

**AMATH 501: Homework 1**  
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1.

(a) Consider a curve

$$r(t) = \frac{1}{3} \cos^3 t \mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 t \mathbf{j} + \sin^3 t \mathbf{k},$$

where  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  are unit vectors in the Cartesian coordinate. Then compute the arc length of the curve from  $t = 0$  to  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

In order to find the arc length of the curve from  $t = 0$  to  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , we will calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{\left(\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{3} \cos^3 t\right)\right)^2 + \left(\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{3} \sin^3 t\right)\right)^2 + \left(\frac{d}{dt} (\sin^3 t)\right)^2} dt &= \\ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{(-\cos^2(t) \sin(t))^2 + (\cos(t) \sin^2(t))^2 + (3 \cos(t) \sin^2(t))^2} dt &= \\ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{(\cos^4(t) \sin^2(t)) + (\cos^2(t) \sin^4(t)) + (9 \cos^2(t) \sin^4(t))} dt &= \\ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{(\cos^4(t) \sin^2(t)) + (10 \cos^2(t) \sin^4(t))} dt &= \\ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{(\cos^2(t) \sin^2(t))(\cos^2(t) + 10 \sin^2(t))} dt &= \\ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} |\cos(t) \sin(t)| \sqrt{\cos^2(t) + 10 \sin^2(t)} dt & \end{aligned}$$

Note that we are integrating on the interval  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . Both  $\cos(t)$  and  $\sin(t)$  are non-negative on this interval. Therefore, because we are on interval  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ , we can state

$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} |\cos(t) \sin(t)| \sqrt{\cos^2(t) + 10 \sin^2(t)} dt = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos(t) \sin(t) \sqrt{\cos^2(t) + 10 \sin^2(t)} dt$ . Therefore, we will continue by integrating

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos(t) \sin(t) \sqrt{\cos^2(t) + 10 \sin^2(t)} dt.$$

We will use  $u$  substitution. We will set  $u = \sin(t)$ , which gives  $du = \cos(t) dt$ .

When  $t = 0$ ,  $u = 0$ .

When  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $u = 1$ .

This gives us

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 u \sqrt{1 - u^2 + 10u^2} du &= \\ \int_0^1 u \sqrt{1 + 9u^2} du & \end{aligned}$$

We will now use another substitution and call it  $v$  substitution. We will set  $v = 1 + 9u^2$ , which gives  $dv = 18u du$  or  $\frac{1}{18} dv = u du$ .

When  $u = 0$ ,  $v = 1$ .

When  $u = 1$ ,  $v = 10$ .  
This gives us

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{18} \int_1^{10} \sqrt{v} \, dv &= \\ \frac{1}{18} \left[ \frac{2}{3} v^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_1^{10} &= \\ \frac{1}{18} \left( \frac{2}{3} \left( 10^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) - \frac{2}{3} \left( 1^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \right) &= \\ \frac{1}{18} \left( \frac{2}{3} \left( 10^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1 \right) \right) &= \\ \frac{1}{27} \left( 10\sqrt{10} - 1 \right) &= \\ \frac{10\sqrt{10} - 1}{27}\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the arc length of  $r(t)$  from  $t = 0$  to  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$  is  $\frac{10\sqrt{10} - 1}{27}$ .

- (b) Define a position vector  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(t)$  and  $\dot{\mathbf{r}}$ ,  $\ddot{\mathbf{r}}$  and  $\dddot{\mathbf{r}}$  denote  $\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{r}$ ,  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2}\mathbf{r}$  and  $\frac{d^3}{dt^3}\mathbf{r}$ . Compute and simplify  $\frac{d}{dt}[(\mathbf{r} \times \dot{\mathbf{r}}) \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}}]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}[(\mathbf{r} \times \dot{\mathbf{r}}) \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}}] &= \\ \left( \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{r} \times \dot{\mathbf{r}}) \right) \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}} + (\mathbf{r} \times \dot{\mathbf{r}}) \cdot \frac{d}{dt}\ddot{\mathbf{r}} &= \\ ((\dot{\mathbf{r}} \times \dot{\mathbf{r}}) + (\mathbf{r} \times \ddot{\mathbf{r}})) \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}} + (\mathbf{r} \times \dot{\mathbf{r}}) \cdot \dddot{\mathbf{r}} &= \\ (\mathbf{r} \times \ddot{\mathbf{r}}) \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}} + (\mathbf{r} \times \dot{\mathbf{r}}) \cdot \dddot{\mathbf{r}} &= \\ (\mathbf{r} \times \dot{\mathbf{r}}) \cdot \dddot{\mathbf{r}}\end{aligned}$$

- (c) Assume that there is a differentiable position vector  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(t)$  and it has a constant length. Show that  $\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{r}$  is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{r}$  and interpret this geometrically.

We know that  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  is a differentiable position vector of constant length. The length of a vector is the magnitude, or norm,  $|\mathbf{r}(t)|$ , and since the length of  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  is constant, we know that  $|\mathbf{r}(t)|$  is some constant.

The magnitude, or norm, of a vector is given by:

$$|\mathbf{r}(t)| = \sqrt{\mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}(t)}$$

Since  $|\mathbf{r}(t)|^2 = \mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}(t)$ , and we know this is constant, we can differentiate both sides with respect to  $t$ :

$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}(t))$  is equal to the derivative of some constant, which would give us 0.

Now we apply product rule to differentiate  $\mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}(t)$ .

$$2\mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{r}(t) = 0$$

Dividing both sides by 2 we get:

$$\mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{r}(t) = 0$$

This shows that the dot product of  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  with its derivative  $\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{r}(t)$  is 0, meaning that the vector  $\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{r}(t)$  is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ .

2.

- (a) In 3D, define  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  are unit vectors in the Cartesian coordinate. Given  $\mathbf{F}_1 = \frac{x\mathbf{i}+y\mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$  and  $\mathbf{F}_2 = \frac{-y\mathbf{i}+x\mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$ , compute  $\text{div}\mathbf{F}_i$  and  $\text{curl}\mathbf{F}_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .  
For  $\mathbf{F}_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F}_{1_x} &= \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, \mathbf{F}_{1_y} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, \text{ and } \mathbf{F}_{1_z} = 0 \\ \text{div}\mathbf{F}_1 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} 0 \\ \text{div}\mathbf{F}_1 &= \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \cdot 1 - x \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \cdot 2x}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \cdot 1 - y \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \cdot 2y}{x^2+y^2} + 0 \\ \text{div}\mathbf{F}_1 &= \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2} - \frac{2x^2}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2} - \frac{2y^2}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2} \\ \text{div}\mathbf{F}_1 &= \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2} - \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2} - \frac{y^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2} \\ \text{div}\mathbf{F}_1 &= \frac{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2} - \frac{x^2+y^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2} \\ \text{div}\mathbf{F}_1 &= \frac{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2} - \sqrt{x^2+y^2}}{x^2+y^2} \\ \text{div}\mathbf{F}_1 &= \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}{x^2+y^2} \\ \text{div}\mathbf{F}_1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \\ \text{curl}\mathbf{F}_1 &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} & \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ \text{curl}\mathbf{F}_1 &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(0) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) \right) \mathbf{i} \\ &\quad - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(0) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) \right) \mathbf{j} \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) \right) \mathbf{k} \\ \text{curl}\mathbf{F}_1 &= \left( \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \cdot 0 - y \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \cdot 2x}{x^2+y^2} - \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \cdot 0 - x \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \cdot 2y}{x^2+y^2} \right) \mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{curl}\mathbf{F}_1 = \left( \frac{-\frac{2xy}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2} - \frac{-\frac{2xy}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2} \right) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{curl}\mathbf{F}_1 = \left( \frac{-\frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{\frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2} \right) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{curl}\mathbf{F}_1 = \left( \frac{0}{x^2+y^2} \right) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{curl}\mathbf{F}_1 = 0$$

We have that  $\text{div}\mathbf{F}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$  and  $\text{curl}\mathbf{F}_1 = 0$ .

For  $\mathbf{F}_2$ :

$$\mathbf{F}_{2_x} = -\frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, \mathbf{F}_{2_y} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, \text{ and } \mathbf{F}_{2_z} = 0$$

$$\text{div}\mathbf{F}_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( -\frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} 0$$

$$\text{div}\mathbf{F}_2 = -\frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \cdot 0 - y \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \cdot 2x}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \cdot 0 - x \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \cdot 2y}{x^2+y^2} + 0$$

$$\text{div}\mathbf{F}_2 = -\frac{-\frac{2xy}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{-\frac{2xy}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2}$$

$$\text{div}\mathbf{F}_2 = \frac{\frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2} - \frac{\frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2}$$

$$\text{div}\mathbf{F}_2 = 0$$

$$\text{curl}\mathbf{F}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ -\frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} & \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{curl}\mathbf{F}_2 &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(0) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) \right) \mathbf{i} \\ &\quad - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(0) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( -\frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) \right) \mathbf{j} \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( -\frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) \right) \mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{curl}\mathbf{F}_2 = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) \right) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{curl}\mathbf{F}_2 = \left( \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \cdot 1 - x \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \cdot 2x}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \cdot 1 - y \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \cdot 2y}{x^2+y^2} \right) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\operatorname{curl}\mathbf{F}_2 = \left( \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2} - \frac{2x^2}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2} - \frac{2y^2}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2} \right) \mathbf{k}$$

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$$\operatorname{curl}\mathbf{F}_2 = \frac{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2} - \frac{x^2+y^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}}{x^2+y^2} \mathbf{k}$$

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$$\operatorname{curl}\mathbf{F}_2 = \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}{x^2+y^2} \mathbf{k}$$

$$\operatorname{curl}\mathbf{F}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \mathbf{k}$$

We have that  $\operatorname{div}\mathbf{F}_2 = 0$  and  $\operatorname{curl}\mathbf{F}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \mathbf{k}$ .

- (b) Denote  $h = 6 - 2x^2 - 4x - 2y^2 - 4y$  as the height of a mountain at the location  $(x, y)$  above the sea level. The positive  $x$ -axis points east and the positive  $y$ -axis points north. At  $(1, 1)$ , which direction is the steepest descent of  $h$ ? What is the change rate of the elevation if you head northwest? Which point is the top of the mountain?

We have that  $h(x, y) = 6 - 2x^2 - 4x - 2y^2 - 4y$ .

$$h(x, y) = 6 - 2x^2 - 4x - 2y^2 - 4y$$

$$\nabla h = \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = -4x - 4 \text{ and } \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} = -4y - 4$$

$$\nabla h = (-4x - 4, -4y - 4)$$

$$\nabla h(1, 1) = (-4(1) - 4, -4(1) - 4)$$

$$\nabla h(1, 1) = (-4 - 4, -4 - 4)$$

$$\nabla h(1, 1) = (-8, -8)$$

The steepest descent is in the direction opposite to the gradient:  $-\nabla h(1, 1) = (8, 8)$ . Because our  $x$  and  $y$  components are both positive, that means our direction of our steepest descent is **northeast** as it is given that the positive  $x$ -axis points east and the positive  $y$ -axis points north.

The northwest direction corresponds to an angle of  $135^\circ$ . Using what we know from Trigonometry, that angle gives the direction vector of:

$$\vec{d} = \left( -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)$$

$$\vec{d} = \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

We now compute the directional derivative,  $D_{\vec{d}}h$ , by using the dot product:

$$D_{\vec{d}}h = \nabla h \cdot \vec{d} = (-8, -8) \cdot \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{8}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{8}{\sqrt{2}} = 0$$

The rate of change elevation heading northwest is 0. This means that at the point  $(1, 1)$ , the elevation does not change if you were to move in the northwest direction.

From analyzing the function, we can state that  $h(x, y)$  is a downward facing paraboloid, which means that the critical point would indeed be a maximum. Once again, the partial derivatives are:

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = -4x - 4 \text{ and } \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} = -4y - 4$$

To find our critical point, in this case, a maximum, we set both partial derivatives equal to 0:

$$-4x - 4 = 0 \text{ and } -4y - 4 = 0$$

$$x = -1 \text{ and } y = -1$$

So, the critical point is  $(-1, -1)$ , and in this case, because we are working with a downward facing paraboloid, we have a maximum at  $(x, y) = (-1, -1)$ .

3. For a vector field  $\mathbf{F} = (xz + xy)\mathbf{i} + \alpha(yz - xy)\mathbf{j} + \beta(yz + xz)\mathbf{k}$ , we assume that there exists a vector  $\mathbf{G}$  such that  $\mathbf{F} = \text{curl}\mathbf{G}$ .

(a) Determine constants  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

We know for a vector field to be a curl, it must be solenoidal, or  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = 0$ .

The Divergence of  $\mathbf{F}$  is given by

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_3}{\partial z}$$

where we define

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = xz + xy, \quad \mathbf{F}_2 = \alpha(yz - xy), \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{F}_3 = \beta(yz + xz)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial(xz + xy)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial\alpha(yz - xy)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial\beta(yz + xz)}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = z + y + \alpha(z - x) + \beta(y + x)$$

Remember that for this problem, we have that  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = 0$ . So,

$$z + y + \alpha(z - x) + \beta(y + x) = 0$$

$$z + y + \alpha z - \alpha x + \beta y + \beta x = 0$$

Combining like terms:

$$(\beta - \alpha)x + (1 + \beta)y + (1 + \alpha)z = 0$$

We get the equations:

$$\beta - \alpha = 0$$

$$1 + \beta = 0$$

$$1 + \alpha = 0$$

$$\beta = \alpha$$

$$\beta = -1$$

$$\alpha = -1$$

Thus,

$$\boxed{\alpha = -1 \text{ and } \beta = -1}$$

- (b) If  $G = xyz\mathbf{i} - xyz\mathbf{j} + g(x, y, z)\mathbf{k}$ . Find unknown function  $g(x, y, z)$ .

We are given the vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  and assume it is the curl of some vector field  $\mathbf{G} = xyz\mathbf{i} - xyz\mathbf{j} + g(x, y, z)\mathbf{k}$ , where  $g(x, y, z)$  is an unknown function.

The curl of a vector field  $\mathbf{G} = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j} + R\mathbf{k}$  is given by:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{G} = \left( \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{i} - \left( \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{j} + \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{k}$$

In this case, the components of  $\mathbf{G}$  are:

$$P = xyz, \quad Q = -xyz, \quad R = g(x, y, z)$$

We now compute the curl  $\nabla \times \mathbf{G}$  using these components:

The  $\mathbf{i}$  component:

This is the difference between the derivative of  $R$ , which is  $g(x, y, z)$  with respect to  $y$  and the derivative of  $Q$  with respect to  $z$ :

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial g(x, y, z)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial(-xyz)}{\partial z}$$

The derivative of  $g(x, y, z)$  with respect to  $y$  is simply  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial y}$ , and the derivative of  $-xyz$  with respect to  $z$  is  $-xy$ . Therefore:

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} - (-xy) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + xy$$

So, the **i** component of the curl is:

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + xy$$

The **j** component:

$$-\left(\frac{\partial g(x, y, z)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(xyz)}{\partial z}\right) = -\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - xy\right)$$

So, the **j** component of the curl is:

$$-\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - xy\right)$$

The **k** component of the curl is:

$$\frac{\partial(-xyz)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(xyz)}{\partial y} = -yz - xz$$

So, the **k** component of the curl is:

$$-yz - xz$$

Putting it together, the curl we just computed is:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{G} = \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + xy\right)\mathbf{i} - \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - xy\right)\mathbf{j} + (-yz - xz)\mathbf{k}$$

We are told that  $\mathbf{F} = (xz + xy)\mathbf{i} + \alpha(yz - xy)\mathbf{j} + \beta(yz + xz)\mathbf{k}$ . Comparing this with the components of the curl:

- For the **i** component:

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + xy = xz + xy$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = xz$$

- For the **j** component:

$$-\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - xy\right) = \alpha(yz - xy)$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = xy - \alpha(yz - xy)$$

- For the **k** component:

$$-yz - xz = \beta(yz + xz)$$

$$\beta = -1$$



Note that we have  $\beta = -1$  consistent with the first part of this exercise. Also, remember that  $\alpha = -1$ , which does indeed fit as well.

Finding  $g(x, y, z)$ :

We now solve the partial differential equations obtained for  $g(x, y, z)$ :

- For the **i** component:

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = xz$$

- For the **j** component:

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = xy - \alpha(yz - xy)$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = xy - (-1)(yz - xy)$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = xy + yz - xy$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = yz$$

- For the **k** component: we just have that  $\beta = -1$ .

So,  $g(x, y, z) = \int xz \, dy$  and  $g(x, y, z) = \int yz \, dx$ . Doing both integrals gives us that

$$\boxed{g(x, y, z) = xyz + C}$$

where  $C$  is some constant of integration.