

Special Problem 2-5.17

Write the number (e.g., 23, 25) of **all** of the expressions below that **equal zero**:

1. For **any** and **all** vector fields $\mathbf{A}(\vec{r})$: _____

2. **Only** when the vector field $\mathbf{A}(\vec{r})$ is **conservative**: _____

3. **Only** when the vector field $\mathbf{A}(\vec{r})$ is **solenoidal**: _____

Provide some justification!

Hint: Note that each expression can appear in only **one** of the three lists (although some **may** appear in none)!

23: $\oiint_S \mathbf{A}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{ds}$

24: $\oiint_S \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{ds}$

25: $\oiint_S (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}(\vec{r})) \cdot \vec{ds}$

26: $\oint_C \mathbf{A}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{dl}$

27: $\oint_C \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{dl}$

28: $\oint_C (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}(\vec{r})) \cdot \vec{dl}$