

## 1 Helmholtz decomposition

The Helmholtz decomposition states that a velocity field  $\mathbf{v}$  that decays fast enough at infinity, or is on a bounded domain, can be decomposed into a curl-free component and a divergence-free component (Petrasccheck [2015](#))

$$\mathbf{v} = -\nabla\Phi + \nabla \times \mathbf{A}. \quad (1)$$

(1.a) Show that this is a generalization of the 2D situation where we have scalar potential and stream functions.

(1.b) How would you find these two potentials if you know the divergence and vorticity in the domain?

## 2 Baby steps in complex analysis.

We will learn a little bit of complex analysis. My reference is Stein and Shakarchi [2010](#).

## References

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