

6.5.28 If \mathbf{F} is a function of t , find the derivative of

$$\mathbf{F} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{F}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2\mathbf{F}}{dt^2}$$

Solution

By definition,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\mathbf{F} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{F}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2\mathbf{F}}{dt^2} \right] = \frac{d\mathbf{F}}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{F}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2\mathbf{F}}{dt^2} + \mathbf{F} \cdot \frac{d^2\mathbf{F}}{dt^2} \times \frac{d^2\mathbf{F}}{dt^2} + \mathbf{F} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{F}}{dt} \times \frac{d^3\mathbf{F}}{dt^3}$$

By the identity $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c}$ we see that

$$\frac{d\mathbf{F}}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{F}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2\mathbf{F}}{dt^2} = \frac{d\mathbf{F}}{dt} \times \frac{d\mathbf{F}}{dt} \cdot \frac{d^2\mathbf{F}}{dt^2} = 0$$

Also $\frac{d^2\mathbf{F}}{dt^2} \times \frac{d^2\mathbf{F}}{dt^2} = 0$ which leaves us with

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\mathbf{F} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{F}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2\mathbf{F}}{dt^2} \right] = \mathbf{F} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{F}}{dt} \times \frac{d^3\mathbf{F}}{dt^3}$$

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6.5.32

Let $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$ represent the position vector from a fixed origin O to a point P , and suppose that the xyz axis system is rotating about a fixed vector $\vec{\omega}$ through O , with angular velocity of constant magnitude ω .

(a) By calculating $\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}$, and noticing that $\frac{d\mathbf{i}}{dt} = \omega \times \mathbf{i}$, and so forth, obtain the velocity vector in the form

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_o + \omega \times \mathbf{r}$$

where the vector

$$\mathbf{v}_o = \frac{dx}{dt}\mathbf{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\mathbf{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\mathbf{k}$$

is the velocity vector which would be obtained if the axes were fixed.

Solution

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\hat{k} + x\frac{d\hat{i}}{dt} + y\frac{d\hat{j}}{dt} + z\frac{d\hat{k}}{dt}$$

because \hat{i} , \hat{j} and \hat{k} are changing in direction.

use

$$\frac{d\hat{i}}{dt} = \vec{\omega} \times \hat{i}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{v} = \vec{v}_o + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$$

$$\vec{v}_o = \frac{dx}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\hat{k}$$

is the ~~line~~ velocity as in non-rotating coordinate system.

(b) Obtain the acceleration vector in the form

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a}_o + 2\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{v}_o + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}),$$

where \mathbf{v}_o is defined in part (a), and where

$$\mathbf{a}_o = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\hat{i} + \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\hat{j} + \frac{d^2z}{dt^2}\hat{k}.$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} &= \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{v}_o + \vec{\omega} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \\ &= \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\hat{i} + \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\hat{j} + \frac{d^2z}{dt^2}\hat{k} + \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\hat{i}}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\hat{j}}{dt} + \frac{dz}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\hat{k}}{dt} \\ &\quad + \vec{\omega} \times (\vec{v}_o + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) \\ &= \mathbf{a} + 2\vec{\omega} \times \vec{v} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} \end{aligned}$$

6.6.34

(a) If θ is polar angle, show that the vectors

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{i} \cos \theta + \mathbf{j} \sin \theta, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = -\mathbf{i} \sin \theta + \mathbf{j} \cos \theta$$

are perpendicular unit vectors in the radial and circumferential directions, respectively, in the xy plane, and that

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}_1}{d\theta} = \mathbf{u}_2, \quad \frac{d\mathbf{u}_2}{d\theta} = -\mathbf{u}_1.$$

solution

(a) $\mathbf{u}_1 = \cos \theta \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta \mathbf{j}$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = -\sin \theta \mathbf{i} + \cos \theta \mathbf{j}$$

$$\|\mathbf{u}_1\| = (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2 \text{ are unit vectors}$$

$$\|\mathbf{u}_2\| = (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 &= -\cos \theta \sin \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2$ are perpendicular (in the radial and circumferential directions respectively).

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}_1}{d\theta} = -\sin \theta \mathbf{i} + \cos \theta \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{u}_2$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}_2}{d\theta} = -\cos \theta \mathbf{i} - \sin \theta \mathbf{j} = -(\cos \theta \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta \mathbf{j}) = -\mathbf{u}_1$$

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(b) For points on a plane curve in polar coordinates, the position vector is of the form $\mathbf{r} = r\mathbf{u}_1$. By differentiation with respect to time t , obtain expressions for the vectors of velocity and acceleration of a point moving along the curve and show that the radial and circumferential components are of the form

$$\begin{aligned} v_r &= \dot{r}, & v_\theta &= r\dot{\theta}, \\ a_r &= \ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2, & a_\theta &= r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dt}(r^2\dot{\theta}), \end{aligned}$$

where a dot denotes time differentiation. [Notice, for example, that $\dot{\mathbf{u}}_1 = \left(\frac{d\mathbf{u}_1}{d\theta}\right)\dot{\theta}$.]

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \dot{r}\mathbf{u}_1 + r\frac{d\mathbf{u}_1}{d\theta}\dot{\theta} & \mathbf{r} &= r\mathbf{u}_1 \\ &= \dot{r}\mathbf{u}_1 + r\dot{\theta}\mathbf{u}_2 & \dot{\mathbf{u}}_1 &= \frac{d\mathbf{u}_1}{d\theta}\dot{\theta} \\ \mathbf{v} &= v_r\hat{\mathbf{u}}_1 + v_\theta\hat{\mathbf{u}}_2 = v_r\hat{\mathbf{r}} + v_\theta\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \\ &\Rightarrow v_r = \dot{r} & v_\theta &= r\dot{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} &= \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(\dot{r}\mathbf{u}_1 + r\dot{\theta}\mathbf{u}_2) \\ &= \ddot{r}\mathbf{u}_1 + \dot{r}\frac{d\mathbf{u}_1}{d\theta}\dot{\theta} + \dot{r}\dot{\theta}\mathbf{u}_2 + r\ddot{\theta}\mathbf{u}_2 + r\dot{\theta}\frac{d\mathbf{u}_2}{d\theta}\dot{\theta} \\ &= \ddot{r}\mathbf{u}_1 + \dot{r}\mathbf{u}_2\dot{\theta} + \dot{r}\dot{\theta}\mathbf{u}_2 + r\ddot{\theta}\mathbf{u}_2 - r\dot{\theta}^2\mathbf{u}_1 \\ &= (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)\mathbf{u}_1 + (r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta})\mathbf{u}_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = a_r\hat{\mathbf{u}}_1 + a_\theta\hat{\mathbf{u}}_2$$

$$\Rightarrow a_r = \ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2 \quad a_\theta = r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} = \frac{1}{r}\frac{d}{dt}(r^2\dot{\theta})$$

6.6.37

(a) Show that

$$\frac{1}{\rho}\mathbf{n} = \frac{d\mathbf{u}}{ds} = \frac{\mathbf{u}'}{s'} = \frac{(\mathbf{r}' \cdot \mathbf{r}')\mathbf{r}'' - (\mathbf{r}' \cdot \mathbf{r}'')\mathbf{r}'}{|\mathbf{r}'|^4} = \frac{(\mathbf{r}' \times \mathbf{r}'') \times \mathbf{r}'}{|\mathbf{r}'|^4}$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}}{ds} &= \frac{\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}}{dt}}{\frac{ds}{dt}} = \frac{\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}}{dt}}{\sqrt{\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{r}'}} \\ \mathbf{u}' &= \frac{\vec{r}'}{\sqrt{\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{r}'}} \quad \sqrt{s'} = \sqrt{\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{r}'} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}}{dt} = \frac{(\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \cdot \vec{\mathbf{r}}') \vec{\mathbf{r}}'' - (\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \cdot \vec{\mathbf{r}}'') \vec{\mathbf{r}}'}{(\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \cdot \vec{\mathbf{r}}')^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

triple vector product

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}}{ds} = \frac{\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}}{dt}}{\sqrt{\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \cdot \vec{\mathbf{r}}'}} = \frac{(\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \cdot \vec{\mathbf{r}}') \vec{\mathbf{r}}'' - (\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \cdot \vec{\mathbf{r}}'') \vec{\mathbf{r}}'}{|\vec{\mathbf{r}}'|^4} = \frac{(\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}'') \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}'}{|\vec{\mathbf{r}}'|^4}$$

(b) Use the identity of Lagrange [Equation (36)] to obtain the result

$$|(\mathbf{r}' \times \mathbf{r}'') \times \mathbf{r}'| = |\mathbf{r}' \times \mathbf{r}''| |\mathbf{r}'|.$$

Solution

Identity of Lagrange

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

$$|(\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}'') \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}'| = \sqrt{((\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}'') \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}') \cdot ((\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}'') \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}')}$$

$$= \sqrt{(\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}'') \cdot (\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}'') (\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}') \cdot (\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}') - ((\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}'') \cdot \vec{\mathbf{r}}')^2}$$

o because $(\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}'') \cdot \vec{\mathbf{r}}' = (\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}'') \cdot \vec{\mathbf{r}}'$

$$\sqrt{(\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}'')^2} = |\mathbf{r}' \times \mathbf{r}''| |\mathbf{r}'|$$

(c) Deduce the following results

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{|\mathbf{r}' \times \mathbf{r}''|}{|\mathbf{r}'|^3}, \quad \mathbf{n} = \frac{(\mathbf{r}' \times \mathbf{r}'') \times \mathbf{r}'}{|\mathbf{r}' \times \mathbf{r}''| |\mathbf{r}'|}$$

Solution

From

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{(\vec{\mathbf{r}}' \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}'') \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}'}{|\vec{\mathbf{r}}'|^4}$$

(part a)

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{|(\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}'') \times \vec{r}'|}{|\vec{r}'|^4} = \frac{|\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''| |\vec{r}'|}{|\vec{r}'|^4}$$
$$= \frac{|\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''|}{|\vec{r}'|^3}$$

$$\hat{n} = \rho \frac{(\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}'') \times \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r}'|^4} = \frac{|\vec{r}'|^3}{|\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''|} \frac{(\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}'') \times \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r}'|^4}$$
$$= \frac{(\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}'') \times \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r}'| |\vec{r}' \times \vec{r}''|}$$

6.7.47

Determine the unit vector normal to the surface $x^3 - xyz + z^3 = 1$ at the point $(1, 1, 1)$.

Solution

$$\phi = x^3 - xyz + z^3 - 1$$
$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{\nabla} \phi}{|\vec{\nabla} \phi|} = \frac{|3x^2 - yz|\hat{i} + (-xz)\hat{j} + (3z^2 - xy)\hat{k}}{|\vec{\nabla} \phi|}$$

at $(1, 1, 1)$

$$\vec{\nabla} \phi = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{\nabla} \phi| = \sqrt{4 + 1 + 4} = 3$$

Therefore

$$\hat{n} = \pm \frac{1}{3} (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

6.8.49

Show that $\nabla \cdot (x\mathbf{v}) = x\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ and $\nabla \times (x\mathbf{v}) = x\nabla \times \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{v}$.

Solution

Use $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\phi \vec{\mathbf{v}}) = \phi \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi$
 $\vec{\nabla} \times (\phi \vec{\mathbf{v}}) = \phi \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\mathbf{v}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}} \times \vec{\nabla} \phi$
 $\phi = x$

$$\vec{\nabla} x = \hat{\mathbf{i}}$$

therefore

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (x \vec{\mathbf{v}}) = x \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}} + \hat{\mathbf{i}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (x \vec{\mathbf{v}}) = x \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\mathbf{v}} + \hat{\mathbf{i}} \times \vec{\mathbf{v}}$$

6.9.56

Show that $\nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = 0$ if $\nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \nabla \phi$ and $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$, where ϕ is a scalar function.

Solution

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = -\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \phi) = -\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = 0$$

6.9.57

If $\mathbf{v} = \phi_1 \nabla \phi_2$, prove $\nabla \times \mathbf{v}$ is \perp to \mathbf{v}

Solution

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \nabla \times (\phi_1 \nabla \phi_2)$$

Write $\mathbf{u} = \nabla \phi_2$:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times (\phi_1 \mathbf{u}) &= \phi_1 \nabla \times \mathbf{u} + \nabla \phi_1 \times \mathbf{u} \\ &= \phi_1 \underbrace{\nabla \times \nabla \phi_2}_{\text{curl grad} = 0} + \nabla \phi_1 \times \nabla \phi_2\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \nabla \times \phi_1 \nabla \phi_2 = \nabla \phi_1 \times \nabla \phi_2$$

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) = \phi_1 \nabla \phi_2 \cdot (\nabla \phi_1 \times \nabla \phi_2); \text{ but } \nabla \phi_2 \perp \nabla \phi_1 \times \nabla \phi_2$$

$$\text{and so } \mathbf{v} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) = 0, \text{ i.e. } \mathbf{v} \perp (\nabla \times \mathbf{v})$$

6.8.51

Prove that $(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\phi =$

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot (\nabla\phi)$$

Let $\mathbf{u} = u_x \mathbf{i} + u_y \mathbf{j} + u_z \mathbf{k}$

What does the left-hand side give?

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla &= u_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\phi &= u_x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}\end{aligned}$$

What does the right-hand-side give?

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla\phi &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \mathbf{k} \\ \mathbf{u} \cdot (\nabla\phi) &= u_x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \\ (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\phi &= \mathbf{u} \cdot (\nabla\phi)\end{aligned}$$