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If $\nabla \times A = 0$ in some Region R
Then $\vec{A}$ is called irrotational
Theorem

$$(i) \nabla \times (A+B) = \nabla \times A + \nabla \times B$$

$$(ii) \nabla \times (\phi A) = \phi (\nabla \times A) + (\nabla \phi) \times A$$

$$(iii) \nabla \times (\nabla \phi) = 0 \quad (\text{curl grad } \phi = 0)$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times A) = 0 \quad (\text{div curl } A = 0)$$

g: divergence

$$\text{div } F = \nabla \cdot F$$

$$\therefore \nabla \cdot A \neq A \cdot \nabla$$

V.V.V. curl

$$\nabla \times F$$

irrotational vector or conservative force

$$\nabla \times F = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \text{curl } F = 0$$

vector identity

$$\Rightarrow \text{div}(\phi \vec{A}) = \text{grad } \phi \cdot \vec{A} - \phi \text{div}(\vec{A})$$

$$\text{div}(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{B} \cdot (\text{curl } \vec{A}) - \vec{A} \cdot (\text{curl } \vec{B}) \quad \therefore \text{grad } \phi = \nabla \phi$$

$$\text{curl}(\text{grad } \phi) = 0$$

$$\nabla \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \vec{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \nabla \phi = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = \text{div } \vec{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{div}(\text{curl } \vec{A}) = 0$$

$$= \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla \times \vec{A} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{curl } \vec{A} = \text{grad}(\text{div } \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{A} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{curl}(\text{curl } \vec{A}) = \text{grad}(\text{div } \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A}$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{A}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A}$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

is

Laplace