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No calculators or notes of any kind are allowed

This exam consists of 6 problems each worth the same number of points.

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**Question 1:** On the attached page you will see the plot of six vector fields labeled (1) - (6).

- Define the term *conservative vector field*.
- List three conditions which are equivalent to a vector field being conservative. That is,  $\mathbf{F} = M\mathbf{i} + N\mathbf{j}$  is a vector field if and only if ..... if and only if ..... if and only if .....  
Mention any extra conditions that are needed for your statements to be true.
- Determine which plotted vector fields are conservative. Justify your answer.
- Roughly redraw plot (5). Sketch a curve  $C$  so that the work done by the vector field along  $C$  is negative. Justify your answer.
- For plots (5) and (6) write down vector fields that you think made these plots. You don't have to be exactly right to get credit.

**Question 2:** Let  $F = \langle y, x + 1 \rangle$ .

- Show that  $F$  is conservative and then find its potential function  $f(x, y)$
- Let  $C$  be a curve joining the point  $(1, 0)$  and  $(3, 3)$ . Find the work done by  $F$  along  $C$ .
- Find and sketch the equipotential curve (that is, the level curve of  $f$ ) passing through the point  $(1, 1)$
- Find the equation for the streamline (flowline) for  $F$  passing through the point  $(1, 1)$
- State a general fact about the intersection of the equipotential curves and streamlines. Show that this fact holds in the equations you found in parts (c) and (d).

**Question 3:**

Let  $\mathbf{F} = \langle xy, y^2 \rangle$ . Let  $\gamma$  be the counter-clockwise circle of radius  $a$  centered at  $(0, 0)$ .

- Compute  $\int_{\gamma} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  by first parametrization the curve  $\gamma$ .
- Compute  $\int_{\gamma} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  by using Green's theorem.
- Find a closed curve  $c$  so that  $\int_c \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} \neq 0$ . Justify your answer.
- Your friend argues that  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative because of the result in part (a). Is your friend correct? Explain what is right/wrong with their reasoning.

**Question 4:** Refer to the attached plots.

- Briefly explain the physical meaning of the curl and divergence of a vector field.
- For plot (4), give the location of points  $A$  and  $B$  so that divergence of the vector field is positive at  $A$  and negative at  $B$ . Explain.
- On plot (5), at the point with coordinates  $(x, y) = (7, 0)$ , is the curl positive, negative or zero. Explain.
- Let  $f(x, y, z)$  be a smooth function defined on all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Show in general that the curl of the gradient of  $f$  is zero. This is  $\text{curl}(\nabla f) = 0$ .

**Question 5:** Let  $\mathbf{F} = \langle y, z + (z - 2)^3, x \rangle$ . Let the surface  $S_1$  be the graph of  $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and  $S_2$  be the graph of  $6 - x^2 - y^2$ . Let  $C$  be the curve of intersection of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  oriented clockwise when viewed from above.

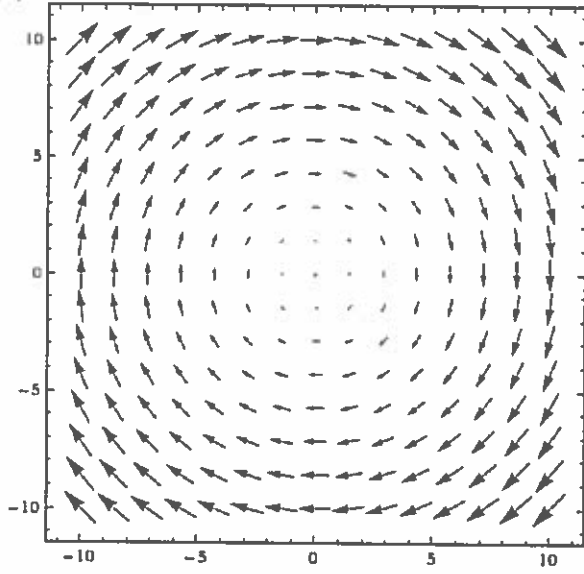
- Sketch the surfaces  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  on the same set of axes.
- Find a parametric equation for  $C$ .
- Compute  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  using part (b).
- Compute  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  using Stokes' theorem. Did you get the same answer? *Hint: Choose a surface for which the calculations are the easiest.*

**Question 6:** Let  $E$  be the solid region lying above  $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and inside  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ . Let  $\mathbf{F} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$ .

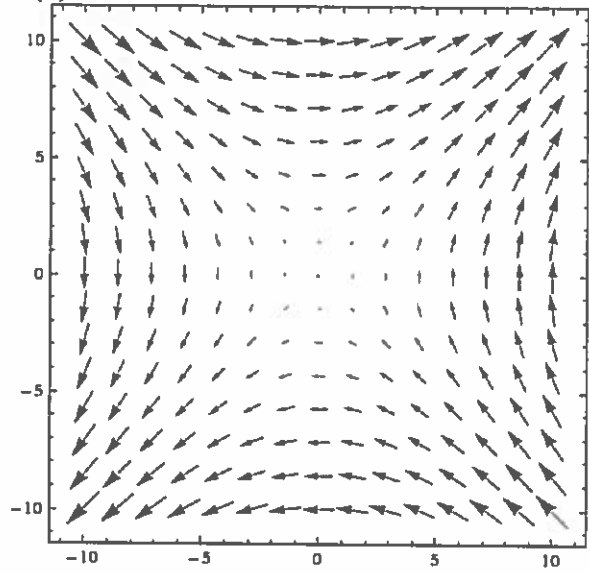
- Find the downward flux over the part of the surface of  $E$  formed by  $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ . *Hint: If you wish you can use a sketch to determine this value with no calculation.*
- Use the divergence theorem to compute the outward flux of  $\mathbf{F}$  over the surface of  $E$ . (You can solve this even if you have not done part (a)).

# Vector field plots

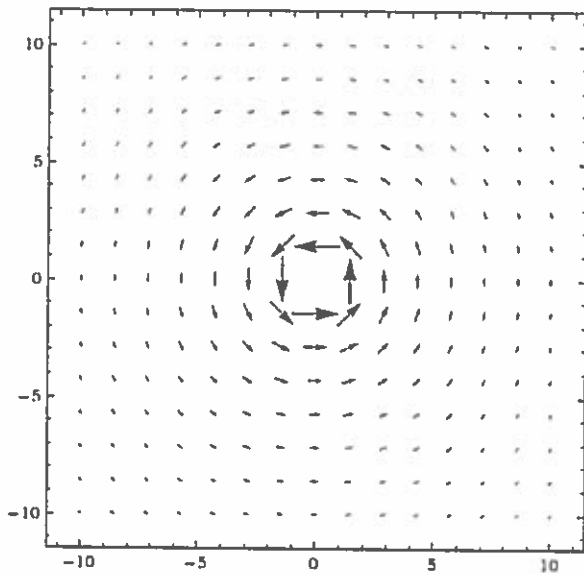
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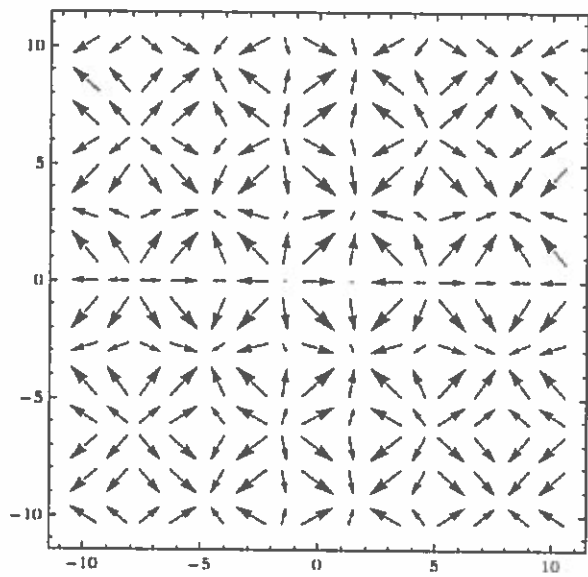
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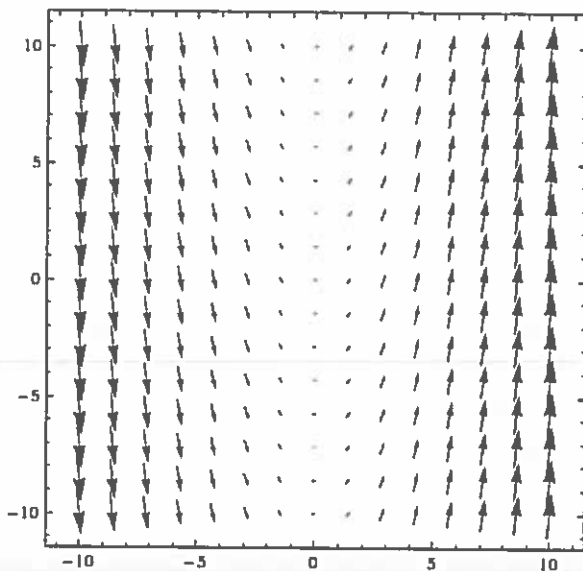
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