

Difficulty guide for worksheet:

C-level or B-level exam problem: 1, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g, 2h, 2i

A-level exam problem or challenge for extra study: 2j, 2k, 3

beyond the scope and/or removed from syllabus: none

1. Identify which of the following expressions makes sense and for those that do, say whether it is a vector or a scalar. Assume f and g are sufficiently differentiable scalar-valued functions, and assume \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{G} are sufficiently differentiable vector fields. The vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , and \mathbf{c} are constants.

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| (a) $(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) \times \mathbf{c}$ | (f) $\text{curl}(\mathbf{F} \times \mathbf{G})$ | (k) $\text{div}(f\mathbf{F})$ |
| (b) $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$ | (g) $\mathbf{F} \times \text{grad}(f)$ | (l) $\text{div}(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{G})$ |
| (c) $\text{grad}(\mathbf{F})$ | (h) $\text{curl}(f\mathbf{F})$ | (m) $\text{curl}(\text{div}(\mathbf{F}))$ |
| (d) $\mathbf{F} \cdot \text{grad}(f)$ | (i) $\text{grad}(fg)$ | (n) $\text{grad}(\text{div}(\mathbf{F}))$ |
| (e) $\text{div}(\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{G})$ | (j) $\text{curl}(\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{G})$ | (o) $\text{curl}(\text{curl}(\mathbf{F}))$ |

2. Calculate $\text{curl}(\mathbf{F})$ and $\text{div}(\mathbf{F})$ for each vector field \mathbf{F} . Also, for each \mathbf{F} , find a potential function f or show that no such potential exists.

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| (a) $\mathbf{F} = \langle x, y \rangle$ | (g) $\mathbf{F} = \langle x^3, 3y, -z^3 \rangle$ |
| (b) $\mathbf{F} = \langle y, x, x - y \rangle$ | (h) $\mathbf{F} = \langle ye^{xy}, xe^{xy} \rangle$ |
| (c) $\mathbf{F} = \langle y + z, x + z, x + y \rangle$ | (i) $\mathbf{F} = \langle yz^2, xz^2, 2xyz \rangle$ |
| (d) $\mathbf{F} = \langle -y, -x \rangle$ | (j) $\mathbf{F} = \frac{\langle x, y, z \rangle}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ |
| (e) $\mathbf{F} = \langle -y, x \rangle$ | (k) $\mathbf{F} = \frac{\langle x, y, z \rangle}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$ |
| (f) $\mathbf{F} = \langle e^z, e^z, e^z(x - y) \rangle$ | |

3. Determine whether the following statements are true or false. If the statement is true, explain why. If the statement is false, give a counterexample.

Recall: It is well known that for a function f of a single variable, if $f'(x) = 0$ for all x , then f is a constant function.

- If $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = 0$ for all points (x, y, z) , then \mathbf{F} is constant.
- If $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$ for all points (x, y, z) , then \mathbf{F} is constant.
- If $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = 0$ and $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$ for all points (x, y, z) , then \mathbf{F} is constant.
- A vector field consisting of parallel vectors has zero curl.
- A vector field consisting of parallel vectors has zero divergence.
- $\nabla \times \mathbf{F}$ is orthogonal to \mathbf{F} .