

Math 233 - October 9, 2009

- How do you find a potential function?
 - Does every vector field have a potential function?
1. How many zeros are at the end of the decimal representation for the number

$$100! = 100 \times 99 \times 98 \times 97 \times \cdots \times 2 \times 1$$

Lecture Problems

2. Compute the curl and divergence of the vector fields

(a) $F = (x, y, z)$, $\text{curl } F =$
 $\text{div } F =$

(b) $F = (x^2, y^2, z^2)$, $\text{curl } F =$
 $\text{div } F =$

(c) $F = (y, x, 1)$, $\text{curl } F =$
 $\text{div } F =$

(d) $F = (-y, x, 1)$, $\text{curl } F =$
 $\text{div } F =$

(e) $F = (-yz, xy, z)$, $\text{curl } F =$
 $\text{div } F =$

3. Find a potential function, if possible, for the given vector fields.

(a) $F(x, y) = (y^2, 2xy - 1)$. Find ϕ such that $\nabla\phi = F$. $\phi =$

(b) $F(x, y) = (2xy, x^2 - \sin y)$. Find ϕ such that $\nabla\phi = F$. $\phi =$

(c) $F(x, y) = (1 + ye^x, e^x)$. Find ϕ such that $\nabla\phi = F$. $\phi =$

(d) $F(x, y) = (1 + \sin(2y - x), -2\sin(2y - x))$. Find ϕ such that $\nabla\phi = F$. $\phi =$

4. Find a potential function, if possible, for the given vector fields.

(a) $F(x, y, z) = (x, y, z)$. Find ϕ such that $\nabla\phi = F$. $\phi =$

(b) $F(x, y, z) = (2xy, x^2, 1)$. Find ϕ such that $\nabla\phi = F$. $\phi =$

(c) $F(x, y, z) = (2xy + z + 1, 4z^2 + x^2, 6yz + x)$. Find ϕ such that $\nabla\phi = F$. $\phi =$

(d) $F(x, y, z) = (y \cos xy, x \cos xy, 1)$. Find ϕ such that $\nabla\phi = F$. $\phi =$

(e) $F(x, y, z) = (1/(y + 2z), -x/(y + 2z)^2, -2z/(y + 2z)^2)$. Find ϕ such that $\nabla\phi = F$. $\phi =$

(f) $F(x, y, z) = (z + 2x, 1, x)$. Find ϕ such that $\nabla\phi = F$. $\phi =$

5. Find a potential function, if possible, for the given vector fields.

(a) $F(x, y, z) = (y, x, 0)$. Find ϕ such that $\nabla\phi = F$. $\phi =$

(b) $F(x, y, z) = (y, -x, 0)$. Find ϕ such that $\nabla\phi = F$. $\phi =$

(c) $F(x, y, z) = (x, y, y)$. Find ϕ such that $\nabla\phi = F$. $\phi =$

(d) $F(x, y, z) = (x, x, yz)$. Find ϕ such that $\nabla\phi = F$. $\phi =$