

VECTOR DERIVATIVES

Rectangular coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{r} &= dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j} + dz \hat{k} \\ \vec{F} &= F_x \hat{i} + F_y \hat{j} + F_z \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} f &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{k} \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} &= \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial z} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} &= \left(\frac{\partial F_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial z} \right) \hat{i} + \left(\frac{\partial F_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial x} \right) \hat{j} + \left(\frac{\partial F_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial y} \right) \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

Cylindrical coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{r} &= dr \hat{r} + r d\phi \hat{\phi} + dz \hat{z} \\ \vec{F} &= F_r \hat{r} + F_\phi \hat{\phi} + F_z \hat{z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} f &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{z} \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r F_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial F_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial z} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} &= \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial F_\phi}{\partial z} \right) \hat{r} + \left(\frac{\partial F_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial r} \right) \hat{\phi} + \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r F_\phi) - \frac{\partial F_r}{\partial \phi} \right) \hat{z} \end{aligned}$$

Spherical coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{r} &= dr \hat{r} + r d\theta \hat{\theta} + r \sin \theta d\phi \hat{\phi} \\ \vec{F} &= F_r \hat{r} + F_\theta \hat{\theta} + F_\phi \hat{\phi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} f &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi} \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 F_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta F_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial F_\phi}{\partial \phi} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} &= \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta F_\phi) - \frac{\partial F_\theta}{\partial \phi} \right) \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial F_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r F_\phi) \right) \hat{\theta} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r F_\theta) - \frac{\partial F_r}{\partial \theta} \right) \hat{\phi} \end{aligned}$$
