



Figure 1

1. Match the vector field with its plot in the above figure. Talk with your group and relate characteristics of the plots to the functions.

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| (a) $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle x, y \rangle$           | d | 2.<br>(a) $\phi(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)$<br>is a potential fn.<br>(b) $\text{curl } \vec{F} = -2\hat{k} \neq \vec{0}$<br>so not conservative | (c) $\phi(x, y) = \sin x + \sin y$<br>is a potential fn.                              |
| (b) $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle y, y - x \rangle$       | b |   | (d) $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \hat{k} \neq \vec{0}$<br>so $\vec{F}$ is not conservative |
| (c) $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle \cos x, \cos y \rangle$ | c |   |   |
| (d) $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle x, x - 2 \rangle$       | a |   |   |

2. Which of the above vector fields can you conclude are *not* conservative? For the others, can you find a potential function?

3. Show that if  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z)$  is a vector field with smooth component functions then the divergence of the curl of  $\mathbf{F}$  is 0, i.e.  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) = 0$ . Give an explanation for why this is not surprising in light of what you know about  $\cdot$  and  $\times$  from 32a.

4. Try to determine whether or not the vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle y^2, 2xy + e^{3z}, 3ye^{3z} \rangle$  is conservative. If you think it is conservative, find a potential function.

5. Consider the vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \rangle$ .

(a) Compute  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  where  $C$  is the circle of radius  $r$  centered at the origin, oriented counterclockwise.

(b) Find parameterized curves  $r(t)$  so that  $\mathbf{F}(r(t)) = r'(t)$  (such curves are called *flow lines* of the vector field). If this vector field was describing motion in a fluid, flow lines describe how a particle would move if it was released into the fluid.

! (c) Show that the curl of  $\mathbf{F}$  is 0. Is this surprising in light of numbers 2 and 4 on this worksheet (and what we've talked about in class, if you are doing this worksheet later in the week)? Give a resolution to the conundrum. **Hint:** What are the domains of all these vector fields?

$$3. \quad \nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 \end{vmatrix} = (\partial_y F_3 - \partial_z F_2, -(\partial_x F_3 - \partial_z F_1), \partial_x F_2 - \partial_y F_1), \quad \text{so}$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{F}) = \cancel{\partial_x \partial_y F_3} - \cancel{\partial_x \partial_z F_2} - \cancel{\partial_y \partial_x F_3} + \cancel{\partial_y \partial_z F_1} + \cancel{\partial_z \partial_x F_2} - \cancel{\partial_z \partial_y F_1} = 0$$

$$4. \int y^2 dx = \underbrace{xy^2}_{\text{circled}} + f(y, z) \quad F_1 = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \quad F_2 = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}, \quad F_3 = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$\int 2xy + e^{3z} dy = xy^2 + \underbrace{ye^{3z}}_{\text{circled}} + g(x, z)$$

$$\int 3ye^{3z} dz = ye^{3z} + h(x, y)$$

$$\phi(x, y, z) = xy^2 + ye^{3z}$$

5a.  $\vec{r}(t) = (r \cos t, r \sin t) \quad (0 \leq t \leq 2\pi)$

$$\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \left( -\frac{r \sin t}{r^2}, \frac{r \cos t}{r^2} \right) \cdot \underbrace{(-r \sin t, r \cos t)}_{\vec{r}'(t)} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{r^2 (\overbrace{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t}^{=1})}{r^2} dt = 2\pi$$

b.  $F(x, y) = (x', y')$  for this to make sense, need  $x^2 + y^2 > 0$ .

Then  $x' = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad y' = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = \frac{F}{y'}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{x'}{y'} = -\frac{y}{x}$  so e.g.  $x(t) = \cos t, y(t) = \sin t$  works.

More generally for  $r > 0$ , we can do  $(x, y) = (r \cos \frac{t}{r^2}, r \sin \frac{t}{r^2})$ .

c.  $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} & \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \left( \partial_x \left( \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right) - \partial_y \left( \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \right) \right) \hat{k}$

$$\underbrace{\partial_x \left( \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \right) - \partial_y \left( \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \right)}_{\nabla = (\partial_x, \partial_y, \partial_z)} = \left( \frac{(x^2+y^2) - x(2x)}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{(x^2+y^2) - y(2y)}{x^2+y^2} \right) \hat{k}$$

$$= \vec{0}$$

This is not a contradiction, b/c the converse of

" $\vec{F}$  conservative  $\Leftrightarrow \text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{0}$ "

is false!

