cdot b \times c + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + b \cdot c \times a = [abc] + [bca] = 2[abc] \end{aligned}$$

2. $[a \times b, b \times c, c \times a] = [abc]^2$

Let $b \times c = \alpha$. Then $(b \times c) \times (c \times a) = \alpha \times (c \times a) = (\alpha \cdot a)c - (\alpha \cdot c)a$
 $= [bca]c - [abc]a$

Now LHS = $(a \times b) \cdot [abc]c = [abc][abc] = [abc]^2$

Exercises: 1. Prove $(a \times b) \cdot (c \times d) = (a \cdot c)(b \cdot d) - (a \cdot d)(b \cdot c)$

2. Show that $\alpha \times (\beta \times \gamma) + \beta \times (\gamma \times \alpha) + \gamma \times (\alpha \times \beta) = 0$.

3. Show that the four points whose position vectors are $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ are coplanar if $[\alpha\beta\gamma] = [\beta\gamma\delta] + [\gamma\delta\alpha] + [\delta\alpha\beta]$

4. If the four vectors a, b, c, d be such that $a+b+c+d=0$ then show that $\frac{|a|}{[\beta\gamma\delta]} = \frac{-|b|}{[\gamma\delta\alpha]} = \frac{|c|}{[\delta\alpha\beta]} = \frac{-|d|}{[\alpha\beta\gamma]}$

where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ are unit vectors along a, b, c, d respectively,

5. Establish the identities:

$$(i) 2a = i \times (axi) + j \times (axj) + k \times (axk)$$

$$(ii) [pqr][abc] = \begin{vmatrix} p.a & p.b & p.c \\ q.a & q.b & q.c \\ r.a & r.b & r.c \end{vmatrix},$$

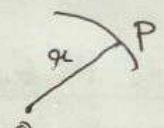
6. Prove that $(\alpha \times \beta) \cdot (\gamma \times \delta) + (\alpha \times \gamma) \cdot (\delta \times \beta) + (\alpha \times \delta) \cdot (\beta \times \gamma) = 0$
 Using it to show that $\cos(A+B) \cdot \cos(A-B) = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 B$.

7. Show that $|\alpha \times \beta|^2 |\alpha \times \gamma|^2 = -\{(\alpha \times \beta) \cdot (\alpha \times \gamma)\}^2 = |\alpha|^2 [\alpha \beta \gamma]^2$

Differentiation of Vectors

Vector function, limit and continuity: Let P be a variable point on a curve in space whose position vector relative to a fixed origin O be r .

If there exists an independent scalar variable t such that for each value of t in a definite domain, we get a definite position of P, i.e. a unique vector r , then r is called a single valued function of t and is represented as $r = f(t)$.



Let P be the point (x, y, z) then we write

$r = x(t)i + y(t)j + z(t)k$, and the specification of the vector function r defines $x, y,$ and z as functions of t .

A vector function $f(t)$ of the scalar parameter t is said to tend to a limit l as t tends to t_0 if for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|f(t) - l| < \epsilon \text{ whenever } 0 < |t - t_0| < \delta.$$

This is expressed as $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} f(t) = l$.

A vector function $f(t)$ is said to be continuous at $t = t_0$ if $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} f(t) = f(t_0)$.

Derivative: - The derivative of a vector function $r(t)$ of a single parameter t is $\frac{dr}{dt}$ if exists,

$$r'(t) = \frac{dr}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{r(t + \Delta t) - r(t)}{\Delta t}$$

If $r(t) = x(t)i + y(t)j + z(t)k$ then $\frac{dr}{dt} = x'(t)i + y'(t)j + z'(t)k$

Proposition.

Suppose A, B, C are differentiable vector functions of a scalar t and ϕ is a diff. scalar function of u . Then

- (i) $\frac{d}{dt}(A+B) = \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{dB}{dt}$
- (ii) $\frac{d}{dt}(A \cdot B) = A \cdot \frac{dB}{dt} + \frac{dA}{dt} \cdot B$
- (iii) $\frac{d}{dt}(A \times B) = A \times \frac{dB}{dt} + \frac{dA}{dt} \times B$
- (iv) $\frac{d}{dt}(\phi A) = \phi \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{d\phi}{dt} A$
- (v) $\frac{d}{dt}[ABC] = [AB \frac{dC}{dt}] + [A \frac{dB}{dt} C] + [\frac{dA}{dt} BC]$
- (vi) $\frac{d}{dt}[A \times (B \times C)] = A \times (B \times \frac{dC}{dt}) + A \times (\frac{dB}{dt} \times C) + \frac{dA}{dt} \times (B \times C)$.

Partial derivative of vectors: Suppose A is a vector function of x, y and z , i.e. $A = A(x, y, z)$. The partial derivative of A w.r.t. x is denoted and defined as

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{A(x+\Delta x, y, z) - A(x, y, z)}{\Delta x} \text{ if exists.}$$

The other partial derivatives $\frac{\partial A}{\partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial A}{\partial z}$ are similarly defined. Higher order derivatives can be defined as in calculus.

If A has continuous partial derivatives of the second order at least, we have $\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial y \partial x}$.

Examples 1. If $\alpha = t^2 i - tj + (2t+1)k$ and $\beta = (2t-3)i + j - tk$ then find $\frac{d}{dt}(\alpha \times \frac{d\beta}{dt})$ at $t=2$.

$$\text{We have } \frac{d}{dt}(\alpha \times \frac{d\beta}{dt}) = \alpha \times \frac{d^2\beta}{dt^2} + \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \times \frac{d\beta}{dt}$$

$$\text{Now } \alpha = t^2 i - tj + (2t+1)k = 4i - 2j + 5k \text{ at } t=2$$

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = 2ti - j + 2k = 4i - j + 2k \text{ at } t=2$$

$$\beta = (2t-3)i + j - tk = i + j - 2k \text{ at } t=2$$

$$\frac{d\beta}{dt} = 2i - k \text{ at } t=2, \frac{d^2\beta}{dt^2} = 0 \text{ at } t=2$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dt}(\alpha \times \frac{d\beta}{dt}) = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 4 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 4 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = i + 8j + 2k.$$

2. A particle moves along the curve $x = 2t^2, y = t^2 - 4t, z = -t - 5$ where t is time. Find the components of its velocity and acceleration at time $t=1$ in the direction $i - 2j + 2k$.

Soln. velocity $\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = 4t\mathbf{i} + (2t-4)\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k} = 4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ at $t=1$

Unit vector in direction $\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ is $\frac{\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{1+4+4}} = \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{i} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{k}$

Component of vel. in the given direction is

$$(4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\mathbf{i} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{k}\right) = 2.$$

Acceleration $\frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{dt^2} = 4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$

Component of Accn in the given dirⁿ is $(4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\mathbf{i} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{k}\right) = 0$

3. show that $\mathbf{A} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} = |\mathbf{A}| \frac{d|\mathbf{A}|}{dt}$

Soln. since $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} = |\mathbf{A}|^2$, we have $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A}) = \frac{d}{dt} |\mathbf{A}|^2$

$$\Rightarrow 2\mathbf{A} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} = 2|\mathbf{A}| \frac{d|\mathbf{A}|}{dt} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} = |\mathbf{A}| \frac{d|\mathbf{A}|}{dt}$$

Exercises: 1. If \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are two vector functions of the scalar variable t , then P.T. $\mathbf{a} \times \frac{d^2\mathbf{b}}{dt^2} - \frac{d^2\mathbf{a}}{dt^2} \times \mathbf{b} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\mathbf{a} \times \frac{d\mathbf{b}}{dt} - \frac{d\mathbf{a}}{dt} \times \mathbf{b} \right)$.

2. If $\frac{d\mathbf{a}}{dt} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{a}$ and $\frac{d\mathbf{b}}{dt} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{b}$ then show that $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{r} \times (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$, where \mathbf{r} is a constant vector and \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} are vector functions of scalar variable t .

3. Let F depends on x, y, z, t where x, y , and z depends on t .

P.T. $\frac{dF}{dt} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt}$.

4. Suppose a particle moves along a curve $\mathbf{r} = (t^3 - 4t)\mathbf{i} + (t^2 + 4t)\mathbf{j} + (8t^2 - 3t^3)\mathbf{k}$. Find the magnitudes of the tangential and normal components of its acceleration when $t=2$.

5. For the curve $\mathbf{r} = (2a \cos t, 2a \sin t, bt^2)$, show that $[\mathbf{r} \ddot{\mathbf{r}} \ddot{\mathbf{r}}] = 8a^2bt$.

6. Find the unit normal to the surface $\mathbf{r} = a \cos u \sin v \mathbf{i} + a \sin u \sin v \mathbf{j} + a \cos v \mathbf{k}$, $a > 0$.

7. Let $\frac{d^2\mathbf{A}}{dt^2} = 6t\mathbf{i} - 24t^2\mathbf{j} + 4 \sin t \mathbf{k}$. Find \mathbf{A} given that $\mathbf{A} = 2t\mathbf{j}$ and $\frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} = -\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{k}$ at $t=0$.

Gradient, Divergence, Curl

The vector differential operator del or nabla is defined as

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

Gradient: Let $\phi(x, y, z)$ be a differentiable scalar function at each point (x, y, z) in a certain region of space. Then $\text{grad } \phi$ or $\nabla \phi$ is defined as

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

Directional derivative:

consider a scalar function $\phi(x, y, z)$. Then the directional derivative of ϕ in the direction of a vector a is defined by $\nabla \phi \cdot \frac{a}{|a|}$ where $\frac{a}{|a|}$ is the unit vector in the dirⁿ of a .

Divergence: Let $V(x, y, z) = v_1 i + v_2 j + v_3 k$ be differentiable at each point (x, y, z) in a region of space. Then the divergence of V , written as $\nabla \cdot V$ or $\text{div } V$ is defined as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot V &= \left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (v_1 i + v_2 j + v_3 k) \\ &= \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial z}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\text{div } V$ is a scalar.

Curl: Let $V(x, y, z) = v_1 i + v_2 j + v_3 k$ be a differentiable vector field. Then the curl or rotation of V , written as $\nabla \times V$, $\text{curl } V$, $\text{rot } V$ is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times V &= \left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \times (v_1 i + v_2 j + v_3 k) \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial v_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial z} \right) i + \left(\frac{\partial v_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial x} \right) j + \left(\frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y} \right) k \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 1. Suppose A and B are diff. vector functions, and ϕ, ψ are diff. scalar functions. Then the following laws hold:

$$(i) \nabla(\phi + \psi) = \nabla \phi + \nabla \psi, \quad (ii) \nabla \cdot (A + B) = \nabla \cdot A + \nabla \cdot B$$

$$(iii) \nabla \times (A + B) = \nabla \times A + \nabla \times B \quad (iv) \nabla \cdot (\phi A) = (\nabla \phi) \cdot A + \phi (\nabla \cdot A)$$

$$(v) \nabla \times (\phi A) = \nabla \phi \times A + \phi (\nabla \times A), \quad (vi) \nabla \cdot (A \times B) = B \cdot (\nabla \times A) - A \cdot (\nabla \times B).$$

$$2. (i) \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = \nabla^2 \phi = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}$$

$$(ii) \nabla \times (\nabla \phi) = 0 \quad (iii) \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times A) = 0$$

$$(iv) \nabla \times (\nabla \times A) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot A) - \nabla^2 A.$$

Examples: 1. Find the directional derivative of $\phi = xy^2z + 4x^2z$ at $(-1, 1, 2)$ in the dirⁿ $(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$.

$$\text{We have } \nabla\phi = \hat{i}(y^2z + 8xz) + \hat{j}(2xy^2z) + \hat{k}(xy^2 + 4x^2) \\ = -14\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \text{ at } (-1, 1, 2)$$

$$\text{The unit vector in the dirⁿ } (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \text{ is } \hat{a} = \frac{2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{3}$$

$$\therefore \text{Directional derivative} = \nabla\phi \cdot \hat{a} = -\frac{38}{3}$$

2. Show that $\nabla\phi$ is a vector perpendicular to the surface $\phi(x, y, z) = c$,

Let $\mathbf{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ be the position vector of any point $P(x, y, z)$ on the surface. Then $d\mathbf{r} = dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j} + dz\hat{k}$ lies in the tangent plane to the surface at P .

$$\text{Now } d\phi = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z} dz = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j} + dz\hat{k}) = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla\phi \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 0$$

$\therefore \nabla\phi$ is perpendicular to $d\mathbf{r}$ and therefore to the surface.

3. If the vectors A and B are irrotational, then show that the vector $A \times B$ is solenoidal.

A vector a is said to be solenoidal if $\text{div } a = 0$

Since A and B are irrotational, $\nabla \times A = \nabla \times B = 0$

$$\text{Now } \text{div}(A \times B) = \nabla \cdot (A \times B) = B \cdot (\nabla \times A) - A \cdot (\nabla \times B) \\ = B \cdot 0 - A \cdot 0 = 0$$

4. Suppose $\nabla \times A = 0$, Evaluate $\nabla \cdot (A \times \mathbf{r})$.

Let $A = A_1\hat{i} + A_2\hat{j} + A_3\hat{k}$, $\mathbf{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$. Then

$$A \times \mathbf{r} = (zA_2 - yA_3)\hat{i} + (xA_3 - zA_1)\hat{j} + (yA_1 - xA_2)\hat{k}$$

$$\text{and } \nabla \cdot (A \times \mathbf{r}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(zA_2 - yA_3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(xA_3 - zA_1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(yA_1 - xA_2)$$

$$= x \left(\frac{\partial A_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial z} \right) + y \left(\frac{\partial A_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial x} \right) + z \left(\frac{\partial A_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$= \mathbf{r} \cdot (\nabla \times A) = \mathbf{r} \cdot \text{curl } A = 0 \text{ if } \nabla \times A = 0$$

5. Prove that $\nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = 0$.

$$\nabla^2 \frac{1}{r} = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \right) = -x(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-3/2}, \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \right) = \frac{2x^2 - y^2 - z^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \right) = \frac{2y^2 - z^2 - x^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}}, \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \right) = \frac{2z^2 - x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}}$$

Then, by addition, we have $\nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = 0$.

Exercises:

1. Find the maximum value of the directional derivative of $\phi = x^2 + z^2 - y^2$ at $(1, 3, 2)$. Find also the direction in which it occurs.
2. Show that $\text{curl } u = 0$ if $u = (y^2 + z^3)i + (zxy - 5z)j + (3xz^2 - 5y)k$
3. Show that if $r = xi + yj + zk$, then
(i) $\text{curl } \frac{r}{|r|} = 0$ (ii) $\nabla \cdot \frac{r}{|r|} = \frac{2}{|r|}$ (iii) $\nabla \times \frac{r}{|r|^3} = 0$
(iv) $\text{curl grad } |r|^m = 0$.
4. Show that the vector $F = (zx - yz)i + (zy - zx)j + (zz - xy)k$ is irrotational. For this F , find a scalar function ϕ such that $F = \text{grad } \phi$.
5. If $\phi = (a \times a) \cdot (a \times b)$ then prove that $\nabla \phi = b \times (a \times a) + a \times (a \times b)$.
6. Show that $\nabla f(x, y, z)$ is both irrotational and solenoidal vector if $f(x, y, z)$ satisfies $\nabla^2 f(x, y, z) = 0$.

Vector Integration

Ordinary Integrals of vector valued functions: -

If the vector function $R(t)$ of a scalar variable t be such that $a(t) = \frac{d}{dt} R(t)$

then $\int a(t) dt = R(t) + C$ where C is an arbitrary constant vector independent of t .

Let $a(t) = a_1(t)i + a_2(t)j + a_3(t)k$ be a vector function of a scalar variable t , where $a_1(t)$, $a_2(t)$ and $a_3(t)$ are assumed continuous in a specific interval. Then

$$\int a(t) dt = i \int a_1(t) dt + j \int a_2(t) dt + k \int a_3(t) dt$$

is called an indefinite integral of $a(t)$.

A definite integral of $a(t)$ between the limits $t=a$ and $t=b$ can be written as

$$\int_a^b a(t) dt = [R(t)]_a^b = R(b) - R(a) \text{ if } R'(t) = a(t).$$

Line Integrals: - Let $r(t) = x(t)i + y(t)j + z(t)k$ be the position vector of $P(x, y, z)$ and suppose $r(t)$ defines a curve C joining points P_1 and P_2 where $t=t_1$ and $t=t_2$ resp. we assume that C is composed of a finite number of curves for each of which $r(t)$ has a continuous derivative.

Let $A(x, y, z) = A_1 i + A_2 j + A_3 k$ be a vector function of position defined and continuous along C . Then the integral of the tangential component of A along C from P_1 to P_2 written as

$$\int_{P_1}^{P_2} A \cdot dx = \int_C A \cdot dx = \int_C A_1 dx + A_2 dy + A_3 dz.$$

is an example of a line integral.

If C is a closed curve, the integral around C is denoted as

$$\oint A \cdot dx = \oint A_1 dx + A_2 dy + A_3 dz.$$

Thm: Suppose $A = \nabla \phi$ everywhere in a region R defined by $[a_1, a_2] \times [b_1, b_2] \times [c_1, c_2]$ and $\phi(x, y, z)$ is single valued and has continuous derivatives in R . Then

(i) $\int_{P_1}^{P_2} A \cdot dx$ is independent of the path C in R joining P_1 and P_2

(ii) $\oint_C A \cdot dx = 0$ around any closed curve in C in R

In such a case A is called a conservative vector field and ϕ is its scalar potential.

Surface Integral: Let S be a two-sided surface, where one side is considered arbitrarily the +ve side (usually outer side if S is closed). A unit normal n to any point of the +ve side of S is called a positive or outward drawn unit normal.

Associated with the differential of surface area dS , a vector $d\vec{S}$ whose magnitude is dS and whose direction is that of \vec{n} . Then $d\vec{S} = \vec{n} dS$. The integral

$$\iint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_S \vec{A} \cdot \vec{n} dS \text{ is called the flux of } A \text{ over } S$$

or a surface integral of A over S .

Other surface integrals are $\iint_S \phi dS$, $\iint_S \phi \vec{n} dS$, $\iint_S \vec{A} \times d\vec{S}$ where ϕ is a scalar function.

Volume Integral: Consider a closed surface in space enclosing a volume V . Then the following denote volume integrals or space integrals:

$$\iiint_V A dv \quad \text{and} \quad \iiint_V \phi dv$$

where A is a vector function and ϕ is a scalar function.

Examples 1. Suppose $F = (5x^2 + 6y) \mathbf{i} - (3x + 2y^2) \mathbf{j} + 2xz^2 \mathbf{k}$
 then evaluate $\int_C F \cdot dx$ from $(0,0,0)$ to $(1,1,1)$ along the path C
 given by (i) $x=t, y=t^2, z=t^3$
 (ii) the straight line joining $(0,0,0)$ to $(1,1,1)$.

We have $\int_C F \cdot dx = \int_C (5x^2 + 6y) dx - (3x + 2y^2) dy + 2xz^2 dz$

(i) The points $(0,0,0)$ and $(1,1,1)$ refer to $t=0$ and $t=1$ along the curve $x=t, y=t^2, z=t^3$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int_C F \cdot dx &= \int_0^1 \{ (5t^2 + 6t) dt - (3t + 2t^4) 2t dt + 2t \cdot t^6 \cdot 3t^2 dt \} \\ &= \int_0^1 (5t^2 - 4t^5 + 6t^9) dt = \frac{8}{5} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) The eqn of the line $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z}{1} = t$ say.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C F \cdot dx &= \int_0^1 (5t^2 + 6t) dt - (3t + 2t^4) dt + 2t^3 dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (2t^3 + 3t^2 + 3t) dt = \frac{2}{4} + 1 + \frac{3}{2} = 3 \end{aligned}$$

2. Evaluate the surface integral $\iint_S (yz \mathbf{i} + zx \mathbf{j} + xy \mathbf{k}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$
 where S is the surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ in the first octant.

Here $F = yz \mathbf{i} + zx \mathbf{j} + xy \mathbf{k}$ and $d\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{i} dy dz + \mathbf{j} dz dx + \mathbf{k} dx dy$

Thus the integral $= \iint_S (yz dy dz + zx dz dx + xy dx dy)$

$$\text{Now } \iint_S yz dy dz = \int_{y=0}^1 \int_{z=0}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} yz dz dy = \int_0^1 y dy \left[\frac{z^2}{2} \right]_0^{\sqrt{1-y^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 y(1-y^2) dy = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\text{Similarly } \iint_S zx dz dx = \iint_S xy dx dy = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\text{Required integral} = 3 \times \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$$

3. Let V be the closed region bounded by the surfaces $x=0, x=2; y=0, y=6; z=x^2, z=4$ and

$$F = y \mathbf{i} + 2xz \mathbf{j} - z \mathbf{k}. \text{ Find } \iiint_V \nabla \times F \cdot d\mathbf{V}$$

$$\text{we have } \nabla \times F = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ y & 2xz & -z \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \iiint_V \nabla \times F \, dV = k \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^6 \int_{z=x^2}^4 dz \, dy \, dx$$

$$= k \int_{x=0}^2 dx \int_{y=0}^6 (4-x^2) dy = 6k \int_0^2 (4-x^2) dx = 32k.$$

Exercises:

1. If $F = (5xy - 6x^2)\mathbf{i} + (2y - 4x)\mathbf{j}$ then evaluate $\int_C F \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ where C is the curve in the xy plane given by $y = x^3$ from $(1, 1)$ to $(2, 8)$.
2. Evaluate $\int_C F \cdot d\mathbf{r}$, where $F = (x^2 - 3y^2)\mathbf{i} + (y^2 - 2x^2)\mathbf{j}$ and C is the closed curve in the xy plane, given by $x = 3 \cos t$, $y = 2 \sin t$, $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$, C is described in the anti-clockwise sense.
3. Given $A = (yz + 2x)\mathbf{i} + xz\mathbf{j} + (xy + 2z)\mathbf{k}$. Evaluate $\int_C A \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ along the curve $x^2 + y^2 = 1$, $z = 1$ in the positive direction from $(0, 1, 1)$ to $(1, 0, 1)$.
4. Evaluate $\iint_S F \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds$, where $F = 6z\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + y\mathbf{k}$ and S is that part of the plane $2x + 6y + 3z = 10$ which is located in the first octant.
5. Suppose $A = 4xz\mathbf{i} + xyz^2\mathbf{j} + 3z\mathbf{k}$. Evaluate $\iint_S A \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds$ over the entire surface of the region above the xy -plane bounded by the cone $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$ and the plane $z = 4$.
6. Evaluate $\iint_R \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \, dxdy$ over the region R in the xy plane bounded by $x^2 + y^2 = 36$.
7. Evaluate $\iiint_V (2x + y) \, dV$, where V is the closed region bounded by the cylinder $z = 4 - x^2$ and the planes $x = 0$, $y = 0$, $y = 2$ and $z = 0$.
8. Suppose $F = (2x^2 - 3z)\mathbf{i} - 2xy\mathbf{j} - 4x\mathbf{k}$. Evaluate (a) $\iint_S \nabla \cdot F \, dV$ and (b) $\iiint_V \nabla \times F \, dV$, where V is the closed region bounded by the planes $x = 0$, $y = 0$, $z = 0$, and $2x + 2y + z = 4$.

Divergence, Stokes' Theorem and Related Integral Theorems

Divergence Thm of Gauss:- Suppose V is the volume bounded by a closed surface S and A is a vector function with continuous derivatives. Then

$$\iiint_V \nabla \cdot A \, dV = \iint_S A \cdot n \, dS = \oint_S A \cdot dS$$

where n is the outward drawn normal to S ,

Stoke's Thm:- Suppose S is an open, two-sided surface bdd by a closed, nonintersecting curve C (simple closed curve), and A is a continuously differentiable vector function. Then

$$\oint_C A \cdot dx = \iint_S (\nabla \times A) \cdot n \, dS$$

where C is traversed in the positive direction,

Green's Thm in the Plane:- Suppose R is a closed region in the xy -plane bounded by a simple closed curve C , and suppose M and N are continuous functions of x and y having continuous derivatives in R . Then

$$\oint_C M \, dx + N \, dy = \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dx \, dy$$

where C is traversed in the positive (counterclockwise) direction,

Examples

1. Use divergence thm to evaluate $\iint_S x^3 \, dy \, dz + x^2 y \, dz \, dx + x^2 z \, dx \, dy$ where S is the closed surface consisting of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ ($0 \leq z \leq 3$) and the circular disc $z=0$ and $z=3$ ($x^2 + y^2 \leq 4$).

The given surface integral is equivalent to the volume integral

given by
$$\iiint_V \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x^2 y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(x^2 z) \right] dx \, dy \, dz$$

$$= \int_{z=0}^3 \int_{y=-2}^2 \int_{x=-\sqrt{4-y^2}}^{\sqrt{4-y^2}} 5x^2 \, dx \, dy \, dz = 20 \int_{z=0}^3 \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^2 r^2 \, dr \, d\theta \, dz$$

$$= \frac{60}{3} \int_{y=0}^2 (4-y^2)^{3/2} \, dy = \frac{60}{3} \times 3\pi = 60\pi.$$

2. Verify Stoke's theorem for $F = (2x-y)i - yz^2j - y^2zk$ where S is the upper half surface of the sphere $x^2+y^2+z^2=1$ and C is its boundary.

The boundary C is given by the circle $x^2+y^2=1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int_C F \cdot dx &= \int_C (2x-y)dx \quad [\text{on } C, z=0, dz=0] \\ &= - \int_0^{2\pi} (2\cos\theta - \sin\theta) \sin\theta d\theta \quad (\text{put } x = \cos\theta, y = \sin\theta) \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2\theta d\theta = \pi. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } \nabla \times F = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 2x-y & -yz^2 & -y^2z \end{vmatrix} = k.$$

On the surface of the sphere $x^2+y^2+z^2=1$, $n = x^2i + y^2j + z^2k$.

$$\iint_S (\nabla \times F) \cdot n \, ds = \iint_S z \, ds = \iint_S \frac{z \, dx \, dy}{n \cdot k} = \iint_S dx \, dy = \pi$$

Thus Stoke's thm is verified.

3. Verify Green's thm in a plane for $\oint_C \{(x^2+ny)dx + x \, dy\}$ where C is the curve enclosing the region bounded by $y = x^2$ and $y = x$.

The parabola $y = x^2$ and the line $y = x$ meet at $(0,0)$ and $(1,1)$.

Taking the given integral along $y = x^2$ from $(0,0)$ to $(1,1)$

$$\int_0^1 (x^2+x^3)dx + x \cdot 2x \, dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = \frac{5}{4}.$$

Again, integrate along $y = x$ from $(1,1)$ to $(0,0)$,

$$\int_1^0 2x^2 \, dx + x \, dx = \left[\frac{2}{3}x^3 + \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_1^0 = -\frac{7}{6}.$$

Hence the line integral = $\frac{5}{4} - \frac{7}{6} = \frac{1}{12}$.

$$\text{Now } \iint_S \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dx \, dy$$

$$= \iint_S (1-x) \, dx \, dy \quad [\text{since } M = x^2+ny, N = x]$$

$$= \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{y=x^2}^x (1-x) \, dy \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 (1-x)(x-x^2) \, dx = \left[\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{2x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{12}.$$

Thus, the theorem is verified.

Exercises: 1. Show that $\iint_S \mathbf{r} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 3V$ where V is the volume enclosed by the closed surface S and \mathbf{r} has its usual meaning.

2. Prove that $\iiint_V \nabla \phi \, dv = \iint_S \phi \mathbf{n} \, ds$.
In particular show that $\iint_S \mathbf{n} \, ds = 0$.

3. If $\text{grad } \phi = F$ and $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$, then show that for a closed surface S enclosing the volume V ,
$$\iiint_V F^2 \, dv = \iint_S \phi F \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds.$$

4. Verify the divergence theorem for the vector function
 $F = (x^2 - yz)\mathbf{i} + (y^2 - zx)\mathbf{j} + (z^2 - xy)\mathbf{k}$
taken over the rectangular parallelepiped
 $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1, 0 \leq z \leq 1$.

5. Use Stoke's thm to show that $\int_C y \, dx + z \, dy + x \, dz = -2\sqrt{2}\pi a^2$
where C is given by $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2ax + 2ay, x + y = 2a$.

6. Show that $\frac{1}{2} \oint_C (x \, dy - y \, dx)$ represents the area bounded by the closed curve C . Hence show that the area of the ellipse $x = a \cos \phi, y = b \sin \phi$ is πab .

7. Verify Green's thm in a plane for
 $\oint_C \{ (3x^2 - 6y^2) \, dx + (y - 3xy) \, dy \}$
where C is the boundary of the region $x=0, y=0, x+y=1$.

8. Verify Stoke's thm for the function $F = x^2\mathbf{i} + xy\mathbf{j}$
integrated round the square in the plane $z=0$ whose sides are along the straight lines $x=0, y=0, x=a, y=a$.

9. Verify the divergence thm of Gauss for $F = 2x^2\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} - z^2\mathbf{k}$
where S is the closed surface consisting of the closed surface of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 16$ between the planes $z=0$ and $z=2$ together with the circular ends of those planes.

10. Use Green's thm in a plane to show that
 $\oint_C \{ (\cos x \sin y - xy) \, dx + \sin x \cos y \, dy \} = 0$ where C is the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ in the xy plane described in the +ve sense