

## Midterm 2

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1. (5 points) Consider the following limit

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^4 + 2x^2y^2}{x^3y + y^4}.$$

If the limit exists, compute it. If the limit does not exist, prove that it does not exist.  
(In either case, you do not need to use  $\epsilon$ - $\delta$ .)

Limit along line  $x=0$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^4 + 2x^2y^2}{x^3y + y^4} &= \lim_{\cancel{(x,y)} \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{0+0}{0+y^4} \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{y^4} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Limit along line  $y=x$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^4 + 2x^2y^2}{x^3y + y^4} &= \lim_{(x,x) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^4 + 2x^4}{x^4 + x^4} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^4}{2x^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

The limit does not exist because we get different answers when doing the limit along different directions,

2. (5 points) Find the linear approximation of

$$f(x, y) = x^8y^4 + 6x^3y^2 + 2x^2 + 3x + 2y + 1$$

at the point  $(0, 0)$ .

Linear approximation of  $f(x, y)$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$  is,

$$L(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0) + Df(x_0, y_0) \begin{pmatrix} x - x_0 \\ y - y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f(0, 0) = 1$$

$$Df = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8x^7y^4 + 18x^2y^2 + 4x + 3 & 4x^8y^3 + 12x^3y + 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Df(0, 0) = [3 \ 2]$$

$$L(x, y) = 1 + [3 \ 2] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 1 + 3x + 2y$$

Answer:  $L(x, y) = 1 + 3x + 2y$

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3. Let  $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 5xy + 2y^2 - 3x + 6y$ .

(a) (5 points) Compute the six partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= x + 5y - 3 & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= 5x + 4y + 6 \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} &= 1 & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} &= 5 = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} &= 4\end{aligned}$$

(b) (5 points) Find the critical points of  $f$  and determine which are local maximums, which are local minimums, and which are saddle points.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= 0 & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ x + 5y - 3 &= 0 & 5x + 4y + 6 &= 0 \\ x &= 3 - 5y & 5(3 - 5y) + 4y + 6 &= 0 \\ x &= 3 - 5y & 15 - 25y + 4y + 6 &= 0 \\ x &= 3 - 5y & 21y - 21 &= 0 \\ y &= 1\end{aligned}$$

(critical point:  $(-2, 1)$ )

$$\begin{aligned}D &= \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} - \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\right)^2 \\ &= 4 \cdot 1 - 5^2 = -21\end{aligned}$$

$(-2, 1)$  is a  
saddle point

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4. (a) (5 points) Calculate the derivative of the function

$$f(x, y) = (4y^2 \sin(x), 2e^x \cos(y))$$

at the point  $(0, \frac{\pi}{4})$ .

$$Df = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4y^2 \cos(x) & 8y \sin(x) \\ 2e^x \cos(y) & -2e^x \sin(y) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Df(0, \frac{\pi}{4}) = \begin{pmatrix} 4(\frac{\pi}{4})^2 \cos(0) & 8(\frac{\pi}{4}) \sin(0) \\ 2e^0 \cos(\frac{\pi}{4}) & -2e^0 \sin(\frac{\pi}{4}) \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pi^2}{4} & 0 \\ \sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}}$$

(b) (5 points) Let  $g(x, y, z) = (y, \pi z + \pi x)$ . Calculate the derivative of  $f \circ g$  at the point  $(\frac{1}{8}, 0, \frac{1}{8})$ .

$$g_1(x, y, z) = y, \quad g_2(x, y, z) = \pi z + \pi x$$

$$D(f \circ g)(\frac{1}{8}, 0, \frac{1}{8}) = Df(g(\frac{1}{8}, 0, \frac{1}{8})) \cdot Dg(\frac{1}{8}, 0, \frac{1}{8}), \quad g(\frac{1}{8}, 0, \frac{1}{8}) = (0, \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{\pi}{8}) \approx (0, \frac{\pi}{4})$$

$$Df(g(\frac{1}{8}, 0, \frac{1}{8})) = Df(0, \frac{\pi}{4}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pi^2}{4} & 0 \\ \sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Dg = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \pi & 0 & \pi \end{pmatrix} = Dg(\frac{1}{8}, 0, \frac{1}{8})$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pi^2}{4} & 0 \\ \sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \pi & 0 & \pi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pi^2}{4} & 0 & \frac{\pi^2}{4} & 0 \\ -\pi\sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} & -\pi\sqrt{2} & \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer:  $\boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\pi^2}{4} & 0 \\ -\pi\sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} & -\pi\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}}$

$$f_1(x, y) = 4y^2 \sin(x)$$

$$f_2(x, y) = 2e^x \cos(y)$$

5. (5 points) Parametrize the solutions to the equation  $y = x^4$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by a curve  $c(t)$  that has speed 2 at the point  $(0, 0)$ , and such that the velocity vector of the curve  $c(t)$  at the point  $(0, 0)$  has negative  $x$ -component.

Parametrization of  $y = x^4$

$$c(t) = (at, a^4 t^4) \quad \text{where } a \text{ is a nonzero real number.}$$

$$c(0) = (0, 0) \quad t=0 \text{ corresponds to point } (0, 0)$$

velocity vector  $c'(t) = (a, 4a^4 t^3)$

at  $t = 0$   $c'(0) = (a, 0)$

speed  $\|c'(0)\| = \sqrt{a^2} = |a|$

speed 2  $|a|=2$  so  $a=2$  or  $-2$

negative  $x$ -component  $a = -2$

Answer  $c(t) = (-2t, 8t^4)$

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6. (5 points) Calculate the directional derivative of  $f(x, y, z) = yz + xz$  at the point  $(1, 1, 1)$  in the direction with positive  $x$ -component that is normal to the surface given by  $-2x^2 - z^2 + 3y^2 = 0$  at the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

0

normal to surface  $-2x^2 - z^2 + 3y^2 = 0$  is

$$(-4x, 6y, -2z)$$

at  $(1, 1, 1)$  normal is  $(-4, 6, -2)$

any scalar multiple  
of this is normal  
to the surface.

Make normal have positive  $x$ -component:  $(4, -6, 2)$

Make normal have magnitude 1:  $\|(4, -6, 2)\| = \sqrt{4^2 + (-6)^2 + 2^2}$

Directional derivative is

$$\nabla f(\vec{x}_0) \cdot \vec{v}, \quad \vec{x}_0 = (1, 1, 1)$$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{(4, -6, 2)}{\sqrt{56}}$$

$$= \sqrt{16 + 36 + 4}$$

$$= \sqrt{56}$$

$$\frac{(4, -6, 2)}{\sqrt{56}}$$

$$\nabla f = (z, z, x+y), \quad \nabla f(1, 1, 1) = (1, 1, 2)$$

$$\nabla f(1, 1, 1) \cdot \frac{(4, -6, 2)}{\sqrt{56}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{56}} (1, 1, 2) \cdot (4, -6, 2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{56}} (4 - 6 + 4) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{56}}$$

Answer!  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{56}}$