

product	property	index not'n ( <i>Cartesian!</i> )	physical meaning
$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$	$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}$ , scalar	$= A^i B_i$	projection of $\vec{A}$ on $\vec{B}$ and <i>vice versa</i>
$\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$	$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$ , vector: $\perp \vec{A}, \vec{B}$	$= A_i B_j \varepsilon^{ijk} \hat{e}_k$	$\propto$ area of the rhombus spanned by $\vec{A}, \vec{B}$
$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})$	$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$	$= A_i B_j C_k \varepsilon^{ijk}$	volume of the rhomboid spanned by $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}$
$\vec{\nabla}$	vectorial derivative (nabla) <i>operator</i>	$= \hat{e}^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$	rate of change in 3-space
$(\vec{\nabla} f)$		$= \hat{e}^i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}$	gradient of the function $f$
$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}$	$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{A} f) = (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) f + \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} f)$	$= \frac{\partial A^i}{\partial x^i}$	divergence of the vector $\vec{A}$ ; ... of $(\vec{A} f)$
$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla}$	$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}$ only if $(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) = 0$	$= A^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$	gradient along the vector $\vec{A}$
$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$	$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{A} f) = (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) f + \vec{A} \times (\vec{\nabla} f)$	$= \frac{\partial A_j}{\partial x^i} \varepsilon^{ijk} \hat{e}_k$	curl of the vector $\vec{A}$ ; ... of $(\vec{A} f)$
$\vec{A} \times \vec{\nabla}$	$\vec{A} \times \vec{\nabla} = -\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$ only if $(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = 0$	$= \hat{e}_i \varepsilon^{ijk} A_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}$	gradient perpendicular the vector $\vec{A}$
$\vec{\nabla}^2 f$	$= (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} f)$	$= \delta^{ij} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^i}$	Laplacian of $f$
$(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} f)$	$\equiv 0$	$= \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} \varepsilon^{ijk} \hat{e}_k$	none
$\vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A})$	$= \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) + \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{A}$	$= \frac{\partial^2 A^j}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} \hat{e}^i$	nothing in particular
$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})$	$\equiv 0$	$= \frac{\partial^2 A_k}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} \varepsilon^{ijk}$	none
$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})$	$= \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{A}$	$= \frac{\partial^2 A_j}{\partial x^l \partial x^i} \varepsilon^{ijk} \delta_{km} \varepsilon^{lmn} \hat{e}_n$	"curlcurl" of $\vec{A}$

$$\varepsilon_{ijk}, \varepsilon^{ijk} := \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } i, j, k \text{ is and even permutation of } 1, 2, 3, \\ -1 & \text{if } i, j, k \text{ is and odd permutation of } 1, 2, 3, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise (if two or more of } i, j, k \text{ are equal);} \end{cases}$$

$$\varepsilon^{ijk} \delta_{kl} \varepsilon^{lmn} = \delta^{im} \delta^{jn} - \delta^{in} \delta^{jm} ;$$

$$\varepsilon^{ijk} \varepsilon_{klm} = \delta_l^i \delta_m^j - \delta_m^i \delta_l^j ;$$

$$\delta_{ij} := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j, \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$