

### PROBLEM SET #3.

#1. (i)  $\nabla \cdot \underline{F} = 5xy$ ,  $\nabla \times \underline{F} = (xz, -yz, y^2 - x^2)$

(ii)  $\nabla \cdot \underline{F} = 0$ ,  $\nabla \times \underline{F} = (x, -y, -x \cos y)$

#2. Prove  $\nabla \cdot (\phi \underline{F}) = (\nabla \phi) \cdot \underline{F} + \phi (\nabla \cdot \underline{F})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \partial_x (\phi F_1) + \partial_y (\phi F_2) + \partial_z (\phi F_3) \\ &= \{ \phi_x F_1 + \phi_y F_2 + \phi_z F_3 \} + \phi \{ F_{1x} + F_{2y} + F_{3z} \} \\ &= \nabla \phi \cdot \underline{F} + \phi (\nabla \cdot \underline{F}) \\ &= \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

NB: Index notation:

$$\text{LHS} = \partial_i (\phi F_i) = (\partial_i \phi) F_i + \phi (\partial_i F_i) = (\nabla \phi) \cdot \underline{F} + \phi (\nabla \cdot \underline{F})$$

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Prove  $\nabla \times (\phi \underline{F}) = (\nabla \phi) \times \underline{F} + \phi (\nabla \times \underline{F})$

$$\text{LHS} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ \phi F_1 & \phi F_2 & \phi F_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_y (\phi F_3) - \partial_z (\phi F_2), \\ \partial_z (\phi F_1) - \partial_x (\phi F_3), \\ \partial_x (\phi F_2) - \partial_y (\phi F_1) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Examine first component for example.

$$\{ \phi_y F_3 - \phi_z F_2 \} + \{ F_{3y} - F_{2z} \} \phi,$$

which you can check is the same as

$$(\partial \phi \times \underline{F})_1 + \phi (\nabla \times \underline{F})_1$$

Alternatively, index notation:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= (\nabla \times (\phi \underline{F}))_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j (\phi F)_k \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} (\partial_j \phi) F_k + \epsilon_{ijk} \phi \partial_j F_k \\ &= (\nabla \phi \times \underline{F})_i + \phi (\nabla \times \underline{F})_i \\ &= \text{RHS}\end{aligned}$$

(See how easy it is?)  $\square$

(c) If  $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$ , show  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = 0$  and  $\nabla \times (\nabla \phi) = 0$

The fact  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = 0$  follows from def'n of  $\nabla^2$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) &= (\partial_x, \partial_y, \partial_z) \cdot (\phi_x, \phi_y, \phi_z) \\ &= \phi_{xx} + \phi_{yy} + \phi_{zz} \\ &= \nabla^2 \phi = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Prove  $\nabla \times (\nabla \phi) = 0$  :

$$\text{LHS} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ \phi_x & \phi_y & \phi_z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{yz} - \phi_{zy} \\ \phi_{zx} - \phi_{xz} \\ \phi_{xy} - \phi_{yx} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

due to equality of mixed partials.

#3.

(a). Define  $\underline{r}(\theta, z) = (a \cos \theta, a \sin \theta, z)$

Then check  $(\underline{r}_\theta \times \underline{r}_z) = (a \cos \theta, a \sin \theta, 0)$

Thus  $\underline{\hat{n}} = \frac{\underline{r}_\theta \times \underline{r}_z}{|\underline{r}_\theta \times \underline{r}_z|} = \frac{(x, y, 0)}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$

and  $dS = |\underline{r}_\theta \times \underline{r}_z| \cdot d\theta dz = a \cdot d\theta dz$ .

(b). Verify  $\int_V \nabla \cdot \underline{F} dV = \int_S \underline{F} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}} dS$

LHS =  $\int_{z=0}^3 \int_{\rho=0}^2 \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \{4 - 4\rho \sin \theta + 2z\} \rho \cdot d\theta \cdot d\rho dz = \underline{\underline{84\pi}}$

RHS =  $\left( \int_{\text{top}} + \int_{\text{bottom}} + \int_{\text{sides}} \right) \underline{F} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}} dS$

$\underline{\hat{n}}_{\text{top}} = (0, 0, 1) \Rightarrow \underline{F} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}} = z^2 \Big|_{z=3} = 9$

$\underline{\hat{n}}_{\text{bottom}} = (0, 0, -1) \Rightarrow \underline{F} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}} = -z^2 \Big|_{z=0} = 0.$

Thus  $\int_{\text{top}} \underline{F} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}} dS = 9 \cdot \int_{\text{top}} dS = 9 \cdot (\pi a^2) = 36\pi$   
where  $a = 2$ .

This leaves

$$\int_{\text{Sides}} \underline{F} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}} \, dS = \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{z=0}^3 \left( \frac{4a^2 \cos^2 \theta - a^3 \cdot 2 \cdot \sin^3 \theta}{a} \right) a \cdot dz \cdot d\theta$$

$$= 3 \cdot 16 \cdot \pi$$

Altogether,  $\int_S \underline{F} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}} \, dS = 84\pi$

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$$\#4. \text{ Prove } \nabla \cdot (\underline{F} \times \underline{G}) = \underline{G} \cdot (\nabla \times \underline{F}) - \underline{F} \cdot (\nabla \times \underline{G})$$

Index notation saves time!

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \partial_i (\underline{F} \times \underline{G})_i = \partial_i (\epsilon_{ijk} F_j G_k) \\ &= G_k [\epsilon_{ijk} \partial_i F_j] + F_j [\epsilon_{ijk} \partial_i G_k] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{now } [\epsilon_{ijk} \partial_i F_j] &= \epsilon_{kij} \partial_i F_j \quad (\text{cyclic}) \\ &= (\nabla \times \underline{F})_k \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\epsilon_{ijk} \partial_i G_k] &= -\epsilon_{jik} \partial_i G_k \quad (\text{acyclic}) \\ &= -(\nabla \times \underline{G})_j \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{LHS} &= (\nabla \times \underline{F})_k G_k - (\nabla \times \underline{G})_j F_j \\ &= \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

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#5. By Q4:

$$\nabla \cdot (\underline{c} \times \underline{x}) = \underbrace{c \cdot (\nabla \times \underline{x})}_{=0} - \underbrace{\underline{x} \cdot (\nabla \times \underline{c})}_{=0 \text{ since } \underline{c} \text{ is constant}}$$
$$= 0.$$

Next for  $\nabla \times (\underline{c} \times \underline{x})$  do manually:

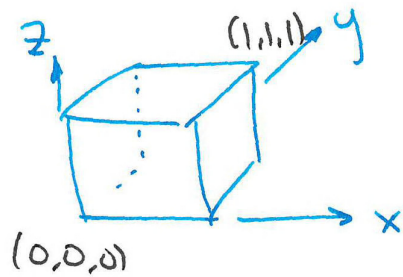
$$\underline{c} \times \underline{x} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_2 x_3 - x_2 c_3 \\ x_1 c_3 - c_1 x_3 \\ c_1 x_2 - x_1 c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$\nabla \times (\underline{c} \times \underline{x}) = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ c_2 x_3 - x_2 c_3 & x_1 c_3 - c_1 x_3 & c_1 x_2 - x_1 c_2 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 2 \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \underline{c}.$$

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# 6.



$$\text{Check: } \nabla \cdot \underline{F} = 3xy(x+y) + x(1-6y) + 2z$$

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \underline{F} \cdot dV = 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{also } \int_S \underline{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS &= \left( \int_{\text{face } y=0} + \int_{\text{face } y=1} + \int_{\text{face } x=0} + \int_{\text{face } x=1} + \int_{\text{face } z=0} + \int_{\text{face } z=1} \right) \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{S} \\ &= 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 1 + 0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

as required.