

MATB42: Assignment #10

1. Let \mathbf{F} be a vector field on \mathbb{R}^3 given by $\mathbf{F} = (F_1, F_2, F_3)$ where F_1 , F_2 , and F_3 are C^1 -functions from $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- (a) Let η be the 2-form given by

$$\eta = F_3 dx dy + F_1 dy dz + F_2 dz dx$$

Show that $d\eta = (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}) dx dy dz$

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$$\begin{aligned} \eta &= F_3 dx dy + F_1 dy dz + F_2 dz dx \\ d\eta &= d(F_3 dx dy + F_1 dy dz + F_2 dz dx) \\ &= (dF_3) dx dy + (dF_1) dy dz + (dF_2) dz dx \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_3 dx dy dz\right) dx dy + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_3 dx dy dz\right) dy dz + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_3 dx dy dz\right) dz dx \end{aligned}$$