# **TOPICS COVERED** (Chapter 15 - skip 15.2)

## 1. Graphs of quadratic equations

Graph quadratic equations in x, y, z by looking a cross-section. You need to be able to do this to graph functions.

### 2. Functions of several variables

Graphing

2D: Graph surfaces z = f(x, y), graph contour curves f(x, y) in x and y.

3D: Graph level surfaces of f(x, y, z).

Compute Partial Derivatives. Interpret as slopes.

Tangent planes and normals.

Find equations of tangent plane to a surface z = f(x, y) at a point

Find equations of tangent plane to a surface F(x, y, z) = c at a point

Find normal to any surface (F(x, y, z) = c, z = f(x, y)) at a point

Linearization.

Find the linear approximation of f(x, y).

Find the linear approximation of the change of f(x,y) as (x,y) change from a base point  $(x_0, y_0)$  to a nearby point  $(x_0 + \Delta x, y_0 + \Delta y)$ .

Chain Rule. Implicit differentiation.

Properties of the Gradient: (be able to use them!)

Vector that points in direction of maximal increase.

Magnitude = maximal rate of change (derivative in direction of maximal increase)

2D:  $\nabla f$  points normal to level curves.

3D:  $\nabla f$  points normal to level surfaces.

Directional derivative

Compute derivatives in specified direction (directional derivative)

#### 3. Maxima and Minima

Find local max/min

Find critical points. Use second derivative test.

Find absolute max/min

- 1. Find local max/min
- 2. Investigate behaviour as  $x, y \to \pm \infty$  if function is defined on an infinite domain.
- 2'. Investigate behaviour on boundary if function is defined on a closed, bounded domain (make sure you can handle domains in the shape of squares, triangles or circles)

Remember: continuous functions on closed, bounded domains always have an absolute  $\max/\min$ 

Lagrange multipliers

Solve  $\{max/min\ f(x,y)\ such\ that\ g(x,y)=c\}$  using Lagrange multipliers.

Be able to solve those type of problems using substition as well (sometimes easier).

Understand the picture associated with Lagrange multipliers. (Why is  $\nabla f$  parallel to  $\nabla q$  at a local extremum?)

### STUDY PROBLEMS

The following problems are a pretty comprehensive set, but make sure to work additional problems out of the homework, specially in those topics listed on the other side in which you feel a little shaky.

Chapter 15 Review, Concept Check: 1,2,5(b,c),7,8,9,11

Chapter 15 Review, True-False: 2,3,4,6,7,11,12

Chapter 15 Review, Exercises: 3-6,12,13-20,23,25,26,28,29,34,35,36,39,42,45,46,47,48,49,51,

52,55,56,59

Section 15.4: 33,34

Other selected problems.

- 1. Make sure to include some implicit differentiation!
- 2. Let  $z = x^2 + 3xy$ 
  - (a) Write down the equation for the tangent plane at (1,1,4) in the form z = L(x,y), where L is the linearization of f, as we learnt it in Section 15.4
  - (b) Find a normal to the surface by writing the surface as a level surface of some function. Use the normal to write down the equation of a tangent plane.
  - (c) Confirm that the results in (a) and (b) are the same.
- 3. (a) Graph the surface r = a in 3D.
  - (b) Find a unit normal to the surface at an arbitrary point  $(x_o, y_o, z_o)$  on the surface (Hint: write  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and proceed as in 2(b)).
  - (c) Also sketch the unit normal in your graph, and make sure the answer makes sense.
- 4. Prove that the directional derivative in the direction of the gradient (the direction of maximal increase) is  $|\nabla f|$
- 5. FIG 1 shows the curve g(x,y) = k (dashed) and several level curves of the function f(x,y) (solid). It also shows the gradient  $\nabla f$  at several points. Does the absolute maximum of f under the constraint g(x,y) = k occur at P? At Q? At R? Somewhere else?
- 6. In FIG 2, the solid lines are the indicated level curves of f(x,y). The dashed line is the level curve g(x,y)=k. At which points does the maximum of f occur, under the constraint that g=k? Indicate these points in the figure.

Also, on the figure, plot the gradient of f along the curve q = k. (Plot several gradients, as in the previous figure.)

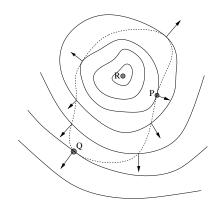
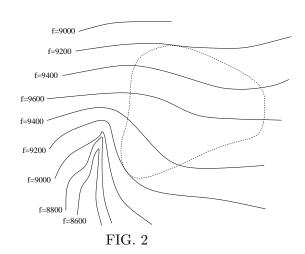


FIG. 1



7. FIG 3 shows the contour level g(x,y) = 1 and several contour levels for the function f(x,y). From the picture it is clear that the

maximum of 
$$f(x, y)$$
 such that  $g(x, y) = 1$ 

is equal to 4, and occurs at the indicated points P and Q. However, it looks like  $\nabla f$  is not parallel to  $\nabla g$  at these points, contradicting what we just learnt about Lagrange multipliers. What is going on?? Explain in words. Be clear and concise.

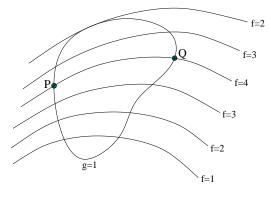


FIG. 3

# PARTIAL ANSWERS

Chapter 15 Review, Exercises.

- 4: upper portion of hyperboloid of two sheets
- 6: downward parabolas

12: 
$$T(x,y) \approx T(6,4) + T_x(6,4)(x-6) + T_y(6,4)(y-4) \approx 80 + \frac{86-72}{4}(x-6) + \frac{75-87}{4}(y-4) = 80 + \frac{7}{2}(x-6) - 3(y-4) \ T(5,3.8) \approx 75.9$$

- 18:  $\partial C/\partial T(10, 35, 100) = 3.413$  (sound travels faster as temperature increases)  $\partial C/\partial S(10, 35, 100) = 1.24$  (sound travels faster as salinity increases)  $\partial C/\partial D(10, 35, 100) = 0.016$  (sound travels faster with increasing depth)
- 34: (a) A = xy/2,  $\Delta A \approx (y/2)\Delta x + (x/2)\Delta y$   $|\Delta A| \le (12/2)0.002 + (5/2)0.002$ (b)  $d = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ ,  $\Delta d \approx \frac{x\Delta x + y\Delta y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$   $|\Delta d| \le \frac{17(0.002)}{13}$

36: 
$$z_u = -(3u^2 - 2uv^2 + v)\sin[(u^2 + v)(u - v^2)] - 2u(u - v^2)\sin(u^2 + v) + \cos(u^2 + v)$$
,  $z_v = -(u - 3v^2 - 2u^2v)\sin[(u^2 + v)(u - v^2)] - (u - v^2)\sin(u^2 + v) - 2v\cos(u^2 + v)$ 

- 42:  $z_x = \frac{yze^{xyz} 2xz^3}{4z^2 + x^23z^2 xye^{xyz}}$
- 46: 12.5/3
- 48:  $\nabla f(P)$ ,  $|\nabla f(P)|$
- 52: saddle at (0,0), local min at (1,1/2)
- 56: Critical points in interior  $(0,0),(0,\pm 1),(\pm 1,0)$  Critical points on boundary  $(\pm 2,0),(0,\pm 2)$  Abs max: 2/e. Abs min: 0.

Section 15.4.

34: 
$$V = \pi r^2 h$$
,  $\Delta V \approx 2\pi r h \Delta r + \pi r^2 \Delta h$ , where  $\Delta r = 0.05$ ,  $\Delta h = 0.2$ . Therefore  $\Delta V \approx 2.8\pi$ .

Other selected problems:

- 2: (a) z = 4 + 5(x 1) + 3(y 1) (b) The surface is a level surface of  $F(x, y, z) = x^2 + 3xy z$  (since it is given by F(x, y, z) = 0). Therefore, a normal to the surface at P is  $\nabla F(P) = \langle 5, 3, -1 \rangle$ . The equation for the tangent plane at P is 5(x 1) + 3(y 1) (z 4).
- 3: (a) Cylinder of radius a. (b) Unit normal  $\mathbf{n} = \frac{\langle x_o, y_o \rangle}{\sqrt{x_0^2 + y_0^2}} = \frac{\langle x_o, y_o \rangle}{a}$
- 4: See classnotes or book, p966.
- 5: At Q.
- 7: The points P and Q lie at a local maximum of f (they lie on a ridge). Therefore  $\nabla f = \mathbf{0}$ . This does not contradict what we learnt about Lagrange multipliers since at P and Q, the equation  $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$  still holds, however with  $\lambda = 0$ .