

Answer on Question #59579 - Math - Calculus

Question

1. If $\phi=2xz^4-x^2y$, find $|\nabla\phi|$

(a) $\sqrt{93}$

(b) $\sqrt{80}$

(c) $\sqrt{12}$

(d) $\sqrt{110}$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla\phi &= \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}\vec{i} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}\vec{j} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z}\vec{k} = \frac{\partial(2xz^4 - x^2y)}{\partial x}\vec{i} + \frac{\partial(2xz^4 - x^2y)}{\partial y}\vec{j} + \frac{\partial(2xz^4 - x^2y)}{\partial z}\vec{k} \\ &= (2z^4 - 2xy)\vec{i} - x^2\vec{j} + 8xz^3\vec{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$|\nabla\phi| = \sqrt{(2z^4 - 2xy)^2 + x^4 + 64x^2z^6}$$

Answer: $|\nabla\phi| = \sqrt{(2z^4 - 2xy)^2 + x^4 + 64x^2z^6}$.

Question

2. If $\phi(x,y,z)=3x^2y-y^3z^2$, find $\nabla\phi$ at point $(1,-2,-1)$

(a) $-12\vec{i}-9\vec{j}-16\vec{k}$

(b) $\vec{i}-3\vec{j}-\vec{k}$

(c) $2\vec{i}-5\vec{j}-6\vec{k}$

(d) $-3\vec{i}-4\vec{j}-2\vec{k}$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla\phi &= \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}\vec{i} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}\vec{j} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z}\vec{k} = \frac{\partial(3x^2y - y^3z^2)}{\partial x}\vec{i} + \frac{\partial(3x^2y - y^3z^2)}{\partial y}\vec{j} + \frac{\partial(3x^2y - y^3z^2)}{\partial z}\vec{k} \\ &= 6xy\vec{i} + (3x^2 - 3y^2z^2)\vec{j} - 2zy^3\vec{k}\end{aligned}$$

Then we put point's coordinates in the previous expression:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla\phi(1; -2; -1) &= 6 \cdot 1 \cdot (-2) \cdot \vec{i} + (3 \cdot 1^2 - 3 \cdot (-2)^2 \cdot (-1)^2)\vec{j} - 2 \cdot (-1) \cdot (-2)^3\vec{k} \\ &= -12\vec{i} - 9\vec{j} - 16\vec{k}\end{aligned}$$

Answer: (a) $-12\vec{i}-9\vec{j}-16\vec{k}$.

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

(a) $2/3\vec{i}-2/3\vec{j}-2/3\vec{k}$

(b) $-1/5\vec{i}+2/5\vec{j}+2/5\vec{k}$

(c) $-1/3i+2/3j+2/3k$

(d) $-1/7i+2/7j+2/7k$

Solution

First, we rewrite the surface equation in the form of $F(x, y, z) = 0$.

$$x^2y + 2xz - 4 = 0.$$

A normal to a surface can be found as $\vec{F}'(A) = (F_x'(A); F_y'(A); F_z'(A))$, where A is the point (2;-2;3).

$$F_x'(A) = 2xy + 2z = -2,$$

$$F_y'(A) = x^2 = 4,$$

$$F_z'(A) = 2x = 4,$$

$$|\vec{F}'(A)| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 4^2 + 4^2} = 6.$$

A unit normal vector is

$$\vec{n} = \frac{\vec{F}'(A)}{|\vec{F}'(A)|} = \frac{-2\vec{i}+4\vec{j}+4\vec{k}}{6} = -\frac{2}{6}\vec{i} + \frac{4}{6}\vec{j} + \frac{4}{6}\vec{k} = -\frac{1}{3}\vec{i} + \frac{2}{3}\vec{j} + \frac{2}{3}\vec{k}.$$

Answer: (c) $-1/3i+2/3j+2/3k$.

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4. Let $\phi(x,y,z)=xy^2z$ and $A=xzi-xy^2j+yz^2k$, find $\partial^3/\partial x^2\partial z(\phi A)$

(a) $2i+2j-5k$

(b) $5i-k$

(c) $4i-2j$

(d) $i+j$

Solution

$$(\phi A) = xy^2z \cdot (xz; -xy^2; yz^2) = (x^2y^2z^2; -x^2y^4z; xy^3z^3)$$

$$\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^2\partial z}(x^2y^2z^2) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(x^2y^2z^2)\right) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}(2x^2y^2z) = 4y^2z$$

$$\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^2\partial z}(-x^2y^4z) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}(-x^2y^4) = -2y^4$$

$$\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^2\partial z}(xy^3z^3) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}(3xy^3z^2) = 0.$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^2\partial z}(\phi A) = 4y^2z\vec{i} - 2y^4\vec{j}.$$

If we need answer with only numbers we need to choose the point where we calculate $\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^2 \partial z} (\phi \vec{A})$.

Also we can see that answers $2\mathbf{i}+2\mathbf{j}-5\mathbf{k}$ and $5\mathbf{i}-\mathbf{k}$ are false, because k-th component of the vector $\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^2 \partial z} (\phi \vec{A})$ is zero. And the answer $\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{j}$ is false because j-th component of the vector $\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^2 \partial z} (\phi \vec{A})$ is always less or equal than zero:

$$-2y^4 \leq 0.$$

So, only $4\mathbf{i}-2\mathbf{j}$ can be answer to the problem.

Answer: (c) $4\mathbf{i}-2\mathbf{j}$.

Question

5. Given that $\phi=2x^2y-xz^3$ find $\nabla^2\phi$

(a) $2y-6xz$

(b) $4y-6xz$

(c) $2y-xz$

(d) $y+6xz$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla\phi &= \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}\vec{i} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}\vec{j} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z}\vec{k} = \frac{\partial(2x^2y-xz^3)}{\partial x}\vec{i} + \frac{\partial(2x^2y-xz^3)}{\partial y}\vec{j} + \frac{\partial(2x^2y-xz^3)}{\partial z}\vec{k} = \\ &= (4xy-z^3)\vec{i} + 2x^2\vec{j} - 3xz^2\vec{k}, \\ \nabla^2\phi &= \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial z^2} = \frac{\partial^2(2x^2y-xz^3)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2(2x^2y-xz^3)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2(2x^2y-xz^3)}{\partial z^2} = \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2x^2y-xz^3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2x^2y-xz^3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(2x^2y-xz^3) = \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(4xy-z^3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2x^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(-3xz^2) = 4y + 0 + (-6xz) = 4y - 6xz. \end{aligned}$$

Answer: (b) $4y-6xz$.