3.36 Find the gradient of the following scalar functions:

(a) $T = 3/(x^2 + z^2)$,
(b) $V = xy^2z^4$,
(c) $U = z\cos\phi/(1+r^2)$,
(d) $W = e^{-R}\sin\theta$,
(e) $S = 4x^2e^{-z} + y^3$,
(f) $N = r^2\cos^2\phi$,
(g) $M = R\cos\theta\sin\phi$.

Solution:

(a) From Eq. (3.72),

$$\nabla T = -\hat{\mathbf{x}}\frac{6x}{(x^2+z^2)^2} - \hat{\mathbf{z}}\frac{6z}{(x^2+z^2)^2}.$$

(b) From Eq. (3.72),

$$\nabla V = \hat{\mathbf{x}}y^2z^4 + \hat{\mathbf{y}}2xyz^4 + \hat{\mathbf{z}}4xy^2z^3.$$

(c) From Eq. (3.82),

$$\nabla U = -\hat{\mathbf{r}}\frac{2rz\cos\phi}{(1+r^2)^2} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}\frac{z\sin\phi}{r(1+r^2)} + \hat{\mathbf{z}}\frac{\cos\phi}{1+r^2}.$$

(d) From Eq. (3.83),

$$\nabla W = -\hat{\mathbf{R}}\exp{-R}\sin\theta + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\exp{-R/R})\cos\theta.$$

(e) From Eq. (3.72),

$$S = 4x^2e^{-z} + y^3,$$

$$\nabla S = \hat{\mathbf{x}}\frac{\partial S}{\partial x} + \hat{\mathbf{y}}\frac{\partial S}{\partial y} + \hat{\mathbf{z}}\frac{\partial S}{\partial z} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}8xe^{-z} + \hat{\mathbf{y}}3y^2 - \hat{\mathbf{z}}4x^2e^{-z}.$$

(f) From Eq. (3.82),

$$N = r^2\cos^2\phi,$$

$$\nabla N = \hat{\mathbf{r}}\frac{\partial N}{\partial r} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial N}{\partial\phi} + \hat{\mathbf{z}}\frac{\partial N}{\partial z} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}2r\cos^2\phi - \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}2r\sin\phi\cos\phi.$$

(g) From Eq. (3.83),

$$M = R\cos\theta\sin\phi,$$

$$\nabla M = \hat{\mathbf{R}}\frac{\partial M}{\partial R} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\frac{1}{R}\frac{\partial M}{\partial\theta} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}\frac{1}{R\sin\theta}\frac{\partial M}{\partial\phi} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}\cos\theta\sin\phi - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\sin\theta\sin\phi + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}\frac{\cos\phi}{\tan\theta}.$$