

Vector Fields
Scalar and Vector Fields

Question

Sketch the following plane vector field and determine its field lines.

$$\underline{F}(x, y) = \nabla(x^2 - y)$$

Answer

The field lines satisfy $\frac{dx}{2x} = \frac{dy}{-1}$.

They are the curves

$$y = -\frac{1}{2} \ln x + C.$$

