

1.5.2 Verify the expansion of the triple vector product

$$A \times (B \times C) = B(A \cdot C) - C(A \cdot B)$$

$$B \times C = \det \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \\ C_x & C_y & C_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{x}(B_y C_z - B_z C_y) - \hat{y}(B_x C_z - B_z C_x) + \hat{z}(B_x C_y - B_y C_x)$$

$$A \times (B \times C) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_y C_z - B_z C_y & B_z C_x - B_x C_z & B_x C_y - B_y C_x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{x}[A_y(B_x C_y - B_y C_x) - A_z(B_z C_x - B_x C_z)] - \hat{y}[A_x(B_x C_y - B_y C_x) - A_z(B_y C_z - B_z C_y)] + \hat{z}[A_x(B_z C_x - B_x C_z) - A_y(B_y C_z - B_z C_y)]$$

$$= \hat{x}[B_x(A \cdot C - A_x B_x) - C_x(A \cdot B - A_x B_x)] - \hat{y}[-B_y(A \cdot C - A_y B_y) + C_y(A \cdot B - A_y B_y)] + \hat{z}[B_z(A \cdot C - A_z B_z) - C_z(A \cdot B - A_z B_z)]$$

$$= B(A \cdot C) - C(A \cdot B)$$

1.6.e1 If $S(x, y, z) = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$, find

a) ∇S at the point $(1, 2, 3)$

$$\nabla S = -\frac{3}{2}(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle$$

$$= -3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \langle x, y, z \rangle$$

$$\nabla S(1, 2, 3) = -3(1+4+9)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle = -3(14)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$$

b) ~~The~~ The magnitude of the gradient of S , $|\nabla S|$, at $(1, 2, 3)$.

$$|\nabla S(1, 2, 3)| = +3(14)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \sqrt{14}$$

$$= +3(14)^{-2} = +\frac{3}{196}$$

c) The direction cosines of ∇S at $(1, 2, 3)$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\nabla S \cdot \hat{x}}{|\nabla S|} = \frac{-3(14)^{-\frac{5}{2}}}{+3(14)^{-2}} = -\frac{1}{2}(14)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\cos \beta = \frac{\nabla S \cdot \hat{y}}{|\nabla S|} = \frac{-3(14)^{-\frac{5}{2}}(2)}{+3(14)^{-2}} = -2(14)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\cos \gamma = \frac{\nabla S \cdot \hat{z}}{|\nabla S|} = \frac{-3(14)^{-\frac{5}{2}}(3)}{+3(14)^{-2}} = -3(14)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

1.6.2 a) Find a unit vector perpendicular to the surface

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3$$

at the point $(1, 1, 1)$.

A ~~perp~~ perpendicular vector is defined by the gradient:

$$\vec{v} = \nabla g \text{ for } g = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 3 \\ = \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle$$

$$\text{at } (1, 1, 1), \quad \vec{v} = \langle 2, 2, 2 \rangle$$

$$\text{Unit vector: } \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} = \frac{\langle 2, 2, 2 \rangle}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle}{\sqrt{3}}$$

b) Derive the equation of the plane tangent to the surface at $(1, 1, 1)$.

In general, the equation of a plane is $(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$

for \vec{r}_0 a vector to a point in the plane, & \vec{n} is normal to the plane.

Here: $\vec{r} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$

$$\vec{r}_0 = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \quad (\text{from (a)})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1)(x-1) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1)(y-1) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1)(z-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x-1 + y-1 + z-1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x+y+z = 3$$

1.7.1 For a particle moving in a circular orbit $\vec{r} = \hat{x} r \cos \omega t + \hat{y} r \sin \omega t$
(r, ω constant)

a) evaluate $\vec{r} \times \vec{r}$

$$\vec{r} = \hat{x} r (-\omega) \sin \omega t + \hat{y} r (\omega) \cos \omega t$$

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{r} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ r \cos \omega t & r \sin \omega t & 0 \\ -\omega r \sin \omega t & \omega r \cos \omega t & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{z} (wr^2) (\cos^2 \omega t + \sin^2 \omega t)$$

$$= \hat{z} wr^2$$

b) Show that $\ddot{\vec{r}} + \omega^2 \vec{r} = 0$

$$\ddot{\vec{r}} = \hat{x} r (-\omega)(\omega) \cos \omega t + \hat{y} r (\omega)(-\omega) \sin \omega t$$

$$= -\omega^2 (\hat{x} r \cos \omega t + \hat{y} r \sin \omega t)$$

$$= -\omega^2 \vec{r} \quad \checkmark$$

1.7.5 Show $\nabla \cdot (A \times B) = B \cdot (\nabla \times A) - A \cdot (\nabla \times B)$

$$A \times B = \det \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{x}(A_y B_z - B_y A_z) - \hat{y}(A_x B_z - A_z B_x) + \hat{z}(A_x B_y - A_y B_x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (A \times B) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(A_y B_z - B_y A_z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(A_x B_z - A_z B_x) \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= B_z \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}} A_y - B_y \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}} A_z - B_z \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial y}} A_x + B_x \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial y}} A_z \\ &\quad + B_y \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}} A_x - B_x \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}} A_y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\quad + A_y \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}} B_z - A_z \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}} B_y - A_x \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial y}} B_z + A_z \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial y}} B_x \\ &\quad + A_x \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}} B_y - A_y \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}} B_x \end{aligned}$$

$$= B_x \left(\overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial y}} A_z - \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}} A_y \right) + B_y \left(\overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}} A_x - \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}} A_z \right) + B_z \left(\overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}} A_y - \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial y}} A_x \right)$$

$$+ A_x \left(\overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}} B_y - \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial y}} B_z \right) + A_y \left(\overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}} B_z - \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}} B_x \right) + A_z \left(\overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial y}} B_x - \overset{\curvearrowleft}{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}} B_y \right)$$

$$= B \cdot (\nabla \times A) - A \cdot (\nabla \times B)$$

1.8.11 Verify the vector identity

$$\nabla \times (A \times B) = (B \cdot \nabla) A - (A \cdot \nabla) B - B (\nabla \cdot A) + A (\nabla \cdot B)$$

$$A \times B = \det \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{x}(A_y B_z - A_z B_y) - \hat{y}(A_x B_z - A_z B_x) + \hat{z}(A_x B_y - A_y B_x)$$

$$\nabla \times (A \times B) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_y B_z - A_z B_y & A_z B_x - A_x B_z & A_x B_y - A_y B_x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{x} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (A_z B_x - A_x B_z) \right)$$

$$- \hat{y} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \right)$$

$$+ \hat{z} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_z B_x - A_x B_z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \right)$$

$$= \hat{x} \left(B_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} A_x + B_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} A_x - A_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} B_x - A_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} B_x \right. \\ \left. + A_x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} B_y - B_x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} A_y - B_x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} A_z + A_x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} B_z \right)$$

$$+ \hat{y} \left(B_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} A_y + B_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} A_y - A_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} B_y - A_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} B_y \right. \\ \left. + A_y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} B_x + A_y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} B_z - B_y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} A_x - B_y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} A_z \right)$$

$$+ \hat{z} \left(B_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} A_z + B_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} A_z - A_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} B_z - A_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} B_z \right. \\ \left. + A_z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} B_x + A_z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} B_y - B_z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} A_x - B_z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} A_y \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x} \text{ component} &= (B \cdot \nabla) A_x - B_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} A_x - (A \cdot \nabla) B_x + A_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} B_x \\ &\quad + A_x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} B_y - B_x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} A_y - B_x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} A_z + A_x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} B_z \\ &= (B \cdot \nabla) A_x - (A \cdot \nabla) B_x - (\nabla \cdot A) B_x + (\nabla \cdot B) A_x\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{y} \text{ component} &= (B \cdot \nabla) A_y - B_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} A_y - (A \cdot \nabla) B_y + A_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} B_y \\ &\quad + A_y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} B_x + A_y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} B_z - B_y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} A_x - B_y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} A_z \\ &= (B \cdot \nabla) A_y - (A \cdot \nabla) B_y - (\nabla \cdot A) B_y + (\nabla \cdot B) A_y\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{z} \text{ component} &= (B \cdot \nabla) A_z - B_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} A_z - (A \cdot \nabla) B_z + A_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} B_z \\ &\quad + A_z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} B_x + A_z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} B_y - B_z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} A_x - B_z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} A_y \\ &= (B \cdot \nabla) A_z - (A \cdot \nabla) B_z - (\nabla \cdot A) B_z + (\nabla \cdot B) A_z\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \times (A \times B) = (B \cdot \nabla) A - (A \cdot \nabla) B - (\nabla \cdot A) B + (\nabla \cdot B) A$$