

3.44 Each of the following vector fields is displayed in Fig. P3.44 in the form of a vector representation. Determine $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$ analytically and then compare the result with your expectations on the basis of the displayed pattern.

(a) $\mathbf{A} = -\hat{\mathbf{x}}\cos x \sin y + \hat{\mathbf{y}}\sin x \cos y$, for $-\pi \leq x, y \leq \pi$

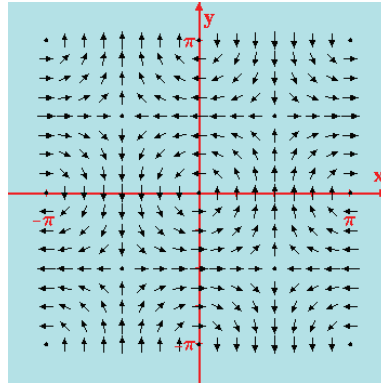


Figure P3.44(a)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} &= -\hat{\mathbf{x}}\cos x \sin y + \hat{\mathbf{y}}\sin x \cos y \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} &= \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(-\cos x \sin y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\sin x \cos y) \\ &= \sin x \sin y - \sin x \sin y = 0\end{aligned}$$

Yes, \mathbf{A} is divergenceless everywhere.

(b) $\mathbf{A} = -\hat{\mathbf{x}} \sin 2y + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cos 2x$, for $-\pi \leq x, y \leq \pi$

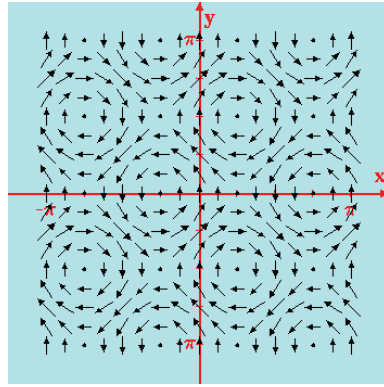


Figure P3.44(b)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} &= -\hat{\mathbf{x}} \sin 2y + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cos 2x \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} &= \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(-\sin 2y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\cos 2x) = 0\end{aligned}$$

Yes, \mathbf{A} is divergenceless everywhere.

(c) $\mathbf{A} = -\hat{\mathbf{x}}xy + \hat{\mathbf{y}}y^2$, for $-10 \leq x, y \leq 10$

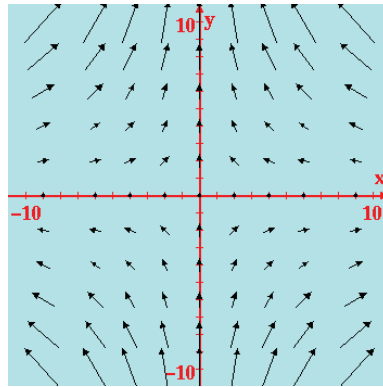


Figure P3.44(c)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} &= -\hat{\mathbf{x}}xy + \hat{\mathbf{y}}y^2 \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} &= \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(-xy) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y^2) = -y + 2y = y\end{aligned}$$

NO, \mathbf{A} is not divergenceless everywhere. It is divergenceless only at $y = 0$.

(d) $\mathbf{A} = -\hat{\mathbf{x}}\cos x + \hat{\mathbf{y}}\sin y$, for $-\pi \leq x, y \leq \pi$

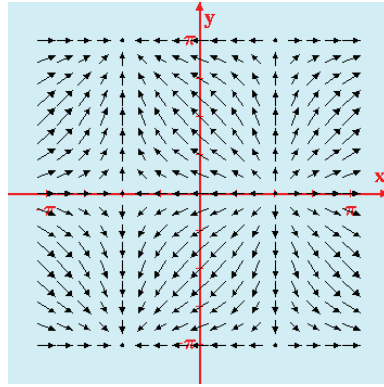


Figure P3.44(d)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} &= -\hat{\mathbf{x}}\cos x + \hat{\mathbf{y}}\sin y \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} &= \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(-\cos x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\sin y) = \sin x + \cos y\end{aligned}$$

NO, \mathbf{A} is not divergenceless everywhere.

(e) $\mathbf{A} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}x$, for $-10 \leq x \leq 10$

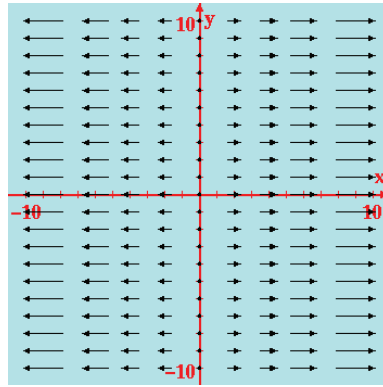


Figure P3.44(e)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} &= \hat{\mathbf{x}}x \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} &= \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

This indicates that the divergence of \mathbf{A} is the same at all points in the defined space. In other words, every small volume is a source of flux (more flux leaving the volume than entering it), and the net generated flux is the same at all locations.

(f) $\mathbf{A} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}xy^2$, for $-10 \leq x, y \leq 10$

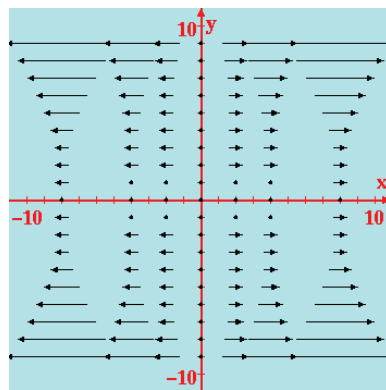


Figure P3.44(f)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} &= \hat{\mathbf{x}}xy^2 \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} &= \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \\ &= y^2\end{aligned}$$

(g) $\mathbf{A} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}xy^2 + \hat{\mathbf{y}}x^2y$, for $-10 \leq x, y \leq 10$

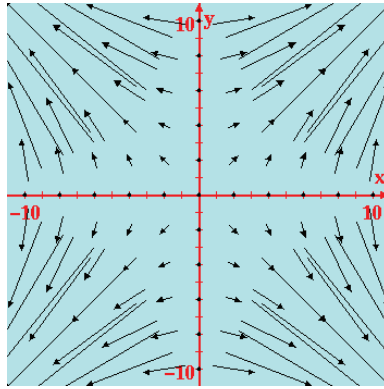


Figure P3.44(g)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} &= \hat{\mathbf{x}}xy^2 + \hat{\mathbf{y}}x^2y \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} &= \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \\ &= y^2 + x^2\end{aligned}$$

(h) $\mathbf{A} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{10}\right) + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{10}\right)$, for $-10 \leq x, y \leq 10$

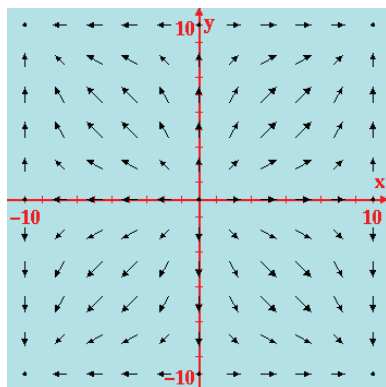


Figure P3.44(h)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &= \hat{\mathbf{x}} \sin(\pi x/10) + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \sin(\pi y/10) \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} &= \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{10} [\cos(\pi x/10) + \cos(\pi y/10)] \end{aligned}$$

(i) $\mathbf{A} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}r + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}r\cos\phi$, for $\begin{cases} 0 \leq r \leq 10 \\ 0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi. \end{cases}$

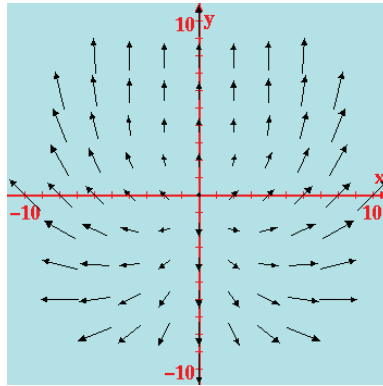


Figure P3.44(i)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &= \hat{\mathbf{r}}r + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}r\cos\phi \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rA_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \\ &= 2 - \sin\phi \end{aligned}$$

(j) $\mathbf{A} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} r^2 + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} r^2 \sin \phi$, for $\begin{cases} 0 \leq r \leq 10 \\ 0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi. \end{cases}$

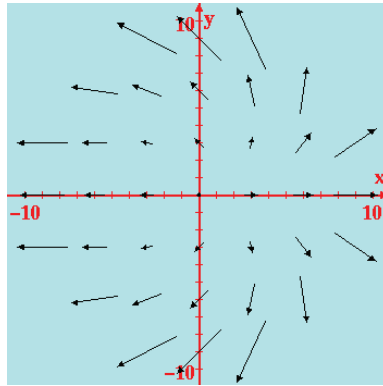


Figure P3.44(j)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &= \hat{\mathbf{r}} r^2 + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} r^2 \sin \phi \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \\ &= 3r + r \cos \phi \end{aligned}$$
