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Is there a number b such that

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \left(\frac{b(xy-2)^2 + 15(xy-2) + 15+b}{(xy-2)^2 + (xy-2) - 2} \right)$$

exists? If so, find the value of b and the value of the limit.

Solution

Let $f(x, y) = \left(\frac{b(xy-2)^2 + 15(xy-2) + 15+b}{(xy-2)^2 + (xy-2) - 2} \right)$ and $f(r, \theta) = \left(\frac{b(r^2 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) - 2)^2 + 15(r^2 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) - 2) + 15+b}{(r^2 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) - 2)^2 + (r^2 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) - 2) - 2} \right)$.

Notice that

$$f(x, 0) = \frac{5b - 15}{0}$$

since the denominator approaches 0 as $x \rightarrow 0$, the necessary condition for this limit to **potentially** exist is that the numerator approaches 0 as $x \rightarrow 0$ (otherwise, the limit would be undefined). Thus, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x, 0) = \frac{0}{0}$ where $b = 3$. Similarly, $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(0, y) = \frac{0}{0}$ where $b = 3$. It should be noted that it is important to consider both $f(x, 0)$ and $f(0, y)$ (unless one quickly defaults to polar coordinates).

$$\boxed{b = 3}$$

Then the problem reduces to

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \left(\frac{3(xy-2)^2 + 15(xy-2) + 15+3}{(xy-2)^2 + (xy-2) - 2} \right)$$

Or,

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{3(r^2 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) - 2)^2 + 15(r^2 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) - 2) + 15+3}{(r^2 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) - 2)^2 + (r^2 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) - 2) - 2} \right)$$

There are two approaches: 1) use Cartesian Coordinates 2) use Polar Coordinates.

Cartesian Coordinates:

Let $g(x, y) = xy$. Then g is continuous and $g(0, 0) = 0$, so substituting $u = g(x, y)$ into the limit gives

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \left(\frac{3(g(x, y) - 2)^2 + 15(g(x, y) - 2) + 15+3}{(g(x, y) - 2)^2 + (g(x, y) - 2) - 2} \right) \\ \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{3(u - 2)^2 + 15(u - 2) + 18}{(u - 2)^2 + (u - 2) - 2} \right) = \boxed{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Polar Coordinates:

Substituting polar coordinates $x = r \cos(\theta)$ and $y = r \sin(\theta)$ gives

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{3(r^2 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) - 2)^2 + 15(r^2 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) - 2) + 15+3}{(r^2 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) - 2)^2 + (r^2 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) - 2) - 2} \right)$$

The function $g(\theta) = \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) = \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2}$ is a continuous function of θ for all $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$. Let m be the minimum of $g(\theta)$ over all $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ and let M be the maximum of $g(\theta)$ over all $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$. Either the squeeze theorem or directly plugging in $r = 0$ tells us that $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} f(r, \theta) = \boxed{-1}$

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Evaluate each of the following limits or state that it does not exist. Justify your answer.

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (\infty, \infty)} \frac{\sin(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (-\infty, -\infty)} \frac{e^{-3(x^2 + y^2)} - 2e^{8(x^2 + y^2)}}{9e^{8(x^2 + y^2)} - 7e^{-3(x^2 + y^2)}}$$

Solution

It is important to understand the true meaning behind a limit in polar coordinates for these problems. Recall that $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ is the distance from the origin to the projection of a point on the xy -plane. In most cases, we are interested in taking a limit as r approaches the origin. In these following scenarios, it is vital that we take a limit as r approaches infinity.

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (\infty, \infty)} \frac{\sin(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(r^2)}{r^2}$$

The $\sin(x)$ function, no matter it's input, it's bounded; such that $|\sin(x)| \leq 1$. From here note that if $f(x, y)$ is such that either:

1. there exists a $g(x, y)$ with $|f(x, y)| \leq g(x, y)$ and $g(x, y) \rightarrow 0$
2. there exists a $g(x, y)$ with $|f(x, y)| \geq g(x, y)$ and $g \rightarrow \infty$

Then in either case f has the same limit as g (for $|(x, y)| \rightarrow \infty$). Note that $|\sin(r^2)| \leq 1$ for all θ , so $-1 \leq \sin(r^2) \leq 1$. Thus

$$-1 \leq \sin(r^2) \leq 1$$

implying that

$$\frac{-1}{r^2} \leq \frac{\sin(r^2)}{r^2} \leq \frac{1}{r^2}$$

We know that $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{r^2} = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{r^2} = 0$, so by the squeeze theorem,

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(r^2)}{r^2} = 0$$

So, we conclude

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (\infty, \infty)} \frac{\sin(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2} = \boxed{0}$$

Note that by definition $r \geq 0$ which implies that we cannot have a negative distance from the origin, so r approaches infinity in the problem below as well.

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (-\infty, -\infty)} \frac{e^{-3(x^2 + y^2)} - 2e^{8(x^2 + y^2)}}{9e^{8(x^2 + y^2)} - 7e^{-3(x^2 + y^2)}}$$

Or,

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-3(r^2)} - 2e^{8(r^2)}}{9e^{8(r^2)} - 7e^{-3(r^2)}}$$

Since there is polar symmetry for this function (e.g, $r^2 \geq 0$), the limit as $r \rightarrow \pm\infty$ provides the same value. However, $r \rightarrow \infty$ is the only reasonable result as $r \geq 0$.

In our case, the exponential with the positive exponent is the only term in the denominator going to infinity for this limit and so we'll need to factor the exponential with the positive exponent in the denominator from both the numerator and denominator to evaluate this limit.

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-3r^2} - 2e^{8r^2}}{9e^{8r^2} - 7e^{-3r^2}} = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{8r^2}(e^{-11r^2} - 2)}{e^{8r^2}(9 - 7e^{-11r^2})} = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-11r^2} - 2}{9 - 7e^{-11r^2}} = \frac{0 - 2}{9 - 0} = \boxed{-\frac{2}{9}}$$

3 (Challenge)

The equation below describes a unique function defined by an exponential diophantine equation. In this problem, the equation is defined implicitly by a parameter C to generate level surfaces. For this problem, you should assume that C is a multiple of 2^n where n is a positive integer.

$$f(x, y, z) = 2^x + 4^y + 8^z = C$$

- Describe the level surfaces of $f(x, y, z)$ in the scenario where $C = 2^n$ for values $n = 3, 5, 7$
- Sketch the graph of $f(x, y, z)$ in the scenario where $C = 2^n$, $y = 0$ and $n = 3$
- Given $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$, find any ordered triple of x, y, z that satisfies the equation $f(x, y, z) = C = 328$.

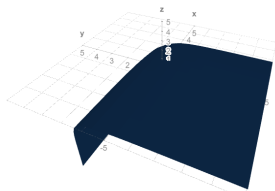
Solution

(a)

It is important to note that it is not possible to draw a graph of a function of more than two variables. The graph of a function $f(x, y, z)$ would consist of the set of points $(x, y, z, f(x, y, z))$ in four-dimensional space \mathbb{R}^4 . Thus, the ability to use level surfaces can provide us with information on the behavior of a function. The level surface for f are

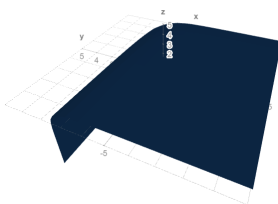
$n = 3$:

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



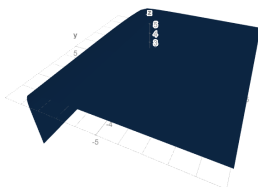
$n = 5$:

$$f(x, y, z) = 2^x + 4^y + 8^z = 2^5$$



$n = 7$:

$$f(x, y, z) = 2^x + 4^y + 8^z = 2^7$$



Based on the level surfaces, the function appears to expand rapidly across the xy -plane and increase steadily across the z axis. The function maintains its overall shape across different values of n .

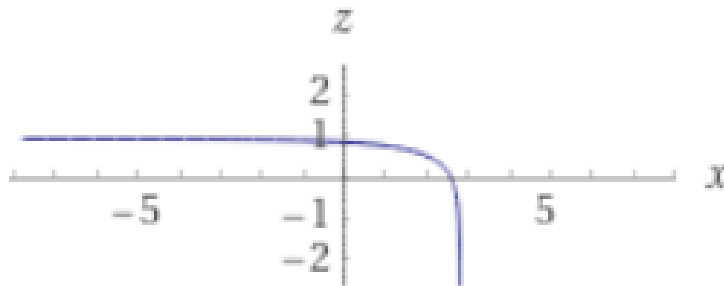
(b)

The graph should appear to be an xz -trace of the function for $f(x, 0, z)$. If $n = 3$ and $y = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y, z) &= 2^x + 4^y + 8^z = 2^n \\ &= 2^x + 4^0 + 8^z = 2^3 \\ &= 2^x + 4^0 + 8^z = 2^3 \\ &= 2^x + 8^z = 2^3 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$z = \frac{\ln(7 - 2^x)}{3 \ln(2)}$$



(c)

The goal is to find a set of coordinates (x, y, z) that satisfy

$$f(x, y, z) = 2^x + 4^y + 8^z = 328$$

There are many ways to solve this problem, here is one approach. Notice that

$$4 = 2^2, \quad 8 = 2^3, \quad 328 = 8 \times 41 = 2^3 \cdot 41$$

which implies that

$$2^x + 2^{2y} + 2^{3z} = 2^3 \cdot 41$$

to simplify our expression allow $(a, b, c) \rightarrow a \leq b \leq c$ to satisfy

$$2^a + 2^b + 2^c = 2^3 \cdot 41$$

for any some order of x, y , and z . Factoring, we have

$$= 2^a (1 + 2^{b-a} + 2^{c-a}) = 2^3 \cdot 41$$

Equating the left-handside with the right-handside of the equation,

$$2^a = 2^3 \rightarrow \boxed{a = 3}$$

$$1 + 2^{b-a} + 2^{c-a} = 41 \rightarrow 2^{b-a} + 2^{c-a} = 40$$

solving,

$$2^{b-a} (1 + 2^{c-b}) = 2^3 \cdot 5$$

again,

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{b-a} &= 2^3 \rightarrow b - a = 3 \\ \rightarrow b - 3 &= 3 \rightarrow \boxed{b = 6} \end{aligned}$$

likewise,

$$1 + 2^{c-b} = 5 \rightarrow 2^{c-b} = 4 = 2^2$$

$$c - b = 2 \rightarrow c - 6 = 2, \quad \boxed{c = 8}$$

Thus,

$$(x, 2y, 3z) \rightarrow (a, b, c) = (3, 6, 8)$$

given $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$ we can match x to any of the values a, b , or c , match $2y$ only to b and c , and match $3z$ only to a and b

$$3z = 3 \text{ or } 6$$

$$x = \text{any}$$

$$2y = 6 \text{ or } 8$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y, z) &= (8, 3, 1) \\ &= (6, 4, 1) \\ &= (3, 4, 2) \end{aligned}$$

Any of the coordinates above work.

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Fill in the table below:

Name	Equation	Vertical Trace	Horizontal Trace	Which Way is Up
	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	Ellipse		
Elliptic Paraboloid			Ellipse	
	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \frac{z}{c}$	Parabola		the unsquared variable is "up". The variable which is negative has downward parabolic traces in that direction.
Hyperboloid (One Sheet)			Ellipse	
Hyperboloid (Two Sheets)		Hyperbola		
	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \frac{z^2}{c^2}$	Hyperbola or two lines		The lonely one (here, z)
Elliptic Cylinder		Two parallel lines	Ellipse	

Solution

Name	Equation	Vertical Trace	Horizontal Trace	Which Way is Up
Ellipsoid	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	Ellipse	Ellipse	Does not matter, they are all ellipses
Elliptic Paraboloid	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \frac{z}{c}$	Parabola	Ellipse	The unsquared variable is "up"
Hyperbolic Paraboloid	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \frac{z}{c}$	Parabola	Hyperbola	The unsquared variable is "up". The variable which is negative has downward parabolic traces in that direction.
Hyperboloid (One Sheet)	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	Hyperbola	Ellipse	The negative term (the odd one out)
Hyperboloid (Two Sheets)	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$	Hyperbola	Ellipse	The positive term (the odd one out). The top sheet is when $z \geq c$, the bottom sheet when $z \leq -c$. Between them, a void.
Cone	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \frac{z^2}{c^2}$	Hyperbola or two lines	Ellipse	The lonely one (here, z)
Elliptic Cylinder	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$	Two parallel lines	Ellipse	The missing variable (here, z)

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Use the limit definition of partial derivative to compute the partial derivatives of the functions at the specified points.

$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{2x + 3y - 1}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \quad \text{at } (-2, 3)$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(-2,3)} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(-2+h, 3) - f(-2, 3)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2h+4} - 2}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2h+4} - 2}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2h+4} + 2}{\sqrt{2h+4} + 2} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2h+4) - 4}{h(\sqrt{2h+4} + 2)} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2h}{h(\sqrt{2h+4} + 2)} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2h+4} + 2} \\
 &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2(0)+4} + 2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(-2+h, 3) &= \sqrt{2(-2+h) + 3(3) - 1} \\
 &= \sqrt{-4 + 2h + 9 - 1} \\
 &= \sqrt{2h+4} \\
 f(-2, 3) &= \sqrt{2(-2) + 3(3) - 1} = \sqrt{4} = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(-2,3)} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(-2, 3+h) - f(-2, 3)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{3h+4} - 2}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{3h+4} - 2}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3h+4} + 2}{\sqrt{3h+4} + 2} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3h+4) - 4}{h(\sqrt{3h+4} + 2)} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3h}{h(\sqrt{3h+4} + 2)} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{\sqrt{3h+4} + 2} \\
 &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{3(0)+4} + 2} \\
 &= \frac{3}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Big|_{(x_0, y_0)} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0, y_0 + h) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h} \\ f(-2, 3 + h) &= \sqrt{2(-2) + 3(3 + h) - 1} \\ &= \sqrt{-4 + 9 + 3h - 1} \\ &= \sqrt{3h + 4} \\ \boxed{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{(-2, 3)} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Big|_{(-2, 3)} = \frac{3}{4}}\end{aligned}$$

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The directional derivative is usually given by

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(x, y) = \nabla f \cdot \vec{u}$$

Suppose the second directional derivative of $f(x, y)$ is

$$D_{\vec{u}}^2 f(x, y) = D_{\vec{u}}[D_{\vec{u}}f(x, y)]$$

(a) If $f(x, y) = x^3 + 5x^2y + y^3$ and $\vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right\rangle$, calculate $D_{\vec{u}}^2 f(2, 1)$

(b) If $\vec{u} = \langle a, b \rangle$ is a unit vector and f has continuous second partial derivatives, show that

$$D_{\vec{u}}^2 f = f_{xx}a^2 + 2f_{xy}ab + f_{yy}b^2$$

(c) Find the second directional derivative of $f(x, y) = xe^{2y}$ in the direction of $\vec{v} = \langle 4, 6 \rangle$

Solution

(a)

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(x, y) = \nabla f(x, y) \cdot \vec{u} = \langle 3x^2 + 10xy, 5x^2 + 3y^2 \rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{9}{5}x^2 + 6xy + 4x^2 + \frac{12}{5}y^2$$

$$= \frac{29}{5}x^2 + 6xy + \frac{12}{5}y^2$$

$$D_{\vec{u}}^2 f(x, y) = D_{\vec{u}}[D_{\vec{u}}f(x, y)] = \nabla [D_{\vec{u}}f(x, y)] \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{58}{5}x + 6y, 6x + \frac{24}{5}y \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{174}{25}x + \frac{18}{5}y + \frac{24}{5}x + \frac{96}{25}y = \frac{294}{25}x + \frac{186}{25}y$$

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}^2 f(2, 1) = \frac{294}{25}(2) + \frac{186}{25}(1) = \frac{774}{25}$$

(b)

$$D_{\mathbf{u}} f = \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{u} = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle \cdot \langle a, b \rangle = f_x a + f_y b$$

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}^2 f = D_{\mathbf{u}} [D_{\mathbf{u}} f] = \nabla [D_{\mathbf{u}} f] \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

$$= \langle f_{xx} a + f_{yx} b, f_{xy} a + f_{yy} b \rangle \cdot \langle a, b \rangle = f_{xx} a^2 + f_{yx} ab + f_{xy} ab + f_{yy} b^2$$

$$\text{But } f_{yx} = f_{xy} \text{ by Clairaut's Theorem, so } D_{\mathbf{u}}^2 f = f_{xx} a^2 + 2f_{xy} ab + f_{yy} b^2$$

(c)

$$f(x, y) = xe^{2y}$$

$$f_x = e^{2y}, f_y = 2xe^{2y}, f_{xx} = 0, f_{xy} = 2e^{2y}, f_{yy} = 4xe^{2y}$$

$$\text{unit vector in the direction of } \mathbf{v} \text{ is } \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4^2 + 6^2}} \langle 4, 6 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \right\rangle = \langle a, b \rangle$$

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}^2 f = f_{xx} a^2 + 2f_{xy} ab + f_{yy} b^2$$

$$= 0 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} \right)^2 + 2 \cdot 2e^{2y} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} \right) \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \right) + 4xe^{2y} \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{24}{13} e^{2y} + \frac{36}{13} x e^{2y}$$

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Find the critical points of function

$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{4y^2 - 9x^2 + 24y + 36x + 36}$$

Solution

First, we calculate $f_x(x, y)$ and $f_y(x, y)$:

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2}(-18x + 36)(4y^2 - 9x^2 + 24y + 36x + 36)^{-1/2} \\ &= \frac{-9x + 18}{\sqrt{4y^2 - 9x^2 + 24y + 36x + 36}} \\ f_y(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2}(8y + 24)(4y^2 - 9x^2 + 24y + 36x + 36)^{-1/2} \\ &= \frac{4y + 12}{\sqrt{4y^2 - 9x^2 + 24y + 36x + 36}} \end{aligned}$$

Next, we set each of these expressions equal to zero:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-9x + 18}{\sqrt{4y^2 - 9x^2 + 24y + 36x + 36}} &= 0 \\ \frac{4y + 12}{\sqrt{4y^2 - 9x^2 + 24y + 36x + 36}} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then, multiply both sides of each equation by its denominator (to clear the denominators):

$$\begin{aligned} -9x + 18 &= 0 \\ 4y + 12 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $x = 2$ and $y = -3$, so $(2, -3)$ is a critical point of f . We must also check for the possibility that the denominator of each partial derivative can equal zero, thus causing the partial derivative not to exist. Since the denominator is the same in each partial derivative, we need only do this once:

$$4y^2 - 9x^2 + 24y + 36x + 36 = 0.$$

This equation represents a hyperbola. We should also note that the domain of f consists of points satisfying the inequality

$$4y^2 - 9x^2 + 24y + 36x + 36 \geq 0.$$

Therefore, any points on the hyperbola are not only critical points, they are also on the boundary of the domain. To put the hyperbola in standard form, we use the method of completing the square:

$$\begin{aligned} 4y^2 - 9x^2 + 24y + 36x + 36 &= 0 \\ 4y^2 - 9x^2 + 24y + 36x &= -36 \\ 4y^2 + 24y - 9x^2 + 36x &= -36 \\ 4(y^2 + 6y) - 9(x^2 - 4x) &= -36 \\ 4(y^2 + 6y + 9) - 9(x^2 - 4x + 4) &= -36 - 36 + 36 \\ 4(y + 3)^2 - 9(x - 2)^2 &= -36. \end{aligned}$$

Dividing both sides by -36 puts the equation in standard form:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4(y + 3)^2}{-36} - \frac{9(x - 2)^2}{-36} &= 1 \\ \frac{(x - 2)^2}{4} - \frac{(y + 3)^2}{9} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Notice that point $(2, -3)$ is the center of the hyperbola. Thus, the critical points of the function f are $(2, -3)$ and all points on the hyperbola, $\frac{(x-2)^2}{4} - \frac{(y+3)^2}{9} = 1$.

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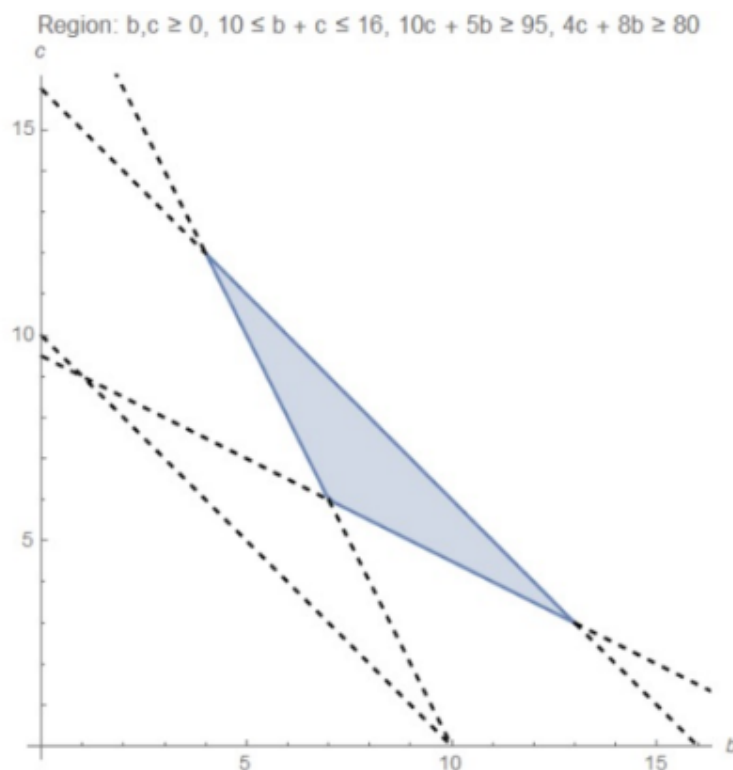
A cat-food company makes its food from chicken, which costs 25 cents per ounce, and beef, which costs 20 cents per ounce. Chicken has 10 grams of protein and 4 grams of fat per ounce, while beef has 5 grams of protein and 8 grams of fat per ounce. Each package of food must weigh between 10 and 16 ounces, and it must also have at least 95 grams of protein and at least 80 grams of fat. How much chicken and beef should the company use in each package to minimize the total cost while also satisfying these requirements?

Solution

Suppose that the company uses c ounces of chicken and b ounces of beef: then the total cost is $f(b, c) = 20b + 25c$ (which we wish to minimize).

We also must satisfy the constraints $b \geq 0$ and $c \geq 0$ (since the cans cannot contain a negative amount of either ingredient), $10 \leq b + c \leq 16$ (for the weight), $10c + 5b \geq 95$ (for the protein), and $4c + 8b \geq 80$ (for the fat).

The corresponding region is as follows:



From the picture, we can see that the constraints $b \geq 0$, $c \geq 0$, and $b + c \geq 10$ are irrelevant and are not parts of the boundary of the region. There are three corner points, which we can find as follows:

Intersection of $b + c = 16$ with $10c + 5b = 95$. The first equation yields $c = 16 - b$, and plugging into the second equation yields $10(16 - b) + 5b = 95$ so that $160 - 5b = 95$. Thus $b = 13$ and then $c = 3$.

Intersection of $b + c = 16$ with $4c + 8b = 80$. The first equation yields $c = 16 - b$, and plugging into the second equation yields $4(16 - b) + 8b = 80$ so that $64 + 4b = 80$. Thus $b = 4$ and then $c = 12$.

Intersection of $10c + 5b = 95$ with $4c + 8b = 80$. The first equation yields $b = 19 - 2c$, and plugging into the second equation yields $4c + 8(19 - 2c) = 80$ so that $152 - 12c = 80$. Thus $c = 6$ and then $b = 7$.

Thus we obtain three corner points, $(b, c) = (13, 3)$, $(4, 12)$, and $(7, 6)$. We compute $f(13, 3) = 335$, $f(4, 12) = 380$,

and $f(7, 6) = 290$, so the minimum cost of \$2.90 occurs with $(b, c) = (7, 6)$, which is to say, with

7 ounces of beef and 6 ounces of chicken.

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(a) Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface

$$x^{1/3} + y^{1/3} + z^{1/3} = 1$$

at (x_0, y_0, z_0) . Show that the sum of the square root of the x -, y -, and z -intercepts of any tangent plane is 1.

(b) Assume that $x^{1/3} + y^{1/3} + z^{1/3} = 1$. Find the partial derivatives of z with respect x and y . Approximate the value of z when $x = 1.01$ and $y = .97$.

(c) Find the volume of the largest rectangular box in the first octant with three faces in the coordinate planes and one vertex on the surface $x^{1/3} + y^{1/3} + z^{1/3} = 1$.

Solution

(a)

$$\nabla F = \frac{1}{3} \langle x_0^{-2/3}, y_0^{-2/3}, z_0^{-2/3} \rangle$$

Tangent Plane:

$$x_0^{-2/3} (x - x_0) + y_0^{-2/3} (y - y_0) + z_0^{-2/3} (z - z_0) = 0$$

$$x_0^{-2/3} x + y_0^{-2/3} y + z_0^{-2/3} z = 1$$

Intercepts:

$$x_0^{2/3}, y_0^{2/3}, z_0^{2/3}$$

Thus,

$$\sqrt{x_0^{2/3}} + \sqrt{y_0^{2/3}} + \sqrt{z_0^{2/3}} = 1$$

(b)

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} = -\left(\frac{x}{z}\right)^{-2/3}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z} = -\left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^{-2/3}$$

If $x_0 = y_0 = 1$, then $z_0 = -1$

$$z(x, y) \approx z(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

$$z(1.01, .97) \approx -1 + (-1)(.01) + (-1)(.03) = \boxed{-.98}$$

(c)

Let $f(x, y, z) = xyz$ and $F(x, y, z) = 1$

$$\nabla f = \langle yz, xz, xy \rangle = \lambda \nabla F = \frac{\lambda}{3} \langle x^{-2/3}, y^{-2/3}, z^{-2/3} \rangle$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{3} = x^{2/3} yz = xzy^{2/3} = xyz^{2/3}$$

Hence, $x^{1/3} = y^{1/3} = z^{1/3}$ or $x = y = z$

$$x = y = z = 3^{-3}$$

$$V = 3^{-9}$$

10 (Challenge)

Given two equivalent functions below use their gradients to find values for α and β . For full credit the gradient must be used here. Assume the following:

$$f(y, x) = 2y + \tan^{-1}(\alpha\beta x)$$

$$f(x, y) = \alpha\pi y + \alpha\beta \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}\right)$$

Solution

The first variable always matches up with the first partial of that specific variable when dealing with the gradient.

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

Here, we notice that:

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

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

Provided that both equations are equivalent and perhaps differ by a constant, thus their partial derivatives must be equivalent

Using the gradient we have the situation below:

$$\nabla f(y, x) = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right\rangle = \left\langle 2, \frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha^2\beta^2x^2 + 1} \right\rangle$$

and

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{\alpha\beta}{x^2 + 1}, \pi\alpha \right\rangle$$

From the information above and having 'equivalent functions' we arrive to the following by relating their partial derivatives:

$$\pi\alpha = 2 \implies \boxed{\alpha = \frac{2}{\pi}}$$

and

$$\frac{\alpha\beta}{x^2 + 1} = \frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha^2\beta^2x^2 + 1}$$

Solving for β we get:

$$x^2 + 1 = \alpha^2\beta^2x^2 + 1$$

$$x^2 = \alpha^2\beta^2x^2$$

$$1 = \alpha^2\beta^2$$

Therefore:

$$\boxed{\beta = \frac{\pi}{2}}$$

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Ant-ony the ant is currently on a metal sheet. Ant-ony is very particular about the temperature of where he is standing, and in particular if the temperature, as measured by the Romer scale, is not at 20 then Ant-ony will move in the direction from his current position which has the greatest rate of temperature change that will get Ant-ony closer to 20. Given that the temperature at a point (x, y) on the metal sheet is given by:

$$T(x, y) = \frac{40y}{1+x^2} - 2xy$$

Determine how Ant-ony will react if placed at the following points. (Namely, will he stay put, or move. If Ant-ony moves, give a vector indicating which way he initially moves (it does not have to be a unit vector).)

(a) $(x, y) = (1, 2)$

(b) $(x, y) = (2, 5)$

(c) $(x, y) = (3, 6)$

Solution

Let us begin by seeing what the temperature is at these points. We have:

$$T(1, 2) = \frac{80}{1+1} - 4 = 36$$

$$T(2, 5) = \frac{200}{1+4} - 20 = 20$$

$$T(3, 6) = \frac{240}{1+9} - 36 = -12$$

So at $(1, 2)$ it is too hot so Ant-ony will move to where it is cooler, at $(2, 5)$ it is just right so Ant-ony can stay and relax, and at $(3, 6)$ it is too cold so Ant-ony will move to where it is warmer. By the description of the problem we know when Ant-ony moves it will be either in the direction of the gradient (if he needs to warm up) or in the direction opposite the gradient (if he needs to cool down). In any case we need the gradient, so computing we have:

$$\nabla T = \left\langle \frac{-80xy}{(1+x^2)^2} - 2y, \frac{40}{1+x^2} - 2x \right\rangle$$

So we have the following:

(a) At $(1, 2)$, Ant-ony will move $-\nabla T = -\left\langle -\frac{160}{4} - 4, \frac{40}{2} - 2 \right\rangle = \langle 44, -18 \rangle$ we can scale this to the more convenient $\langle 22, -9 \rangle$.

(b) At $(2, 5)$ the temperature is just right so Ant-ony will stay put.

(c) At $(3, 6)$, Ant-ony will move $\nabla T = \left\langle \frac{-80 \cdot 18}{10^2} - 12, \frac{40}{10} - 6 \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{-72}{5} - 12, -2 \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{-132}{5}, -2 \right\rangle$ we can scale this by $5/2$ to get the more convenient $\langle -66, -5 \rangle$.

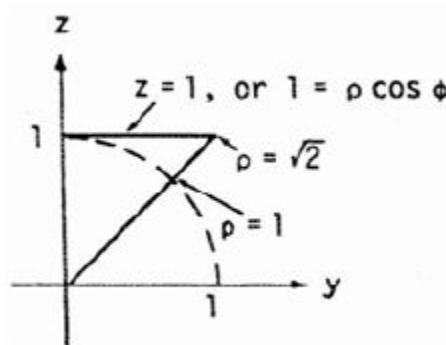
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Let D be the region bounded below by the cone $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and above by the plane $z = 1$. Set up the triple integrals in spherical coordinates that give the volume of D using the following orders of integration

$$d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta$$

$$d\phi \, d\rho \, d\theta$$

Solution



The first order of integration is a standard problem (see Spherical (example 2) in notes)

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/4} \int_0^{\sec \phi} \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\phi d\theta$$

$$V = 1.0472$$

The second order of integration requires splitting based on the boundary curve of ρ and finding an angle ϕ in terms of ρ

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \int_0^{\pi/4} \rho^2 \sin \phi d\phi d\rho d\theta + \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^{\sqrt{2}} \int_{\cos^{-1}(1/\rho)}^{\pi/4} \rho^2 \sin \phi d\phi d\rho d\theta$$

$$V = 0.613434 + 0.433763 = 1.0472$$

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Let C be the curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \cos(\pi t^2) + t^{137}, e^{t(1-t)} - \sin(\pi t/2) \rangle \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

and let

$$\mathbf{F} = \langle 3y^2 + \cos(x+y), -\cos(x+y) \rangle$$

Find $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} ds$.

Solution

This is precisely a flux line integral.

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} ds$$

Following the normal notation from the textbook. We have,

$$\mathbf{n} = \left\langle \frac{dy}{ds}, -\frac{dx}{ds} \right\rangle$$

$$\int_C \langle M, N \rangle \cdot \langle dy, -dx \rangle$$

Observing the format, we now have a conservative vector field!

$$\int_C \underbrace{\cos(x+y)}_{f_x=F_1} dx + \int_C \underbrace{3y^2 + \cos(x+y)}_{f_y=F_2} dy$$

$$\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x}$$

Solving for a potential function, we have that

$$f = \sin(x + y) + C(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \cos(x + y) + C'(y) = 3y^2 + \cos(x + y)$$

$$\implies C(y) = y^3$$

$$f = \sin(x + y) + y^3$$

$$r(0) = (1, 1)$$

$$r(1) = (0, 0)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds &= f(0, 0) - f(1, 1) = 0 - (\sin(2) + 1) \\ &= \boxed{-1 - \sin(2)}\end{aligned}$$

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For each of the following vector fields \mathbf{F} , decide whether it is conservative or not by computing $\text{curl } \mathbf{F}$. Find the potential function if conservative. Assume the potential function has a value of zero at the origin.

(a)

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = -3x\hat{i} - 2y\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

(b)

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = -3x^2\hat{i} + 5y^2\hat{j} + 5z^2\hat{k}$$

Solution

(a)

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{0}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -3x \implies f(x, y, z) = -\frac{3}{2}x^2 + g(y, z)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -2y = \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \implies g(y, z) = -y^2 + h(z)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 1 = \frac{dh}{dz} \implies h(z) = z + C \implies$$

$$\boxed{f(x, y, z) = -\frac{3}{2}x^2 - y^2 + z + C}$$

so \vec{F} is conservative

(b)

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{0}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -3x^2 \implies f(x, y, z) = -x^3 + g(y, z)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 5y^2 = \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \implies g(y, z) = \frac{5}{3}y^3 + h(z)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 5z^2 = \frac{dh}{dz} \implies h(z) = \frac{5}{3}z^3 + C \implies$$

$$f(x, y, z) = -x^3 + \frac{5}{3}y^3 + \frac{5}{3}z^3 + C$$

so \vec{F} is conservative

15 (Challenge)

The heat flow vector field for conducting objects is $\mathbf{F} = -k\nabla T$, where $T(x, y, z)$ is the temperature in the object and $k > 0$ is a constant that depends on the material. Compute the outward flux of across the following surface S for the given temperature distribution (assume $k = 1$)

$$T(x, y, z) = 100e^{-x-y}$$

where S consists of the faces of the cube $|x| \leq 1, |y| \leq 1, |z| \leq 1$

Solution

$$\mathbf{F} = -\nabla T = -\langle T_x, T_y, T_z \rangle = \langle 100e^{-x-y}, 100e^{-x-y}, 0 \rangle$$

Thus the flow is parallel to the two sides where $z = \pm 1$ so that the flux is zero there. We thus need only compute the flux on the remaining four sides. Parameterize the sides as

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 : \langle -1, y, z \rangle & \quad \mathbf{t}_y \times \mathbf{t}_z = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle \\ S_2 : \langle 1, y, z \rangle & \quad \mathbf{t}_y \times \mathbf{t}_z = \langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle \\ S_3 : \langle x, -1, z \rangle & \quad \mathbf{t}_x \times \mathbf{t}_z = \langle 0, -1, 0 \rangle \\ S_4 : \langle x, 1, z \rangle & \quad \mathbf{t}_x \times \mathbf{t}_z = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

for $-1 \leq x, y, z \leq 1$. We are looking for the outward flux, so we must choose outward normals, which are (respectively) $\langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle$, $\langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$, $\langle 0, -1, 0 \rangle$, and $\langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$. Then

$$\iint_{S_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS_1 = \iint_{\mathcal{R}} -100e^{-x-y} dA = -100 \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 e^{1-y} dz dy = -200e^2 + 200$$

$$\iint_{S_2} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS_2 = \iint_{\mathcal{R}} -100e^{-x-y} dA = 100 \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 e^{-1-y} dz dy = -200e^{-2} + 200$$

$$\iint_{S_3} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS_3 = \iint_{\mathcal{R}} -100e^{-x-y} dA = -100 \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 e^{-x+1} dz dx = -200e^2 + 200$$

$$\iint_{S_4} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS_4 = \iint_{\mathcal{R}} -100e^{-x-y} dA = 100 \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 e^{-x-1} dz dx = -200e^{-2} + 200$$

so that the total flux is $-400(e^2 + e^{-2} - 2) = \boxed{-400\left(e - \frac{1}{e}\right)^2}$

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A hot air balloon known as the **TARDIS** (for Tethered Aerial Release Developed InStyle) has the shape of the surface S given by the part of ellipsoid $2x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 = 9$ with $-1 \leq z \leq 3$. The hot gases that the balloon uses to fly have a velocity vector field given by $\mathbf{v} = \nabla \times \mathbf{F}$, where $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle -y, x, xy + z^2 \rangle$. The rate at which the gases escape from the balloon is equal to the flux of \mathbf{v} across the surface of the balloon, given by

$$\iint_S \mathbf{v} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

where S is given the outward orientation (away from the z -axis). Calculate the rate at which the gases escape from the balloon.

Solution

The boundary of the ellipsoid is the circle \mathcal{C} given by $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, with $z = -1$. Since S is oriented outward, the positively-oriented boundary is given by the counter-clockwise orientation of \mathcal{C} . We can either apply Stokes' Theorem directly, and compute $\int_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ or use Stokes' Theorem a second time and compute $\iint_D (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}} dA$, where D is the disk $x^2 + y^2 \leq 4, z = -1$.

Method 1:

$$\text{we let } \mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2 \cos t, 2 \sin t, -1 \rangle$$

$$\text{so that } \mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle -2 \sin t, 2 \cos t, 0 \rangle$$

with $t \in [0, 2\pi]$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \langle -2 \sin t, 2 \cos t, 4 \sin t \cos t + 1 \rangle \cdot \langle -2 \sin t, 2 \cos t, 0 \rangle dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (4 \cos^2 t + 4 \sin^2 t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} 4 dt = \boxed{8\pi} \end{aligned}$$

Method 2: we compute that $\mathbf{v} = \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \langle x, -y, 2 \rangle$

$$\iint_S \mathbf{v} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_D \mathbf{v} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}} dA = \iint_D (2) dA = 2\pi(2^2) = \boxed{8\pi}$$

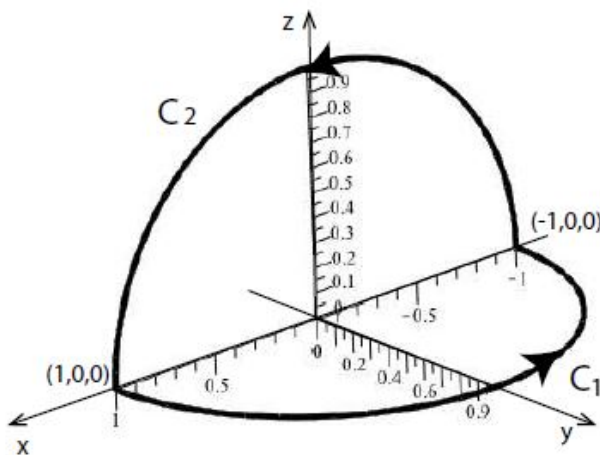
Note: The second vector used in the above calculation is $\langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$, since we are on a 2D-plane (more clearly, the gradient of $f(x, y, z) = z + 1 = 0$).

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Let C_1 be the curve from the point $(1,0,0)$ to the point $(-1,0,0)$ along the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ on the xy -plane, and let C_2 be the curve from the point $(-1,0,0)$ to the point $(1,0,0)$ along the circle $x^2 + z^2 = 1$ on the xz -plane. The curves are shown in the picture. Let C be the union of C_1 and C_2 . Evaluate the work done by the vector field

$$\vec{F}(x, y, z) = x\vec{i} + (x - 2yz)\vec{j} + (x^2 + z^4)\vec{k}$$

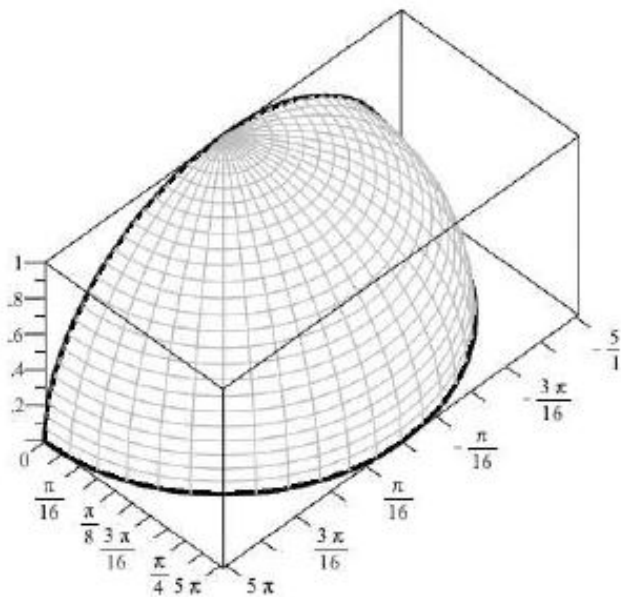
in moving a particle along C .



Solution

Method 1:

The curves C_1 and C_2 both lie on the surface $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ as shown in the picture below.



Using Stokes' Theorem, let the surface S be a quarter circle. We orient S upward so that C is positively oriented with respect to S . Now,

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \langle 2y, -2x, 1 \rangle$$

On the other hand, on the sphere,

$$\vec{n} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$$

Thus,

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} dS = z dS$$

Using the standard parametrization of sphere, this equals $\text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \cos(\phi) \sin(\phi) d\phi d\theta$. Therefore,

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_S \text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_0^\pi \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos(\phi) \sin(\phi) d\phi d\theta = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

Method 2:

The curve C is the boundary of the surface consisting of two half flat disks, one on the xy -plane and the other on the xz -plane. Call these two disks S_1 and S_2 , respectively. By Stokes' Theorem the work is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \iint_{S_1} \text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_{S_2} \text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} \\ \text{curl } \vec{F} &= \langle 2y, -2x, 1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

For S_1 , $\vec{n} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$,

$$\iint_{S_1} \text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_{S_1} 1 dS = \text{Area}(S_1) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

For S_2 , $d\vec{S} = \vec{n} dS = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle dS$,

$$\iint_{S_2} \text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_{S_2} (-2x) dS$$

One can see that this is zero by symmetry of the domain in the z -axis. Or one can compute this integral using the polar coordinates for x and z :

$$\int_0^\pi \int_0^1 (-2r \cos \theta) r dr d\theta = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_{S_1} \text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} + \iint_{S_2} \text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{\pi}{2} + 0 = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

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Suppose that S_1 is the set of points on the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ which are not inside the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + (z+1)^2 = 1$ and suppose that S_2 is the set of points on the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + (z+1)^2 = 1$ which are not inside the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$. We may interpret S_1 and S_2 as surfaces carrying an orientation from the inside to the outside. Find

$$\iint_{S_1} \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{A} \quad \text{and} \quad \iint_{S_2} \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$$

where $\mathbf{F} = \langle yz, x, e^{xyz} \rangle$.

Solution

We use Stokes' theorem to say that the first integral is equal to

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

where C is the circle where the two spheres intersect. This integral may be evaluated by parametrizing C as $\left\langle \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos t, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin t, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$ where t ranges from 0 to 2π . The counterclockwise orientation is correct, because that is the one for which the surface is on the left. Thus the first integral equals

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left\langle -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \sin t, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos t, [\text{something}] \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin t, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos t, 0 \right\rangle dt = \frac{3}{4} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t dt = \boxed{\frac{9\pi}{8}}$$

where [something] indicates an expression whose value is immaterial because of the 0 in the third component of $\mathbf{r}'(t)$.

The second integral equals $\boxed{\frac{-9\pi}{8}}$ since Stokes' theorem tells us that this surface integral is equal to the same line integral as above, but with the opposite orientation. In summary,

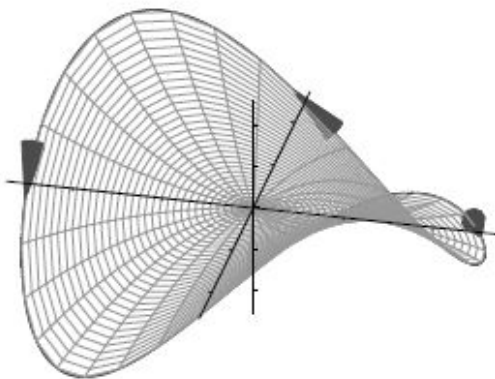
$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{S_1} \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{A} &= \frac{9\pi}{8} \\ \iint_{S_2} \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{A} &= \frac{-9\pi}{8} \end{aligned}$$

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Find the circulation of the field,

$$\mathbf{F} = (3xz - y)\mathbf{i} + (xz + yz)\mathbf{j} + (x^2 + y^2)\mathbf{k}$$

along the boundary of the Pringles potato chip (i.e., the part of the surface $z = xy$ contained inside the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$) oriented as shown.



Solution

By Stokes' Theorem, $\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_S \text{curl}(\mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$

$$\text{curl}(\mathbf{F}) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ 3xz - y & xz + yz & x^2 + yz \end{vmatrix} = \langle 2y - x - y, 3x - 2x, z + 1 \rangle = \langle y - x, x, z + 1 \rangle$$

Parametrizing S as a graph of the function $f(x, y) = xy$ with the parametrization domain the unit disk $D = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ (recall that the gradient vector provides us normal vectors to surfaces)

$$d\mathbf{S} = \langle -f_x, -f_y, 1 \rangle dA = \langle -y, -x, 1 \rangle dA$$

$$\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_S \langle y - x, x, z + 1 \rangle \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iint_D \langle y - x, x, xy + 1 \rangle \cdot \langle -y, -x, 1 \rangle dA = \iint_D (1 + 2xy - x^2 - y^2) dA$$

switching to polar coordinates and noticing that $\iint_D 2xy dA = 0$ by symmetry

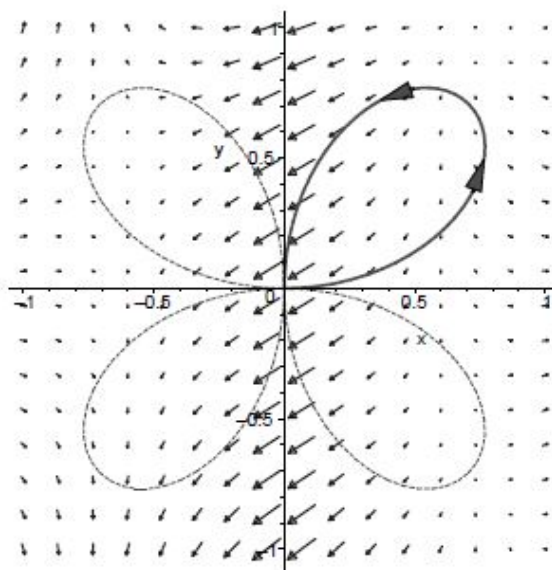
$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (1 - r^2) r dr d\theta = 2\pi(1/2 - 1/4) = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

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Find the circulation of the vector field

$$\mathbf{F} = (\cos y + 2 \ln x)\mathbf{i} + (\ln x + y^3 - x \sin y)\mathbf{j}$$

over the first-quadrant petal of a four-petal rose given in polar coordinates by the equation $r = \sin(2\theta)$.



Solution

By Green's Theorem ($F_1 = P$ and $F_2 = Q$)

$$\begin{aligned}\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \iint_D (Q_x - P_y) dA = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\ln x + y^3 - x \sin y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\cos y + 2 \ln x) \right) dA \\ &= \iint_D \left(\frac{1}{x} - \sin y + \sin y \right) dA = \iint_D \frac{1}{x} dA\end{aligned}$$

switching to polar coordinates and using the equation $r = \sin(2\theta)$ for the upper r -limit

$$\begin{aligned}&= \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\sin(2\theta)} \frac{1}{r \cos \theta} r dr d\theta = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin(2\theta)}{\cos(\theta)} d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\cos \theta} d\theta = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \theta d\theta = \boxed{2}\end{aligned}$$

21 (Challenge)

Let R be the region defined by $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1$. Use the divergence theorem to evaluate

$$\iiint_R z^2 dV$$

Solution

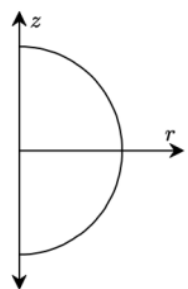
Let S be the unit sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$. By the divergence theorem:

$$\iiint_R z^2 dV = \iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$$

where \mathbf{F} is any vector field whose divergence is z^2 . One possible choice is $\mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{3}z^3\mathbf{k}$:

$$\iiint_R z^2 dV = \iint_S \frac{1}{3}z^3\mathbf{k} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$$

All that remains is to compute the surface integral $\iint_S \frac{1}{3}z^3\mathbf{k} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$. We can parameterize the sphere by:



$$\begin{aligned}
 t &= \theta & x &= \cos u \cos t \\
 r &= \cos u & \text{so} & & y &= \cos u \sin t \\
 z &= \sin u & & & z &= \sin u \\
 0 \leq t &\leq 2\pi & \text{and} & & -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq u &\leq \frac{\pi}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

This gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\mathbf{A} &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \end{vmatrix} dt du = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -\cos u \sin t & \cos u \cos t & 0 \\ -\sin u \cos t & -\sin u \sin t & \cos u \end{vmatrix} dt du \\
 &= (\cos^2 u \cos t, \cos^2 u \sin t, \cos u \sin u) dt du
 \end{aligned}$$

thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_S \frac{1}{3} z^3 \mathbf{k} \cdot d\mathbf{A} &= \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (\sin u)^3 \cos u \sin u du dt \\
 &= \frac{2\pi}{3} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \sin^4 u \cos u du \\
 &= \frac{2\pi}{3} \left[\frac{1}{5} \sin^5 u \right]_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{4\pi}{15}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Of course, in the last example it would have been faster to simply compute the triple integral. In reality, the divergence theorem is only used to compute triple integrals that would otherwise be difficult to set up.

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Evaluate the following integral:

$$I = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \sin(\max\{x^2, y^2\}) dx dy$$

Solution

Solution: The argument of sine is x^2 or y^2 depending on which is larger. So we split our integral in two symmetric regions,

$$D_1 = \{0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1\}, \quad D_2 = \{0 \leq y \leq x \leq 1\},$$

Then we have

$$I = 2 \iint_{D_1} \sin(y^2) dV = \int_0^1 \int_0^y 2 \sin(y^2) dx dy = \int_0^1 2y \sin(y^2) dy = -\cos(y^2) \Big|_0^1 = \boxed{1 - \cos 1}.$$

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Evaluate the integral

$$I = \iint_S z^{2018} dS, \quad S = \{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$$

Solution

Solution 1: [As a surface integral] Using spherical coordinates

$$\mathbf{r} = (\sin \phi \cos \theta, \sin \phi \sin \theta, \cos \phi)$$

we compute

$$\mathbf{r}_\phi = (-\cos \phi \cos \theta, -\cos \phi \sin \theta, \sin \phi), \quad \mathbf{r}_\theta = (-\sin \phi \sin \theta, \sin \phi \cos \theta, 0)$$

and

$$\mathbf{r}_\phi \times \mathbf{r}_\theta = (-\sin^2 \phi \cos \theta, \sin^2 \phi \sin \theta, -\sin \phi \cos \phi), \quad |\mathbf{r}_\phi \times \mathbf{r}_\theta| = \sin \phi$$

Hence

$$I = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos \phi^{2018} \sin \phi d\phi d\theta = 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 u^{2018} du = \frac{4\pi}{2019}$$

where we have substituted $u = -\cos \phi$.

Solution 2: [Using the divergence theorem] The normal vector to the sphere is $\mathbf{n} = (x, y, z)$. Hence defining $\mathbf{F} = (0, 0, z^{2017})$ we have $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} = z^{2018}$. Thus

$$I = \int_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

Since $\text{div } \mathbf{F} = 2017z^{2016}$, by the divergence theorem we get

$$I = \int_B 2017z^{2016} dV, \quad B = \{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1\}$$

In spherical coordinates this becomes

$$I = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_0^1 2017(\rho \cos \phi)^{2016} \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\phi d\theta$$

and the integration in ρ and ϕ yields the same result as above.

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Set up, but do NOT evaluate, the following double integral.

$$f(x, y) = |16xy|, \quad x^2 + y^2 \leq 25$$

Note: For this problem consider the four coordinates.

Solution

We can write, within the domain enclosed by $x^2 + y^2 \leq 25$:

$$f(x, y) = |16xy|$$

$$= \begin{cases} 16xy, & (x, y) \in \text{first or third quadrant} \\ -16xy, & (x, y) \in \text{second or fourth quadrant} \end{cases}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^5 \int_0^{\pi/2} 16r^3 \cos t \sin t dt dr + \int_0^5 \int_\pi^{3\pi/2} 16r^3 \cos t \sin t dt dr \\ & - \int_0^5 \int_{\pi/2}^\pi 16r^3 \cos t \sin t dt dr - \int_0^5 \int_{3\pi/2}^{2\pi} 16r^3 \cos t \sin t dt dr \end{aligned}$$

alternatively,

$$16 \int_{0 < r < 5} \int_{0 < \theta < 2\pi} r^2 |\sin \theta \cos \theta| dr d\theta = 16 \int_{0 < r < 5} r^2 dr \int_{0 < \theta < 2\pi} \frac{|\sin 2\theta|}{2} d\theta$$

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Determine all $a \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$1 = \int_e^{a^e} \frac{dx}{x \int_a^{ax} \frac{dy}{y}}$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^{ax} \frac{dy}{y} &= \ln |y| \Big|_a^{ax} = \ln(ax) - \ln a \\ &= \ln \left(\frac{ax}{a} \right) = \ln x \end{aligned}$$

$$1 = \int_e^{a^e} \frac{dx}{(x) \ln x}$$

Set: $u = \ln x \Rightarrow du = \frac{1}{x} dx$

$$x = e \Rightarrow u = 1$$

$$x = a^e \Rightarrow u = \ln(a^e) = e \ln a.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \int_1^{e \ln a} \frac{1}{u} du \\ &= \ln a \Big|_1^{e \ln a} = \ln(e \ln a) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\boxed{a = e}$$

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Find the minimum value of $f(x, y)$ subject to the constraint $g(x, y) = 0$.

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2, \quad g(x, y) = (y - 1)^3 - x^2.$$

Do you notice anything special about this problem?

Solution

On the curve $g(x, y) = 0$, we have $y = 1 + x^{2/3} \geq 1$, so $f(x, y) \geq 1$. On the other hand, $f(0, 1) = 1$ and $g(0, 1) = 0$, so the minimum value of $f(x, y)$ is 1, attained at $(x, y) = (0, 1)$.

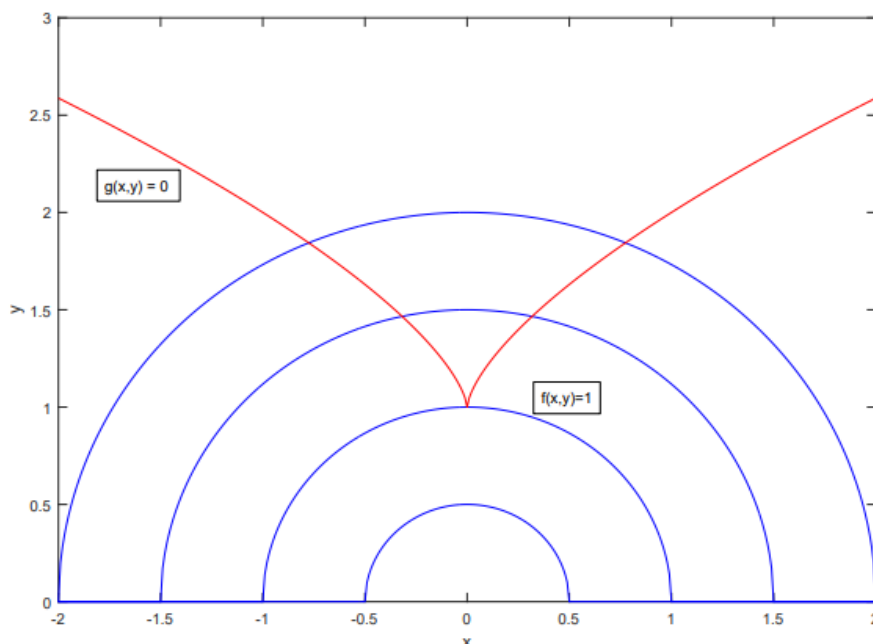
The Lagrange-multiplier-equations $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$ are

$$2x = -2\lambda x, \quad 2y = 3\lambda(y - 1)^2$$

The first equation is satisfied if either $x = 0$ and λ is arbitrary, or $\lambda = -1$. If $x = 0$, then the constraint $g(x, y) = 0$ implies that $y = 1$, in which case the second equation does not hold for any value of λ .

On the other hand, if $\lambda = -1$, then $3y^2 - 4y + 3 = 0$, which implies that $y = (2 \pm \sqrt{-5})/3$, so there are **no real-valued solutions for y** .

The Lagrange-multiplier method fails because $\nabla g = 0$ at the point $(x, y) = (0, 1)$ where f attains its minimum on $g = 0$. As a result, the curve $g(x, y) = 0$ is not smooth with a well-defined normal vector at that point (see figure).



Note: Lagrange multipliers are used to find absolute ends of multivariable functions subject to constraints, in some cases, Lagrange multipliers do not work. Generally, the nature of the function can affect the calculation and the constraints must have a common domain with the function. If there is no common domain between the constraint and the function, the multipliers do not work.

27 (Challenge)

In linear algebra, the quadratic form $Q(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})$ is said to be positive definite when $Q(\mathbf{x}) > 0$ for $\mathbf{x} \neq 0$, where \mathbf{x} is a defined vector. Suppose, there exists such a function $Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$ where

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2$$

Show that there exists a maximum and minimum within the unit disk via multivariable calculus.

Solution

Let $f(x, y) = ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2$ defined where $f(x, y) = Q(\mathbf{x}) > 0$

Interior: $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$

First, find all the critical points that are in the disk (i.e. satisfy the constraint)

$$\nabla f = \langle 0, 0 \rangle : \begin{aligned} f_x &= 2ax + 2by = 0 \\ f_y &= 2bx + 2cy = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The only critical point is $(0, 0)$ and it does satisfy the inequality. Thus, the minimum is $f(0, 0) = 0$

Boundary: $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

The method of Lagrange multipliers shows that the critical points of f on a level set of g occur when the gradients of f and g are parallel, e.g., for some λ , $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$. In this case, we can take $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ and $f(x, y) = ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2$

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \langle 2ax + 2by, 2bx + 2cy \rangle$$

$$\nabla g(x, y) = \langle 2x, 2y \rangle$$

which implies

$$2ax + 2by = \lambda 2x$$

$$2bx + 2cy = \lambda 2y$$

or,

$$ax + by = \lambda x$$

$$bx + cy = \lambda y$$

This is tricky! Notice that

$$f(x, y) = ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 = x(ax + by) + y(bx + cy)$$

plugging in λx and λy

$$f(x, y) = x(\lambda x) + y(\lambda y) = \lambda (x^2 + y^2) = \lambda$$

Thus, for a given solution λ corresponding to some extremum there exists a pair (x, y) , $\lambda = ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2$ which depends on the value of a , b , and c . It is also valid to consider cases for a , b , and c .

Remarks:

1) Notice that

$$D(x, y) = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2a & 2b \\ 2b & 2c \end{vmatrix} = 4ac - 4b^2 = 4(ac - b^2) = -4(b^2 - ac)$$

where if $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(x, y) > 0$, then $f(x, y)$ is a local minimum, so the discriminant will also depend on values of a , b , and c . As an aside, $D(x, y)$ is a scalar multiple of the matrix A where $D(x, y) = 4 \cdot A$ is the hessian matrix.

2) In polar coordinates,

$$\begin{aligned} f(r, \theta) &= a(r \cos(\theta))^2 + 2br \cos(\theta) \cdot r \sin(\theta) + c(r \sin(\theta))^2 \\ &= ar^2 \cos^2(\theta) + r^2 b \sin(2\theta) + cr^2 \sin^2(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

since $r = 1$

$$= a \cos^2(\theta) + b \sin(2\theta) + c \sin^2(\theta)$$

taking the derivative,

$$f_{\theta} = -a \sin(2\theta) + b \cos(2\theta) \cdot 2 + c \sin(2\theta) = 0$$

which implies that

$$a = -\frac{-2b \cos(2\theta) - c \sin(2\theta)}{\sin(2\theta)}; \quad \theta \neq \pi n, \theta \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi n$$

if $r < 1$,

$$f_r = 2br(\theta) \sin(2\theta) + 2ar(\theta) \cos^2(\theta) + 2cr(\theta) \sin^2(\theta) = 0$$

which implies either $r = 0$, or

$$a = -\frac{b \sin(2\theta) + c \sin^2(\theta)}{\cos^2(\theta)}; \quad 2\theta \cos^2(\theta) \neq 0$$

In this scenario, polar coordinate do not provide us with much information.

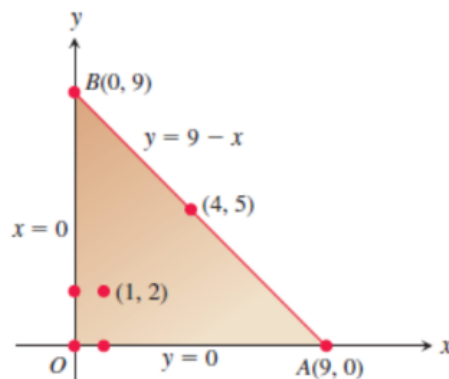
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Let $f(x, y)$ be a continuous function, a and b non-negative constants, and \mathbb{D} be a triangular region in the first quadrant bounded by the lines $x = 0$, $y = 0$, and $y = 9 - x$. Assume that $b > a$ for all of \mathbb{R}^2 .

$$f(x, y) = a + ax + by - x^2 - y^2$$

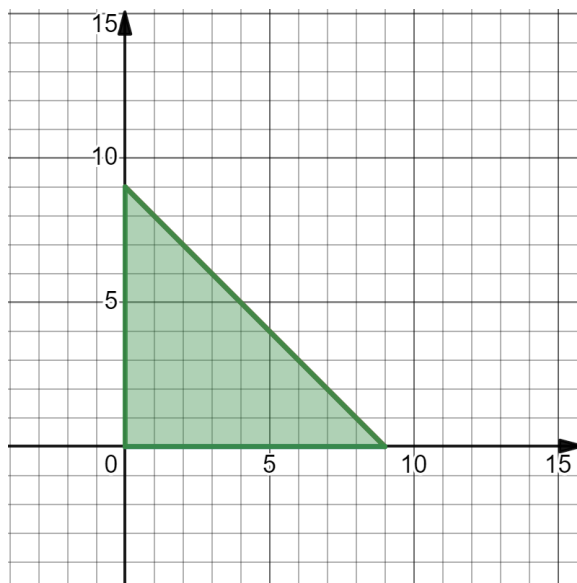
(a) Describe and sketch the domain \mathbb{D} of $f(x, y)$.

- (b) Find the critical point(s) of $f(x, y)$ on \mathbb{R}^2 (if any), where a and b are non-negative constants. (The answers could depend on a and b).
- (c) Classify the critical points from part (b). That is, determine which of them are local maxima, which are local minima, and which are saddle points. If there are no critical points, explain why.
- (d) (Challenge) Using (a) and (b), or otherwise, find the absolute maximum and minimum values of $f(x, y)$ on D .
- (e) (Challenge) For what value(s) of a and b (if any) does $f(x, y)$ take on the coordinates in the plot below if the function value candidates are $7, 2, -61, 3, -43, 6, -11$?



Solution

(a)



$$D = \{x \geq 0, y \geq 0, x + y \leq 9\}$$

(b)

Set the gradient equal to zero,

$$f_x = a - 2x = 0$$

$$f_y = b - 2y = 0$$

$$P = (x, y) = \left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}\right)$$

Thus,

$$f\left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}\right) = a + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2} + \frac{-a^2 - b^2}{4}$$

which implies that (given the domain)

$$\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2} \leq 9$$

(c)

Discriminant is

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

The discriminant does not depend on any specific value of a or b . In our case, the discriminant is defined such that $D(P) > 0$, $f_{xx}(P) < 0 \Rightarrow f(P)$ is a local maximum.

(d)

Be organized.

Segment $y = 0$:

Let's not forget to check endpoints! Define $f(x, y) = f(x, 0) = a + ax - x^2$ where $0 \leq x \leq 9$

$$\begin{array}{ll} x = 0 & \text{where } f(0, 0) = a \\ x = 9 & \text{where } f(9, 0) = a + 9a - 81 \end{array}$$

On the interior,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x, 0) &= a - 2x = 0 \\ f'(x, 0) &= 0 \quad @ \quad x = \frac{a}{2} \\ f(x, 0) &= f\left(\frac{a}{2}, 0\right) = a + \frac{a^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Segment $x = 0$:

Again, check endpoints. Define $f(x, y) = f(0, y) = a + by - y^2$ where $0 \leq y \leq 9$

$$\begin{array}{ll} y = 0 & \text{where } f(0, 0) = a \\ y = 9 & \text{where } f(0, 9) = a + 9b - 81 \end{array}$$

On the interior,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(0, y) &= b - 2y = 0 \\ f'(0, y) &= 0 \quad @ \quad y = \frac{b}{2} \\ f(0, \frac{b}{2}) &= a + \frac{b^2}{2} - \frac{b^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Segment $y = 9 - x$:

The function f is

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= a + ax + by - x^2 - y^2 \\ f(x, 9 - x) &= a + ax + b(9 - x) - x^2 - (9 - x)^2 \\ &= -2x^2 + 18x + a + 9b - 81 \end{aligned}$$

taking the derivative,

$$f'(x, 9-x) = a + 18 - 4x - b = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{-a+b-18}{4}$$

$$y = 9 + \frac{-a+b-18}{4}$$

$$f_{P(x,y)} = a + \frac{a^2 - 2ab + 18a + b^2 + 18b}{4} - \frac{a^2 - 2ab + b^2 + 324}{8}$$

Summary:

The function value candidates

$$a, a + 9a - 81, a + 9b - 81, a + \frac{a^2}{4}, a + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2} + \frac{-a^2 - b^2}{4}, a + \frac{b^2}{2} - \frac{b^2}{4}$$

and lastly,

$$a + \frac{a^2 - 2ab + 18a + b^2 + 18b}{4} - \frac{a^2 - 2ab + b^2 + 324}{8}$$

This is tricky! What are the maximum and minimum? We have to consider the domain of the function given in part (a), and the provided fact that $b > a$. One approach is to plug in combinations of a and b that satisfy the inequality provided by the domain

$$\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2} \leq 9$$

Two good examples are $b = 16$ and $a = 0$ or $a = 2$ and $b = 6$. This reveals that

$$f(9, 0) = a + 9a - 81 \Rightarrow \text{Minimum}$$

$$f\left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}\right) = a + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2} + \frac{-a^2 - b^2}{4} \Rightarrow \text{Maximum}$$

(e)

There are more function values provided than points. However, this should not be a problem! The first thing to notice is that we are guaranteed an absolute maximum and minimum given the same domain \mathbb{D} . The lowest value provided is -61 and the highest value is 7 . Thus,

$$f(9, 0) = a + 9a - 81 = -61$$

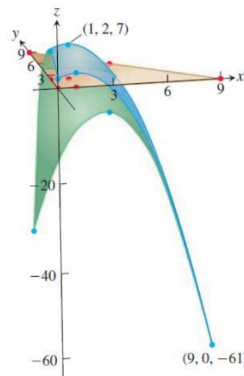
and

$$f\left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}\right) = a + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2} + \frac{-a^2 - b^2}{4} = 7$$

Solving,

$$\boxed{a = 2} \text{ and } \boxed{b = 4}$$

which satisfies the domain restriction in part (a). Thus, $f(1, 2) = 7$ and $f(9, 0) = -61$.



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Write in spherical coordinates, the parametric equations for x , y , and z for a graph with a sphere with center (a, b, c) and radius ρ .

Solution

The equations we use to convert spherical coordinates to rectangular coordinates give us parametric equations for a sphere centered at the origin with radius ρ . These are

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \\y &= \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \\z &= \rho \cos \phi \\r &= \rho \sin \phi\end{aligned}$$

Adding a to the x -coordinate, b to the y -coordinate, and c to the z -coordinate of each point on this sphere is equivalent to translating the sphere centered at the origin to the desired sphere. Therefore, parametric equations for the sphere are

$$\begin{aligned}x &= a + \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \\y &= b + \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \\z &= c + \rho \cos \phi \\r &= \rho \sin \phi\end{aligned}$$

where ϕ and θ are the parameters and ρ is a constant (Source: adapted from AoPS Pre-Calculus).

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Let $f(x, y) = g(x, y) - g(y, x)$, where g is a continuously differentiable function which satisfies

$$g_y(x, y) - g_x(x, y) = e^\beta$$

If an observer is moving through \mathbf{R}^2 along the path (assume both α and β are non-zero constants)

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \alpha \cos(\pi t), \alpha \sin(\pi t) \rangle$$

For what value(s) of t is the rate of the change of the value of f measured by the observer equal to zero?

Solution

The observer observes $f(\mathbf{r}(t))$, the rate of change of which is given by the chain rule:

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} f(\mathbf{r}(t)) \right|_t = \nabla f_{\mathbf{r}(t)} \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t)$$

By another application of the chain rule,

$$f_x(x, y) = g_x(x, y) - g_y(y, x), \quad f_y(x, y) = g_y(x, y) - g_x(y, x)$$

Now $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x, y \rangle = \langle \alpha \cos(\pi t), \alpha \sin(\pi t) \rangle$

$$\nabla f_{\mathbf{r}(t)} = \langle g_x(x, y) - g_y(y, x), g_y(x, y) - g_x(y, x) \rangle = \langle -e^\beta, e^\beta \rangle$$

Also $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle -\pi \alpha \sin t, \pi \alpha \cos t \rangle$, so

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} f(\mathbf{r}(t)) \right|_t = \langle -e^\beta, e^\beta \rangle \cdot \langle -\pi \alpha \sin(\pi t), \pi \alpha \cos(\pi t) \rangle = \pi \alpha e^\beta \sin(\pi t) + \pi \alpha e^\beta \cos(\pi t) = 0$$

which occurs at $t = \frac{3}{4} + n$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Notice that the path traced by the position vector is a circle with radius α and the rate of change is zero when the velocity and gradient vectors are orthogonal.