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**CURVILINEAR COORDINATE SYSTEMS**

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**ÖVNINGAR**

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## PROBLEM 1

Calculate in spherical coordinates:  $\text{grad}(\text{div}(\hat{e}_r)) - \text{rot}(\text{rot}(\hat{e}_r))$

**IMPORTANT COMMENT** (but not useful to solve the problem)

as we will discuss next week:

$$\text{grad}(\text{div}(\bar{A})) - \text{rot}(\text{rot}(\bar{A})) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \bar{A}) - \nabla \times (\nabla \times \bar{A}) = \nabla^2 \bar{A}$$

$\nabla^2 \bar{A}$  is called **"vector laplacian"** (see Section 14.2 in the book)

## SOLUTION to problem 1

$$\text{grad}(\text{div}(\hat{e}_r)) - \text{rot}(\text{rot}(\hat{e}_r))$$

We need gradient, divergence and curl in spherical coordinates

## SOLUTION to problem 1

Spherical coordinates:  $r, \theta, \varphi$

$$\vec{r} = r \sin \theta \cos \varphi \hat{e}_x + r \sin \theta \sin \varphi \hat{e}_y + r \cos \theta \hat{e}_z$$

*position vector using spherical coordinates  
but in a cartesian coordinate system*

$$\begin{cases} h_r = 1 \\ h_\theta = r \\ h_\varphi = r \sin \theta \end{cases} \quad \text{scale factors of a spherical coordinate system}$$

$$\text{grad} \phi = \left( \frac{1}{h_1} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u_1}, \frac{1}{h_2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u_2}, \frac{1}{h_3} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u_3} \right) = \left( \frac{1}{h_r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}, \frac{1}{h_\theta} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta}, \frac{1}{h_\varphi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \varphi} \right) = \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}, \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta}, \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \varphi} \right)$$

$$\text{grad} \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \varphi} \hat{e}_\varphi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{div} \vec{A} &= \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} (A_1 h_2 h_3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} (A_2 h_3 h_1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} (A_3 h_1 h_2) \right] = \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (A_r r^2 \sin \theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (A_\theta r \sin \theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} (A_\varphi r) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{div} \vec{A} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 A_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta A_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} (A_\varphi)$$

## SOLUTION to problem 1

$$rot \bar{A} = \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \begin{vmatrix} h_1 \hat{e}_1 & h_2 \hat{e}_2 & h_3 \hat{e}_3 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} & \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} \\ h_1 A_1 & h_2 A_2 & h_3 A_3 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{e}_r & r \hat{e}_\theta & r \sin \theta \hat{e}_\varphi \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \\ A_r & r A_\theta & r \sin \theta A_\varphi \end{vmatrix}$$

$$rot \bar{A} = \left( \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta A_\varphi) - \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \varphi} \right) \hat{e}_r + \left( \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \varphi} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\varphi) \right) \hat{e}_\theta + \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\theta) - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right) \hat{e}_\varphi$$

Let's go back to our initial problem:

$$\nabla^2 \hat{e}_r = grad (div \hat{e}_r) - rot (rot \hat{e}_r)$$

$$\hat{e}_r = (1, 0, 0) \quad (\text{in the spherical coordinate system})$$

So we have to calculate:

$$div \bar{A} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 A_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta A_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} (A_\varphi)$$

$$\text{with } \bar{A} = \hat{e}_r = (1, 0, 0)$$

## SOLUTION to problem 1

Therefore: 
$$\operatorname{div} \hat{e}_r = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2) = \frac{2}{r}$$

Then we have to calculate:

$$\operatorname{rot} \bar{A} = \left( \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta A_\varphi) - \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \varphi} \right) \hat{e}_r + \left( \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \varphi} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\varphi) \right) \hat{e}_\theta + \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\theta) - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right) \hat{e}_\varphi$$

with  $\bar{A} = \hat{e}_r = (1, 0, 0)$

Therefore: 
$$\operatorname{rot} \hat{e}_r = (0, 0, 0) = \bar{0}$$

$$\operatorname{grad} \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \varphi} \hat{e}_\varphi$$

Finally:

$$\nabla^2 \hat{e}_r = \operatorname{grad} (\operatorname{div} \hat{e}_r) - \operatorname{rot} (\operatorname{rot} \hat{e}_r) = \operatorname{grad} \left( \frac{2}{r} \right) - \operatorname{rot} (\bar{0}) = -\frac{2}{r^2} \hat{e}_r + 0 \hat{e}_\theta + 0 \hat{e}_\varphi = -\frac{2}{r^2} \hat{e}_r$$

## PROBLEM 2

Consider the following fields:  $\psi = -\frac{\cos \theta}{r^2}$ ,  $\bar{A} = \frac{\sin \theta}{r^2} \hat{e}_\varphi$

where  $r, \theta, \varphi$  are spherical coordinates.

Calculate:

a)  $\text{grad}(\psi)$

b)  $\text{rot}(\bar{A})$

c)  $\text{div}(\text{grad}(\psi))$  and  $\text{rot}(\text{rot}(\bar{A}))$

**IMPORTANT COMMENT** (but not useful to solve the problem)

as we will discuss next week:

$$\text{div}(\text{grad}(\psi)) \equiv \nabla^2 \psi$$

$\nabla^2 \psi$  is called "**Laplacian**" (see Section 14.1 in the book)

## SOLUTION to problem 2

$$(a) \quad \text{grad} \psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \varphi} \hat{e}_\varphi = \frac{2 \cos \theta}{r^3} \hat{e}_r + \frac{\sin \theta}{r^3} \hat{e}_\theta$$

$$(b) \quad \text{rot}(\bar{A}) = \left( \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta A_\varphi) - \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \varphi} \right) \hat{e}_r + \left( \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \varphi} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\varphi) \right) \hat{e}_\theta + \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\theta) - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right) \hat{e}_\varphi$$

$$\text{with } \bar{A} = \frac{\sin \theta}{r^2} \hat{e}_\varphi$$

## SOLUTION to problem 2

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{rot} \bar{A} &= \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \right) \hat{e}_r - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \hat{e}_\theta + 0 \hat{e}_\varphi = \frac{1}{r^3 \sin \theta} 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \hat{e}_r + \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{e}_\theta = \\ &= \frac{2 \cos \theta}{r^3} \hat{e}_r + \frac{\sin \theta}{r^3} \hat{e}_\theta = \operatorname{grad} \psi \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \quad \nabla^2 \psi = \operatorname{div}(\operatorname{grad}(\psi)) = \operatorname{div}(\operatorname{rot}(\bar{A})) = 0$$

*You need to calculate the divergence of the curl.*

*The calculation is long, but straightforward.*

$$\operatorname{rot}(\operatorname{rot}(\bar{A})) = \operatorname{rot}(\operatorname{grad}(\psi)) = 0$$

*You need to calculate the curl of the gradient.*

*The calculation is long, but straightforward.*

*This is a general result:*

- *the divergence of the curl is zero.*
- *the curl of the gradient is zero.*

# THE RING NEBULA

is a planetary nebula in the northern constellation of Lyra



### PROBLEM 3

The Ring nebula can be considered as a sphere with constant radius  $R_0$ .

Assume that the velocity of the Helium atoms in the nebula is described by the following field:

$$\vec{v} = k \left( r - \frac{r^2}{2} \cos \varphi \right) \hat{e}_r + k (2r^2 \sin \theta \sin \varphi) \hat{e}_\varphi$$

where  $k$  is a constant.

Calculate the flux of Helium atoms that flows outside the nebula

### SOLUTION

$$\text{Flux} = \iint_S \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{S} \stackrel{\text{Guass theorem}}{=} \iiint_V \text{div}(\vec{v}) dV$$

$$\text{div}(\vec{v}) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 v_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta v_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} (v_\varphi) \quad (\text{in a spherical coord. system})$$

$$\text{div} \left( k \left( r - \frac{r^2}{2} \cos \varphi \right) \hat{e}_r + 2r^2 k \sin \theta \sin \varphi \hat{e}_\varphi \right) = k \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^3 - \frac{r^4}{2} \cos \varphi \right) + k \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} (2r^2 \sin \theta \sin \varphi) =$$

$$= \frac{k}{r^2} \left( 3r^2 - 4 \frac{r^3}{2} \cos \varphi \right) + k_2 \frac{2r^2 \sin \theta}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} (\sin \varphi) = 3k - 2kr \cos \varphi + 2kr \cos \varphi = 3k$$

$$\iint_S \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iiint_V 3k dV = 3 \frac{4\pi}{3} R_0^3 = 4\pi k R_0^3$$

## PROBLEM 4

Kolven i en bilmotor har formen av en cirkulär cylinder med radie  $\rho_0=1$  och höjd  $z_0=2$ . När motorn är igång, fördelar sig temperaturen i cylindern enligt:

$$T = 1 + \rho^2 (1 + \cos \varphi)(z + 1)$$

- (a) Beräkna temperaturgradienten. Beräkna den största temperaturvariationen som funktion av  $\rho$  för  $\phi=\pi/2$  och  $z=0$ .
- (b) Betrakta punkten P:  $(1, \pi/2, 0)$  i cylinderkoordinater. Beräkna riktningsvektorn  $\bar{v}_M$  (i cylinderkoordinater) i vilken temperaturen ökar snabbast
- (c) Beräkna i punkten P en riktning  $\hat{v}_1$  i planet  $z=0$  längs vilken temperaturändringen är 1.
- (d) Beräkna vinkeln mellan  $\bar{v}_M$  och  $\hat{v}_1$

# SOLUTION to problem 4

(a)  $T = 1 + \rho^2(1 + \cos \varphi)(z + 1)$

$$\text{grad}(T) = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \rho} \hat{e}_\rho + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \varphi} \hat{e}_\varphi + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \hat{e}_z = 2\rho(1 + \cos \varphi)(z + 1) \hat{e}_\rho - \rho \sin \varphi(z + 1) \hat{e}_\varphi + \rho^2(1 + \cos \varphi) \hat{e}_z$$

at  $\varphi = \pi/2, z = 0$ :

$$\text{grad}(T)|_{\varphi=\pi/2, z=0} = 2\rho \hat{e}_\rho - \rho \hat{e}_\varphi + \rho^2 \hat{e}_z$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{maximum increase: } |\text{grad}(T)| = \sqrt{(2\rho)^2 + (-\rho)^2 + (\rho^2)^2} = \sqrt{5\rho^2 + \rho^4}$$

the maximum is at  $\rho=1$

(b)  $\nu_M = \text{grad}(T)|_P = 2\hat{e}_\rho - \hat{e}_\varphi + \hat{e}_z$

(c)  $\hat{\nu}_1$  is on the plane  $z=0 \Rightarrow \hat{\nu}_1 = a\hat{e}_\rho + b\hat{e}_\varphi$  with  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = 1$

Directional  
derivative (see  
section 4.3)

*This is the gradient, not the  
gradient normalized to 1*

$$\frac{dT}{ds} = \text{grad}(T)|_P \cdot \hat{\nu}_1 = 1 \Rightarrow (2\hat{e}_\rho - \hat{e}_\varphi + \hat{e}_z) \cdot (a\hat{e}_\rho + b\hat{e}_\varphi) = (2, -1, 1) \cdot (a, b, 0) = 1 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2a - b = 1 \\ \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 2a - 1 \Rightarrow \sqrt{a^2 + (2a - 1)^2} = 1 \Rightarrow 5a^2 - 4a = 0$$

possible solution is  $a=0 \Rightarrow b=-1$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\nu}_1 = (0, -1, 0) = -\hat{e}_\varphi$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{(d)} \quad \nu_M \cdot \hat{\nu}_1 &= (2\hat{e}_\rho - \hat{e}_\varphi + \hat{e}_z) \cdot (-\hat{e}_\varphi) = (2, -1, 1) \cdot (0, -1, 0) = 1 \\ \nu_M \cdot \hat{\nu}_1 &= |\nu_M| |\hat{\nu}_1| \cos \alpha = \sqrt{6} \cos \alpha \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \alpha = \arccos \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$$