



Figure 1

- Match the vector field with its plot in the above figure. Talk with your group and relate characteristics of the plots to the functions.
  - $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle x, y \rangle$
  - $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle y, y - x \rangle$
  - $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle \cos x, \cos y \rangle$
  - $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle x, x - 2 \rangle$
- Which of the above vector fields can you conclude are *not* conservative? For the others, can you find a potential function?
- Show that if  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z)$  is a vector field with smooth component functions then the divergence of the curl of  $\mathbf{F}$  is 0, i.e.  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) = 0$ . Give an explanation for why this is not surprising in light of what you know about  $\cdot$  and  $\times$  from 32a.
- Try to determine whether or not the vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle y^2, 2xy + e^{3z}, 3ye^{3z} \rangle$  is conservative. If you think it is conservative, find a potential function.
- Consider the vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \left\langle \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \right\rangle$ .
  - Compute  $\oint_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  where  $\mathcal{C}$  is the circle of radius  $r$  centered at the origin, oriented counterclockwise. This computation shows that  $\mathbf{F}$  is *not* conservative. (We'll talk about this more in class on Wednesday)
  - Show that the curl of  $\mathbf{F}$  is 0. Is this surprising in light of numbers 2 and 4 on this worksheet and that fact that  $\mathbf{F}$  is not conservative (and what we've talked about in class, if you are doing this worksheet later in the week)? Give a resolution to the conundrum. **Hint:** What are the domains of all these vector fields?