



After Midterm 1 ①

① second accepted solution:  $\vec{\nabla} f(r) = \frac{df}{dr} \hat{r}$

$$f(r) = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \Rightarrow \nabla f(r) = r \cdot \hat{r} = \underline{\underline{r}}$$

$$\vec{F} = -\nabla \phi(r) = -\vec{r}, \quad \phi(r) = \frac{1}{2} r^2$$

3D Harmonic oscillator.

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② Product Rule for Differential Operators! Most frequent

error:  $\epsilon_{ijk} \hat{x}_i x_k \partial_j r$

term for gaffers.

Note,  $\partial_j r = \frac{x_j}{r}$ .

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③ Second correct way:

$$\nabla \times \vec{r} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ y & z & x \end{vmatrix} = \dots = - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(and more ways)

(4) Vectors have directions!

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{F}_\perp &= F \cos \alpha \\ \vec{F}_\parallel &= F \sin \alpha \end{aligned} \right\} \text{CANNOT be correct!}$$

↑ Point still in direction  $\vec{F}$ .

Safest Solution:

$$|\vec{F}_\perp| = |\vec{F}| \cos \alpha$$

$$|\vec{F}_\parallel| = |\vec{F}| \sin \alpha$$

Reality Check

$$\alpha = 0:$$

$$|\vec{F}_\perp| = |\vec{F}|$$

$$|\vec{F}_\parallel| = 0$$

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Limits:  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$T'_x = T^2_x = 0$$

$$T'_z = T^2_z = \frac{1}{2} F$$



$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 \rightarrow 0: |T'_x| = |-T^2_x| \rightarrow \infty.$$

Some are weak in new part (1)-(3)  
 others in old (4)-(5).

After Midterm! (3)

$$\underline{\underline{\vec{T}^1 + \vec{T}^2 + \vec{F} = 0 \quad \text{Correct}}}$$

$$\vec{T}^1 \sin(\alpha_1) + \vec{T}^2 \sin(\alpha_2) + \vec{F} = 0 \quad \text{false!}$$

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$$T_z^1 \sin(\alpha_1) + T_z^2 \sin(\alpha_2) = F$$

$$= T^1 \sin^2(\alpha_1) + T^2 \sin^2(\alpha_2) = F$$

$$\text{Correct is: } T^1 \sin(\alpha_1) + T^2 \sin(\alpha_2) = F$$

$$\underline{\text{Similarly follows:}} \quad T_x^1 \sin(\alpha_1) = T_x^2 \sin(\alpha_2)$$

$$= T^1 \cos(\alpha_1) \sin(\alpha_1) + T^2 \cos(\alpha_2) \sin(\alpha_2)$$

Nonsense!

$$\text{Correct is } T^1 \cos(\alpha_1) = T^2 \cos(\alpha_2)$$