

1. If $\mathbf{F} = (2x + 2y + 4z, 2x + 3y - 2z, 4x - 2y - 5z)$, find $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}$, $\nabla \times \mathbf{F}$, $\nabla^2 \mathbf{F}$ and $(\mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{F}$.
Show that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla\phi$ for some ϕ to be determined.

Verify that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$, where

$$\mathbf{A} = (y^2 - z^2 + 3yz + 2zx)\mathbf{i} + (2x^2 - 2z^2 - 2yz - 2zx)\mathbf{j}.$$

2. Find $\nabla^2(\ln r)$.

3. Given that $\mathbf{F} = (xy^2, yz^2, -x^3)$, find

(i) $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}$; (ii) $\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F})$; (iii) $\nabla \times \mathbf{F}$; (iv) $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{F})$; (v) $\nabla^2 \mathbf{F}$; (vi) $(\mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{F}$.

Verify that

(1) $\nabla^2 \mathbf{F} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}) - \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{F})$;

(2) $(\mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{F} = \nabla(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{F}^2) - \mathbf{F} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{F})$,

where, in the usual convention, $\mathbf{F}^2 = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{F}$.

4. Given that $\phi = xf(r)$, calculate $\nabla^2\phi$. Verify that

$$\nabla^2\phi = xr^{-4} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^4 \frac{df}{dr} \right).$$

Hence determine the most general form for $f(r)$ that ensures that $\nabla^2\phi = 0$ for all $r \neq 0$.

5. If $b_{11} = 1$, $b_{12} = -1$, $b_{13} = 0$, $b_{21} = -2$, $b_{22} = 3$, $b_{23} = 1$, $b_{31} = 2$, $b_{32} = 0$, $b_{33} = 4$, evaluate

(i) b_{jj} , (ii) $b_{i1}b_{i2}$, (iii) $b_{3p}b_{2p}$, (iv) $\delta_{1i}b_{1i}$, (v) $\delta_{jk}b_{2j}b_{3k}$, (vi) $\epsilon_{1jk}b_{jk}$.

6. Verify that

(i) $\delta_{ij}\delta_{ij} = 3$; (ii) $\delta_{ij}F_{ik} = F_{jk}$.

7. Show that the i -component of $\nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})$ is $\epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\epsilon_{klm} u_l v_m)$. Show that this expression is equal to $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (u_i v_j) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (u_j v_i)$.

Hence prove the expansion formula $\nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{v}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})$.

8. Using suffix notation, show that $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{F}$.