5-5 Videos Guide

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The del operator

• The curl of a vector field $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j} + R\mathbf{k}$

o curl
$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{\nabla} \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ P & Q & R \end{vmatrix}$$

Theorem (statement and proof):

• If **F** is conservative, then curl $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$ (so if curl $\mathbf{F} \neq \mathbf{0}$, then **F** is not conservative)

Theorem (statement):

• The converse of the above theorem is true if **F** is defined on all of \mathbb{R}^3

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• The divergence of a vector field $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j} + R\mathbf{k}$

$$\circ \quad \text{div } \mathbf{F} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{d}{dz} \rangle \cdot \langle P, Q, R \rangle = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z}$$

Exercise:

• Find (a) the curl and (b) the divergence of the vector field.

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = x^3 y z^2 \mathbf{j} + y^4 z^3 \mathbf{k}$$

Zero results

- o If curl $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$ at P, then \mathbf{F} is said to be *irrotational* at P.
- o If div $\mathbf{F} = 0$, then \mathbf{F} is said to be *incompressible*.

Theorem (statement and proof):

• If $\mathbf{F} = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j} + R\mathbf{k}$ and P, Q, and R have continuous second-order partial derivatives, then div curl $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$.

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• Vector forms of Green's Theorem

$$\circ \oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_D (\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{k} \, dA$$

$$\circ \oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds = \iint_D \operatorname{div} \mathbf{F}(x, y) \, dA$$