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7(a) If $\vec{F} = xy \hat{i} - 2xy^2 \hat{j} + zxy^3 \hat{k}$

and $\vec{G} = 2x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} - zx^2 \hat{k}$, then

find $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (\vec{F} \times \vec{G})$ at $(1, 1, -1)$.

Solution: Here $\vec{F} \times \vec{G} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ xy & -2xy^2 & zxy^3 \\ 2x & y & -zx^2 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= (2x^3y^2z - xy^4z) \hat{i}$$

$$+ (2x^2y^3z + x^3yz) \hat{j} +$$

$$(xy^2 + 4x^2y^2) \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (\vec{F} \times \vec{G}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\vec{F} \times \vec{G}) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ (4x^3yz - 4xy^3z) \hat{i} + (6x^2y^2z + x^3z) \hat{j} + (2xy + 8x^2y) \hat{k} \right\}$$

$$= (12x^2yz - 4y^3z) \hat{i} + (12xy^2z + 3x^2z) \hat{j} + (2y + 16xy) \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (\vec{F} \times \vec{G}) \Big|_{(1,1,-1)}$$

$$= -8 \hat{i} - 15 \hat{j} + 18 \hat{k}$$

Q(10) A particle moves along the curve
 $x = e^{-2t}$, $y = 2 \cos 2t$, $z = 2 \sin 3t$
 determine the velocity and acceleration
 at any time t and their magnitudes
 at $t = 0$

Solution: We know that $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$

$$\text{So, here } \vec{r} = e^{-2t}\hat{i} + 2\cos 2t\hat{j} + 2\sin 3t\hat{k}$$

\therefore Velocity of the particle at time t

$$= \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$$

$$= -2e^{-2t}\hat{i} - 4\sin 2t\hat{j} + 6\cos 3t\hat{k}$$

and Acceleration of the particle at time t

$$= \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$$

$$= 4e^{-2t}\hat{i} - 8\cos 2t\hat{j} - 18\sin 3t\hat{k}$$

Now, Magnitude of the velocity at $t=0$

$$\left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right|_{t=0}$$

$$= \sqrt{4 e^{-4t} + 16 \sin^2 2t + 36 \cos^2 3t} \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$= \sqrt{4 + 36} = \sqrt{40}$$

Magnitude of the acceleration at $t=0$ is $\left| \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \right|_{t=0}$

$$= \sqrt{16 e^{-4t} + 64 \sin^2 2t + (18)^2 \cos^2 3t} \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$= \sqrt{16 + 64 + 324} = \sqrt{404}$$

(9) A particle moves along the curve

$x = 2t^2$, $y = t^2 - 4t$, $z = 3t - 5$. Find the components of velocity and acceleration at time $t = 1$ in the direction of $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

Solution : We know that $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$

$$= 2t^2\hat{i} + (t^2 - 4t)\hat{j} + (3t - 5)\hat{k}$$

$\therefore \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} =$ Velocity of the particle.

$$= 4t\hat{i} + (2t - 4)\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$\& \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} =$ Acceleration of the particle

$$= 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$$

Velocity of the particle at $t = 1$

$$= \left. \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right|_{t=1} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

\therefore Component of the velocity of the particle at $t = 1$ in the direction of $(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ is

$$\left\{ \frac{(4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})}{|\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}|} \right\} \frac{(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})}{|\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}|}$$

$$\text{ie } \left(\frac{4 + 6 + 6}{1 + 9 + 4} \right) (\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$\text{ie } \frac{8}{7} (\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

Again the component of the acceleration of the particle at $t = 1$ in the direction of $(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ is

$$\left(\frac{(4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}) \cdot (\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})}{|\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}|} \right) \frac{(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})}{|\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}|}$$

$$= \left(\frac{4-6}{14} \right) (\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{7} (\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

(7) Show that $\frac{|\dot{\vec{r}} \times \ddot{\vec{r}}|}{|\dot{\vec{r}}|^3}$ is same at

all points of the curve whose vector equation is $\vec{r} = 4 \cos t \hat{i} + 4 \sin t \hat{j} + 2t \hat{k}$

Solution: Here $\vec{r} = 4 \cos t \hat{i} + 4 \sin t \hat{j} + 2t \hat{k}$ --- (1)

$$\therefore \dot{\vec{r}} = -4 \sin t \hat{i} + 4 \cos t \hat{j} + 2 \hat{k}$$

$$\ddot{\vec{r}} = -4 \cos t \hat{i} - 4 \sin t \hat{j}$$

$$\therefore \dot{\vec{r}} \times \ddot{\vec{r}} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -4 \sin t & 4 \cos t & 2 \\ -4 \cos t & -4 \sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 8 \sin t \hat{i} - 8 \cos t \hat{j} + 16 \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \frac{|\dot{\vec{r}} \times \ddot{\vec{r}}|}{|\ddot{\vec{r}}|^3}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{64 \sin^2 t + 64 \cos^2 t + (16)^2}}{\dots}$$

$$\sqrt{16 \sin^2 t + 16 \cos^2 t + 4}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{64 + 256}}{\left(\sqrt{16 + 4}\right)^3} = \frac{1}{20} \sqrt{\frac{320}{20}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{20} \sqrt{16} = \frac{1}{5},$$

a constant not depending on t

$$\therefore \frac{|\dot{\vec{r}} \times \ddot{\vec{r}}|}{|\ddot{\vec{r}}|^3} \text{ is same at all points}$$

of the given curve (proved).

(8) Prove that if \vec{F} & \vec{G} are both differentiable vector functions of a scalar variable t , then $\vec{F} \times \vec{G}$ is a differentiable vector function of t and

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{F} \times \vec{G}) = \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} \times \vec{G} + \vec{F} \times \frac{d\vec{G}}{dt}$$

Solution: Since \vec{F} and \vec{G} both are

differentiable functions, so

$$\frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{F}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{F}(t)}{\Delta t} \quad \& \quad \frac{d\vec{G}}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{G}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{G}(t)}{\Delta t}$$

both exist finitely ... (1)

$$\text{Let } \vec{h}(t) = \vec{F}(t) \times \vec{G}(t)$$

Now, $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{h}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{h}(t)}{\Delta t}$

$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{F}(t+\Delta t) \times \vec{G}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{F}(t) \times \vec{G}(t)}{\Delta t}$

$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{\vec{F}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{F}(t)}{\Delta t} \times \vec{G}(t+\Delta t) + \vec{F}(t) \times \left(\frac{\vec{G}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{G}(t)}{\Delta t} \right) \right\}$

$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \left(\frac{\vec{F}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{F}(t)}{\Delta t} \right) \times \vec{G}(t+\Delta t) + \vec{F}(t) \times \left(\frac{\vec{G}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{G}(t)}{\Delta t} \right) \right\}$

$= \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} \times \vec{G}(t) + \vec{F}(t) \times \frac{d\vec{G}}{dt}$
(by (1))

since $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{h}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{h}(t)}{\Delta t}$ exists

finitely, so $\vec{h}(t)$ is $\vec{F} \times \vec{G}$
is differentiable and

$$\frac{d\vec{h}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{F} \times \vec{G}) = \frac{d\vec{F}}{dt} \times \vec{G} + \vec{F} \times \frac{d\vec{G}}{dt}$$