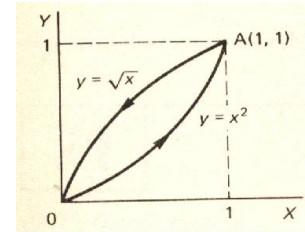


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Example

Evaluate the line integral $I = \oint_C \{xy \, dx + (2x - y) \, dy\}$ round the region bounded by the curves $y = x^2$ and $x = y^2$ by the use of Green's theorem. Points of intersection are $O(0, 0)$ and $A(1, 1)$.



$$I = \oint_C \{xy \, dx + (2x - y) \, dy\}$$

$$\oint_C \{Pdx + Qdy\} = - \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \right) dx \, dy$$

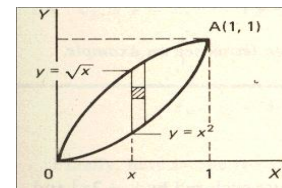
$$P = xy \quad \therefore \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = x; \quad Q = 2x - y \quad \therefore \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 2$$

$$I = - \iint_R (x - 2) \, dx \, dy = - \int_0^1 \int_{y=x^2}^{y=\sqrt{x}} (x - 2) \, dy \, dx$$

$$= - \int_0^1 (x - 2) \left[y \right]_{x^2}^{\sqrt{x}} dx$$

$$\therefore I = - \int_0^1 (x - 2) (\sqrt{x} - x^2) \, dx = - \int_0^1 (x^{3/2} - x^3 - 2x^{1/2} + 2x^2) \, dx$$

$$= - \left[\frac{2}{5} x^{5/2} - \frac{1}{4} x^4 - \frac{4}{3} x^{3/2} + \frac{2}{3} x^3 \right]_0^1 = \frac{31}{60}$$



In this special case when $P=y$ and $Q=-x$ so $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 1$ and $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = -1$

Green's theorem then states $\iint_R \{1 - (-1)\} \, dx \, dy = - \oint_C (P \, dx + Q \, dy)$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad 2 \iint_R dx \, dy = - \oint_C (y \, dx - x \, dy) = \oint_C (x \, dy - y \, dx)$$

Therefore, the area of the closed region $A = \iint_R dx \, dy = \frac{1}{2} \oint_C (x \, dy - y \, dx)$

Example

Determine the area of the figure enclosed by $y = 3x^2$ and $y = 6x$.

Points of intersection : $3x^2 = 6x \quad \therefore x = 0 \text{ or } 2$

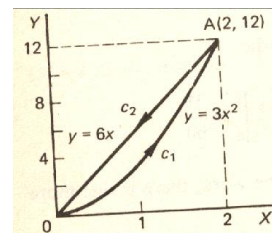
$$\text{Area } A = \frac{1}{2} \oint_C (x \, dy - y \, dx)$$

We evaluate the integral in two parts, i.e.

OA along c_1 and AO along c_2

$$2A = \int_{c_1 \text{ (along OA)}} (x \, dy - y \, dx) + \int_{c_2 \text{ (along AO)}} (x \, dy - y \, dx) = I_1 + I_2$$

$$I_1: c_1 \text{ is } y = 3x^2 \quad \therefore dy = 6x \, dx$$



$$\therefore I_1 = \int_0^2 (6x^2 dx - 3x^2 dx) = \int_0^2 3x^2 dx = \left[x^3 \right]_0^2 = 8 \therefore I_1 = 8$$

Similarly, for c_2 is $y = 6x \therefore dy = 6 dx$

$$\therefore I_2 = \int_2^0 (6x dx - 6x dx) = 0$$

$$\therefore I_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore I = I_1 + I_2 = 8 + 0 = 8$$

$$\therefore A = 4 \text{ square units}$$

Example

Determine the area bounded by the curves $y = 2x^3$, $y = x^3 + 1$ and the axis $x = 0$ for $x \geq 0$.

Here it is $y = 2x^3$; $y = x^3 + 1$; $x = 0$

Point of intersection $2x^3 = x^3 + 1 \therefore x^3 = 1 \therefore x = 1$

$$\text{Area } A = \frac{1}{2} \oint_C (x dy - y dx) \therefore 2A = \oint_C (x dy - y dx)$$

(a) OA: c_1 is $y = 2x^3 \therefore dy = 6x^2 dx$

$$\therefore I_1 = \int_{c_1} (x dy - y dx) = \int_0^1 (6x^3 dx - 2x^3 dx) = \int_0^1 4x^3 dx = \left[x^4 \right]_0^1 = 1$$

$$\therefore I_1 = 1$$

(b) AB: c_2 is $y = x^3 + 1 \therefore dy = 3x^2 dx$

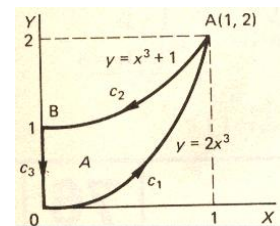
$$\therefore I_2 = \int_1^0 \{3x^3 dx - (x^3 + 1) dx\} = \int_1^0 (2x^3 - 1) dx = \left[\frac{x^4}{2} - x \right]_1^0 = -\left(\frac{1}{2} - 1\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore I_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

(c) BO: c_3 is $x = 0 \therefore dx = 0$

$$I_3 = \int_{y=1}^{y=0} (x dy - y dx) = 0 \therefore I_3 = 0$$

$$\therefore 2A = I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + 0 = 1\frac{1}{2} \therefore A = \frac{3}{4} \text{ square units}$$



Revision Summary

Properties of line integrals

- Sign of line integral is reversed when the direction of integration along the path is reversed.
- Path of integration parallel to y-axis, $dx = 0 \therefore I_c = \int_c Q dy$.
- Path of integration parallel to x-axis, $dy = 0 \therefore I_c = \int_c P dx$.
- Path of integration must be continuous and single-valued.
- Dependence of line integral on path of integration.
- In general, the value of the line integral depends on the particular path of integration.
- Exact differential
If $P dx + Q dy$ is an exact differential

$$(a) \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$$

(b) $I = \int_C (P dx + Q dy)$ is independent of the path of integration

(c) $I = \oint_C (P dx + Q dy)$ is zero.

- Exact differential in three variables.

If $P dx + Q dy + R dz$ is an exact differential

$$(a) \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} ; \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} ; \quad \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z}$$

(b) $\int_C (P dx + Q dy + R dz)$ is independent of the path of integration.

(c) $\oint_C (P dx + Q dy + R dz)$ is zero.

- Green's theorem

$$\oint_C (P dx + Q dy) = \iint_R \left\{ \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \right\} dx dy \quad \text{and, for a simple closed curve,}$$

$$\oint_C (x dy - y dx) = 2 \iint_R dx dy = 2A$$

where A is the area of the enclosed figure.

Gradient of a scalar function

Del operator is given by $\nabla = \left(\mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$

$$\nabla \phi = \text{grad } \phi = \left(\mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \phi = \mathbf{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

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

Div (Divergence of a vector function)

If $\mathbf{A} = a_1 \mathbf{i} + a_2 \mathbf{j} + a_3 \mathbf{k}$

$$\text{then } \text{div } \mathbf{A} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \left(\mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (a_1 \mathbf{i} + a_2 \mathbf{j} + a_3 \mathbf{k})$$

$$\therefore \text{div } \mathbf{A} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial a_3}{\partial z}$$

Note that

- the grad operator ∇ acts on a scalar and gives a vector
- the div operator $\nabla \cdot$ acts on a vector and gives a scalar.

Example

If $\mathbf{A} = x^2 y \mathbf{i} - xyz \mathbf{j} + yz^2 \mathbf{k}$ then

$$\text{Div } \mathbf{A} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xyz) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (yz^2) = 2xy - xz + 2yz$$

Example

If $\mathbf{A} = 2x^2y\mathbf{i} - 2(xy^2 + y^3)\mathbf{j} + 3y^2z^2\mathbf{k}$ determine $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$ i.e. $\text{div } \mathbf{A}$.

$$\mathbf{A} = 2x^2y\mathbf{i} - 2(xy^2 + y^3z)\mathbf{j} + 3y^2z^2\mathbf{k}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial a_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial a_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial a_z}{\partial z} = 4xy - 2(2xy + 3y^2z) + 6y^2z = 4xy - 4xy - 6y^2z + 6y^2z = 0$$

Such a vector \mathbf{A} for which $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$ at all points, i.e. for all values of x, y, z , is called a solenoid vector. It is rather a special case.

Curl (curl of a vector function)

The curl operator denoted by $\nabla \times$, acts on a vector and gives another vector as a result.

If $\mathbf{A} = a_1\mathbf{i} + a_2\mathbf{j} + a_3\mathbf{k}$ then $\text{curl } \mathbf{A} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$.

$$\text{i.e. } \text{curl } \mathbf{A} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \left(\mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \times (a_1\mathbf{i} + a_2\mathbf{j} + a_3\mathbf{k})$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{i} \left(\frac{\partial a_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial z} \right) + \mathbf{j} \left(\frac{\partial a_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial a_3}{\partial x} \right) + \mathbf{k} \left(\frac{\partial a_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial y} \right)$$

Curl \mathbf{A} is thus a vector function.

Example

If $\mathbf{A} = (y^4 - x^2z^2)\mathbf{i} + (x^2 + y^2)\mathbf{j} - x^2yz\mathbf{k}$, determine curl \mathbf{A} at the point $(1, 3, -2)$.

$$\text{Curl } \mathbf{A} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ y^4 - x^2z^2 & x^2 + y^2 & -x^2yz \end{vmatrix}$$

Now we expand the determinant

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{i} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (-x^2yz) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x^2 + y^2) \right\} - \mathbf{j} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (-x^2yz) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (y^4 - x^2z^2) \right\} \\ + \mathbf{k} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 + y^2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y^4 - x^2z^2) \right\}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{i} \{-x^2z\} - \mathbf{j} \{-2xyz + 2x^2z\} + \mathbf{k} \{2x - 4y^3\}. \quad \therefore \text{At } (1, 3, -2),$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{i} (2) - \mathbf{j} (12 - 4) + \mathbf{k} (2 - 108) = 2\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j} - 106\mathbf{k}$$

Example

Determine curl \mathbf{F} at the point $(2, 0, 3)$ given that $\mathbf{F} = ze^{2xy}\mathbf{i} + 2xyz\cos y\mathbf{j} + (x+2y)\mathbf{k}$.

$$\text{In determine form, } \text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ ze^{2xy} & 2xz\cos y & x+2y \end{vmatrix}$$

Now expand the determinant and substitute the values for x, y and z , finally obtaining curl

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{i} \{2 - 2x \cos y\} - \mathbf{j} \{1 - e^{2xy}\} + \mathbf{k} \{2z \cos y - 2xe^{2xy}\}$$

$$\therefore \text{At } (2, 0, 3) \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{i} (2-4) - \mathbf{j} (1-1) + \mathbf{k} (6-12) = -2\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{k} = -2(\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{k})$$

Summary of grad, div and curl

- (a) Grad operator ∇ acts on a scalar field to give a vector field.
 (b) Div operator $\nabla \cdot$. Acts on a vector field to give a scalar field.
 (c) Curl operator $\nabla \times$ acts on a vector field to give a vector field.
 (d) With a scalar function $\phi(x, y, z)$

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

- (e) With a vector function $\mathbf{A} = a_x \mathbf{i} + a_y \mathbf{j} + a_z \mathbf{k}$

$$(i) \text{ div } \mathbf{A} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial a_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial a_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial a_z}{\partial z}$$

$$(ii) \text{ Curl } \mathbf{A} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ a_x & a_y & a_z \end{vmatrix}$$

Multiple Operations

We can combine the operators grad, div and curl in multiple operations, as in the examples that follow.

EXAMPLE

If $\mathbf{A} = x^2 y \mathbf{i} + yz^3 \mathbf{j} - zx^3 \mathbf{k}$

$$\text{Then div } \mathbf{A} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \left(\mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (x^2 y \mathbf{i} + yz^3 \mathbf{j} - zx^3 \mathbf{k}) \\ = 2xy + z^3 + x^3 = \phi \text{ (say)}$$

$$\text{Then grad (div } \mathbf{A}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \mathbf{k} = (2y + 3x^2) \mathbf{i} + (2x) \mathbf{j} + (3z^2) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{i.e., grad div } \mathbf{A} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) = (2y + 3x^2) \mathbf{i} + 2x \mathbf{j} + 3z^2 \mathbf{k}$$

Example

If $\phi = xyz - 2y^2z + x^2z^2$ determine div grad ϕ at the point (2, 4, 1).

First find grad ϕ and then the div of the result.

$$\text{div grad } \phi = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi)$$

$$\text{We have } \phi = xyz - 2y^2z + x^2z^2$$

$$\text{grad } \phi = \nabla \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \mathbf{k} = (yz + 2xz^2) \mathbf{i} + (xz - 4yz) \mathbf{j} + (xy - 2y^2 + 2x^2z) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\therefore \text{div grad } \phi = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = 2z^2 - 4z + 2x^2$$

$$\therefore \text{At } (2, 4, 1), \text{ div grad } \phi = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = 2 - 4 + 8 = 6$$

$$\text{grad } \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{Then div grad } \phi = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = \left(\mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \mathbf{k} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\therefore \text{div grad } \phi = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}$$

Example

If $\mathbf{F} = x^2yz\mathbf{i} + xyz^2\mathbf{j} + y^2z\mathbf{k}$ determine $\text{curl } \mathbf{F}$ at the point (2, 1, 1). Determine an expression for $\text{curl } \mathbf{F}$ in the usual way, which will be a vector, and then the curl of the result. Finally substitute values.

$$\text{Curl curl } \mathbf{F} = \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{For curl } \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x^2yz & xyz^2 & y^2z \end{vmatrix} = (2yz - 2xyz)\mathbf{i} + x^2y\mathbf{j} + (yz^2 - x^2z)\mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{Then Curl Curl } \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 2yz - 2xyz & x^2y & yz^2 - x^2z \end{vmatrix} = z^2\mathbf{i} - (-2xz - 2y + 2xy)\mathbf{j} + (2xy - 2z + 2xz)\mathbf{k}$$

$$\therefore \text{At } (2, 1, 1), \text{ curl curl } \mathbf{F} = \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$$

Two interesting general results

(a) Curl grad ϕ where ϕ is a scalar

$$\text{grad } \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \mathbf{k}$$

$$\therefore \text{curl grad } \phi = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{i} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z \partial y} \right\} - \mathbf{j} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z \partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial z} \right\} + \mathbf{k} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y \partial x} \right\} = 0$$

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

(b) Div curl \mathbf{A} where \mathbf{A} is a vector.

$$\mathbf{A} = a_x \mathbf{i} + a_y \mathbf{j} + a_z \mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{A} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ a_x & a_y & a_z \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{i} \left(\frac{\partial a_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial a_y}{\partial z} \right) - \mathbf{j} \left(\frac{\partial a_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial a_x}{\partial z} \right) + \mathbf{k} \left(\frac{\partial a_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial a_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\text{Then div curl } \mathbf{A} = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = \left(\mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A})$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2 a_z}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 a_y}{\partial z \partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 a_z}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 a_x}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 a_y}{\partial z \partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 a_x}{\partial y \partial z} = 0$$

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

(c) Div grad ϕ where ϕ is a scalar.

$$\text{grad } \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{Then div grad } \phi = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = \left(\mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \mathbf{k} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\therefore \text{div grad } \phi = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}$$

This result is sometimes denoted by $\nabla^2 \phi$.

So these general results are

- (a) $\text{curl grad } \phi = \nabla \times (\nabla \phi) = 0$
(b) $\text{div curl } \mathbf{A} = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = 0$
(c) $\text{div grad } \phi = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}$