

Problem 1

Compute the following limits or prove that they do not exist:

(a)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2+2}$

(c)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} (3x^2+3y^2) \log(x^2+y^2)$

(b)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{(x-y)^2}{x^2+y^2}$

(d)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y}{x^2+y^2}$

(a)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2+2}$

$xy$  is continuous at  $(0,0)$ , and  $x^2+y^2+2$  is cont. at  $(0,0)$  and non-zero so the function  $f(x,y) = \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2+2}$  is continuous at  $(0,0)$ . So

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y) = f(0,0) = 0$$

(b)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{(x-y)^2}{x^2+y^2}$  The function  $f(x,y) = \frac{(x-y)^2}{x^2+y^2}$  is

not continuous at  $(0,0)$ . Let's try to show that the limit does not exist. Strategy: find two paths in  $xy$ -plane that approach  $(0,0)$  but give different values in the limit.

Consider the path  $y=x$  and  $x>0$ :

$$\lim_{(x,x) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{(x-x)^2}{x^2+x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{2x^2} = 0.$$

But along the path where  $y=0, x>0$  we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x-0)^2}{x^2+0^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 = 1.$$

(c)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} (3x^2+3y^2) \log(x^2+y^2)$

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$\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} r(x, y) = 0$ . So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} 3r^2 \log r^2 &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log r^2}{1/3r^2} \\ &\stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{r^2} \cdot 2r}{-\frac{2}{3}r^{-3}} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2}{r}}{-\frac{2}{3r^3}} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} -3r^2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(d)  $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$

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$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \underline{y = r \sin \theta}$$

We have

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{r \sin \theta}{r^2} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{r}$$

Fix  $\theta = 0$ , then  $\sin \theta = 0$  so we get

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{r} = 0.$$

Fix  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then  $\sin \theta = 1$  so we get

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{r} = \begin{cases} +\infty & \text{when } r \rightarrow 0^+ \\ -\infty & \text{when } r \rightarrow 0^- \end{cases}$$

Problem 2

Compute the derivative  $Df(x)$  for each function:

(a)  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   $f(x,y) = (x + e^z + y, yx^2)$

(b)  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$   $f(x,y) = (xe^y + \cos y, x, x + e^y)$

(c)  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$   $f(\rho, \theta, \phi) = (\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi)$

Def If  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  (w/ component functions  $f_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, 1 \leq i \leq m$ ) is differentiable, then the derivative  $Df$  is the  $m \times n$  matrix whose  $ij$  entry is  $\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}$ :

$$Df(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

(a)  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   $f(x,y,z) = (x + e^z + y, yx^2)$

Solution:  $f_1(x,y,z) = x + e^z + y$

$f_2(x,y,z) = yx^2$

Note that  $Df$  is the  $2 \times 3$  matrix:

$$Df(x,y,z) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & e^z \\ 2xy & x^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$   $f(x,y) = (xe^y + \cos y, x, x + e^y)$

$Df$  is the  $3 \times 2$  matrix:

$$Df = \begin{bmatrix} e^y & xe^y - \sin y \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & e^y \end{bmatrix}$$

(c)  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$   $f(\rho, \theta, \phi) = (\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi)$

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Problem 3

Chapter 13.3

Let  $f(x, y) = x e^{y^2} - y e^{x^2}$ . (a) Find an eq. of the plane tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $(1, 2)$ . (b) Which point on the surface  $z + y^2 - x^2 = 0$  has a tangent plane parallel to the one in (a)?

Def If  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable at  $(x_0, y_0)$ , then the plane tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $(x_0, y_0, f(x_0, y_0))$  is given by

$$z - f(x_0, y_0) = f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

Note that the normal vector is

$$n = (f_x(x_0, y_0), f_y(x_0, y_0), -1) = \nabla(f - z)(x_0, y_0)$$

(a) We have

$$f_x(x, y) = e^{y^2} - 2xy e^{x^2}$$

$$f_x(1, 2) = e^4 - 4e$$

and

$$f_y(x, y) = 2xy e^{y^2} - e^{x^2}$$

$$f_y(1, 2) = 4e^4 - e$$

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$$f(1, 2) = 2e^4 - 2e$$

So the tangent plane is given by

$$z - (2e^4 - 2e) = (e^4 - 4e)(x - 1) + (4e^4 - e)(y - 2)$$

(b) Which point on the surface  $z + y^2 - x^2 = 0$  has a tangent plane parallel to the one in (a)?

Solution Note two planes are parallel if their normal vectors are parallel. Also, notice that the surface defined by  $z + y^2 - x^2 = 0$  is the graph of the function

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$$g(x, y) = z = x^2 - y^2$$

By the above, the normal vector at a point  $(a, b, g(a, b))$  is  $(g_x, g_y, -1) = (2a, -2b, -1)$

We need to find  $a$  and  $b$ .

The vector  $(2a, -2b, -1)$  is parallel to  $(e^4 - 4e, 4e^4 - e, -1)$

if there is number  $c$  such that

$$(2a, -2b, -1) = c(e^4 - 4e, 4e^4 - e, -1)$$

So  $-1 = -1 \cdot c \Rightarrow c = 1$  so we have

$$2a = e^4 - 4e \quad \text{and} \quad -2b = 4e^4 - e$$

$$\text{So } a = \frac{e^4 - 4e}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \frac{e - 4e^4}{2}.$$

Problem 4

Chapter 13.2

compute the limits: (a)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{e^{xy} - 1}{y}$  (b)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\cos(xy) - 1}{x^2 y^2}$

