

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER : CURL AND DIVERGENCE

Reading: sections 13.5, 13.6

Homework: see www.courses.fas.harvard.edu/~math21a/

1. CURL

(1) Compute

$$\text{curl}(\nabla f)$$

(2) For each of the following vector fields

(a) compute $\text{curl}(\mathbf{F})$

(b) find f such that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$ or explain why no such function f exists

(i)

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = e^x \mathbf{i} + e^{2y} \mathbf{j} + e^{3z} \mathbf{k}$$

(ii)

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = y^2 \mathbf{i} + x^3 \mathbf{j} + z \mathbf{k}$$

2. DIVERGENCE

(1) For each of the following vector fields determine whether

(a) \mathbf{F} is incompressible

(b) there is a vector field \mathbf{G} with $\mathbf{F} = \text{curl}(\mathbf{G})$

(i)

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = e^x \mathbf{i} + e^{2y} \mathbf{j} + e^{3z} \mathbf{k}$$

(ii)

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = y^2 \mathbf{i} + x^3 \mathbf{j} + z \mathbf{k}$$