

Consider a vector field  $\mathbf{F}$ . If the curl of that vector field is zero ( $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = 0$ ), which of the following are true?

I.  $\int \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 0$

II.  $\oint \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$

III.  $\int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  is path independent

IV.  $\mathbf{F}$  is a "conservative" vector field

A. Only I

B. I and II

C. II and III

D. I, II, and III

E. Some other combination

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Exam 1 next Wednesday
  - Topics: Charge, Electric field,  $\delta$  functions, Electric potential
  - Sections: Ch 1.1-1.5 and 2.1-2.3
- More detailed information coming this Wednesday!

Is the following mathematical operation ok?

$$\nabla \times \left( \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \int \int_V \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')d\tau'}{\mathfrak{R}^2} \hat{\mathfrak{R}} \right) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \int \int_V \left( \nabla \times \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')d\tau'}{\mathfrak{R}^2} \hat{\mathfrak{R}} \right)$$

- A. Yup. It's just fine and I can say why
- B. I think it's fine, but I'm not sure I know why
- C. No, we can't exchange the curl and an integral!
- D. I'm not sure.

Is it mathematically ok to do this?

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\mathbf{r}') d\tau' \left( -\nabla \frac{1}{\mathfrak{R}} \right)$$

$$\longrightarrow \mathbf{E} = -\nabla \left( \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\mathbf{r}') d\tau' \frac{1}{\mathfrak{R}} \right)$$

A. Yes

B. No

C. ???

If  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$ , then  $\oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} =$

A. 0

B. something finite

C.  $\infty$

D. Can't tell without knowing  $C$

Can superposition be applied to electric potential,  $V$ ?

$$V_{tot} \stackrel{?}{=} \sum_i V_i = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 + \dots$$

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Sometimes

The potential is zero at some point in space.

You can conclude that:

- A. The E-field is zero at that point
- B. The E-field is non-zero at that point
- C. You can conclude nothing at all about the E-field at that point

The potential is constant everywhere along in some region of space.

You can conclude that:

- A. The E-field has a constant magnitude in that space.
- B. The E-field is zero in that space.
- C. You can conclude nothing at all about the magnitude of **E** along that line.