

HW 6.

Exercise 1. Let $F(X) = r^n X$, where $r = \|X\|$, the distance to the origin. Find a potential function for F . (Hint: recall that for a function $f = g(r)$, the gradient is

$$\text{grad } f(X) = \frac{g'(r)}{r} X.)$$

Exercise 2. Let $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$. Compute the integral of

$$F = \frac{1}{r} X$$

around the circle of radius 2 centered at the origin, going counterclockwise.

Exercise 3. Let

$$G(x, y) = \left(\frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \right).$$

Compute the integral of G along the following curves:

- $x^2 + y^2 = 2$ from $(1, 1)$ to $(-\sqrt{2}, 0)$.
- Counterclockwise around the entire circle $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ where r is some fixed radius.

Exercise 4. Integrate the field $F = (x^2 y^2, xy^2)$ counterclockwise around the closed path formed by the parts of the line $x = 1$ and the parabola $x = y^2$.

Exercise 5. Let $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and

$$F(x, y) = \left(\frac{x}{r^3}, \frac{y}{r^3} \right).$$

Find the integral of F along $C(t) = (e^t \cos t, e^t \sin t)$ from $(1, 0)$ to $(e^{2\pi}, 0)$. (Hint: do you really want to evaluate this directly?)

Exercise 6. Find potentials for the following vector fields.

- $(y \sin(z), x \sin(z), xy \cos(z))$
- $(z^2, 2y, 2xz)$