

16.5 EXERCISES

1–8 Find (a) the curl and (b) the divergence of the vector field.

1. $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = xyz \mathbf{i} - x^2y \mathbf{k}$

2. $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = x^2yz \mathbf{i} + xy^2z \mathbf{j} + xyz^2 \mathbf{k}$

3. $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \mathbf{i} + (x + yz) \mathbf{j} + (xy - \sqrt{z}) \mathbf{k}$

4. $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \cos xz \mathbf{j} - \sin xy \mathbf{k}$

5. $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}(x \mathbf{i} + y \mathbf{j} + z \mathbf{k})$

6. $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = e^{xy} \sin z \mathbf{j} + y \tan^{-1}(x/z) \mathbf{k}$

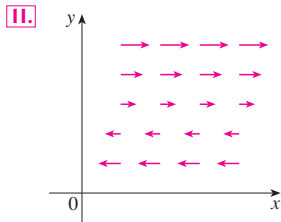
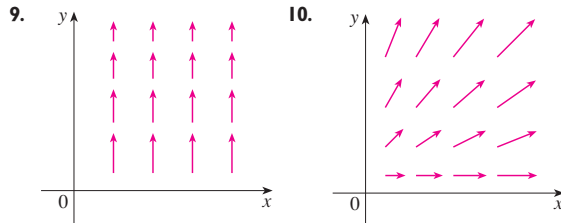
7. $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle \ln x, \ln(xy), \ln(xyz) \rangle$

8. $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle e^x, e^{xy}, e^{xyz} \rangle$

9–11 The vector field \mathbf{F} is shown in the xy -plane and looks the same in all other horizontal planes. (In other words, \mathbf{F} is independent of z and its z -component is 0.)

(a) Is $\text{div } \mathbf{F}$ positive, negative, or zero? Explain.

(b) Determine whether $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$. If not, in which direction does $\text{curl } \mathbf{F}$ point?



12. Let f be a scalar field and \mathbf{F} a vector field. State whether each expression is meaningful. If not, explain why. If so, state whether it is a scalar field or a vector field.

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| (a) $\text{curl } f$ | (b) $\text{grad } f$ |
| (c) $\text{div } \mathbf{F}$ | (d) $\text{curl}(\text{grad } f)$ |
| (e) $\text{grad } \mathbf{F}$ | (f) $\text{grad}(\text{div } \mathbf{F})$ |
| (g) $\text{div}(\text{grad } f)$ | (h) $\text{grad}(\text{div } f)$ |
| (i) $\text{curl}(\text{curl } \mathbf{F})$ | (j) $\text{div}(\text{div } \mathbf{F})$ |
| (k) $(\text{grad } f) \times (\text{div } \mathbf{F})$ | (l) $\text{div}(\text{curl}(\text{grad } f))$ |

13–18 Determine whether or not the vector field is conservative. If it is conservative, find a function f such that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$.

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

14. $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = xyz^2 \mathbf{i} + x^2yz^2 \mathbf{j} + x^2y^2z \mathbf{k}$

15. $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = 2xy \mathbf{i} + (x^2 + 2yz) \mathbf{j} + y^2 \mathbf{k}$

16. $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = e^z \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + xe^z \mathbf{k}$

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

18. $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = y \cos xy \mathbf{i} + x \cos xy \mathbf{j} - \sin z \mathbf{k}$

19. Is there a vector field \mathbf{G} on \mathbb{R}^3 such that $\text{curl } \mathbf{G} = \langle x \sin y, \cos y, z - xy \rangle$? Explain.

20. Is there a vector field \mathbf{G} on \mathbb{R}^3 such that $\text{curl } \mathbf{G} = \langle xyz, -y^2z, yz^2 \rangle$? Explain.

21. Show that any vector field of the form

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = f(x) \mathbf{i} + g(y) \mathbf{j} + h(z) \mathbf{k}$$

where f, g, h are differentiable functions, is irrotational.

22. Show that any vector field of the form

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = f(y, z) \mathbf{i} + g(x, z) \mathbf{j} + h(x, y) \mathbf{k}$$

is incompressible.

23–29 Prove the identity, assuming that the appropriate partial derivatives exist and are continuous. If f is a scalar field and \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G} are vector fields, then $f\mathbf{F}$, $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{G}$, and $\mathbf{F} \times \mathbf{G}$ are defined by

$$(f\mathbf{F})(x, y, z) = f(x, y, z) \mathbf{F}(x, y, z)$$

$$(\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{G})(x, y, z) = \mathbf{F}(x, y, z) \cdot \mathbf{G}(x, y, z)$$

$$(\mathbf{F} \times \mathbf{G})(x, y, z) = \mathbf{F}(x, y, z) \times \mathbf{G}(x, y, z)$$

23. $\text{div}(\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{G}) = \text{div } \mathbf{F} + \text{div } \mathbf{G}$

24. $\text{curl}(\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{G}) = \text{curl } \mathbf{F} + \text{curl } \mathbf{G}$

25. $\text{div}(f\mathbf{F}) = f \text{div } \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla f$

26. $\text{curl}(f\mathbf{F}) = f \text{curl } \mathbf{F} + (\nabla f) \times \mathbf{F}$

27. $\text{div}(\mathbf{F} \times \mathbf{G}) = \mathbf{G} \cdot \text{curl } \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{F} \cdot \text{curl } \mathbf{G}$

28. $\text{div}(\nabla f \times \nabla g) = 0$

29. $\text{curl}(\text{curl } \mathbf{F}) = \text{grad}(\text{div } \mathbf{F}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{F}$

30–32 Let $\mathbf{r} = x \mathbf{i} + y \mathbf{j} + z \mathbf{k}$ and $r = |\mathbf{r}|$.

30. Verify each identity.

(a) $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{r} = 3$

(b) $\nabla \cdot (r\mathbf{r}) = 4r$

(c) $\nabla^2 r^3 = 12r$

31. Verify each identity.

- (a) $\nabla r = \mathbf{r}/r$ (b) $\nabla \times \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{0}$
 (c) $\nabla(1/r) = -\mathbf{r}/r^3$ (d) $\nabla \ln r = \mathbf{r}/r^2$

32. If $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{r}/r^p$, find $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}$. Is there a value of p for which $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F} = 0$?

33. Use Green's Theorem in the form of Equation 13 to prove **Green's first identity**:

$$\iint_D f \nabla^2 g \, dA = \oint_C f(\nabla g) \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds - \iint_D \nabla f \cdot \nabla g \, dA$$

where D and C satisfy the hypotheses of Green's Theorem and the appropriate partial derivatives of f and g exist and are continuous. (The quantity $\nabla g \cdot \mathbf{n} = D_n g$ occurs in the line integral. This is the directional derivative in the direction of the normal vector \mathbf{n} and is called the **normal derivative** of g .)

34. Use Green's first identity (Exercise 33) to prove **Green's second identity**:

$$\iint_D (f \nabla^2 g - g \nabla^2 f) \, dA = \oint_C (f \nabla g - g \nabla f) \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds$$

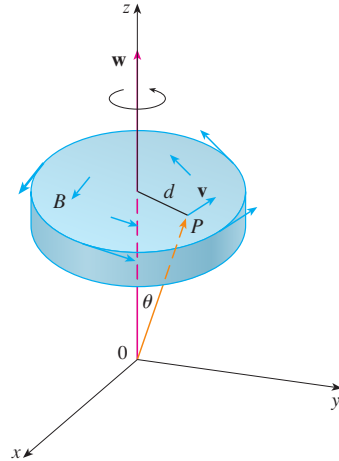
where D and C satisfy the hypotheses of Green's Theorem and the appropriate partial derivatives of f and g exist and are continuous.

35. Recall from Section 14.3 that a function g is called *harmonic* on D if it satisfies Laplace's equation, that is, $\nabla^2 g = 0$ on D . Use Green's first identity (with the same hypotheses as in Exercise 33) to show that if g is harmonic on D , then $\oint_C D_n g \, ds = 0$. Here $D_n g$ is the normal derivative of g defined in Exercise 33.

36. Use Green's first identity to show that if f is harmonic on D , and if $f(x, y) = 0$ on the boundary curve C , then $\iint_D |\nabla f|^2 \, dA = 0$. (Assume the same hypotheses as in Exercise 33.)

37. This exercise demonstrates a connection between the curl vector and rotations. Let B be a rigid body rotating about the z -axis. The rotation can be described by the vector $\mathbf{w} = \omega \mathbf{k}$, where ω is the angular speed of B , that is, the tangential speed of any point P in B divided by the distance d from the axis of rotation. Let $\mathbf{r} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$ be the position vector of P .

- (a) By considering the angle θ in the figure, show that the velocity field of B is given by $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{r}$.
 (b) Show that $\mathbf{v} = -\omega y \mathbf{i} + \omega x \mathbf{j}$.
 (c) Show that $\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{w}$.



38. Maxwell's equations relating the electric field \mathbf{E} and magnetic field \mathbf{H} as they vary with time in a region containing no charge and no current can be stated as follows:

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad \operatorname{div} \mathbf{H} = 0$$

$$\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t} \quad \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

where c is the speed of light. Use these equations to prove the following:

(a) $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) = -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2}$

(b) $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) = -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{H}}{\partial t^2}$

(c) $\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2}$ [Hint: Use Exercise 29.]

(d) $\nabla^2 \mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{H}}{\partial t^2}$

39. We have seen that all vector fields of the form $\mathbf{F} = \nabla g$ satisfy the equation $\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$ and that all vector fields of the form $\mathbf{F} = \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{G}$ satisfy the equation $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F} = 0$ (assuming continuity of the appropriate partial derivatives). This suggests the question: Are there any equations that all functions of the form $f = \operatorname{div} \mathbf{G}$ must satisfy? Show that the answer to this question is "No" by proving that every continuous function f on \mathbb{R}^3 is the divergence of some vector field. [Hint: Let $\mathbf{G}(x, y, z) = \langle g(x, y, z), 0, 0 \rangle$, where $g(x, y, z) = \int_0^x f(t, y, z) \, dt$.]