

Definitions

Let \mathbf{F} be a vector field on \mathbb{R}^3 with $\mathbf{F} = (F_1, F_2, F_3)$

- $\nabla = (\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z})$
- $curl \mathbf{F} = \nabla \times \mathbf{F}$
- $div \mathbf{F} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}$

Let f be a scalar function of three variables

- $\nabla f = (\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z})$
- $\nabla^2 f = \nabla \cdot (\nabla f) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}$, where ∇^2 is called the Laplace operator

Questions

- Find the $\text{curl}\mathbf{F}$ and $\text{div}\mathbf{F}$ given the vector field $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (x + yz, y + xz, z + xy)$
- Let $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (x, y, z)$ be a vector field on \mathbb{R}^3 , and let $f(x, y, z) = |\mathbf{F}(x, y, z)|$ be a scalar function. Verify the following identities using the above definitions
 - $\text{div}\mathbf{F} = 3$

- (b) $\operatorname{div}(f\mathbf{F}) = 4f$, where $(f\mathbf{F})(x, y, z) = f(x, y, z)\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (f(x, y, z)x, f(x, y, z)y, f(x, y, z)z)$ is a vector field on \mathbb{R}^3

- (c) $\nabla^2 f^3 = 12f$

(d) $\text{curl} \mathbf{F} = (0, 0, 0)$

3. Sketch the vector fields \mathbf{F} by drawing the diagram with some points.

(a) $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (3, 4)$

(b) $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (y, x + y)$

4. Prove the following identities assuming the partial derivatives exists and are continuous. Let \mathbf{F} , \mathbf{G} be vector fields on \mathbb{R}^3 , and let f be a scalar function with three variables.

(a) $\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{G}) = \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{F}) + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{G})$

(b) $\operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{G}) = \operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{F}) + \operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{G})$

(c) $\operatorname{div}(f\mathbf{F}) = f\operatorname{div}\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla f$