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**Homework 7**

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**Exercise 1** Consider the vector field  $F : \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined for  $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$  by

$$F(x,y) = \left( \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$$

- (i) Represent graphically this vector field (you can use polar coordinates),
- (ii) Can you find a potential function for this vector field, and if so exhibit it.

**Exercise 2** Consider the map

$$f : \mathbb{R}^2 \ni (x,y) \mapsto x^3 - 2xy + 2y^2 - 1 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (i) Show that the implicit function theorem can be applied at the point  $(1,1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,
- (ii) Compute the tangent at the point  $(1,1)$  of the curve of equation  $f(x,y) = 0$ , and determine the position of this curve with respect to the tangent line at this point.

**Exercise 3** Consider the map

$$f : \mathbb{R}^3 \ni (x,y,z) \mapsto x^2 - xy^3 - y^2z + z^3 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (i) Show that the implicit function theorem can be applied at the point  $(1,1,1)$ . We shall call  $\phi$  the implicit function defined on  $B_\varepsilon((1,1))$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$  and which expresses  $z$  in terms of  $x,y$  for  $z$  near the value 1,
- (ii) Determine the equation of the plane tangent to the surface defined by  $f(x,y,z) = 0$  at the point  $(1,1,1)$ .