

$\partial(ye^x + \sin y)/\partial y = e^x + \cos y = \partial(e^x + x \cos y)/\partial x$ and the domain of \mathbf{F} is \mathbb{R}^2 . Hence \mathbf{F} is conservative so there exists a function f such that $\nabla f = \mathbf{F}$. Then $f_x(x, y) = ye^x + \sin y$ implies $f(x, y) = ye^x + x \sin y + g(y)$ and $f_y(x, y) = e^x + x \cos y + g'(y)$. But $f_y(x, y) = e^x + x \cos y$ so $g(y) = K$ and $f(x, y) = ye^x + x \sin y + K$ is a potential function for \mathbf{F} .