

# FINAL EXAM

Math 51, Spring 2001.

You have 3 hours.

No notes, no books.

YOU MUST SHOW ALL WORK AND EXPLAIN ALL REASONING  
TO RECEIVE CREDIT

Good luck!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ (/50 points) “On my honor, I have neither given nor  
received any aid on this examination. I  
have furthermore abided by all other  
aspects of the honor code with respect to  
this examination.”

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Total \_\_\_\_\_ (/250 points)

Circle your section meeting time:

11:00am

1:15pm

7pm

1. Let the function  $f : (\mathbb{R}^2 - \{\vec{0}\}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  have components  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  as described by

$$f \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (x^2)^y \\ xy^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Note that the function  $f$  is not defined at the origin; this is because the component  $f_1$  is not defined there.

Is this discontinuity in  $f_1$  removable? Justify your answer.

- (b) Find the Jacobian matrix for the function  $f$  at the point  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (c) In what (unit vector) direction  $\vec{u}$  is the function  $f_1$  increasing the fastest, at the point  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

- (d) What is  $D_{\vec{u}}f_1$  at the point  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $\vec{u}$  is the vector determined in part (c)?

2. Let the functions  $f$  and  $g$  be given by

$$f(t) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(t) \\ f_2(t) \\ f_3(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad g \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = x_1^2 x_2^3 x_3$$

(a) Write down an equation for  $\nabla g$ .

(b) Suppose that  $f_1(t) = \sin t$ ,  $f_2(t) = \cos t$ ,  $f_3(t) = t^2$ , and consider the composition  $g \circ f$ . Use the chain rule to find an expression (in terms of  $t$ ) for

$$\frac{dg}{dt}$$

- (c) Suppose instead that you do not have formulas for the components of  $f$ ; instead, you are given only that

$$f(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } \frac{dg}{dt}(0) = 5.$$

Find the value of

$$\frac{df_3}{dt}(0)$$

3. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  have component functions  $f_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$ .

- (a) Suppose that at a point  $\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the vectors  $\{\nabla f_1, \dots, \nabla f_n\}$  are dependent. Show that there must exist some non-zero vector  $\vec{v}$  with

$$D_{f, \vec{a}}(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}$$

(Hint: Recall that the vectors  $\{\nabla f_1, \dots, \nabla f_n\}$  are the row vectors of the matrix  $J_{f, \vec{a}}$ .)

(b) Use the result of part (a) to show that if the vectors

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right\}$$

are dependent at a point  $\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then we can draw the same conclusion – that there must exist some non-zero vector  $\vec{v}$  with

$$D_{f, \vec{a}}(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}$$

(Hint: Recall the relationship between the dimensions of the row space and the column space of a matrix, and then use the result of part (a).)

4. (a) Consider the function

$$f \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 - y^2 \\ x^2 + y^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find and identify all critical points of the function  $h = \|f\|^2$ .



(b) Consider the function

$$f \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 5x^2 + y^2 + xy + 17x + y + 17$$

Find and identify all critical points of  $f$ .

5. Consider the function

$$f \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = x + y + z$$

- (a) Find the point which achieves the absolute minimum value of  $f$  on the surface  $x^2 + y^2 = z$ .

- (b) Find the points which achieve the absolute minimum and maximum values of the function  $f$  on the curve which is the intersection of the surfaces  $x^2 + y^2 = z$  and  $y + z = 1$ .

**Bonus Question:** Suppose that  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  has components  $\begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{pmatrix}$ , and that  $D_{f, \vec{0}}$  is the linear transformation which rotates vectors by an angle of  $90^\circ$  around the line spanned by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , in the direction that takes the  $z$ -axis towards the positive half of the  $x$ -axis.

Use this to calculate

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z}$$