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$$\nabla \times \mathbf{x} = 0$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \mathbf{x} &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^3 \delta_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right) \times \left(\sum_{j=1}^3 \delta_j x_j \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 (\delta_i \times \delta_j) \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial x_i} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 (\delta_i \times \delta_j) \delta_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^3 (\delta_i \times \delta_i) \\ &= \mathbf{0}\end{aligned}$$