

**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  $\mathbf{F}$ .