

Answer on Question #48842, Physics, Other

Task:

The potential energy for a force field F is given by $U(x,y)=\sin(x+y)$. The magnitude of the force acting on the particle of mass m at $(0,180/4)$ is

- (1)1
- (2)squareroot(2)
- (3)1/squareroot(2)
- (4)0

Solution:

$$F(0,180/4) = \left| -\left(\frac{dU}{dx} \bar{e}_x + \frac{dU}{dy} \bar{e}_y \right) \right| = 2 \cos(0 + 180/4) = \sqrt{2}$$

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