


Math 241: Exam #2

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- When space is provided, **show work which justifies your answer.** You do not need to show work on multiple choice questions unless otherwise specified.
 - No calculators, notes, books, etc... are permitted.
 - You do not need to numerically evaluate expressions such as $\sqrt{7}$, $4/13$, $\cos(\pi/10)$, etc...
 - The exam lasts **60 minutes**, has **6 pages** and consists of **7 questions**.

Question 1. Consider the function $f(x, y) = 2xy + y^2$. (9 points)

(a) Find one critical point P of f .

$$\text{Need to solve } \nabla f = \langle 2y, 2x+2y \rangle = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$$
$$\begin{cases} 2y = 0 \\ 2x+2y = 0 \end{cases} \leadsto x=0, y=0$$

critical point $P =$

$(0, 0)$

(b) Use the Second Derivatives test to determine whether the critical point P is

- ☐ a local minimum of f ,
- ☐ a local maximum of f ,
- ☒ a saddle point of f , or
- ☐ none of the above?

Show your work.

$$D(x, y) = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -4 < 0$$

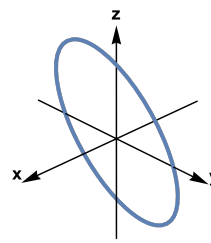
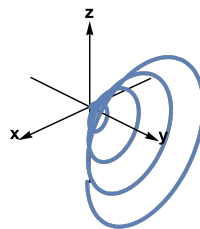
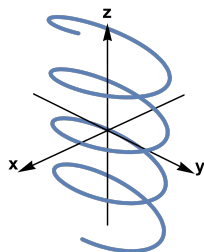
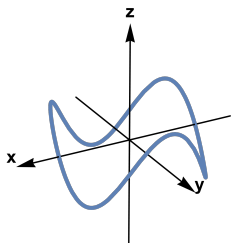
(c) Does the function f have an absolute minimum in the closed unit disk $\{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$?
There is no need to determine the value, if it exists.

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ It is impossible to tell from the given information.

Question 2. Which of the following figures depicts the parameterized curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, 2 \sin t, 3 \cos t \rangle, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi?$$

Mark your answer. (2 points)



Question 3. Is the vector field $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle 4xy, 2x^2 + 3y^2 \rangle$ conservative? Circle your answer: **Yes** No

If \mathbf{F} is conservative, find a potential function $f(x, y)$ for \mathbf{F} .

If there is no potential function, explain why not and leave the answer box blank. (5 points)

Suppose $\vec{F} = \nabla f$, so
$$\begin{cases} f_x = 4xy \\ f_y = 2x^2 + 3y^2 \end{cases}$$

Then $f = \int 4xy \, dx = 2x^2y + g(y)$ for some function $g(y)$.

Now $f_y = 2x^2 + g'(y) = 2x^2 + 3y^2$, so $g'(y) = 3y^2$.

$\leadsto g(y) = \int 3y^2 \, dy = y^3 + C$, for some constant C .

$f(x, y) =$

$$2x^2y + y^3 + C$$

Question 4. Exactly two of the following vector fields are *not* conservative? Which two? **(4 points)**



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B



C



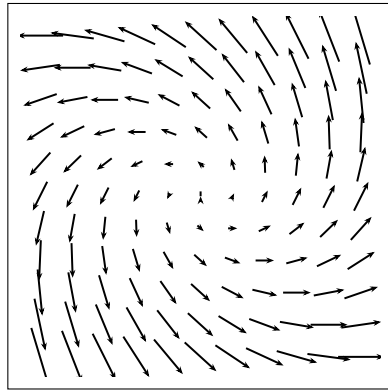
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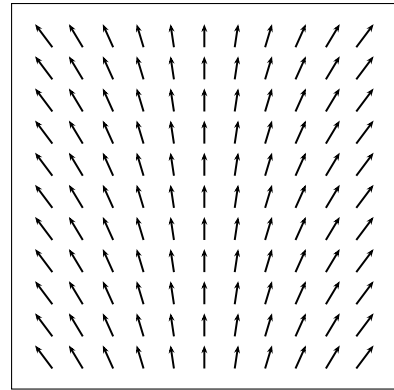
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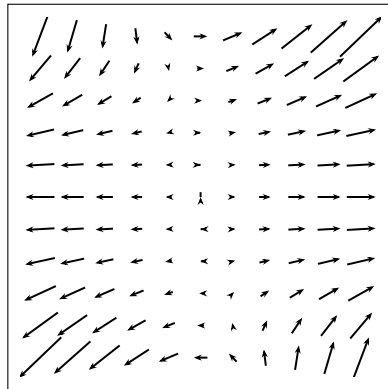
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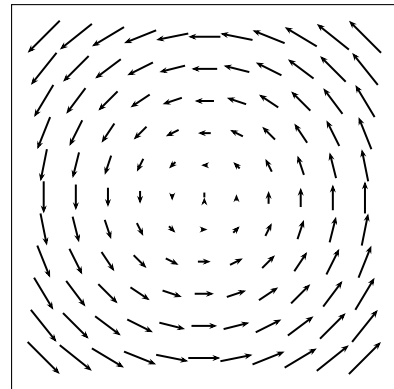
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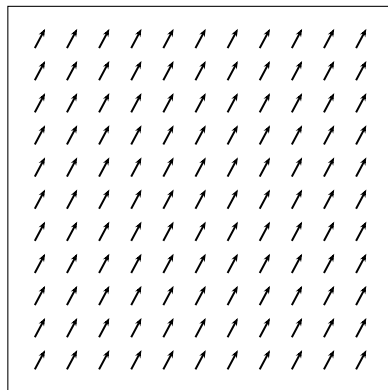
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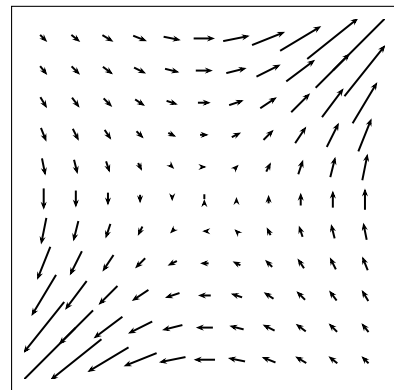
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Question 5. Let $g(x, y) = x^2y - xy^2$. The diagram below depicts the vector field $\mathbf{G} = \nabla g$ and the curve C from the point $P(2, 1)$ to the origin $Q(0, 0)$. **(4 points)**

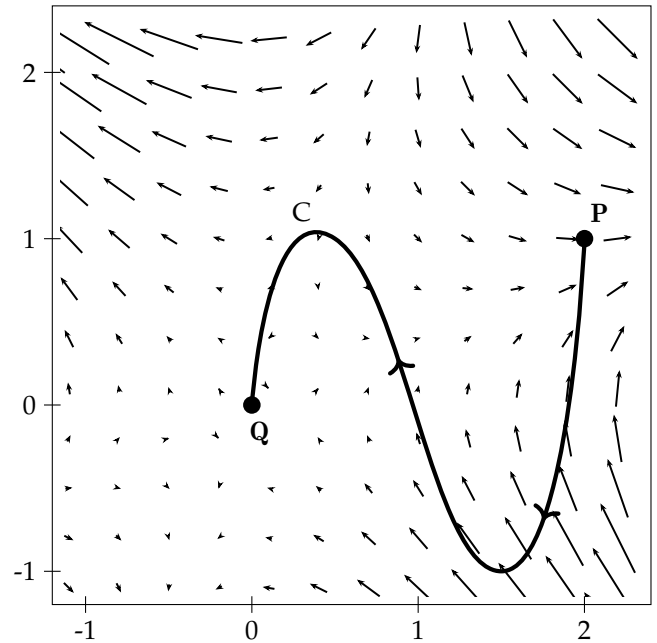
Compute $\int_C \mathbf{G} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$.

By FTLI,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \vec{G} \cdot d\vec{r} &= g(Q) - g(P) = \\ &= g(0, 0) - g(2, 1) = 0 - 2 = -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_C \mathbf{G} \cdot d\mathbf{r} =$$

$$-2$$



Question 6. Consider the function $f(x, y) = xy$ and the curve C given by $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle -3\sin(t), 3\cos(t) \rangle$, $0 \leq t \leq \pi/2$.

Compute $\int_C f(x, y) ds$. **(8 points)**

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -3\cos t, -3\sin t \rangle$$

$$|\vec{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{9\cos^2 t + 9\sin^2 t} = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C f ds &= \int_0^{\pi/2} f(-3\sin t, 3\cos t) |\vec{r}'(t)| dt = \int_0^{\pi/2} 27\sin t \cos t dt = \int_0^{\pi/2} 27\sin t d\sin t = \\ &= -\frac{27}{2} \sin^2 t \Big|_{t=0}^{\pi/2} = -\frac{27}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_C f(x, y) ds =$$

$$-\frac{27}{2}$$

Question 7. Use Lagrange multipliers to find the absolute minimum and the absolute maximum of the function

$$f(x, y) = -4x + 2y + 5,$$

subject to the constraint $g(x, y) = 2x^2 + y^2 = 3$. **(8 points)**

Need to solve $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$, or $\nabla g = \vec{0}$.

Note: $\nabla g = \langle 4x, 2y \rangle$ is zero only at $(0, 0)$, which doesn't satisfy the constraint.

So we may assume $\nabla g \neq \vec{0}$.

$$\nabla f = \langle -4, 2 \rangle = \lambda \langle 4x, 2y \rangle = \lambda \nabla g$$

$$\text{means } \begin{cases} -4 = 4\lambda x \\ 2 = 2\lambda y \end{cases} \quad \text{so } \begin{cases} \lambda x = -1 \\ \lambda y = 1 \end{cases}$$

these equations can't be satisfied if $\lambda = 0$, so we may assume $\lambda \neq 0$.

$$\text{then } x = -\frac{1}{\lambda}, \quad y = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

Plugging into the constraint, we get

$$g(x, y) = 2x^2 + y^2 = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda^2} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = \frac{3}{\lambda^2} = 3$$

$$\text{So } \lambda = \pm 1.$$

$$\longrightarrow \text{if } \lambda = 1 \quad (x, y) = (-1, 1) \quad \text{and} \quad f(-1, 1) = 4 + 2 + 5 = 11$$

$$\longrightarrow \text{if } \lambda = -1 \quad (x, y) = (1, -1) \quad \text{and} \quad f(1, -1) = -4 - 2 + 5 = -1$$

minimum value of $f =$

$$-1$$

at the point(s)

$$(1, -1)$$

maximum value of $f =$

$$11$$

at the point(s)

$$(-1, 1)$$