

Vector Calculus

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Definition of Gradient operator: $\vec{\nabla} \equiv \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$

VECTOR IDENTITIES

TRIPLE
PRODUCTS:

$$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$$

PRODUCT
RULES:

$$\vec{\nabla}(fg) = f(\vec{\nabla}g) + g(\vec{\nabla}f)$$

$$\vec{\nabla}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) = \vec{A} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) + \vec{B} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) + (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B} + (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (f\vec{A}) = f(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) + \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{\nabla}f)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (AB) = \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) - \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (f\vec{A}) = f(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) - \vec{A} \times (\vec{\nabla}f)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (AB) = (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{A} - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B} + \vec{A} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) - \vec{B} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A})$$

SECOND
DERIVATIVES:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla}f) = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A}$$

FUNDAMENTAL THEOREMS

GRADIENT THEOREM:

$$\int_a^b (\vec{\nabla} f) \cdot d\vec{\ell} = f(b) - f(a)$$

DIVERGENCE THEOREM:

$$\iiint (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) d\tau = \oiint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

STOKES' (CURL) THEOREM:

$$(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \cdot d\vec{a} = \oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

DELTA FUNCTION:
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{R}^2} \right) = -\nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{\mathcal{R}} \right) = 4\pi \delta^3(\vec{\mathcal{R}})$$