

Assignment # 2 for Electricity and Magnetism: Physics 334
Introduction to Electrodynamics (Third Edition) David 1. Griffiths

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8. Using the epsilon notation and the Einstein summation convention, prove that for vectors \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} and a scalar φ , we have

(a)

$$\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C})\mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})\mathbf{C}$$

(b)

$$\nabla \times (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{B}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A})$$

(c)

$$\nabla \times \left(\frac{\mathbf{A}}{\varphi} \right) = \frac{1}{\varphi^2} (\varphi(\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{A} \times (\nabla \varphi))$$

(d)

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \varphi) = 0; \quad \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = 0.$$

(e)

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

where ∇^2 is called the Laplacian.

9. A static charge distribution produces a radial electric field

$$\mathbf{E}(r) = A \frac{e^{-kr}}{r^2}, \quad (1)$$

where A and k are constant.

- (a) What is the charge distribution $\rho(r)$?
 - (b) Sketch $\rho(r)$ as a function of r .
 - (c) What is the total charge Q in all space?
10. Suppose that instead of the Coulomb force law, the force between two point charges q_1 and q_2 was

$$\mathbf{F}_{12} = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(1 - \sqrt{\alpha r_{12}})}{r_{12}} \hat{r}, \quad (2)$$

where α is a constant.

- (a) What is the appropriate electric field \mathbf{E} surrounding a point charge?
- (b) Choose a path around the point charge and calculate the line integral

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\ell.$$

Compare with the Coulomb result.

- (c) Find

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$

for a spherical surface of radius R with the charge at the center. Compare with the Coulomb result.

- (d) Repeat (c) at radius $R + \Delta$ and find $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}$ at distance R from the point charge.