

Answer on Question #59580 – Math – Calculus

Question

6. If  $A = xz^3i - 2x^2yzj + 2yz^4k$ , find  $\nabla \times A$  at point  $(1, -1, 1)$ .

- (a)  $2j + 3k$
- (b)  $2i + j + 4k$
- (c)  $i + 3j + 5k$
- (d)  $3j + 4k$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times A &= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix} = i \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) - j \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} \right) + k \left( \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) = \\ &= i(2z^4 + 2x^2y) - j(-3xz^2) + k(-4xyz) = 2i(z^4 + x^2y) + 3xz^2j - 4xyzk \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla \times A(1, -1, 1) = 2i(1 - 1) + 3j + 4k = 3j + 4k = (0, 3, 4)$$

Answer: (d)  $3j + 4k$ .

Question

7. Given that  $A = A_1i + A_2j + A_3k$  and  $r = xi + yj + zk$ , evaluate  $\nabla \cdot (A \times r)$  if  $\nabla \times A = 0$

- (a) 0
- (b) 3
- (c) 2
- (d) 5

Solution

$$A \times r = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ x & y & z \\ A_1 & A_2 & A_3 \end{vmatrix} = i(yA_3 - zA_2) - j(xA_3 - zA_1) + k(xA_2 - yA_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (A \times r) &= \frac{\partial (A \times r)_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (A \times r)_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial (A \times r)_z}{\partial z} = \\ &= \frac{\partial (yA_3 - zA_2)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (-xA_3 + zA_1)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial (xA_2 - yA_1)}{\partial z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla \times A = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_1 & A_2 & A_3 \end{vmatrix} = i \left( \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial z} \right) - j \left( \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial z} \right) + k \left( \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial(yA_3 - zA_2)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(-xA_3 + zA_1)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(xA_2 - yA_1)}{\partial z} = \\ & = y \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial z} - z \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial x} + z \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial y} - x \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial y} + x \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial z} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Answer: (a) 0.**

### Question

8. Let  $A = x^2y\mathbf{i} - 2xz\mathbf{j} + 2yz\mathbf{k}$ , find  $\text{Curl curl } A$ .

- (a)  $3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$
- (b)  $(2x+2)\mathbf{k}$
- (c)  $(2x+2)\mathbf{j}$
- (d)  $3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{curl } A &= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix} = i \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) - j \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} \right) + k \left( \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) = \\ &= i(2z + 2x) - j(0) + k(-2z - x^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{curl curl } A &= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (\text{curl } A)_x & (\text{curl } A)_y & (\text{curl } A)_z \end{vmatrix} = \\ &= i \left( \frac{\partial(\text{curl } A)_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial(\text{curl } A)_y}{\partial z} \right) - j \left( \frac{\partial(\text{curl } A)_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(\text{curl } A)_x}{\partial z} \right) + k \left( \frac{\partial(\text{curl } A)_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(\text{curl } A)_x}{\partial y} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{curl curl } A = i(0 - 0) - j(-2x - 2) + k(0 - 0) =$$

$$= (2x + 2)\mathbf{j}$$

**Answer: (c)  $(2x+2)\mathbf{j}$ .**

### Question

9. Given  $A = 2x^2\mathbf{i} - 3yz\mathbf{j} + xz^2\mathbf{k}$  and  $\phi = 2z - x^3y$ , find  $A \cdot \nabla \phi$  at point  $(1, -1, 1)$ .

- (a) 5
- (b) 3

(c) 4

(d) 1

### Solution

$$\nabla\varphi = i\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + j\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + k\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = -3x^2yi - x^3j + 2k$$

$$A\nabla\varphi = -6x^4y + 3x^3yz + 2xz^2$$

$A \cdot \nabla\varphi$  at point (1,-1,1) is

$$A\nabla\varphi(1, -1, 1) = -5(1)^4(-1) + 3(1)^3(-1)(1) + 2(1)(1)^2 = 4$$

**Answer: (c) 4.**

### Question

10. Find the directional derivative of  $\varphi = x^2yz + 4xz^2$  at (1,-2,-1) in the direction  $2i - j - 2k$

(a) 37/3

(b) 35/3

(c) 25/3

(d) 11/3

### Solution

$$\text{Let } \vec{l} = 2\vec{i} - \vec{j} - 2\vec{k} \rightarrow |\vec{l}| = \sqrt{4 + 1 + 4} = 3;$$

$$A = (1, -2, -1)$$

So, the direction cosines are

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{(\vec{l})_x}{|\vec{l}|} = \frac{2}{3}, \cos \beta = \frac{(\vec{l})_y}{|\vec{l}|} = -\frac{1}{3}, \cos \gamma = \frac{(\vec{l})_z}{|\vec{l}|} = -\frac{2}{3}.$$

Next,

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}(A) = \frac{\partial(x^2yz + 4xz^2)}{\partial x}(A) = (2xyz + 4z^2)(A) = 2 \cdot 1 \cdot (-2) \cdot (-1) + 4 \cdot (-1)^2 = 8,$$

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}(A) = \frac{\partial(x^2yz + 4xz^2)}{\partial y}(A) = (x^2z)(A) = 1^2 \cdot (-1) = -1,$$

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z}(A) = \frac{\partial(x^2yz + 4xz^2)}{\partial z}(A) = (x^2y + 8xz)(A) = 1^2 \cdot (-2) + 8 \cdot 1 \cdot (-1) = -10.$$

The directional derivative of  $\varphi = x^2yz + 4xz^2$  at (1,-2,-1) in the direction  $2i - j - 2k$  is

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial l}(A) = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}(A) \cdot \cos \alpha + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}(A) \cdot \cos \beta + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z}(A) \cdot \cos \gamma = 8 \cdot \frac{2}{3} + (-1) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) + (-10) \cdot \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{37}{3}.$$

**Answer: (a) 37/3.**