

1. Consider the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle 2x - 2y, 2x + 2y, 0 \rangle$

(a) (2 points) Show that \mathbf{F} is not conservative.

Solution.

(b) (2 points) Show that \mathbf{F} is not solenoidal.

Solution.

(c) (2 points each) Let $\mathbf{G} = \langle 2x, 2y, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{H} = \langle -2y, 2x, 0 \rangle$. Notice that $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{G} + \mathbf{H}$.

i. Show that \mathbf{G} is conservative, and find a potential function g .

Solution.

ii. Show that \mathbf{H} is solenoidal – so that it is the curl of some other vector field \mathbf{C} . Find such a \mathbf{C} .
[Hint: You might want to choose the z -component to be 0.]

Solution.

(d) (2 points) Conclude that we have decomposed \mathbf{F} into a purely conservative (i.e., irrotational) part and a purely solenoidal (i.e., divergence-free) part, so that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla g + \nabla \times \mathbf{C}$. [This can always be done, so long as everything is continuous enough.]

Solution.

2. (8 points) Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle 6x^2y, -6x - 4y \rangle$. Let C be the rectangle with endpoints $(0, 0)$, $(4, 0)$, $(4, 1)$, and $(0, 1)$, with positive orientation. Determine the exact value of the flux of \mathbf{F} over C : $\oint \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{N} \, ds$.

Solution.

4. (8 points) Let $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle y, x, xz \rangle$ and the surface S be the part of the paraboloid $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$ that lies above $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $0 \leq y \leq 1$, where positive orientation is directed upward. Determine

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

[Hint: The surface, projected into the xy -plane, is *not* a quarter of the unit circle, and therefore, it is likely easiest to parameterize S in Cartesian coordinates.]

Solution.

5. (8 points) Calculate the flux of $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle x^3 + y, y^3 + z^2, z^3 + x^3 \rangle$ across the surface of the sphere centered at the origin with radius 2, with positive orientation. [Since the surface is closed, there are two distinct ways to do this – though both are things you can work out, one is *significantly* easier than the other.]

Solution.
