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**Quiz 6 - Take home - Due Tue. April 13**

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1. Let  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \frac{y}{x^2+y^2}\mathbf{i} - \frac{x}{x^2+y^2}\mathbf{j}$ . Note that the vector field is not defined at  $(0, 0)$ .

(a) (6 pts) Show that  $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$ .

(b) (7 pts) Part (a) implies that on simply connected regions not containing  $(0, 0)$  the field is conservative. Find a potential  $\phi(x, y)$  for the field on such regions.

(c) (7 pts) Show that

$$\int_{C_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} \neq \int_{C_2} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} ,$$

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are the semi-circular paths from  $(1, 0)$  to  $(-1, 0)$  given by:

$C_1$ :  $x = \cos t, y = \sin t, 0 \leq t \leq \pi$ ;

$C_2$ :  $x = \cos t, y = -\sin t, 0 \leq t \leq \pi$ .

(d) (4 pts bonus) Can you explain why parts (b) and (c) are not contradictory?