

MATH 272, QUIZ 1  
DUE FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> AT THE END OF CLASS

**Instructions** You are allowed a textbook, homework, notes, worksheets, material on our Canvas page, but no other online resources (including calculators or WolframAlpha) for this quiz. **Do not discuss any problem any other person.** All of your solutions should be easily identifiable and supporting work must be shown. Ambiguous or illegible answers will not be counted as correct.

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**THERE ARE 6 TOTAL PROBLEMS.**

**Problem 1.** For the following, describe the domain  $D$  and codomain  $C$  for the given type of function.

- (a) **(1 pts.)** A curve is a function  $\vec{\gamma}: D \rightarrow C$ .
- (b) **(1 pts.)** A scalar field is a function  $f: D \rightarrow C$ .
- (c) **(1 pts.)** A vector field is a function  $\vec{V}: D \rightarrow C$ .

**Problem 2.** Let  $\vec{\gamma}$  be a curve defined by

$$\vec{\gamma}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^t \\ e^{-t} \\ t \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } t \in [0, 1].$$

- (a) **(2 pts.)** Compute the tangent vector at time  $t$ ,  $\dot{\vec{\gamma}}(t)$ .
- (b) **(2 pts.)** Compute the speed at time  $t$ ,  $|\dot{\vec{\gamma}}(t)|$  (do not feel the need to simplify).
- (c) **(2 pts.)** Let  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$ . Set up, but do not compute,

$$\int_{\vec{\gamma}} f(\vec{\gamma}) d\vec{\gamma}$$

(do not worry about simplifying this fully).

**Problem 3.** Let  $f(x, y, z) = \sin(x) \sin(z) + e^{yz}$ .

- (a) **(2 pts.)** Compute all first order partial derivatives of  $f$ .
- (b) **(2 pts.)** Compute the laplacian of  $f$ .

**Problem 4. (3 pts.)** Consider the vector field  $\vec{V}$  defined by

$$\vec{V}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 \\ xy \end{pmatrix}.$$

Plot and label the vector field at the following points.

- i.  $\vec{x}_1 = (1, 2)$ ;
- ii.  $\vec{x}_2 = (0, -3)$ ;
- iii.  $\vec{x}_3 = (-1, -1)$ .

**Problem 5.** Here is a plot of a 3-dimensional vector field  $\vec{V}$  when viewing from a few different angles.

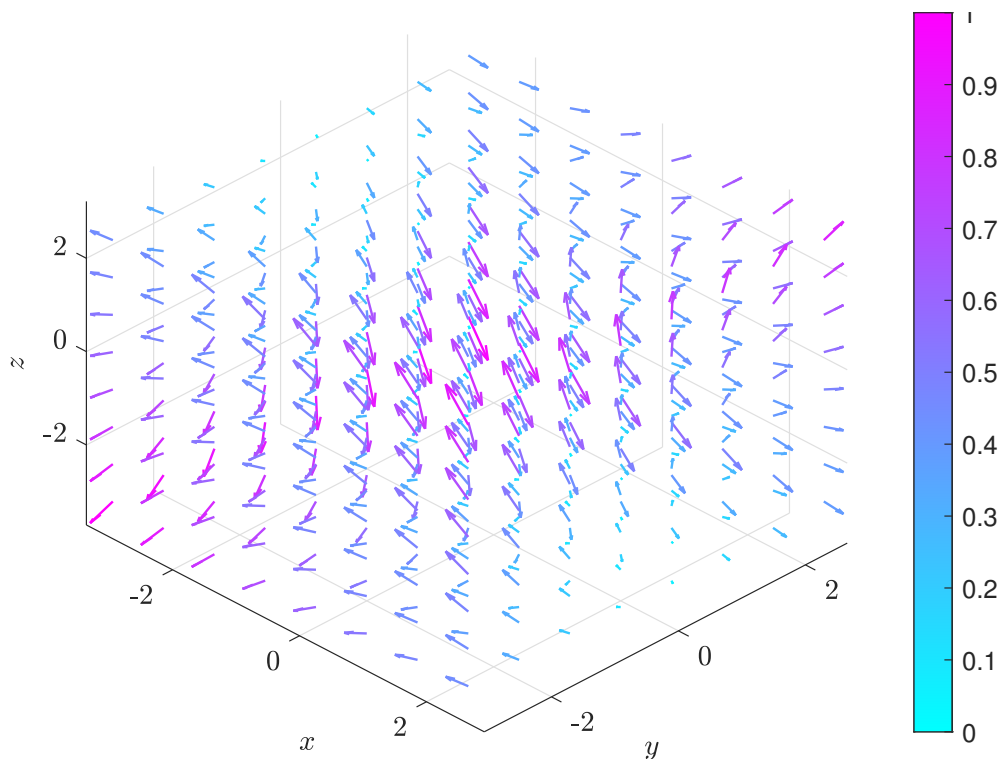
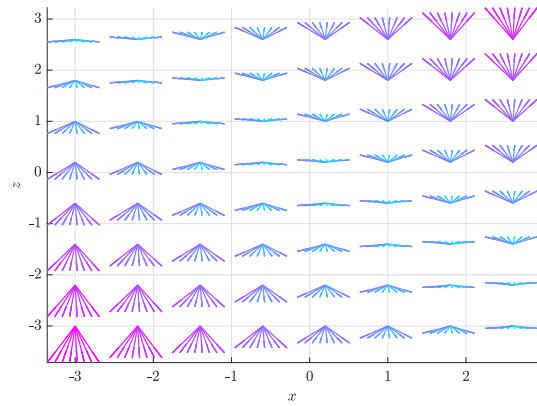
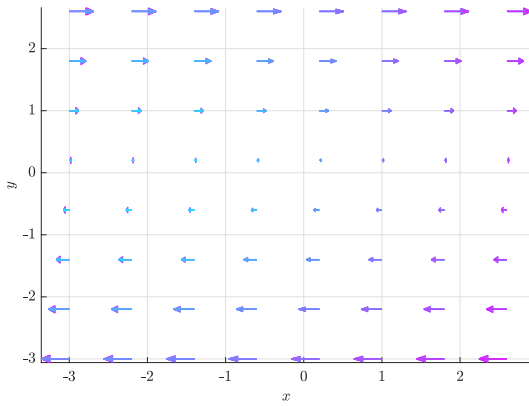


FIGURE 1. A view of the vector field  $\vec{V}$ . Note that the colorscaling on this plot represents the length of the vectors. The next plots use the same colorscale.



(I)  $\vec{V}$  when looking towards the  $xy$ -plane.      (II)  $\vec{V}$  when looking towards the  $xz$ -plane.

- (a) (2 pts.) Does this vector field have divergence? Explain.  
 (b) (2 pts.) Does this vector field have curl? Explain.

**Problem 6. (2 pts.)** Let  $f$  be a scalar field with gradient  $\vec{\nabla}f$ . Suppose as well that  $\vec{\nabla}f$  has no divergence. Explain or show why  $\Delta f = 0$ .