

Grad Div Curl Worksheet

We define three scalar functions:

$$f(x, y, z) = x^3y + ye^{xz}, \quad g(x, y, z) = \sin xy + \cos y - z, \quad h(x, y, z) = x^2e^y \sin z.$$

We define three vector fields:

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle y^2, xyz, xy^2e^z \rangle, \quad \mathbf{G}(x, y, z) = \langle \sin yz, e^{xy}, xyz \rangle, \quad \mathbf{H}(x, y, z) = \langle x^2, e^y, z^3 \rangle.$$

Do each of the problems below. If an operation is impossible explain why. Answers are on the next page. Don't peek until you are done.

1. Find a scalar function $p(x, y, z)$ such that $\mathbf{H} = \nabla p$.
2. Find a scalar function $p(x, y, z)$ such that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla p$.
3. ∇f
4. $\nabla^2 f$
5. $\nabla \times \nabla f$
6. $\mathbf{grad} g$
7. ∇h
8. $\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{F}$
9. $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}$
10. $\mathbf{div} h\mathbf{H}$
11. $\mathbf{curl} h$
12. $\mathbf{grad} h^2$
13. $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{G} \times \mathbf{H})$
14. $\mathbf{curl} (\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{H})$
15. $\nabla \times (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H})$
16. $\nabla(\mathbf{div} \mathbf{H})$
17. $\mathbf{div} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H})$
18. $\nabla^2 h + \mathbf{G}$
19. $\nabla^2 h + \mathbf{div} \mathbf{G}$
20. $\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{H} \times \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{G}$

Answers

1. $p(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + e^y + \frac{1}{4}z^4$
2. Cannot be done since $\mathbf{curl F} \neq \mathbf{0}$.
3. $\langle 3x^2y + yze^{xz}, x^3 + e^{xz}, xy e^{xz} \rangle$
4. $6xy + (yz^2 + x^2y)e^{xz}$
5. $\mathbf{0}$
6. $\langle y \cos xy, x \cos xy - \sin y, -1 \rangle$
7. $\langle 2xe^y \sin z, x^2e^y \sin z, x^2e^y \cos z \rangle$
8. $\langle xy(2e^z - 1), -y^2e^z, y(z - 2) \rangle$
9. $2x + e^y + 3z^2$
10. $(4x^3 + 2x^2e^y + 3x^2z^2)e^y \sin z + x^2z^3e^y \cos z$
11. Not defined since h is not a vector field.
12. $\langle 4x^3e^{2y} \sin^2 z, 2x^4e^{2y} \sin z, 2x^4e^{2y} \sin z \cos z \rangle$
13. $yz^3e^{xy} - yze^y + x^3x - z^4 \cos yz + ye^y \cos yz$
14. $\langle xy(2e^z - 1), -y^2e^z, y(z - 2) \rangle$
15. Not defined since you cannot take the curl of a scalar function.
16. $\langle 2, e^y, 6z \rangle$
17. Not defined since you cannot take the divergence of a scalar function.
18. Not defined since you cannot add a scalar and a vector.
19. $2e^y \sin z + xe^{xy} + xy$
20. $\mathbf{0}$