

1. (12 points) For each of the questions below, indicate if the statement is true (T) or false (F).

(a) Let  $\mathbf{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a vector field of class  $C^2$ . Then  $\text{div}(\text{curl } \mathbf{F}) = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) = 0$ . Answer (T/F):  T

(b) If  $f$  is a  $C^2$  scalar function, then  $\nabla \times (\nabla f) = \mathbf{0}$ . Answer (T/F):  T

(c) Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function where all second order partial derivatives exist and are not continuous for all points  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Then  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2 \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x^2}$  for all points  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Answer (T/F):  F

(d) Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function where all second order partial derivatives exist and are continuous for all points  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Then  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2 \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x^2}$  for all points  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Clairaut's Theorem Answer (T/F):  T

(e) Let  $f(x, y)$  be a  $C^2$  function which has a local maximum at  $(0, 0)$ . Then the Hessian matrix of  $f$  at  $(0, 0)$  is necessarily negative definite. Answer (T/F):  F

(f) Let  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be a closed and bounded set. Every continuous function  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a global maximum and a global minimum value on  $D$ . Answer (T/F):  T

$$1. a) \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) = \nabla \cdot \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 \end{vmatrix} = \nabla \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2 F_3}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 F_2}{\partial x \partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 F_1}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 F_3}{\partial y \partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 F_2}{\partial z \partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 F_1}{\partial z \partial y} = 0$$

b)  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\nabla \times \nabla f = \nabla \times \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix} = (0, 0, 0)$$

c) ✓ d) ✓

e) False. Consider  $f(x, y) = -x^4$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x, y) = 12x^2$

so  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(0, 0) = 0$  which is not negative.

f) True.

2. (5 points) The equation of the tangent plane to the graph of  $f(x, y) = 4 + x^2 + xy$  at the point  $(1, 1)$ .

(A)  $z = 3x + y$  (B)  $z = 6 + 3(x-1) + (y-1)$  (C)  $z = 3(x-1) + (y-1)$

(D)  $z = 6 + (2x+y)(x-1) + x(y-1)$  (E)  $0 = 6 + 3(x-1) + (y-1)$  Answer (Letter):  B

2) A normal vector is  $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(1,1), \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(1,1), -1) = (3, 1, -1)$

A point in the plane is  $(1, 1, f(1,1)) = (1, 1, 6)$

So an eq of the plane is

$$(3, 1, -1) \cdot (x-1, y-1, z-6) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$3x - 3 + y - 1 - z + 6 = 0$$

Normal vector: The level set  $f(x, y) - z = 0$  is the graph of  $f$ . Write  $g(x, y, z) = f(x, y) - z$ . By a thm,  $\nabla g$  is normal to the level set.

3. (5 points) Which of the following functions  $V$  can be considered a vector field. State all that apply.

(A)  $V: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  (B)  $V: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  (C)  $V: \mathbb{R}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  (D)  $V: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  (E)  $V: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

Answer (Letter(s)):  B, E

3) A vector field is a map of the form

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

4) b) Write  $g(x, y, z) = 4x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2$ . Then

$$\nabla g(x, y, z) = (8x, 2y, 4z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla g(1, 2, 1) = (8, 4, 4)$$

Use  $N = \frac{1}{4} \nabla g(1, 2, 1) = (2, 1, 1)$ . Normalize

$$N' = \frac{N}{\|N\|} = \frac{(2, 1, 1)}{\sqrt{6}} = \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right)$$

c)  $(2, 1, 1) \cdot (x-1, y-2, z-1) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + y + z = 5$$

5) a)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h}$

4. (6 points) Let  $S$  be the quadratic surface given by  $4x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2 = 10$ .

(a) Classify  $S$ :  
 (A)  $S$  is an ellipsoid (B)  $S$  is a hyperboloid of one sheet (C)  $S$  is a hyperboloid of two sheets  
 (D)  $S$  is an elliptic cone (E)  $S$  is an elliptic paraboloid Answer (Letter):  A

(b) Find a unit normal  $\vec{N}$  to  $S$  at  $(1, 2, 1)$   
 $\vec{N} = \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right)$

(c) Find the equation of the tangent plane to  $S$  at the point  $(1, 2, 1)$   
 Answer:  $2x + y + z = 5$

5. (8 points) Consider the function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

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(a) Compute  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0) = \boxed{0}$$

(b) Compute  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0) = \boxed{0}$$

For (c) and (d), state whether the statement is true (T) or false (F)

(c) The function  $f(x, y)$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .

Answer (T/F):  T

(d) The function  $f(x, y)$  is differentiable at  $(0, 0)$ .

Answer (T/F):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{s) a) } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{h} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

b) By symmetry,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0) = 0$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y) &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{r^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r \sin \theta \cos \theta = 0 = f(0, 0). \end{aligned}$$

d) Method 1) use the definition:

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|f(x,y) - (f(0,0) + Df(0,0) \begin{bmatrix} x-0 \\ y-0 \end{bmatrix})|}{\|(x,y)\|} \\ &= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} - (0 + \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0,0), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0,0) \right] \begin{bmatrix} x-0 \\ y-0 \end{bmatrix})}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \\ &= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}, \text{ this limit does not exist.} \end{aligned}$$

Since the limit is not zero,  $f$  is not differentiable.

Method 2) Check that second partial derivatives are continuous functions.

6. (4 points) Suppose  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable function which has an absolute maximum value  $M$  and an absolute minimum  $m$ . Suppose further that  $m = M$ . What can be said about its derivative  $Df$ ?

$$Df = \boxed{[0, 0, 0]}$$

b) By assumption, for all  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$

$$M = m \leq f(x, y, z) \leq M$$

This says  $f(x, y, z) = M$ . So  $Df = [0, 0, 0]$ .

7. (6 points) Find the  $(x, y, z)$  coordinates of the points  $P$  where the line  $\ell(t) = (x, y, z) = (1-t, 1+t, t)$  intersects the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 11$ .

$$P = \boxed{(2\sqrt{3}, 1(-\sqrt{3}))}$$

7) Solve for  $t$ :

$$(1-t)^2 + (1+t)^2 + t^2 = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - 2t + t^2 + 1 + 2t + t^2 + t^2 = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow 3t^2 = 9 \Rightarrow t = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

So  $(2\sqrt{3}, 1(-\sqrt{3}))$  are the points where  $\ell$  intersects the sphere.

8. (6 points) Consider  $f(x, y) = -y^2 + x^2y + xy$ . The three critical points are

- (i)  $(0, 0)$       (ii)  $(-1, 0)$       (iii)  $(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$

State whether the critical points given in (i), (ii), and (iii) are a local maximum (MAX), local minimum (MIN) or saddle point (SAD).

- (i)  SAD      (ii)  SAD      (iii)  Max

8) Compute the Hessian.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2xy + y$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 2y$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = 2x + 1$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -2y + x^2 + x$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -2y + x^2 + x \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -2$$

$$\text{So } D(x, y) = \begin{vmatrix} 2y & 2x+1 \\ 2x+1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -4y - (2x+1)^2$$

$$\text{i) } D(0, 0) = -1 < 0$$

$$\text{ii) } D(-1, 0) = -1 < 0$$

$$\text{iii) } D(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{8}) = -4(-\frac{1}{8}) - (2(-\frac{1}{2})+1)^2 \\ = \frac{1}{2} > 0$$

$$\text{Also, } \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{8}) = 2(-\frac{1}{8}) = -\frac{1}{4} < 0$$

So the Hessian is neg. definite. ■

9. (5 points)  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - xy$  has a minimum at  $(0, 0)$ .  $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - \lambda xy$  has a saddle point at  $(0, 0)$ . For all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - \lambda xy$  has a critical point at  $(0, 0)$ . There is a number  $\lambda_0$  such that for  $\lambda < \lambda_0$ ,  $(0, 0)$  is a minimum and for  $\lambda > \lambda_0$ ,  $(0, 0)$  is a saddle point. Find  $\lambda_0$ .

$$\lambda_0 = \boxed{\pm 2}$$

9. Use the second derivative test:

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = 2x - \lambda y \quad \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} = 2 \quad \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x \partial y} = -\lambda$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial y} = 2y - \lambda x \quad \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2} = 2$$

So then

$$D(0, 0) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -\lambda \\ -\lambda & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - \lambda^2$$

If  $D(0, 0) > 0$ , then  $(0, 0)$  is a min.

If  $D(0, 0) < 0$ , then  $(0, 0)$  is a saddle.

So we solve  $0 = D(0, 0) = 4 - \lambda^2 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 2$ . ■

10. (5 points) Use Lagrange multipliers to find the maximum and minimum values of  $f(x, y) = 2x + y$  on the unit circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ . Minimum  Maximum

10. Solve the system of equations:

$$(2, 1) = \nabla f(x, y) = \lambda \nabla g(x, y) = \lambda (2x, 2y)$$

$$\begin{cases} 1 = \lambda x & \text{①} \\ 1 = 2\lambda y & \text{②} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 = 1 & \text{③} \end{cases}$$

By ①,  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Then using ①, ②, we have

$$x = \frac{1}{\lambda} = 2y. \quad (*)$$

Using (\*) with ③:  $4y^2 + y^2 = 1 \Rightarrow y = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

Then by (\*),  $x = \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$ . The max is then

$$f\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) = \sqrt{5}, \quad f\left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) = -\sqrt{5} \quad \blacksquare$$

11. (5 points) Find the distance of the origin to the plane  $\mathbb{P}: x + y + z = 1$  (meaning the shortest distance among all points  $P$  on  $\mathbb{P}$  to  $(0, 0, 0)$ ). You may use the formula or Lagrange multipliers.

$$\text{Answer: } \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

11. Maximize  $d^2(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  subject to the constraint  $x + y + z = 1$ . By Lagrange,

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Answer:  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

11. Maximize  $d^2(x,y,z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  subject to the constraint  $x + y + z = 1$ . By Lagrange,

$$(2x, 2y, 2z) = \lambda(1, 1, 1)$$

So 
$$\begin{cases} 2x = \lambda & \textcircled{1} \\ 2y = \lambda & \textcircled{2} \\ 2z = \lambda & \textcircled{3} \\ x + y + z = 1 & \textcircled{4} \end{cases}$$
 By  $\textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2}, \textcircled{3}$ , we get  $x = y = z$

hence, by  $\textcircled{4}$ ,

$$3x = 1 \quad \text{so} \quad x = \frac{1}{3} = y = z.$$

So we have a single critical point  $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$ .  
So the minimum distance is

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

12. (9 points) Let  $f(u,v) = (u-v, 1, u+v)$  and  $g(x,y,z) = xyz$ . Find  $Df(u,v)$ ,  $Dg(x,y)$  and use the chain rule to compute the derivative  $D(g \circ f)(0,1)$ .

$Df(u,v) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $Dg(x,y) = (yz \ xz \ xy)$   $D(g \circ f)(0,1) = [0, -2]$

12.  $Df(u,v) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$Dg(x,y,z) = [yz \ xz \ xy]$$

Use Chain Rule:

$$D(g \circ f)(0,1) = Dg(f(0,1)) \cdot Df(0,1)$$

$$= Dg(-1, 1, 1) \cdot Df(0,1)$$

$$= [1, -1, -1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [0 \ -2]$$

13. (9 points) Let  $f(x,y) = \cos(xy)$ . Compute the following:

(a)  $\nabla f(x,y)$

$$\nabla f(x,y) = \text{[ ]}$$

(b) The direction of the fastest rate of increase of  $f$  at the point  $P(1, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Give your answer as a unit vector.

$$\text{[ ]}$$

(c) The maximal value of the directional derivative at  $P(1, \frac{\pi}{2})$ .

$$\text{[ ]}$$

13. a)  $\nabla f(x,y) = (-y \sin(xy), -x \sin(xy))$ .

b)  $\nabla f(1, \frac{\pi}{2}) = (-\frac{\pi}{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2}, -\sin \frac{\pi}{2})$   
 $= (-\frac{\pi}{2}, 1)$ .

Normalize:  $\frac{(-\pi/2, 1)}{\sqrt{\pi^2/4 + 1}} = \left( \frac{-\pi}{2\sqrt{\pi^2/4 + 1}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi^2/4 + 1}} \right)$

c)  $\|\nabla f(1, \pi/2)\| = \sqrt{\pi^2/4 + 1}$

14. (9 points) A vector field  $F: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is defined by  $F(x,y,z) = (-x, y, 2z)$ . Compute the following:

(a) (3 points)  $\text{div}(F) = \nabla \cdot F =$

$$0$$

(b) (3 points)  $\text{curl}(F) = \nabla \times F =$

$$(0, 0, 0)$$

(c) (2 points) True or false: Is  $F$  a gradient vector field?

$$\text{[ ]}$$

14. a)  $\nabla \cdot F = (\partial_x(-x), \partial_y y, \partial_z 2z) \cdot (-x, y, 2z)$

$$= \frac{\partial(-x)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial 2z}{\partial z}$$

(b) (3 points)  $\text{curl}(\mathbf{F}) = \nabla \times \mathbf{F} =$

$$(0, 0, 0)$$

(c) (2 points) True or false: Is  $\mathbf{F}$  a gradient vector field?

$$= \frac{\partial(-y)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z^2}{\partial z^2}$$

$$= -1 + 1 + 0 = 0$$

$$b) \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ -x & y & z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (0 - 0, 0 - 0, 0 - 0) = (0, 0, 0)$$

c) A gradient vector field is of the form

$$\mathbf{F} = \nabla f \text{ for some } C^2 \text{ fnc}$$

$$f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

So  $\mathbf{F}$  is a gradient vector field since

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = 0$$

15. (8 points)

(a) Find the first order Taylor polynomial (or Taylor approximation) of  $f(x, y) = xe^y$  at  $(0, 0)$ .

$$T_1(x, y) = x$$

(b) Find the second order Taylor polynomial (or Taylor approximation) of  $f(x, y) = xe^y$  at  $(0, 0)$ .

$$T_2(x, y) = x + xy$$

$$15. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = e^y \rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0) = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = xe^y \rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(0, 0) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = e^y \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(0, 0) = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = xe^y \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(0, 0) = 0$$

$$\text{Then } T_2 f(0, 0)(x, y) = \underbrace{f(0, 0) + f_x(0, 0)x + f_y(0, 0)y}_{T_1 f(0, 0)(x, y)} + \frac{1}{2} (f_{xx}(0, 0)x^2 + 2f_{xy}(0, 0)xy + f_{yy}(0, 0)y^2)$$

$$= 0 + x + 0 + \frac{1}{2} (0 + 2xy + 0)$$

$$= x + xy.$$