

VECTOR CALCULUS :

Lecture - 1 :

BASICS OF VECTORS :

Vector :

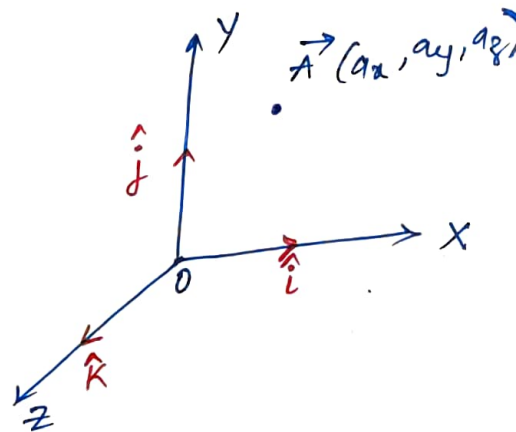
It is a quantity which has both magnitude & direction.

$$\vec{A} = a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j} + a_z \hat{k}$$

$$\text{Magnitude of } \vec{A} = |\vec{A}| = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2 + a_z^2}$$

Unit Vector:

$$\hat{A} = \frac{\vec{A}}{|\vec{A}|}$$



Product Of Vectors :

There are three types of products.

- (i) General Product
- (ii) Dot Product (or) Inner Product (or) Scalar Product.
- (iii) Cross Product.

The explanations of the three types of products are given in next page

(i) General Product:

If we want the product of a scalar and a vector ~~which~~ which results in no change in direction of the resulting product is called as general product.

Suppose \vec{A} is a vector quantity

$$\vec{A} = a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j} + a_z \hat{k}$$

4 'l' as a scalar quantity.

Now General product of \vec{A} & l = $(\vec{A} \cdot l) = \vec{B}$

$$(\vec{A} \cdot l) = l (a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j} + a_z \hat{k})$$

$$\vec{B} = (a_x l) \hat{i} + (l a_y) \hat{j} + (l a_z) \hat{k}.$$

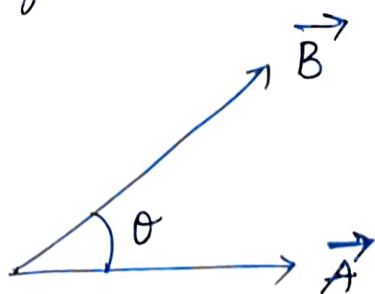
(ii) Dot Product (OR) Inner Product (OR) Scalar Product:

Dot product is performed b/w two vectors.

Dot product of \vec{A} & \vec{B} is given as

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}}{|\vec{A}| |\vec{B}|}$$



$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}}{|\vec{A}| |\vec{B}|} \right)$$

Mathematically:

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j} + a_z \hat{k}) \cdot (b_x \hat{i} + b_y \hat{j} + b_z \hat{k})$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z)$$

Here the dot product of two vectors \vec{A} & \vec{B} gives a scalar quantity. That is the reason we call the ~~scalar~~ dot product of \vec{A} & \vec{B} as scalar product.

(iii) CROSS PRODUCT :

The cross product of two vector \vec{A} & \vec{B} is given as

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin \theta \hat{n}$$

where \hat{n} is unit normal vector \perp to both vectors \vec{A} & \vec{B} .

Mathematically:

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \end{vmatrix}$$

~~The vector product~~

The cross product of \vec{A} & \vec{B} vectors gives us the vector quantity. That is the reason we call cross product as vector product.

Eg: Given $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ & $\vec{B} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}) = 2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{A} \perp \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(-2) - \hat{j}(-1) + \hat{k}(5)$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

Orthogonal Vectors :

Two vector are said to be orthogonal if their dot product is '0' i.e, angle b/w them is 90° .

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$|\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\cos \theta = 0$$

$$\boxed{\theta = 90^\circ}$$

2. Orthonormal Vectors :

Two vectors are said to be orthonormal if both of their magnitudes is 1 & their dot product must be '0'.

Consider two vectors as \vec{A} & \vec{B} .

If $\left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \\ |\vec{A}| = |\vec{B}| = 1 \end{array} \right\}$ then \vec{A} & \vec{B} are said to be orthonormal.

3. Collinear Vectors :

Two vectors are said to be collinear if the angle b/w them is 0° .

$$|\vec{A}| \cdot |\vec{B}| \cos 0^\circ = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$$

If $\boxed{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}|}$ then \vec{A} & \vec{B} are said to be collinear vectors.

4. Parallel Vectors :

Two vectors are said to be parallel vectors if both of the vectors are proportional to each other.

If $\boxed{\vec{B} = K \vec{A}}$ where $K = \text{constant}$.

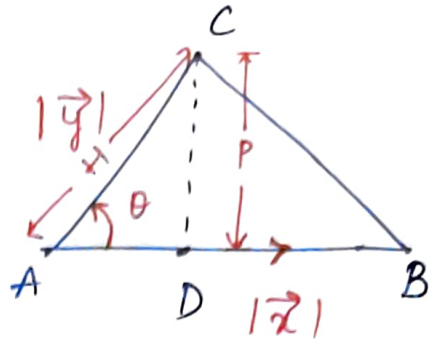
then \vec{A} & \vec{B} are said to be parallel vectors.

5. Area of Triangle:

Area of the given Δ ABC

$$\Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} \overline{AB} \cdot \overline{CD}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |\vec{x}| |\vec{y}| \sin \theta$$



$$\sin \theta = \frac{P}{H}$$

$$P = H \sin \theta$$

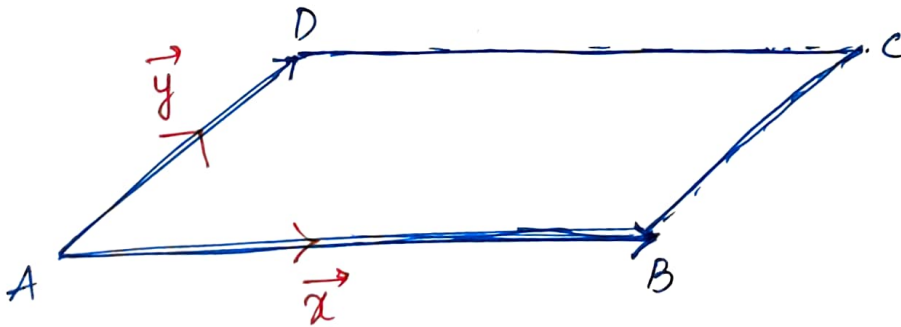
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6. Area of Parallelogram:



$$\text{Area of parallelogram ABCD} = |\vec{x} \times \vec{y}|$$

WORKBOOK QUESTIONS :

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS :

Q2. The two vectors $[1, 1, 1]$ and $[1, a, a^2]$ where $a = \left(-\frac{1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$, are

A) Orthonormal

B) Orthogonal

C) Parallel

D) Collinear.

Soln: Let $\vec{A} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$
 $\vec{B} = \hat{i} + a\hat{j} + a^2\hat{k}$.

$$|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{3} \quad ; \quad |\vec{B}| = \sqrt{1+a^2+a^4} = \sqrt{1+\omega^2+\omega} = 0$$

$$|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{3} \quad \& \quad |\vec{B}| = 0$$

Clearly for orthonormal : $|\vec{A}| = |\vec{B}| = 1$ &
 $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$

So \vec{A} & \vec{B} are not orthonormal.

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + a^2\hat{k})$$

$$= 1 + a + a^2$$

$$= 1 + \omega + \omega^2 \quad (\because \text{cube root of unity})$$

$$\boxed{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0}$$

So \vec{A} & \vec{B} are orthogonal vectors

Ans: (B)

Q3. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are two arbitrary vectors with magnitudes a and b , respectively, $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2$ will be equal to

A) $a^2b^2 - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2$

B) $ab - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$

C) $a^2b^2 + (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2$

D) $ab + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$

Soln: $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2 = ||\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta \hat{n}|^2$

$$= |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$= a^2 b^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$= a^2 b^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$= a^2 b^2 - a^2 b^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2 = a^2 b^2 - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2$$

Ans: (A)

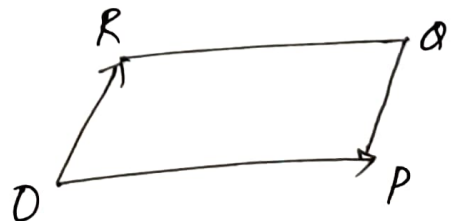
Q4) For the parallelogram OPQR shown in the sketch $\vec{OP} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j}$ and $\vec{OR} = c\hat{i} + d\hat{j}$. The area of the parallelogram is

A) $ad - bc$

B) $ac + bd$

C) $ad + bc$

D) $ab - cd$



Soln: We have

$$\text{Area of Parallelogram } OPQR = |\vec{OP} \times \vec{OR}|$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a & b & 0 \\ c & d & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{k}(ad - bc)$$

$$\therefore \text{Area of } \text{norm } OPQR = |(ad - bc)\hat{k}| = ad - bc$$

Ans: (A)

Q5) If $A(0, 4, 3)$, $B(0, 0, 0)$ and $C(3, 0, 4)$ are three points defined in x, y, z co-ordinate system then which one of the following vectors is \perp to both the line vectors \vec{BA} and \vec{BC} ?

A) $16\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}$ B) $16\hat{i} - 9\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$

C) $16\hat{i} - 9\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}$ D) $16\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$

Soln: $\vec{BA} = \vec{OA} - \vec{OB} = 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

$$\vec{BC} = \vec{OC} - \vec{OB} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$(\vec{BA} \times \vec{BC}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(16) - \hat{j}(-12) + \hat{k}(-12)$$

$$(\vec{BA} \times \vec{BC}) = 16\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}$$

Ans: (A)

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Lecture - 2 :

DEL OPERATOR

Vector Differential Calculus :

We have very important vector differential operator. It is called as "Del". It is denoted as " ∇ ".

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

Units of ∇ : $\frac{1}{m}$ (or) m^{-1}

Operations of Del Operator :

1. General Product $\rightarrow \nabla [\phi(x, y, z)] \rightarrow \text{grad}(\phi), \text{Gradient}$
2. Dot Product $\rightarrow \nabla \cdot \vec{A} \rightarrow \text{Divergence}$
3. Cross Product $\rightarrow \nabla \times \vec{A} \rightarrow \text{Curl}$

Tip To Remember :

1. General product \rightarrow Gradient
2. Dot Product \rightarrow Divergence
3. Cross Product \rightarrow Curl

GRADIENT, DIVERGENCE & CURL & DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVE

GRADIENT : (Gradient \rightarrow General product)(1) "GRADIENT" is only valid for "scalar point function".

"Scalar point function" means a quantity which has no direction

$$\phi(x, y, z) = x^2z + xyz + \frac{z}{z^2y^3}$$

(2) It is the general operation of del operator to any scalar point function at any point.

$$\boxed{\text{grad}(\phi) = \nabla(\phi)}$$

(3) Resultant of gradient is a vector quantity.

(4) Here the result i.e. vector quantity is referred as "normal vector".

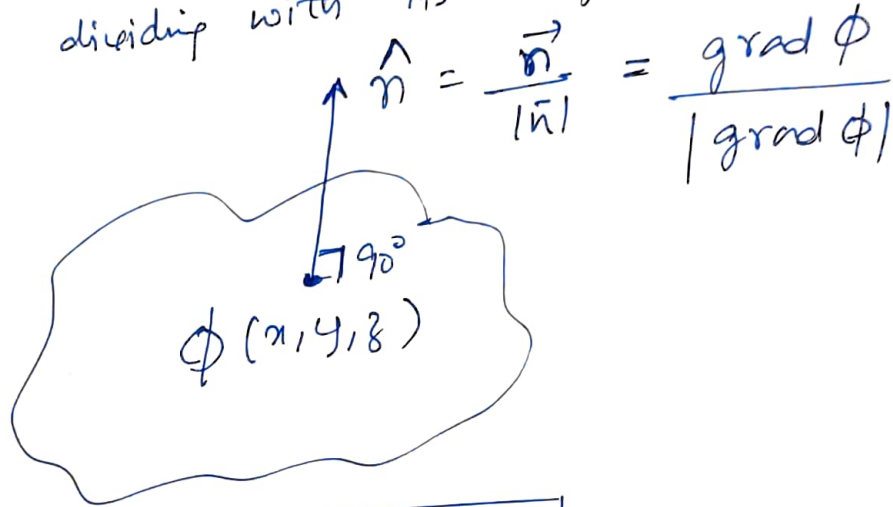
$$\boxed{\nabla(\phi) = \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}}$$

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

(5) Here " ∇ " (del operator) is a vector which is applied on a scalar quantity generally.

PHYSICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF GRADIENT:

1. "GRADIENT" gives the "maximum rate of change".
2. For any arbitrary scalar point function, with the help of applying gradient of scalar point function we can find the normal vector as a result also we can find the direction of normal vector by dividing with its magnitude.



i.e.,

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|} = \frac{\text{grad } \phi}{|\text{grad } \phi|}$$

Example 1:

Given $\phi(x, y, z) = xy + yz$. Find the $\text{grad}(\phi)$ at $(1, 1, 1)$?

Soln: $\phi(x, y, z) = xy + yz$

$$\text{grad } \phi(x, y, z) = \nabla(\phi)$$

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



(0)

positive (+ve)

$$\text{grad}(\phi) = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xy + yz) + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xy + yz) + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (xy + yz)$$

$$\text{grad}(\phi) = \hat{i} [y] + \hat{j} [x+z] + \hat{k} [y]$$

$$\left[\text{grad}(\phi) \right]_{\text{at } (1,1,1)} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k} = \text{normal vector of } \phi(1,1,1)$$

$$\therefore \text{grad}(\phi) \text{ at } (1,1,1) = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

⑤ Here ' ∇ ' (del op) is applied on a s