

Vector Fields
Scalar and Vector Fields

Question

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

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

Answer

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

The field lines satisfy $\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{y}$.

Thus they are radial lines

$$y = Cx \quad (\text{and } x = 0)$$

