

SOLENOIDAL VECTOR

A vector \vec{F} is said to be solenoidal if $\text{div. } \vec{F} = 0$ or $\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 0$

Problems:

① Show that the vector $\vec{F} = 3y^4 z^2 \vec{i} + 4x^3 z^2 \vec{j} - 3x^2 y^2 \vec{k}$ is solenoidal.

Sol

$$\text{Given } \vec{F} = 3y^4 z^2 \vec{i} + 4x^3 z^2 \vec{j} - 3x^2 y^2 \vec{k}$$

Solenoidal vector $\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \vec{F} &= \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) (3y^4 z^2 \vec{i} + 4x^3 z^2 \vec{j} - 3x^2 y^2 \vec{k}) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3y^4 z^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (4x^3 z^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (-3x^2 y^2) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

IRROTATIONAL VECTOR

A vector F is called irrotational if $\text{curl. } \vec{F} = 0$ (or)

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = 0$$

Problems:

Show that the vector $\vec{F} = (6xy + z^3) \vec{i} + (3x^2 - z) \vec{j} + (3xz^2 - y) \vec{k}$ is irrotational.

Sol

$$\text{Given } \vec{F} = (6xy + z^3) \vec{i} + (3x^2 - z) \vec{j} + (3xz^2 - y) \vec{k}$$

$$\text{P.P } \nabla \times \vec{F} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 6xy + z^3 & 3x^2 - z & 3xz^2 - y \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3xz^2 - y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (3x^2 - z) \right] - \vec{j} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3xz^2 - y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (6xy + x^3) \right] + \vec{k} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3x^2 - z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (6xy + z^3) \right]$$

$$= \vec{i} (-1 + 1) - \vec{j} (3z^2 - 3z^2) + \vec{k} (6x - 6x)$$

$$= 0$$

Find the constants a, b, c such that the vector is irrotational $\vec{F} = (x + 2y + az)\vec{i} + (bx + 3y - z)\vec{j} + (4x + cy + 2z)\vec{k}$

Sol Given $\vec{F} = (x + 2y + az)\vec{i} + (bx + 3y - z)\vec{j} + (4x + cy + 2z)\vec{k}$

We know $\nabla \times \vec{F} = 0$

$$\text{But W.K.T } \nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x + 2y + az & bx + 3y - z & 4x + cy + 2z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (4x + cy + 2z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (bx + 3y - z) \right]$$

$$- \vec{j} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} ($$

$$+ \vec{k} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} ($$

$$= \vec{i} (c + 1) - \vec{j} (4 - a) + \vec{k} (b - 2)$$

$$(c + 1) = 0 \quad (4 - a) = 0 \quad b - 2 = 0$$

$$a = 4, \quad b = 2, \quad c = -1 \quad \therefore \nabla \times \vec{F} = 0\vec{i} + 0\vec{j} + 0\vec{k}$$

ANGLE BETWEEN TWO SURFACE

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\nabla \phi_1 \cdot \nabla \phi_2}{|\nabla \phi_1| |\nabla \phi_2|}$$

Problems:

① Find the angle between the surface $x = y^2 - 1$ and $x^2 y = 2$ at the point $(1, 1, 1)$.

Sol

$$\text{Given } x = y^2 - 1, \quad x^2 y = 2$$

$$\phi_1 = x - y^2 + 1, \quad \phi_2 = x^2 y - 2$$

$$\nabla \phi_1 = \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$= \hat{i}$$

$$= \hat{i} - 2y \hat{j} + 0 \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla \phi_1(1, 1, 1) = \hat{i} - 2 \hat{j}$$

$$\nabla \phi_2 = \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$= \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 y - 2) + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 y - 2) + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x^2 y - 2)$$

$$= \hat{i} (2xy) + \hat{j} (x^2) + \hat{k} (0)$$

$$\nabla \phi_2(1, 1, 1) = \hat{i} (2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1) + \hat{j} (1) + \hat{k} (0)$$

$$= 2 \hat{i} + \hat{j}$$

$$|\nabla \phi_2| = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\nabla \phi_1 \cdot \nabla \phi_2}{|\nabla \phi_1| |\nabla \phi_2|}$$

$$= \frac{(\hat{i} - 2 \hat{j}) \cdot (2 \hat{i} + \hat{j})}{\sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \frac{2 - 2}{5} = 0$$

$$\cos \theta = 0$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(0)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2}$$