

Q1a: Using the definition of the exterior derivative on 0-forms, we compute that

$$df = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} dx_i = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} dz = \omega_{\text{grad } f}^1$$

We now will evaluate  $d(\omega_F^1)$  using the definition of the exterior derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} d(\omega_F^1) &= \sum_{i=1}^3 dx_i \wedge \frac{\partial \omega_F^1}{\partial x_i} \\ &= dx \wedge \left( \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} dy + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x} dz \right) + dy \wedge \left( \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} dx + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} dz \right) + dz \wedge \left( \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} dx + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} dy + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z} dz \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} dx \wedge dy + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x} dx \wedge dz + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} dy \wedge dx + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} dy \wedge dz + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} dz \wedge dx + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} dz \wedge dy \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \right) dy \wedge dz + \left( \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x} \right) dz \wedge dx + \left( \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \right) dx \wedge dy \\ &= \omega_{\text{curl } F}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Finally we compute  $d(\omega_F^2)$ . Using the definition of  $d$  we see that

$$\begin{aligned} d(\omega_F^2) &= \sum_{i=1}^3 dx_i \wedge \frac{\partial \omega_F^2}{\partial x_i} \\ &= dx \wedge \left( \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} dy \wedge dz + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} dz \wedge dx + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x} dx \wedge dy \right) + dy \wedge \left( \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} dy \wedge dz + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} dx \wedge dz + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} dx \wedge dy \right) \\ &\quad + dz \wedge \left( \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} dy \wedge dz + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} dz \wedge dx + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z} dx \wedge dy \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} dx \wedge dy \wedge dz + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} dx \wedge dy \wedge dz + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z} dx \wedge dy \wedge dz \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial z} \right) dx \wedge dy \wedge dz \\ &= (\text{div } F) dx \wedge dy \wedge dz \end{aligned}$$

As desired.

Q1b: We will now show that gradient and curl fields are closed. Using the identity that  $d^2 = 0$ , we see that

$$0 = d^2 f = d(\omega_{\text{grad } f}^1) = \omega_{\text{grad curl } f}^2$$

Since  $dy \wedge dz, dz \wedge dx, dx \wedge dy$  form a basis, by linear independence the coefficient functions must be 0 and we conclude the curl of a gradient field is 0. Now by a similar computation, we see that

$$0 = d^2 F = d(\omega_{\text{curl } F}^2) = (\text{div curl } F) dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$$

Hence this is a 0 3-form and we conclude that the divergence of a curl field is 0.