

8.022 Lecture Notes Class 4 - 09/12/2006

Dot Operator

$$\begin{aligned} dT &= \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} dz \\ &= \nabla T \cdot d\mathbf{l} \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla T = 0 \text{ stationary point}$$

$$\nabla T = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)$$

What's T ? A scalar function of a vector (usually \mathbb{R}^3 , sometimes \mathbb{R}^2)

$$T = T(x, y, z) \rightarrow \rho(x, y, z) \text{ charge density}$$

$$V(x, y, z) = \phi(x, y, z) \text{ electric potential}$$

\vec{E}, \vec{B} are vectors.

$$\vec{\nabla} \phi = \vec{E}$$

Griffiths:

Taylor Series

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + a) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^n}{n!} \cdot \frac{\partial^n f(x)}{\partial x^n} \\ f(\vec{x} + \vec{a}) &= f(\vec{x}) + \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} f) + \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}}{2!} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) f \\ &= f(\vec{x}) + (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) f + \frac{(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{\nabla})^2}{2!} f \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{\nabla})^n f(\vec{x}) \\ \vec{E}(\vec{x} + \vec{a}) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{\nabla})^n E(\vec{x}) \end{aligned}$$

Index Notation

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k$$

↑ What Griffiths uses later on... Don't Use It!

$$\|\vec{r}\| = \sqrt{r_i r_i}$$

More Notation

$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \vec{e}_j = 0$, TRUE ONLY IN CARTESIAN COORDINATES

$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} = \partial_i$

Divergence

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{f} = \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\oint \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{A} = (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}) \epsilon^3$$

Curl

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ F_x & F_y & F_z \end{vmatrix}.$$

Laplacian

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (\nabla T) &= \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} = \vec{\nabla}^2 T \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x_i \partial x_i} = \partial_i \partial_i T \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla(\nabla \phi) = \nabla E = \rho$$

$$\vec{0} = \nabla \times (\nabla T) = \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_i \partial_j T$$

$$\partial_x \partial_y T - \partial_y \partial_x T = 0$$

$\vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v})$ gradient of divergence

$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot v) - \nabla^2 v$ curl of curl

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{e}_x & \vec{e}_y & \vec{e}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z \partial y} \right) \vec{e}_x + \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z \partial x} \right) \vec{e}_y + \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y \partial x} \right) \vec{e}_z \\ &= \vec{0}\end{aligned}$$