

Vector Fields

1. Compute $\|F\|$ and sketch several representative vectors in the vector field
(Similar to p.1067 #7-16)

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = y\mathbf{i} + 2x\mathbf{j}$$

2. Find the conservative vector field for the potential function by finding its gradient
(Similar to p.1067 #21-29)

Hint: $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = f_x\mathbf{i} + f_y\mathbf{j}$

$$f(x, y) = x^3 + 4y^2$$

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$$f(x, y, z) = e^{3x} - e^{y^2z^3}$$

4. Verify that the vector field is conservative
(Similar to p.1067 #31-34)

Hint: $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = M\mathbf{i} + N\mathbf{j}$
conservative if:

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = x^2y\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{3}x^3\mathbf{j}$$

5. Determine whether the vector field is conservative.

(Similar to p.1067 #35-38)

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$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = 7xy\mathbf{i} + \frac{7}{2}x^2\mathbf{j}$$

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$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = 2x^2y\mathbf{i} + x^2y^3\mathbf{j}$$

7. Determine whether the vector field is conservative. If it is, find a potential function for the vector field

(Similar to p.1067 #39-48)

Hint: $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = f_x\mathbf{i} + f_y\mathbf{j}$

after you get f_x and f_y , take the integral with respect to the variable to get the potential function

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = 2y\mathbf{i} + 2x\mathbf{j}$$

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$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = 3x^2y\mathbf{i} + x^3\mathbf{j}$$

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$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = 3e^xy\mathbf{i} + x^3\mathbf{j}$$

10. Find curl \mathbf{F} for the vector field at the given point
(Similar to p.1067 #49-52)

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = x^2y\mathbf{i} - 3xyz\mathbf{j} + 4xz\mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \nabla \times \mathbf{F}(x, y, z)$$

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ M & N & P \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{i} - \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{k}$$

Test for Conservative Vector Field in Space

Suppose that M , N , and P have continuous first partial derivatives in an open sphere Q in space. The vector field given by $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = M\mathbf{i} + N\mathbf{j} + P\mathbf{k}$ is conservative if and only if

$$\text{Curl } \mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = 0$$

That is, \mathbf{F} is conservative if and only if:

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial z}, \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial M}{\partial z}, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}$$

11. Determine whether the vector field is conservative. If it is, find a potential function for the vector field

(Similar to p.1068 #57-62)

Hint: $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = f_x\mathbf{i} + f_y\mathbf{j} + f_z\mathbf{k}$

after you get f_x , f_y , and f_z , take the integral with respect to the variable to get the potential function

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = x^2y^3z^3\mathbf{i} + x^3y^2z^3\mathbf{j} + x^3y^3z^2\mathbf{k}$$

Definition of Divergence of a Vector Field

The divergence of $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = M\mathbf{i} + N\mathbf{j}$ is:

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}(x, y) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}(x, y) = \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial y}$$

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If $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F} = 0$, then \mathbf{F} is said to be divergence free

12. Find the divergence of the vector field \mathbf{F}
(Similar to p.1068 #63-66)

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = x^3\mathbf{i} + 4e^y\mathbf{j}$$

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$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \ln(x^2 + y)\mathbf{i} + x^2y^3\mathbf{j} + \ln(2y^2 - z^2)\mathbf{k}$$

14. Find the divergence of the vector field \mathbf{F}
at the given point
(Similar to p.1068 #63-66)

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = x^2yz^3\mathbf{i} + (x^2 - y^2)\mathbf{j} + z^4\mathbf{k}, (3, 1, 1)$$