Vector Calculus	Responses 0402
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Question 1. Could you do question 35? It's not obvious to me that F is conservative.

Answer. I think they mean, assuming  $\vec{F}$  is continuous.

So it asks to find the path of least work. If we assume  $\vec{F}$  is conservative, it is path independent, so every path is the same amount of work.

**Question 2.** Does the differential form being exact always imply the field being conservative for a given function?

Answer. The form M dx + N dy + P dz being exact is synonymous with  $\vec{F} = \langle M, N, P \rangle$  being conservative, which is true if and only if  $\vec{F} = \nabla f$  for some scalar function f.

Keep in mind, however, that this is occurring in a domain D. So the form is exact in D if and only if  $\vec{F}$  is conservative in D.

Question 3. Why didn't you make bat a choice? That's the real reason for the coronavirus.

Answer. Bats and guns don't kill people. Viruses and bullets kill people.