

1. For these questions, you do not need to show your work — only provide an answer.

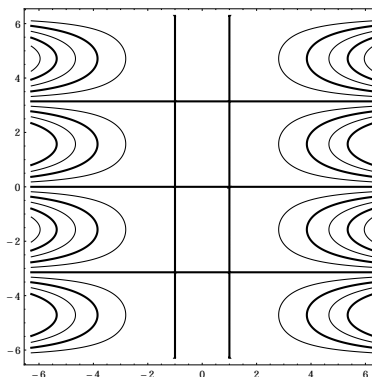
(a) (4 points) Consider

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x + y)(x - y) = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For which directions \mathbf{u} does $(D_{\mathbf{u}}f)_{(0,0)}$ exist? **Underline all correct answers:**

$$(1, 0), (-1, 0), (0, 1), (0, -1), \frac{(1, 1)}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{(-1, 1)}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{(1, -1)}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{(-1, -1)}{\sqrt{2}}$$

(b) (3 points) The level curves below correspond to which function?

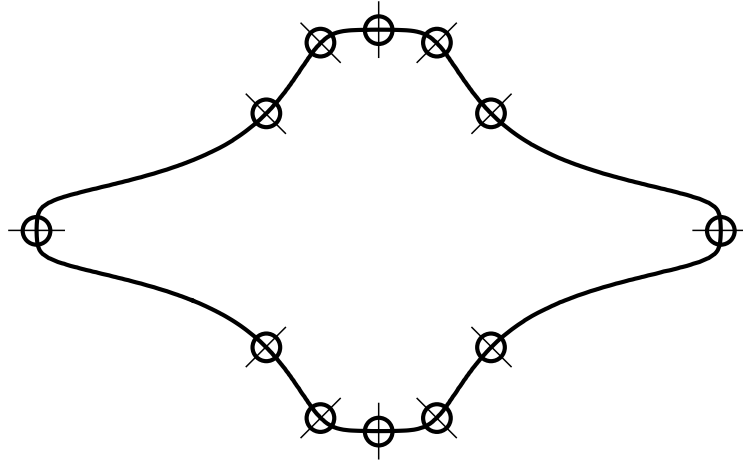


Underline one: $\cos(y)(x-1)$, $(x^2-1)\sin(y)$, $(y+1)\cos(y)$, $x\sin(y)$, $(x^2+1)\sin(2y)$.

Solution: The answer is $(x^2 - 1)\sin(y)$. It is the only one that vanishes on $x = \pm 1$.

(c) (3 points) The figure below shows the set $f(x, y) = 0$ in the xy -plane for some complicated f . This defines $y(x)$ implicitly. For some points on the curve, we can compute ∇f , but not $y'(x)$.

Clearly mark these points in the picture.



Solution: The points with a vertical tangent cannot have a derivative $y'(x)$. These are the two points on the far left and far right.

2. For these questions, correct answer gives full score. Some points might be given for partial work.

- (a) (3 points) Let $f(x, y)$ be differentiable, and suppose that in $(0, 0)$, the gradient is $(0, 0)$ and $f''_{xx} = 8$, $f''_{yy} = 2$ and $f''_{xy} = a$. For which a is this information not sufficient to characterize the critical point in $(0, 0)$?

Underline all correct answers: 1, -1, 4, -4, 0

Solution: The formula tells us that the Hessian is $8 \cdot 2 - a^2 = 16 - a^2$. If $a = \pm 4$, the Hessian is 0, and we cannot characterize the critical point.

- (b) (2 points) Suppose $\nabla f = (3z - yz, xz)$ and $f(1, 1) = 429$. Estimate $f(1.1, 1.2) - f(1, 1)$ using the standard linear approximation.

Answer: $f(1.1, 1.2) - f(1, 1) \approx$ _____

Solution: We have that $(\nabla f)_{(1,1)} = (2, 1)$. The difference is therefore approximately $(2, 1) \cdot (0.1, 0.2) = 0.4$.

- (c) (3 points) Suppose that at time t_0 , the total acceleration of a particle is $9m/s^2$ and we express the acceleration as $a = a_T \mathbf{T} + a_N \mathbf{N}$. Furthermore, the tangential component $a_T \mathbf{T}$ of the acceleration is $(1, 2, 0)$, and the principal normal vector \mathbf{N} is $(0, 0, 1)$. Find the a_N at time t_0 .

Answer: $a_N =$ _____

Solution: The formula for acceleration tells us that $9 = (a_T)^2 + (a_N)^2$. Now, $|a_T \mathbf{T}|^2 = |(1, 2, 0)|^2 = 1 + 4 = 5$. Hence, $a_T = \sqrt{5}$. Thus, $a_N^2 = 9 - 5$, so $a_N = 2$.

3. (10 points) Consider the function $f(x, y) = 1 + x^3 + xy + \arctan(xy)$. Find the tangent plane in the point $(0, 1)$.

$$\begin{array}{lll} a) x + z = 1 & b) 2x + 2z = 0 & c) z = 1 \\ d) 2x + 2z = 1 & e) x + 2(z - 1) = 0 & f) 2x - z + 1 = 0 \end{array}$$

Solution: We have that $f(0, 1) = 1$,

$$\nabla f = \left(3x^2 + y + \frac{y}{1 + (xy)^2}, x + \frac{x}{1 + (xy)^2} \right),$$

and $(\nabla f)_{(0,1)} = (2, 0)$. The equation for the tangent plane is therefore $2x + 0(y - 1) - (z - 1) = 0$ which can be expressed as $2x - z + 1 = 0$.

4. (8 points) Let $f(x, y)$ be a differentiable function that satisfies the following:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1 + 3h, 2) - f(1, 2)}{f(1, 2 + 9h) - f(1, 2)} = 4 \text{ and } f(1, 2) = 0.$$

The relation $f(x, y) = 0$ defines y as a function of x implicitly. Find dy/dx in the point $(1, 2)$. **Answer:** _____

Solution: We rewrite the limit as

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1 + 3h, 2) - f(1, 2)}{f(1, 2 + 9h) - f(1, 2)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{9} \frac{f(1 + 3h, 2) - f(1, 2)}{3h} \cdot \frac{9h}{f(1, 2 + 9h) - f(1, 2)}$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1 + 3h, 2) - f(1, 2)}{3h} \cdot \frac{9h}{f(1, 2 + 9h) - f(1, 2)} = 12$$

We recognize that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1 + 3h, 2) - f(1, 2)}{3h} = f'_x(1, 2) \text{ and } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1, 2 + 9h) - f(1, 2)}{9h} = f'_y(1, 2)$$

so the limit must then be equal to f'_x/f'_y in $(1, 2)$. Now, we know that $dy/dx = -f'_x/f'_y$, and it follows that dy/dx in $(1, 2)$ is -12 .

5. Let $f(x, y) = x(1 + y^2)$.

- (a) (2 points) Show that f has no points where ∇f is the zero vector.
 (b) (8 points) Find all three critical points of f on the curve $y^2 + x^3 = 1$ using Lagrange multipliers.
 (c) (4 points) Find the global *maximum* of f in the region bounded by $x \geq 0$ and $y^2 + x^3 \leq 1$.

$$a) 1/2 \quad b) 2^{1/3} \quad c) \frac{3}{2^{4/3}} \quad d) 2 \quad e) 2^{4/3} \quad f) 3$$

Solution: Part a: We have that

$$\nabla f = (1 + y^2, 2xy),$$

and this is never the 0 vector since $1 + y^2$ can never be 0.

Solution: Part b: Let $g = y^2 + x^3 - 1$. Then $\nabla g = (3x^2, 2y)$ so we seek points when ∇f and ∇g are parallel, using Lagrange's method. We get the system

$$1 + y^2 = \lambda \cdot 3x^2 \quad 2xy = \lambda \cdot 2y.$$

The second equation gives either $\lambda = x$ or $y = 0$.

Case $\lambda = x$: the first equation gives $y^2 = 3x^3 - 1$. We plug that into $g(x, y) = 0$ and get

$$(3x^3 - 1) + x^3 - 1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 4x^3 = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 2^{-1/3}$$

Now $y^2 = 3x^3 - 1$ implies $y = \pm 2^{-1/2}$. Hence, we have the critical points $(2^{-1/3}, \pm 2^{-1/2})$.

Case $y = 0$: We plug that into $g(x, y) = 0$ and get $x^3 - 1 = 0$ so $x = 1$. We have the point $(1, 0)$ as another critical point.

Solution: Part c: Part a showed that there are no critical points inside the region, and part b found all critical points on one of the boundaries.

We must examine the boundary $x = 0$. On this line, f is constant and equal to 0.

Hence, the maximum is among $f(0, 0) = 0$, $f(1, 0) = 1$ and $f(2^{-1/3}, \pm 2^{-1/2}) = \frac{3}{2^{4/3}}$, where the latter is the maximum.

6. (10 points) Suppose $f(x, y)$ is a differentiable with continuous second derivatives and that $f''_{xx}(x, y) + f''_{yy}(x, y) = 1$ everywhere. Compute and simplify

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial u^2} f(2u + 3v, 3u - 2v) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} f(2u + 3v, 3u - 2v)$$

Answer: _____

Solution: The answer is $2^2 + 3^2 = 13$. See the other midterm 2 for complete solution.

7. (a) (4 points) Show that the limit

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{(xy)^2}{x^4 - y^4} \quad \text{does not exist.}$$

Solution: Along $x = 0$, the limit is 0. Along the line $x = 2y$, we get

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2y^2)^2}{16y^4 - y^4} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{4y^2}{15y^2} = 4/15$$

and thus the limit does not exist.

- (b) (6 points) Show that the limit

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 + xy^2}{e^{x^2+y^2} - 1} \quad \text{exists.}$$

You may use the standard limit $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^t - 1}{t} = 1$.

Solution: Polar coordinates and some rewriting gives

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r \cos(t) \frac{r^2}{e^{r^2} - 1} = \frac{\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r \cos(t)}{\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{r^2} - 1}{r^2}} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$

where we got the limit in the denominator using the fact that $\frac{e^r - 1}{r}$ tends to 1 as $r \rightarrow 0$.