

Answer on Question #63508 – Math – Calculus

Question

1. If

$$\phi = 2xz^4 - x^2y,$$

find

$$|\nabla\phi|$$

Solution

$$\phi = 2xz^4 - x^2y,$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} |\nabla\phi| &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z}\right)^2} = \sqrt{(2z^4 - 2xy)^2 + x^4 + 64x^2z^6} = \\ &= \sqrt{(2z^4 - 2xy)^2 + x^2(x^2 + 64z^6)} \end{aligned}$$

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

Question

2. If

$$\phi(x,y,z) = 3x^2y - y^3z^2,$$

find

$$\nabla\phi$$

at point (1,-2,-1)

Solution

$$\phi = 3x^2y - y^3z^2$$

$$\nabla\phi = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}\mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}\mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z}\mathbf{k} = 6xy\mathbf{i} + (3x^2 - 3y^2z^2)\mathbf{j} - 2y^3z\mathbf{k}.$$

At point (1,-2,-1)

$$\nabla\phi|_{(1,-2,-1)} = 6 \cdot 1 \cdot (-2)\mathbf{i} + (3 \cdot 1 - 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 1)\mathbf{j} - 2 \cdot (-8) \cdot (-1)\mathbf{k} = -12\mathbf{i} - 9\mathbf{j} - 16\mathbf{k}$$

ANSWER:

$$\nabla\phi|_{(1,-2,-1)} = -12\mathbf{i} - 9\mathbf{j} - 16\mathbf{k}$$

Question

3. Find a unit normal to the surface

$$x^2y + 2xz = 4$$

at point (2,-2,3)

Solution

$$\text{Let } \phi(x,y,z) = x^2y + 2xz - 4 = 0.$$

Then the gradient gives a normal vector:

$$\mathbf{n} = \nabla\phi = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}\mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}\mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z}\mathbf{k} = (2xy + 2z)\mathbf{i} + x^2\mathbf{j} + 2x\mathbf{k}.$$

At point (2,-2,3) $\mathbf{n} = -2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$.

Find a magnitude of \mathbf{n} there:

$$\|\mathbf{n}\| = \sqrt{4 + 16 + 16} = \sqrt{36} = 6$$

Then a unit normal to the surface at point (2,-2,3) is

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{n}}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} = \left(-\frac{2}{6}, \frac{4}{6}, \frac{4}{6}\right) = \left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right) \text{ or } \mathbf{n}_2 = -\frac{\mathbf{n}}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} = -\left(-\frac{2}{6}, \frac{4}{6}, \frac{4}{6}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}\right).$$

ANSWER: $\left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$ or $\left(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}\right)$.

Question

4. Let

$$\phi(x,y,z) = xy^2z$$

and

$$\mathbf{A} = xz\mathbf{i} - xy^2\mathbf{j} + yz^2\mathbf{k},$$

find

$$\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^2 \partial z} (\phi \mathbf{A})$$

Solution

$$\phi(x,y,z) = xy^2z \quad \mathbf{A} = xz\mathbf{i} - xy^2\mathbf{j} + yz^2\mathbf{k}$$

$$\phi \mathbf{A} = x^2y^2z^2\mathbf{i} - x^2y^4z\mathbf{j} + xy^3z^3\mathbf{k}$$

$$\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^2 \partial z} (\phi \mathbf{A}) = \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^2 \partial z} (x^2y^2z^2\mathbf{i} - x^2y^4z\mathbf{j} + xy^3z^3\mathbf{k}) = 4y^2z\mathbf{i} - 2y^4\mathbf{j} + 0\mathbf{k}$$

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

Question

5. Given that

$$\phi = 2x^2y - xz^3$$

find

$$\nabla^2 \phi$$

Solution

$$\phi = 2x^2y - xz^3$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = 4y - 6xz$$

ANSWER: $\nabla^2 \phi = 4y - 6xz$

Question

6. If

$$\mathbf{A} = xz^3\mathbf{i} - 2x^2yz\mathbf{j} + 2yz^4\mathbf{k},$$

find

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

at point (1,-1,1).

Solution

$$\mathbf{A} = xz^3\mathbf{i} - 2x^2yz\mathbf{j} + 2yz^4\mathbf{k}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ xz^3 & -2x^2yz & 2yz^4 \end{vmatrix} = (2z^4 + 2x^2y)\mathbf{i} - (0 - 3xz^2)\mathbf{j} + (-4xyz - 0)\mathbf{k} =$$

$$= 2(z^4 + x^2y)\mathbf{i} + 3xz^2\mathbf{j} - 4xyz\mathbf{k}$$

at point (1,-1,1) we get $\nabla \times \mathbf{A}|_{(1,-1,1)} = 0\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k} = 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$.

ANSWER: $\nabla \times \mathbf{A}|_{(1,-1,1)} = 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$.

Question

7. Given that

$$\mathbf{A} = A_1\mathbf{i} + A_2\mathbf{j} + A_3\mathbf{k}$$

and

$$\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k},$$

evaluate

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{r})$$

if

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = 0$$

Solution

Use the formula $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{r} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{r})$

Since $\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = 0$ then $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{r}) = -\mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{r})$

$$\text{But } \nabla \times \mathbf{r} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Then $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{r}) = 0$

ANSWER: $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{r}) = 0$

Question

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

$$\mathbf{A} = x^2y\mathbf{i} - 2xz\mathbf{j} + 2yz\mathbf{k},$$

find Curl curl \mathbf{A} .

Solution

$$\mathbf{A} = x^2y\mathbf{i} - 2xz\mathbf{j} + 2yz\mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{A} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x^2y & -2xz & 2yz \end{vmatrix} = (2z + 2x)\mathbf{i} - (0 - 0)\mathbf{j} + (-2z - x^2)\mathbf{k} =$$

$$= 2(x + z)\mathbf{i} - (x^2 + 2z)\mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{curl curl } \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 2(x+z) & 0 & -(x^2+2z) \end{vmatrix} = (0-0)\mathbf{i} - (-2x-2)\mathbf{j} + (0-0)\mathbf{k} = 2(1+x)\mathbf{j}$$

ANSWER: $\text{curl curl } \mathbf{A} = 2(1+x)\mathbf{j}$

Question

9. Given $\mathbf{A} = 2x^2\mathbf{i} - 3yz\mathbf{j} + xz^2\mathbf{k}$

$$\mathbf{A} = 2x^2\mathbf{i} - 3yz\mathbf{j} + xz^2\mathbf{k}$$

and

$$\phi = 2z - x^3y,$$

find

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla \phi$$

at point $(1, -1, 1)$

Solution

$$\mathbf{A} = 2x^2\mathbf{i} - 3yz\mathbf{j} + xz^2\mathbf{k} \quad \phi = 2z - x^3y$$

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

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla \phi = (2x^2\mathbf{i} - 3yz\mathbf{j} + xz^2\mathbf{k}) \cdot (-3x^2y\mathbf{i} - x^3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) = -6x^4y + 3x^3yz + 2xz^2$$

at point $(1, -1, 1)$ we get

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla \phi|_{(1, -1, 1)} = -6 \cdot 1^4(-1) + 3 \cdot 1^3(-1) \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1^2 = 6 - 3 + 2 = 5$$

ANSWER: $\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla \phi|_{(1, -1, 1)} = 5$

Question

10. Find the directional derivative of

$$\phi = x^2yz + 4xz^2$$

at $(1, -2, -1)$ in the direction

$$2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$$

at point $(1, -1, 1)$

Solution

$$\phi = x^2yz + 4xz^2, \quad \mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \cos \alpha + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \cos \beta + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \cos \gamma$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{2}{\sqrt{4+1+4}} = \frac{2}{3}, \quad \cos \beta = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{4+1+4}} = -\frac{1}{3}, \quad \cos \gamma = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{4+1+4}} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial a} = (2xyz + 4z^2) \frac{2}{3} - x^2z \frac{1}{3} + (x^2y + 8xz) \frac{2}{3}$$

At point $(1, -1, 1)$ we get the directional derivative:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial a}|_{(1, -1, 1)} = (2xyz + 4z^2) \frac{2}{3} - x^2z \frac{1}{3} + (x^2y + 8xz) \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{14}{3} = \frac{17}{3}$$

ANSWER: $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial a}|_{(1, -1, 1)} = \frac{17}{3}$