

$$2.13 \quad E_x = 6xy \quad E_y = 3x^2 - 3y^2 \quad E_z = 0$$

$$(\text{curl } \underline{E})_x = \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (\text{curl } \underline{E})_y = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$(\text{curl } \underline{E})_z = \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} = 6x - 6x = 0$$

$$\text{div } \underline{E} = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} = 6y - 6y = 0$$

$$2.15 \quad (a) \quad \underline{F} = \hat{x}(x+y) + \hat{y}(-x+y) + \hat{z}(-2z)$$

$$\nabla \times \underline{F} = \hat{x}(0+0) + \hat{y}(0+0) + \hat{z}(-1-1) = -2\hat{z}$$

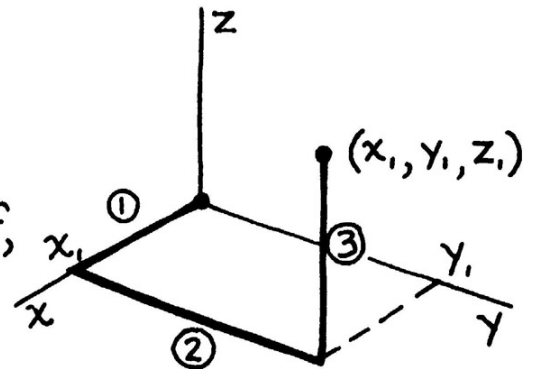
$$\nabla \cdot \underline{F} = 1 + 1 - 2 = 0$$

$$(b) \quad \underline{G} = \hat{x}(2y) + \hat{y}(2x+3z) + \hat{z}(3y)$$

$$\nabla \times \underline{G} = \hat{x}(3-3) + \hat{y}(0+0) + \hat{z}(2-2) = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{G} = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

Since  $\nabla \times \underline{G} = 0$  there exists an  $f$  such that  $\underline{G} = \nabla f$ . To determine  $f$ , compute the line integral of  $\underline{G}$  from a fixed point, say  $(0,0,0)$ , to a general point  $x_1, y_1, z_1$ , over any path. Using the



path composed of lines ①, ② and ③ :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{(0,0,0)}^{(x_1, y_1, z_1)} \underline{\underline{G}} \cdot d\underline{\underline{s}} &= \int_0^{x_1} G_x(x, 0, 0) dx + \int_0^{y_1} G_y(x_1, y_1, 0) dy + \int_0^{z_1} G_z(x_1, y_1, z) dz \\ &= \int_0^{x_1} 0 dx + \int_0^{y_1} 2x_1 dy + \int_0^{z_1} 3y_1 dz = 2x_1 y_1 + 3y_1 z_1 = f \end{aligned}$$

$x_1, y_1, z_1$  was a general point, so we can drop the subscripts and write :  $f = 2xy + 3yz$ .

To check that  $\nabla f = \underline{\underline{G}}$  :

$$\nabla f = 2y \hat{x} + (2x + 3z) \hat{y} + 3y \hat{z} = \underline{\underline{G}}$$

$$(c) \underline{\underline{H}} = \hat{x} (x^2 - z^2) + \hat{y} (2) + \hat{z} (2xz)$$

$$\nabla \times \underline{\underline{H}} = x(0+0) + \hat{y} (-2z - 2z) + \hat{z} (0+0) = -4z \hat{y}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{H}} = 2x + 0 + 2x = 4x$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \boxed{2.16} \quad (a) \quad \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \underline{A}) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\nabla \times \underline{A})_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\nabla \times \underline{A})_y + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\nabla \times \underline{A})_z \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 A_y}{\partial x \partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial y \partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 A_y}{\partial z \partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 A_x}{\partial z \partial y} = 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

because  $\frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial y \partial x}$  for any function  $A_z$  with continuous derivatives; likewise for  $A_x$  and  $A_y$ .

(b) If  $\underline{A}$  is any vector field,  $\int_C \underline{A} \cdot d\underline{s} \rightarrow 0$  over a curve such as  $C$  which consists of adjacent paths running in opposite directions. This path bounds the shaded surface  $S$ . Hence, by Stokes' theorem,  $\int_S (\nabla \times \underline{A}) \cdot d\underline{a} = 0$



But the slit is a negligible part of the whole closed surface  $S'$ , so the

same conclusion must apply to  $S'$ :  $\int_{S'} (\nabla \times \underline{A}) \cdot d\underline{a} = 0$

$S'$  could have been any surface, so we have concluded that the vector function  $(\nabla \times \underline{A})$  has zero surface integral over any arbitrary closed surface. It follows from Gauss's theorem that  $\text{div}(\nabla \times \underline{A}) = 0$  everywhere, for if the divergence were different from zero in any small region, a surface surrounding just that region would necessarily have a non-zero surface integral. (Of course, we can apply such an argument only to "well-behaved" functions.)