

TEST #3
MA3160, Spring '06

Please **show work** or give reasoning for **every** answer. (No credit will be given for correct answers without an indication of how you arrived at your conclusion.)

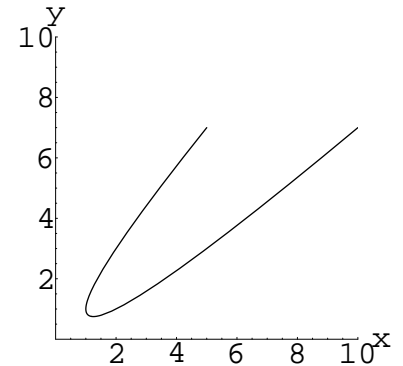
If you obtain an answer or part of an answer with your **calculator**, please indicate what you punched into your calculator and what the output was.

If you use a memorized or programmed **formula**, please write down the formula that you are using.

1. Suppose the position of a car is given by

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= t^2 - 4t + 5 \\y(t) &= t^2 - 5t + 7 \quad 0 \leq t \leq 5\end{aligned}$$

where x and y are measured in meters and t is measured in seconds.
(The car's path is shown at right.)



- (a) Where is the car at time $t = 1$?
- (b) What is the velocity of the car at time t ?
- (c) What is the speed of the car at time $t = 1$?
- (d) Find a vector pointing in the direction tangent to the curve at the point you found in part (1a).

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2. Give parametric equations for the line segment from $(9, 8, 7)$ to $(4, 5, 6)$. (Include limits for t .)

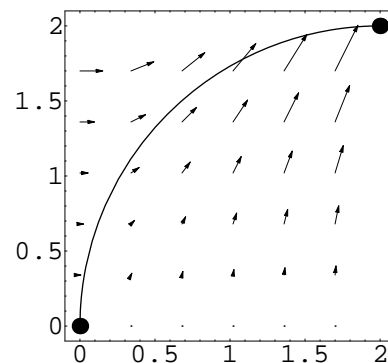
3. Give a formula for a two-dimensional vector field with both of the following properties:

- All vectors are parallel to the y -axis, and
- the length of the vectors increases as you move away from the y -axis.

4. Is $\vec{G}(x, y) = 2xy\vec{i} + (x^2 + y^3)\vec{j}$ a gradient field? How can you tell?

5. Suppose we want to compute the line integral, $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$, where $\vec{F}(x, y) = (y^2)\vec{i} + (2xy)\vec{j}$ and C is the circular arc from $(0, 0)$ to $(2, 2)$ shown below.

- (a) Based on the graph alone, do you expect the line integral, $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ to be positive or negative? Why?

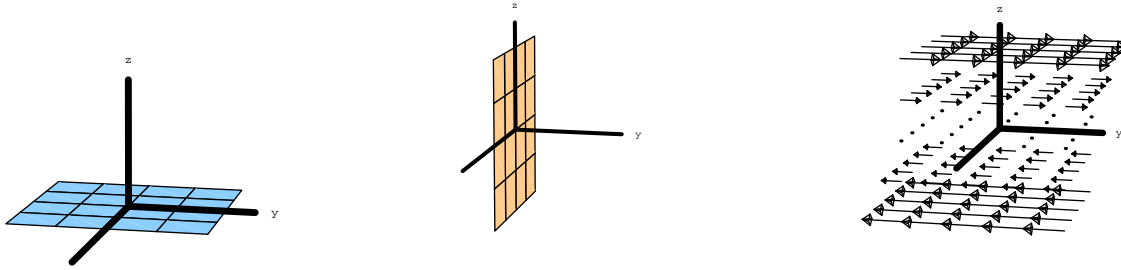


- (b) $\vec{F} = (y^2)\vec{i} + (2xy)\vec{j}$ is a gradient field. Identify its potential function (i.e., find a scalar-valued $g(x, y)$ such that $\vec{F} = \nabla g$).

- (c) Use your answer to part (5b) and the fundamental theorem for line integrals to evaluate $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$.

6. Freddy Ornot wanted to compute the flux of the vector field $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = z\vec{j}$ through each of the two surfaces shown.

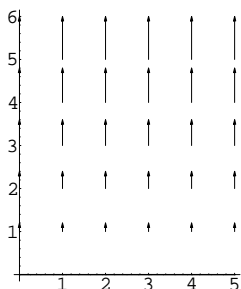
Each surface is a square centered at the origin (in the x - y plane, oriented in the positive z direction, or in the x - z plane, oriented in the positive y direction). The vector field is plotted to the right.



After looking at these graphs, he declared that “Both fluxes will be zero, but for different reasons.” Explain why, based on the graphs.

7. Find the flux of the vector field $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = z\vec{j}$ through the surface of the square in the x - z plane with $0 \leq x \leq 2$ and $0 \leq z \leq 2$, oriented in the positive y direction.

8. Consider the vector field \vec{v} graphed below. Is the divergence of \vec{v} positive, negative, or zero at the point shown? Justify your answer without referring to formulas (make it clear that you understand the geometric definition of the divergence).



(Note: vectors are vertical and increase in length as you move upward.)

9. For the vector field $\vec{v}(x, y, z) = (x^2 - y^2)\vec{i} + 2xy\vec{j} + \sin(z)\vec{k}$,

(a) Find $\operatorname{div}\vec{v}$.

(b) Find $\operatorname{curl}\vec{v}$.

(c) Suppose $\vec{v}(x, y, z)$ represents the velocity of a fluid at the point (x, y, z) . If you placed a small object in the fluid at the point $(0, -1, 0)$, would the fluid cause it to spin? (How do you know?)

10. Suppose that $\vec{F} = F_1(x, y)\vec{i} + F_2(x, y)\vec{j}$ and its derivatives are continuous everywhere.

Write two statements which are equivalent to

“ \vec{F} is a path-independent vector field.”