

Answer on Question #58425 – Math – Vector Calculus

Question

1. $\varphi = 2xz^4 - x^2y$ Find $|\nabla\vec{\varphi}|$ at some point.

Solution

$$\nabla\vec{\varphi} = \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial x}\vec{i} + \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial y}\vec{j} + \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial z}\vec{k} = (2z^4 - 2xy)\vec{i} - x^2\vec{j} + 8xz^3\vec{k}$$
$$|\nabla\vec{\varphi}| = \sqrt{(2z^4 - 2xy)^2 + x^4 + 64x^2z^6}$$

Point (x, y, z) was not specified.

Question

2. $\varphi = 3x^2y - y^3z^2$ Find $\nabla\vec{\varphi}$ at point $(1; -2; -1)$

Solution

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

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

$$\nabla\vec{\varphi}(1; -2; -1) = -12\vec{i} - 9\vec{j} - 16\vec{k}$$

Answer: $\nabla\vec{\varphi}(1; -2; -1) = -12\vec{i} - 9\vec{j} - 16\vec{k}$.

Question

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

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 $(F'_x(A); F'_y(A); F'_z(A))$, where A is the point $(2; -2; 3)$.

$$F'_x(A) = 2xy + 2z = -4$$

$$F'_y(A) = x^2 = 4$$

$$F'_z(A) = 2x = 4$$

Vector is $(-4; 4; 4)$ or $(23; -23; -23)$.

Answer: $(-4; 4; 4)$ or $(23; -23; -23)$.

Question

4. $\varphi = xyz^2z$ $\vec{A} = xz\vec{i} - xy^2\vec{j} + yz^2\vec{k}$. Find $\frac{\partial^3\varphi\vec{A}}{\partial x^2\partial z}$.

Solution

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

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

Answer should be based on point (not given in task), but most appropriate from answers given:

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

Question

5. $\varphi = 2x^2y - xz^3$. Find $\nabla^2\vec{\varphi}$.

Solution

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

$$\nabla^2\vec{\varphi} = 16x^2y^2 + z^6 - 8xyz^3 + 4x^4 + 9x^2z^4$$

Answer: $\nabla^2\vec{\varphi} = 16x^2y^2 + z^6 - 8xyz^3 + 4x^4 + 9x^2z^4$

Question

6. $\vec{A} = xz^3\vec{i} - 2x^2yz\vec{j} + 2yz\vec{k}$. Find $[\nabla * \vec{A}]$ at point (1;-1;1).

Solution

$$[\nabla * \vec{A}] = \left(-\frac{\partial 2yz}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial 2x^2yz}{\partial y}\right)\vec{i} + \left(-\frac{\partial 2yz}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial xz^3}{\partial z}\right)\vec{j} + \left(-\frac{\partial xz^3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial 2x^2yz}{\partial x}\right)\vec{k} = (-2y - 2x^2z)\vec{i} + 3xz^2\vec{j} - 4xyz\vec{k}$$

Now we put point's coordinates $x = 1, y = -1, z = 1$ in the previous expression:

$$[\nabla * \vec{A}] = 3\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}.$$

Answer: $[\nabla * \vec{A}] = 3\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$.

Question

7. $\vec{A} = A_1\vec{i} + A_2\vec{j} + A_3\vec{k}$ $\vec{r} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$. Evaluate $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{A} * \vec{r})$.

Solution

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{A} * \vec{r}) = \vec{\nabla}_A \cdot (\vec{A} * \vec{r}) + \vec{\nabla}_r \cdot (\vec{A} * \vec{r}) = \vec{r} \cdot (\vec{\nabla}_A * \vec{A}) - \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{\nabla}_r * \vec{r}).$$

As \vec{A} is constant $\vec{\nabla}_A * \vec{A} = 0$. $\vec{\nabla}_r * \vec{r} = 0$ by definition. So answer is 0.

Answer: $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{A} * \vec{r}) = 0$.

Question

8. $\vec{A} = x^2y\vec{i} - 2xz\vec{j} + 2yz\vec{k}$ Find $\text{Curl curl } \vec{A}$.

Solution

$\text{Curl curl } \vec{A}$ is the same as $[\vec{\nabla} * [\vec{\nabla} * \vec{A}]]$.

$$[\vec{\nabla} * [\vec{\nabla} * \vec{A}]] = \text{grad}(\text{div}\vec{A}) - \Delta\vec{A} = \text{grad}(2xy + 2y) - (2y\vec{i}) = 2y\vec{i} + (2x + 2)\vec{j} - 2y\vec{i} = (2x + 2)\vec{j}.$$

Answer: $[\vec{\nabla} * [\vec{\nabla} * \vec{A}]] = (2x + 2)\vec{j}$.

Question

9. $\vec{A} = 2x^2\vec{i} - 3yz\vec{j} + xz^2\vec{k}$ $\varphi = 2z - x^3y$ Find $\vec{A} \cdot \nabla\varphi$ at point (1;-1;1).

Solution

$$\nabla\varphi = -3x^2y\vec{i} - x^3\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \nabla\varphi = -6x^4y + 3yzx^3 + 2xz^2$$

Put point's coordinates $x = 1, y = -1, z = 1$ in the last expression:

$$\vec{A} \cdot \nabla\varphi(1; -1; 1) = 6 - 3 + 2 = 5$$

Answer: $\vec{A} \cdot \nabla\varphi(1; -1; 1) = 5$.

Question

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

Solution

$$\nabla\varphi = (2xyz + 4z^2)\vec{i} + x^2z\vec{j} + (x^2y + 8xz)\vec{k}$$

Directional derivative is $l \cdot \nabla\varphi = 2(2xyz + 4z^2) - x^2z - 2(x^2y + 8xz)$

Putting values $x = 1, y = -2, z = -1$ in the previous expression

$$l \cdot \nabla\varphi = 2(4 + 4) + 1 - 2(-2 - 8) = 16 + 1 + 20 = 37$$

Answer: $l \cdot \nabla\varphi = 37$.