## MTH 255

1. For each of the problems below, say whether you expect the given vector field to have positive, negative, or zero circulation *counterclockwise* around the closed curve C in the figure shown at the right. Two of the segments of C are circular arcs centered at the origin; the other two are radial line segments. You may find it helpful to sketch the vector field.

(a) 
$$\vec{G} = x \hat{\imath} + y \hat{\jmath}$$

- (b)  $\vec{H} = y \hat{\imath} x \hat{\jmath}$
- 2. Consider the vector field  $\vec{F}$  shown at the right, and the loop C, which is to be traversed in the *counterclockwise* direction.
- (a) Is  $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  positive, negative, or zero?
- (b) From your answer to part (a), can you determine whether or not  $\vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} f$  for some function f?
- (c) Which of the following formulas best fits  $\vec{F}$ ?

$$egin{aligned} ec{F}_1 &= rac{x}{x^2+y^2}\, \hat{m{\imath}} + rac{y}{x^2+y^2}\, \hat{m{\jmath}} \ ec{F}_2 &= -y\, \hat{m{\imath}} + x\, \hat{m{\jmath}} \ ec{F}_3 &= rac{-y}{(x^2+y^2)^2}\, \hat{m{\imath}} + rac{x}{(x^2+y^2)^2}\, \hat{m{\jmath}} \end{aligned}$$





