

INDEX SUMMATION NOTATION

Question 1

Use index summation notation to prove the validity of the following vector identity

$$\nabla \cdot (\varphi \mathbf{A}) \equiv \nabla \varphi \cdot \mathbf{A} + \varphi (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}),$$

where $\varphi = \varphi(x, y, z)$ is a smooth scalar function and $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}(x, y, z)$ is a smooth vector function.

proof

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (\varphi \mathbf{A}) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\varphi A_i) \\ \text{BY THE PRODUCT RULE} \\ &= \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i} A_i + \varphi \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_i} = \nabla \varphi \cdot \mathbf{A} + \varphi \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} \\ &= \mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla \varphi + \varphi \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} \end{aligned}$$

Question 2

Use index summation notation to prove the validity of the following vector identity

$$\nabla \wedge (\varphi \mathbf{A}) \equiv \nabla \varphi \wedge \mathbf{A} + \varphi (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{A}),$$

where $\varphi = \varphi(x, y, z)$ is a smooth scalar function and $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}(x, y, z)$ is a smooth vector function.

proof

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CONSIDER THE } i^{\text{th}} \text{ COMPONENT OF } \nabla \wedge (\varphi \mathbf{A}) \\ [\nabla \wedge (\varphi \mathbf{A})]_i &= \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\varphi A_k) \quad \{A_k\}_k = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_i \\ \text{APPLYING THE PRODUCT RULE WITH SCALARS} \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} \left[\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} A_k + \varphi \frac{\partial A_k}{\partial x_j} \right] \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} A_k + \varphi \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial A_k}{\partial x_j} \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} A_k + \varphi \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial A_k}{\partial x_j} \\ \text{BACK INTO VECTOR NOTATION} \\ &= [\nabla \varphi \wedge \mathbf{A}]_i + \varphi [\nabla \wedge \mathbf{A}]_i \\ &= \nabla \varphi \wedge \mathbf{A} + \varphi \nabla \wedge \mathbf{A} \quad \text{As required} \end{aligned}$$

Question 3

Use index summation notation to prove the validity of the following vector identity

$$\nabla(\phi\psi) \equiv \phi\nabla\psi + \psi\nabla\phi,$$

where $\phi = \phi(x, y, z)$ and $\psi = \psi(x, y, z)$ are smooth scalar functions.

proof

$\nabla(\phi\psi) = \phi\nabla\psi + \psi\nabla\phi$
 (consider the k^{th} component of $\nabla(\phi\psi)$)
 $[\nabla(\phi\psi)]_k = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}(\phi\psi)$
 ... Apply the product rule ...
 $= \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_k}\psi + \phi\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x_k}$
 $= \phi\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}\psi\right] + \psi\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}\phi\right]$
 $= [\phi\nabla\psi + \psi\nabla\phi]_k$

Question 4

Use index summation notation to prove the validity of the following vector identity

$$\nabla \wedge \nabla\phi \equiv \mathbf{0},$$

where $\phi = \phi(x, y, z)$ is a smooth scalar function.

proof

$\nabla \wedge \nabla\phi = \mathbf{0}$
 Firstly $\nabla\phi = \left(\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_3}\right) = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_j}$
 Now $(\nabla \wedge \nabla\phi)_k = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_j} = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$
 As i & j are dummy variables we may interchange them
 $= \epsilon_{jik} \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial x_j \partial x_i}$
 Swap i & j in the (rearranged) symbol.
 (changes a minus)
 $= -\epsilon_{jik} \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial x_j \partial x_i}$
 Finally swap the order of differentiation
 $= -\epsilon_{jik} \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$
 Thus $(\nabla \wedge \nabla\phi)_k = \epsilon_{jik} \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} - \epsilon_{jik} \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$
 In other words the k^{th} component of $\nabla \wedge \nabla\phi$ is zero.
 $\therefore \nabla \wedge \nabla\phi = \mathbf{0}$

Question 5

Use index summation notation to prove the validity of the following vector identity

$$\nabla \cdot [\nabla \wedge \mathbf{F}] \equiv 0,$$

where $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}(x, y, z)$ is a smooth vector function.

, **proof**

• FIRSTLY WE HAVE IN SUMMATION NOTATION

- THE i^{th} COMPONENT OF $\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}$ IS $(\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B})_i = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k$
- THE DIVERGENCE OF A VECTOR \mathbf{U} IS $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} U_i$

• USING THESE RESULTS WE NOW HAVE

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{F}) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[\epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} F_k \right] = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} F_k \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial^2 F_k}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \end{aligned}$$

AS i & j ARE DUMMY VARIABLES WE MAY INTERCHANGE THEM

$$= \epsilon_{kji} \frac{\partial^2 F_k}{\partial x_j \partial x_i}$$

SWAP i & j IN THE BRACKETED PART, GENERATES A MINUS

$$= -\epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial^2 F_k}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$$

INVERSE THE DIFFERENTIATION ORDER IN THE PARENTHESE

$$= -\epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial^2 F_k}{\partial x_j \partial x_i}$$

$$= -\nabla \cdot (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{F})$$

• CONCLUDING THE ARGUMENT

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{F}) &= -\nabla \cdot (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{F}) \quad \text{FOR ANY SMOOTH VECTOR FIELD } \mathbf{F} \\ \therefore \nabla \cdot (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{F}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Question 6

Use index summation notation to prove the validity of the following vector identity.

$$(\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}) \cdot (\mathbf{C} \wedge \mathbf{D}) \equiv (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C})(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{D}) - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{D})(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C}).$$

 , proof

Using the standard index notation definition of a cross product, for its k^{th} component

$$(\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B})_k = \epsilon_{ijk} A_i B_j$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}) \cdot (\mathbf{C} \wedge \mathbf{D}) &= (\epsilon_{ijk} A_i B_j)(\epsilon_{lmn} C_l D_m) \\
 &= \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmn} A_i B_j C_l D_m \\
 &= \begin{vmatrix} \epsilon_{ij} & \epsilon_{in} \\ \epsilon_{jl} & \epsilon_{jn} \end{vmatrix} A_i B_j C_l D_m \quad \text{("Strained" identity)} \\
 &= [\epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{jn} - \epsilon_{in} \epsilon_{ij}] A_i B_j C_l D_m \\
 &= \epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{jn} A_i B_j C_l D_m - \epsilon_{in} \epsilon_{ij} A_i B_j C_l D_m \\
 &= A_i B_j C_l D_m - A_i B_j C_l D_m \\
 &= A_i C_l B_j D_m - A_i B_l C_j D_m \\
 &= A_i C_l B_j D_m - A_i B_l C_j D_m \\
 &= (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C})(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{D}) - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{D})(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C}) \quad \text{As Required}
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 7

Use index summation notation to prove the validity of the following vector identity

$$\mathbf{a} \wedge (\mathbf{b} \wedge \mathbf{c}) \equiv (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{c}.$$

proof

$$\mathbf{a} \wedge (\mathbf{b} \wedge \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{c}$$

CONSIDER THE i th COMPONENT OF $\mathbf{b} \wedge \mathbf{c}$

$$(\mathbf{b} \wedge \mathbf{c})_i = \epsilon_{ijk} b_j c_k$$

NEXT THE CROSS PRODUCT

$$\epsilon_{mkn} a_m [(\mathbf{b} \wedge \mathbf{c})_n] = [\mathbf{a} \wedge (\mathbf{b} \wedge \mathbf{c})]_m$$

↑ NON FREE VARIABLE
↑ FREE VARIABLE k IN THE TERM

$$= \epsilon_{mkn} \epsilon_{ijk} a_m b_j c_k$$

$$= \epsilon_{mkn} \epsilon_{ijk} a_m b_j c_k$$

SUM IDENTITY OPERATOR

$$= - \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{mi} & \epsilon_{mj} \\ \epsilon_{ni} & \epsilon_{nj} \end{bmatrix} a_m b_j c_k$$

$$= - [\epsilon_{mi} \epsilon_{nj} - \epsilon_{ni} \epsilon_{mj}] a_m b_j c_k$$

$$= [\epsilon_{ni} \epsilon_{mj} - \epsilon_{mi} \epsilon_{nj}] a_m b_j c_k$$

SUBSTITUTION PROPERTY
 $\epsilon_{ij} T_{ik} \equiv T_{jk}$

$$= \epsilon_{ni} \epsilon_{mj} a_m b_j c_k - \epsilon_{mi} \epsilon_{nj} a_m b_j c_k$$

$$= a_j b_n c_j - a_j b_i c_n$$

$$= (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}) b_n - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) c_n$$

$$\therefore [\mathbf{a} \wedge (\mathbf{b} \wedge \mathbf{c})]_i = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}) b_i - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) c_i$$

Question 8

Use index summation notation to prove the validity of the following vector identity

$$\nabla \cdot [\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}] \equiv \mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{B}),$$

where $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}(x, y, z)$ and $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}(x, y, z)$ are smooth vector functions.

proof

• Firstly the kth component of $\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}$ is
 $(\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B})_k = \epsilon_{ijk} A_i B_j$

• Hence the divergence of a vector u_k becomes
 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} u_k$

• Let $u_k = (\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B})_k$
 This
 $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} [\epsilon_{ijk} A_i B_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} [A_i B_j]$
 BY THE PRODUCT RULE WE OBTAIN
 $= \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_k} B_j + \epsilon_{ijk} A_i \frac{\partial B_j}{\partial x_k}$
 $= B_j \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_k} + A_i \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial B_j}{\partial x_k}$
 SWAP i & j
 $= B_k \epsilon_{ijl} \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_j} + A_k \epsilon_{ijl} \frac{\partial B_j}{\partial x_i}$
 SWAP i & j
 $= B_k \epsilon_{jli} \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_j} + A_k (-\epsilon_{jli} \frac{\partial B_j}{\partial x_i})$
 $= B_k \epsilon_{jli} \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_j} - A_k \epsilon_{jli} \frac{\partial B_j}{\partial x_i}$
 $= B_k (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{A})_k - A_k (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{B})_k$
 $= \mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{B})$

Question 9

Use index summation notation to prove the validity of the following vector identity

$$\nabla \cdot [\nabla f \wedge \nabla g] \equiv 0,$$

where $f = f(x, y, z)$ and $g = g(x, y, z)$ are smooth scalar functions.

Any additional results used must be clearly stated.

, proof

• START THE PROOF BY WRITING THE DOT & CROSS PRODUCT IN INDEX NOTATION

$$\nabla \cdot [\nabla f \wedge \nabla g] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[\epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_k} \right]$$

• APPLY THE PRODUCT RULE

$$\dots = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_k} + \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x_j \partial x_k}$$

• REWRITE AS FOLLOW

$$\dots = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \left[\epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \left[\epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \right) \right]$$

• NOW $\epsilon_{ijk} = \epsilon_{kji}$ AND $\epsilon_{ijk} = -\epsilon_{jik}$

$$\dots = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \left[\epsilon_{kji} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \left[-\epsilon_{jik} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \right) \right]$$

$$= \nabla_g \cdot [\nabla_f \nabla f] + \nabla_f \cdot [-\nabla_g \nabla f]$$

$$= 0$$

NOTE $\nabla_f \nabla u = 0$

Question 10

Use index summation notation to prove that

$$\mathbf{A} \wedge (\mathbf{B} \wedge \mathbf{C}) \equiv (\mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{C},$$

and hence deduce that

$$\mathbf{A} \wedge (\mathbf{B} \wedge \mathbf{C}) \equiv (\mathbf{C} \wedge \mathbf{A}) \wedge \mathbf{B} + (\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}) \wedge \mathbf{C}$$

, proof

CONSIDER THE i TH COMPONENT OF $\mathbf{A} \wedge (\mathbf{B} \wedge \mathbf{C})$

$$[\epsilon_{ijk} A_i (\epsilon_{lmn} B_l C_m)] = \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmn} A_i B_l C_m$$

SUMME k & n IN THE FIRST PRELIMINARY SUMMATION IN ORDER TO USE IDENTITY

$$= -\epsilon_{ijl} \epsilon_{lmn} A_i B_l C_m$$

$\epsilon_{lmn} \epsilon_{ijl} = \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{li} & \delta_{ln} \\ \delta_{mi} & \delta_{mn} \end{vmatrix}$

$$= -\begin{vmatrix} \delta_{li} & \delta_{ln} \\ \delta_{mi} & \delta_{mn} \end{vmatrix} A_i B_l C_m$$

$$= [\delta_{li} \delta_{mn} - \delta_{ln} \delta_{mi}] A_i B_l C_m$$

$$= \delta_{li} \delta_{mn} A_i B_l C_m - \delta_{ln} \delta_{mi} A_i B_l C_m$$

NOW, USE δ SUBSTITUTION PRINCIPLE FOR THEN

$$= A_j B_j C_i - A_i B_i C_j$$

$$= A_j C_j B_i - A_i C_i B_j$$

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

$$= [(A \cdot C) \mathbf{B} - (A \cdot B) \mathbf{C}]_i$$

$$\therefore [\mathbf{A} \wedge (\mathbf{B} \wedge \mathbf{C})]_i = [(A \cdot C) \mathbf{B} - (A \cdot B) \mathbf{C}]_i$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{A} \wedge (\mathbf{B} \wedge \mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{C}$$

As required

FURTHER TO PROVE THE 2ND IDENTITY CONSIDER THE CHAIN EXPRESSION OF 3 TRIPLE VECTOR PRODUCTS

$$\mathbf{A} \wedge (\mathbf{B} \wedge \mathbf{C}) + \mathbf{B} \wedge (\mathbf{C} \wedge \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{C} \wedge (\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B})$$

$$= (\mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{C} + (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{C} - (\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{A} + (\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{B}$$

$$= \mathbf{0}$$

Thus $\mathbf{A} \wedge (\mathbf{B} \wedge \mathbf{C}) + \mathbf{B} \wedge (\mathbf{C} \wedge \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{C} \wedge (\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{0}$

$$\mathbf{A} \wedge (\mathbf{B} \wedge \mathbf{C}) = -\mathbf{B} \wedge (\mathbf{C} \wedge \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{C} \wedge (\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B})$$

$$= (\mathbf{C} \wedge \mathbf{A}) \wedge \mathbf{B} + (\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}) \wedge \mathbf{C}$$

As required

Question 11

Use index summation notation to prove the validity of the following vector identity

$$\nabla \wedge [\nabla \wedge \mathbf{u}] \equiv \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{u},$$

where $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(x, y, z)$ is a smooth vector function.

proof

• consider the i -th component of $\nabla \wedge \mathbf{u}$
 $[\nabla \wedge \mathbf{u}]_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} u_k$

• next consider the m -th component of $\nabla \wedge (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{u})$, it involves cross product
 $[\nabla \wedge (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{u})]_m = \epsilon_{lmn} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} [\epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} u_k] = \epsilon_{lmn} \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial^2 u_k}{\partial x_l \partial x_j}$
 $= -\epsilon_{lmn} \epsilon_{jik} \frac{\partial^2 u_k}{\partial x_l \partial x_j} = \dots$

• now we can apply the identity
 $\epsilon_{lmn} \epsilon_{jik} = \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{li} & \delta_{lj} \\ \delta_{mi} & \delta_{mj} \end{vmatrix} = \delta_{li} \delta_{mj} - \delta_{mi} \delta_{lj}$
 $\dots = -(\delta_{li} \delta_{mj} - \delta_{mi} \delta_{lj}) \frac{\partial^2 u_k}{\partial x_l \partial x_j}$
 $= \delta_{li} \delta_{mj} \frac{\partial^2 u_k}{\partial x_l \partial x_j} - \delta_{mi} \delta_{lj} \frac{\partial^2 u_k}{\partial x_l \partial x_j} = \dots$

• by the commutative property
 $\epsilon_{ijk} \delta_{ab} T_a = T_b \epsilon_{ijk} \delta_{ac} = T_{bc}$
 $\dots = \frac{\partial^2 u_k}{\partial x_l \partial x_m} - \frac{\partial^2 u_m}{\partial x_l \partial x_k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} \left(\frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_l} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_l \partial x_k} (u_m) \right)$
 $= [\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}]_m$
 $\therefore \nabla \wedge (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{u}) \equiv \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} \quad //$

Question 12

Use index summation notation to prove the validity of the following vector identity

$$\nabla \wedge [\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}] \equiv \mathbf{A}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{B}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) + (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B},$$

where $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}(x, y, z)$ and $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}(x, y, z)$ are smooth vector functions.

proof

Handwritten proof of the vector identity:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B})_n &= \epsilon_{ijk} A_i B_j \\
 [\nabla \wedge (\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B})]_n &= \epsilon_{lmn} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} [\epsilon_{ijk} A_i B_j] = \epsilon_{lmn} \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} [A_i B_j] \quad \text{Product Rule} \\
 &= \epsilon_{lmn} \epsilon_{ijk} \left[\frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_l} B_j + A_i \frac{\partial B_j}{\partial x_l} \right] \\
 \epsilon_{lmn} \epsilon_{ijk} &= \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{li} & \delta_{lj} & \delta_{ln} \\ \delta_{mi} & \delta_{mj} & \delta_{mn} \end{vmatrix} = \delta_{li} \delta_{mj} - \delta_{mi} \delta_{lj} \\
 &= (\delta_{li} \delta_{mj} - \delta_{mi} \delta_{lj}) \left(\frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_l} B_j + A_i \frac{\partial B_j}{\partial x_l} \right) \\
 &= \delta_{li} \delta_{mj} \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_l} B_j + \delta_{mi} \delta_{lj} \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_l} B_j - \delta_{li} \delta_{mj} \frac{\partial A_m}{\partial x_l} B_j - \delta_{mi} \delta_{lj} \frac{\partial A_l}{\partial x_m} B_j \\
 \text{Using the Kronecker Substitution Property} \quad \epsilon_{ij} \delta_{ab} T_b &= T_i \quad \delta_{ab} W_{cde} = W_{ade} \\
 &= \frac{\partial A_m}{\partial x_l} B_j + A_m \frac{\partial B_j}{\partial x_l} - \frac{\partial A_l}{\partial x_l} B_m - A_l \frac{\partial B_m}{\partial x_l} \\
 &= B_j \frac{\partial A_m}{\partial x_l} + A_m \frac{\partial B_j}{\partial x_l} - B_m \frac{\partial A_l}{\partial x_l} - A_l \frac{\partial B_m}{\partial x_l} \\
 &= (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) A_m + A_m (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) - B_m (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla) B_m \\
 \text{Thus} \quad \nabla \wedge (\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}) &= \mathbf{A}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{B}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) + (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B}
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 13

Use index summation notation to prove the validity of the following vector identity

$$\nabla [\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}] \equiv (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A} + (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B} \wedge (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{A} \wedge (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{B}),$$

where $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}(x, y, z)$ and $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}(x, y, z)$ are smooth vector functions.

, proof

START FROM THE R.H.S - AFTER DERIVING THE TRUE, CONSIDER THE L.H.S

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [(\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A}]_i + [(\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B}]_i + \mathbf{B}_k (\nabla_k \mathbf{A})_i + \mathbf{A}_k (\nabla_k \mathbf{B})_i \\
 &= [\mathbf{B}_k (\nabla_k \mathbf{A})_i + \mathbf{A}_k (\nabla_k \mathbf{B})_i + (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A}]_i + [(\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B}]_i \\
 &= \epsilon_{ijk} B_j \left[\epsilon_{ikl} \frac{\partial A_l}{\partial x_k} \right] + \epsilon_{ijk} A_j \left[\epsilon_{ikl} \frac{\partial B_l}{\partial x_k} \right] + \left[\mathbf{B}_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \right] A_i + \left[\mathbf{A}_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \right] B_i \\
 &= \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ikl} B_j \frac{\partial A_l}{\partial x_k} + \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ikl} A_j \frac{\partial B_l}{\partial x_k} + B_k \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_k} + A_k \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial x_k} \\
 &= -\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{jkl} B_j \frac{\partial A_l}{\partial x_k} - \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{jkl} A_j \frac{\partial B_l}{\partial x_k} + B_k \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_k} + A_k \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial x_k}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now using the identity

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{jkl} = \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{il} & \delta_{jk} \\ \delta_{kl} & \delta_{ji} \end{vmatrix} = \delta_{il} \delta_{jk} - \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl}$$

$$-\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{jkl} = - \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{il} & \delta_{jk} \\ \delta_{kl} & \delta_{ji} \end{vmatrix} = -\delta_{il} \delta_{jk} + \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl}$$

RETURNING TO THE L.H.S

$$= (\delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} - \delta_{il} \delta_{jk}) B_j \frac{\partial A_l}{\partial x_k} + (\delta_{il} \delta_{jk} - \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl}) A_j \frac{\partial B_l}{\partial x_k} + B_k \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_k} + A_k \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial x_k}$$

EXPAND & USE INDEX SUBSTITUTION PROPERTY

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} B_j \frac{\partial A_l}{\partial x_k} - \delta_{il} \delta_{jk} B_j \frac{\partial A_l}{\partial x_k} + \delta_{il} \delta_{jk} A_j \frac{\partial B_l}{\partial x_k} - \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} A_j \frac{\partial B_l}{\partial x_k} + B_k \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_k} + A_k \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial x_k} \\
 &= B_j \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_j} - B_i \frac{\partial A_j}{\partial x_j} + A_j \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial x_j} - A_i \frac{\partial B_j}{\partial x_j} + B_k \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_k} + A_k \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial x_k} \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} [A_i B_k] \\
 &= [\nabla (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})]_i
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \nabla (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \equiv (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A} + (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B} \wedge (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{A} \wedge (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{B})$

Question 14

Use index summation notation to prove the validity of the following vector identity

$$\nabla \cdot [\mathbf{c} \wedge (\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c})] \equiv 2c^2,$$

where $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$ and \mathbf{c} is a constant three dimensional vector and $c \equiv |\mathbf{c}|$.

 , proof

SPREADING FROM $(A \wedge B)_i = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c})_i = \epsilon_{ijk} r_j c_k = \epsilon_{ijk} x_j c_k$$

SINCE $\mathbf{r} \sim \mathbf{r}_i = x_i$

$$\Rightarrow [\mathbf{c} \wedge (\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c})]_i = \epsilon_{ikl} c_k [\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c}]_l$$

$$\Rightarrow [\mathbf{c} \wedge (\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c})]_i = \epsilon_{ikl} \epsilon_{lmn} c_k x_m c_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot [\mathbf{c} \wedge (\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c})] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} [\epsilon_{ikl} \epsilon_{lmn} c_k x_m c_n]$$

$$= \epsilon_{ikl} \epsilon_{lmn} c_k c_n \frac{\partial x_m}{\partial x_i}$$

NOW $\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x_m} \equiv \delta_{im}$

$$= \epsilon_{ikl} \epsilon_{lmn} c_k c_n \delta_{im}$$

USING THE ϵ SUBSTITUTION PROPERTY

$$= \epsilon_{ikl} \epsilon_{ilm} c_k c_n$$

NEXT USING THE IDENTIFICATION TO δ IDENTITY

$$\epsilon_{ikl} \epsilon_{ilm} = \delta_{kl} \delta_{im} - \delta_{il} \delta_{km}$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{ikl} \epsilon_{ilm} = (-\epsilon_{kli})(-\epsilon_{lmi})$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{ikl} \epsilon_{ilm} = \epsilon_{kli} \epsilon_{lmi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{ikl} \epsilon_{ilm} = \delta_{ki} \delta_{lm} - \delta_{li} \delta_{km}$$

NOW FOR 3 DIMENSIONS $\delta_{ii} = 3$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{ikl} \epsilon_{ilm} = 3\delta_{kl} - \delta_{li} \delta_{km}$$

REDUCING TO THE MAIN POINT

$$\nabla \cdot [\mathbf{c} \wedge (\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c})] = \epsilon_{ikl} \epsilon_{ilm} c_k c_l$$

$$= (3\delta_{kl} - \delta_{li} \delta_{km}) c_k c_l$$

$$= 3\delta_{kl} c_k c_l - \delta_{li} \delta_{km} c_k c_l$$

BY THE δ SUBSTITUTION PROPERTY

$$= 3\delta_{kl} c_k c_l - \delta_{li} \delta_{km} c_k c_l$$

$$= 3c_k c_k - \delta_{li} c_l c_i$$

$$= 3c_k c_k - c_l c_l$$

$$= 2c_k c_k$$

$$= 2c \cdot c$$

$$= 2|c|^2$$

$$= 2c^2$$

Question 15

Use index summation notation to prove the validity of the following vector identity

$$\nabla \cdot [\mathbf{r} \wedge (\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c})] \equiv 2\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{c},$$

where $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$ and \mathbf{c} is a constant three dimensional vector.

 , proof

STARTING FROM $(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})_i = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c})_i = \epsilon_{ijk} x_j c_k$$

{ SINCE $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$ }

$$\Rightarrow [\mathbf{r} \wedge (\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c})]_i = \epsilon_{ikm} \epsilon_{jkl} x_j c_l$$

$$\Rightarrow [\mathbf{r} \wedge (\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c})]_i = \epsilon_{ikm} \epsilon_{jkl} x_j c_l$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot [\mathbf{r} \wedge (\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c})] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} [\epsilon_{ikm} \epsilon_{jkl} x_j c_l]$$

$$= \epsilon_{ikm} \epsilon_{jkl} c_l \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} [x_j]$$

$$= c_j \epsilon_{ikm} \epsilon_{jkl} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} [x_j]$$

NOW IN ORDER TO USE THE "IDENTITY" - RECOGNISE "IDENTITY" WHICH STATES THAT

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmn} \equiv \delta_{il} \delta_{jm} \delta_{kn} - \delta_{in} \delta_{jl} \delta_{km}$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{ikm} \epsilon_{jkl} = (-\epsilon_{kmi})(-\epsilon_{ljk})$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{ikm} \epsilon_{jkl} = \epsilon_{kmi} \epsilon_{ljk}$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{ikm} \epsilon_{jkl} = \delta_{kj} \delta_{il} \delta_{im} - \delta_{il} \delta_{jm} \delta_{ki}$$

RETURNING TO THE MAIN LINE OF THE PROOF & USING "i" SUB PROPERTY

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot [\mathbf{r} \wedge (\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c})] = c_j [\delta_{ij} \delta_{im} - \delta_{im} \delta_{ij}] \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (x_j)$$

$$= c_j [\delta_{ij} \delta_{im} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (x_j) - \delta_{im} \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (x_j)]$$

$$= c_j [\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (x_j x_i) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (x_i x_i)]$$

$$\nabla \cdot [\mathbf{r} \wedge (\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c})] = c_j \left[x_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} - x_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right]$$

NOW $\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x_i} = \delta_{ii} = 3$ & $\frac{\partial x_j}{\partial x_j} = \delta_{jj} = 3$ WHICH IS TRUE

DISTRIBUTIONAL PROPERTY $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} x_j = \delta_{ij}$

$$\nabla \cdot [\mathbf{r} \wedge (\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c})] = c_j [x_j \times 3 + x_i \delta_{ii} - x_i \delta_{ij} - x_j \delta_{jj}]$$

$$= c_j [3x_j - x_j \delta_{jj}]$$

$$= c_j [3x_j - x_j]$$

$$= c_j \times 2x_j$$

$$= 2c_j x_j$$

$$= 2\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{r}$$

As required

Question 16

The vector field \mathbf{F} exists around the open surface S , with closed boundary C .

- a) State Stokes' Integral Theorem for open surfaces, fully defining all the quantities involved.

Let \mathbf{c} be a constant vector and $\varphi = \varphi(x, y, z)$ a smooth scalar function.

- b) By considering $\nabla \wedge (\mathbf{c}\varphi)$, use index summation notation in Stokes' Theorem to prove the validity of the following result

$$\int_S \hat{\mathbf{n}} \wedge \nabla \varphi \, dS = \oint_C \varphi \, d\mathbf{r},$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ is a unit normal vector field to S .

proof

a) $\oint_C \nabla \wedge \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \, dS = \oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$
 where \mathbf{F} is a smooth vector field
 S is an open two-sided surface with boundary C
 $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ is a unit vector field to S , so that the direction of $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ and the direction of C form a right-hand set

b) Let $\mathbf{F} = \nabla \phi$ where $\phi = \phi(x, y, z)$ & \mathbf{c} is a constant vector

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \oint_C \nabla \wedge (\mathbf{c}\phi) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \, dS = \oint_C \mathbf{c}\phi \cdot d\mathbf{r} \\ &\Rightarrow \int_S \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\mathbf{c}\phi) \, \hat{n}_k \, dS = \oint_C \mathbf{c}\phi \cdot d\mathbf{r} \\ &\Rightarrow \int_S \epsilon_{ijk} \left[c_j \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_j} \right] \hat{n}_k \, dS = \oint_C \mathbf{c}\phi \cdot d\mathbf{r} \\ &\Rightarrow \int_S c_j \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_j} \hat{n}_k \, dS = \oint_C \mathbf{c}\phi \cdot d\mathbf{r} \\ &\Rightarrow c_j \int_S \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{n}_k \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_j} \, dS = c_j \oint_C \phi \, dx_j \\ &\Rightarrow c_j \int_S -\epsilon_{ikj} \hat{n}_k \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_i} \, dS = c_j \oint_C \phi \, dx_j \\ &\Rightarrow \int_S \epsilon_{ikj} \hat{n}_k \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_i} \, dS = \oint_C \phi \, dx_j \\ &\Rightarrow \int_S \hat{\mathbf{n}} \wedge \nabla \phi \, dS = \oint_C \phi \, d\mathbf{r} \end{aligned}$$

As required

Question 17

The vector field \mathbf{F} exists around the open surface S , with closed boundary C .

Let \mathbf{c} be a constant vector and $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}(x, y, z)$ a smooth vector function.

By considering $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{c} \wedge \mathbf{A}$, use index summation notation in Stokes' Theorem to prove the validity of the following result

$$\int_S (\mathbf{dS} \wedge \nabla) \wedge \mathbf{A} = \oint_C d\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{A},$$

where $\mathbf{dS} = \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS$, $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ is a unit normal vector field to S , forming a right hand set with the direction of C .

proof

$$\int_S \nabla_\alpha \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{n} \, dS = \oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

Let $\mathbf{F} = E_\alpha \hat{A}_\alpha$ where \hat{A}_α is a constant vector field & $\xi = \text{constant}$

$$\Rightarrow \int_S (\nabla_\alpha (E_\alpha \hat{A}_\alpha) \cdot \hat{n} \, dS = \oint_C E_\alpha \hat{A}_\alpha \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_S \epsilon_{lmn} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} (\epsilon_{ijk} C_i A_j) n_m \, dS = \oint_C \epsilon_{ijk} C_i A_j dx_k$$

$$\Rightarrow C_i \int_S n_m \epsilon_{lmn} \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial A_j}{\partial x^l} \, dS = C_i \oint_C \epsilon_{ijk} A_j dx_k \quad (\text{Since } i, j, k \text{ are independent})$$

$$\Rightarrow C_i \int_S (\epsilon_{lmn} n_m \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l}) \epsilon_{ijk} A_j \, dS = C_i \oint_C \epsilon_{ijk} A_j dx_k \quad (\text{Since } i, j, k \text{ are independent})$$

$$\Rightarrow C_i \int_S (-\epsilon_{mln} n_m \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l}) \epsilon_{ijk} A_j \, dS = -C_i \oint_C \epsilon_{ijk} A_j dx_k$$

(Since i, j, k are independent)

$$\Rightarrow C_i \int_S (\epsilon_{mln} n_m \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l}) \epsilon_{ijk} A_j \, dS = -C_i \oint_C (\delta_{ik} \hat{A}_j);$$

$$\Rightarrow C_i \int_S (\hat{n}_\alpha \nabla_\alpha) \epsilon_{ijk} A_j \, dS = -C_i \oint_C (d\epsilon_\alpha)_i;$$

$$\Rightarrow C_i \int_S (\hat{n}_\alpha \nabla_\alpha) \epsilon_{ijk} A_j \, dS = -C_i \oint_C (\hat{A}_j);$$

(Since i, j, k are independent)

$$\Rightarrow C_i \int_S -\epsilon_{kij} (\hat{A}_\alpha \nabla_\alpha) A_j \, dS = -C_i \oint_C (\partial \epsilon_\alpha)_i;$$

$$\Rightarrow -C_i \int_S (\hat{n}_\alpha \nabla_\alpha) A_j \, dS = -C_i \oint_C (d\epsilon_\alpha)_i$$