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First Midterm Test

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Techniques of the Calculus of Several Variables I

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1. [8 points] Find the equation of the tangent plane to the graph of the function

$$z = f(x, y) = (x - y)^2 + \frac{5x^2}{y} - 2ye^x \text{ at the point } (0, 3).$$

General eqⁿ of tangent plane is

$$z = T(x, y) = f(0, 3) + f_x(0, 3)(x - 0) + f_y(0, 3)(y - 3)$$

$$f(0, 3) = (0 - 3)^2 + 0 - 6e^0 = 9 - 6 = 3$$

$$f_x(x, y) = 2x - 2y + \frac{10x}{y} - 2ye^x \Rightarrow f_x(0, 3) = -12$$

$$f_y(x, y) = -2x + 2y - \frac{5x^2}{y^2} - 2e^x \Rightarrow f_y(0, 3) = 4$$

$$\therefore \text{tangent plane is } z = T(x, y) = -12x + 4y - 9$$

2. Throughout this question let $f(x, y) = [(y-1)(y-x^2)]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

(a) [2 points] Compute $f(2, 5)$.

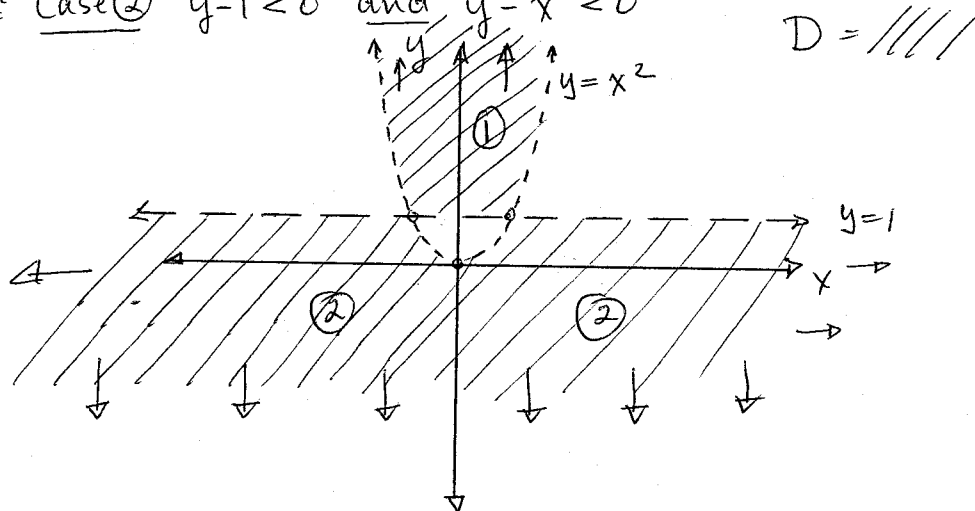
$$f(2, 5) = [(5-1)(5-4)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{4^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

(b) [6 points] Assume the domain of f is the set $D = \{(x, y) \mid (y-1)(y-x^2) > 0\}$.
Accurately sketch D .

We have that a point $(x, y) \in D$ iff

Case ① $y-1 > 0$ and $y-x^2 > 0$

or Case ② $y-1 < 0$ and $y-x^2 < 0$



[Points $(0,0)$, $(\pm 1, 1)$ are excluded as are
the lines $y=1$ and curve $y=x^2$]

Question 2 (cont'd)

Throughout this question let $f(x, y) = [(y-1)(y-x^2)]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

(c) [4 points] Find all values of y so that $f(3, y) = \frac{1}{3}$.

$$[(y-1)(y-x^2)]^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{3} \iff [(y-1)(y-x^2)]^{1/2} = 3$$

$$\iff (y-1)(y-x^2) = 9$$

Put $x=3$ to get $(y-1)(y-9) = 9$

Obtain $y^2 - 10y + 9 = 9 \iff y^2 - 10y = 0$

$$y(y-10) = 0$$

\therefore solutions are $y=0$ and $y=10$

(d) [6 points] By referencing properties and theorems about continuous functions, explain completely why f is continuous on D .

The function $p(x, y) = (y-1)(y-x^2) = y^2 - yx^2 - y + x^2$ is a polynomial, thus is continuous on \mathbb{R}^2 and hence the subset D . If $(x, y) \in D$ then $p(x, y) > 0$. The function $g(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$ is continuous on $(0, \infty)$ because it is a rational-power function ($g(t) = t^{-1/2}$). Since $p(x, y) \in (0, \infty)$ for all $(x, y) \in D$, the function $f = g \circ p$ is continuous on D by the composition theorem for continuous functions.

3. Find the indicated limit or explain why it does not exist. No δ - ϵ proofs are required.

(a) [4 points] $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,\pi)} \frac{3y \cos(xy)}{x^2y - \pi}$

Note 1st that when $x=2$ and $y=\pi$ the denominator is $x^2y - \pi = 3\pi \neq 0$. \therefore Properties of continuous functions imply that $g(x,y) = \frac{3y \cos(xy)}{x^2y - \pi}$ is continuous at $(2,\pi)$.

$$\therefore \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,\pi)} g(x,y) = \frac{3\pi \cos(2\pi)}{3\pi} = 1$$

(b) [4 points] $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 + 5y^2}{5x^2 + y^2}$

Put $f(x,y) = \frac{x^2 + 5y^2}{5x^2 + y^2}$

Inspection suggests limit DNE. Details:

As $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$ along x -axis: $y=0$, $x \rightarrow 0$, $x \neq 0$

$$\therefore f(x,0) = \frac{x^2}{5x^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{5} \text{ for these points}$$

As $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$ along y -axis: $x=0$, $y \rightarrow 0$, $y \neq 0$

$$\therefore f(0,y) = \frac{5y^2}{y^2} \rightarrow 5 \text{ for these points}$$

$\therefore \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y)$ DNE by Unequal Limit Thm.

Question 3 (cont'd)

Find the indicated limit or explain why it does not exist. No δ - ϵ proofs are required.

(c) [4 points] $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,-2)} \frac{xy + 2x - y - 2}{(x^2 - 1)(y + 2)}$ Let $g(x,y) = \frac{xy + 2x - y - 2}{(x^2 - 1)(y + 2)}$

$$= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,-2)} \frac{x(y+2) - 1(y+2)}{(x-1)(x+1)(y+2)}$$

Since $(x,y) \rightarrow (1,-2)$ we have that g is defined only if $x \neq 1$ and $y \neq -2$

$$= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,-2)} \frac{(x-1)(y+2)}{(x-1)(y+2)(x+1)}$$

Since the f^{th} $h(x,y) = \frac{1}{x+1}$ is cts @ $(1, -2)$.

$$= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,-2)} \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

(d) [4 points] $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{3xy^2}{x^2 + y^4}$ Let $f(x,y) = \frac{3xy^2}{x^2 + y^4}$

Careful preliminary inspection suggests limit DNE. Details:

As $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$ along the x -axis: $y=0, x \rightarrow 0, x \neq 0$
 $\therefore f(x,0) = 0$ for these points.

As $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$ along the curve $y = \sqrt{x}$ where $x > 0, x \rightarrow 0$, $f(x, \sqrt{x}) = \frac{3x^2}{x^2 + x^2} = \frac{3}{2}$ for these points

$\therefore \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y)$ DNE again by the Unequal Limit Theorem.

4. Let $f(u, v, w) = (2u - vw, 5w^2)$ and $g(x, y, z) = (\underbrace{x^2}_u, \underbrace{x + 3z}_v, \underbrace{\sin(z)}_w)$.

(a) [4 points] Find the composition $(f \circ g)(x, y, z)$.

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(x, y, z) &= f(x^2, x + 3z, \sin(z)) \\ &= (2x^2y - (x + 3z)\sin(z), 5\sin^2(z))\end{aligned}$$

(b) [8 points] Use the chain rule to calculate $D(f \circ g)(x, y, z)$.

[A direct calculation without using the chain rule will not earn any points.]

$$\begin{aligned}D(f \circ g)(x, y, z) &= [Df(u, v, w)][Dg(x, y, z)] \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -w & -v \\ 0 & 0 & 10w \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2xy & x^2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos(z) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4xy - w & 2x^2 & -3w - v\cos(z) \\ 0 & 0 & 10w\cos(z) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4xy - \sin(z) & 2x^2 & -3\sin(z) - (x + 3z)\cos(z) \\ 0 & 0 & 10\sin(z)\cos(z) \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

5. [8 points] Assume z is defined implicitly as a function of x and y by the equation

$$x \sin(y^2 z) + ze^x = 2y - x + z.$$

Assume x nor y is a function of any other variable. Find $z_x(2, 1, 0)$.

Write $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = z_x$ Differentiate implicitly :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x \sin(y^2 z)) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (ze^x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2y - x + z)$$

$$\sin(y^2 z) + x \cos(y^2 z)(y^2 z_x) + z_x e^x + ze^x = -1 + z_x \quad (*)$$

$$z_x [xy^2 \cos(y^2 z) + e^x - 1] = -1 - ze^x - \sin(y^2 z)$$

$$\therefore z_x = \frac{-1 - ze^x - \sin(y^2 z)}{xy^2 \cos(y^2 z) + e^x - 1} \quad \therefore z_x(2, 1, 0) = \frac{-1}{1 + e^2}$$

[Note : At line (*) we could've subbed-in $(2, 1, 0)$ and solved for $z_x(2, 1, 0)$ directly]

6. Let $\underline{c}(t) = (\underbrace{\cos(t)}_x, \underbrace{\sin(t)}_y, \underbrace{e^t}_z)$ where $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

(a) [4 points] Describe the curve C traced out by the path $\underline{c}(t)$.

$\cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t) = 1 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \quad \therefore C$ is a circular helix wrapped around the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ in \mathbb{R}^3 . Since $z = e^t > 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$, we have that C always lies above the xy -plane. As $t \rightarrow \infty$, $e^t \rightarrow \infty$, so there is no bound on the height to which C winds up. As $t \rightarrow -\infty$, $e^t \rightarrow 0$, so C wraps towards the xy -plane but never touches. It would be accurate to describe C as a "spring" or a "slinky"®

(b) [5 points] Find the equation of the tangent line to C at the point where $t = 0$.

$$\underline{c}(0) = (1, 0, 1) \quad \underline{c}'(t) = (-\sin(t), \cos(t), e^t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{c}'(0) = (0, 1, 1)$$

\therefore Equation of the tangent line is

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{l}(t) &= \underline{c}(0) + t \underline{c}'(0) = (1, 0, 1) + t(0, 1, 1) \\ &= (1, t, 1+t) \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

7. [10 points] Define $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{5xy^2}{x^2+y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \quad \leftarrow 4 \text{ points} \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \quad \leftarrow 6 \text{ points} \end{cases}$$

Use properties of continuous functions and the appropriate δ - ϵ proof to completely show that f is continuous on all of \mathbb{R}^2 .

(A) Continuity on $\mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0, 0)\}$ If $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ then $x^2 + y^2 \neq 0$.

This means $f(x, y)$ is the rational function

$$f(x, y) = \frac{5xy^2}{x^2+y^2} \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0, 0)\}, \text{ hence is continuous}$$

by the theorem about continuity of rational f 's on their domain.

(B) Continuity of f @ $(0, 0)$ We must show (by δ - ϵ)

$$\text{that } \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} f(x, y) = 0$$

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. We must prove $\exists \delta > 0$ such that if $0 < \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \delta$ then $|f(x, y) - 0| < \epsilon$.

We estimate:

$$|f(x, y) - 0| = \left| \frac{5xy^2}{x^2+y^2} \right| = \frac{5y^2|x|}{x^2+y^2} \leq 5|x| = 5\sqrt{x^2} \leq 5\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \quad (*)$$

Line (*) suggests we define $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{5}$. For this δ ,

if $0 < \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \delta$, then

$$|f(x, y) - 0| \leq 5\sqrt{x^2+y^2} < 5\delta = 5\left(\frac{\epsilon}{5}\right) = \epsilon$$

This shows continuity @ $(0, 0)$

By (A) + (B), f is now proved to be continuous on all of \mathbb{R}^2 .

8. Let $f(x, y) = x + \frac{y^2}{x}$.

- (a) [8 points] Completely describe the level curves of $f(x, y)$ by using appropriate concepts from analytic geometry.

$$D = \text{domain of } f = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x \neq 0\}$$

$$\text{For } c \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ level curve is } L_c = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid f(x, y) = c\}$$

$$\underline{c=0} \quad 0 = x + \frac{y^2}{x} \Leftrightarrow 0 = x^2 + y^2 \Leftrightarrow x = y = 0. \text{ But } (0, 0) \notin D$$

$$\therefore L_0 = \emptyset$$

$$\underline{c \neq 0} \quad c = x + \frac{y^2}{x} \Leftrightarrow x^2 + y^2 = cx$$

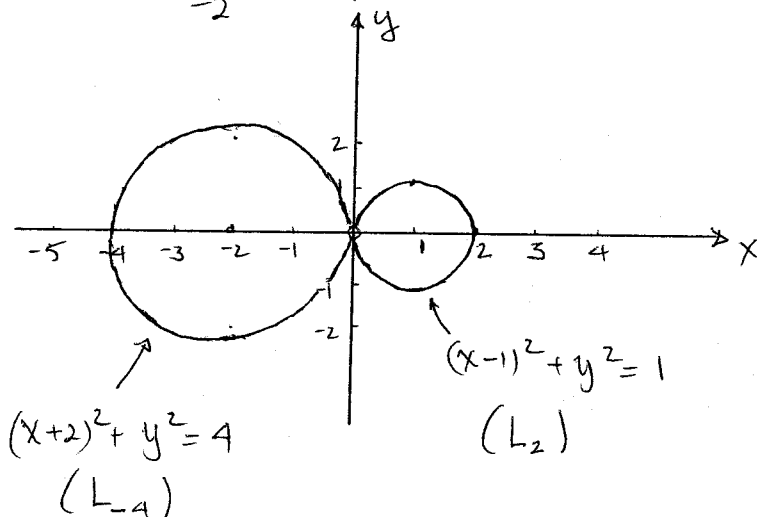
$$x^2 - cx + y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - cx + \frac{c^2}{4} + y^2 = \frac{c^2}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x - \frac{c}{2}\right)^2 + y^2 = \left(\frac{|c|}{2}\right)^2$$

$\therefore L_c$ is the circle with center $\left(\frac{c}{2}, 0\right)$, radius $\frac{|c|}{2}$, but excludes $(0, 0)$ (This is the case for $c \neq 0$ only)

- (b) [4 points] On the same axis, draw the level curve for $c = 2$ and the level curve that passes through the point $(-2, 2)$.

$$f(-2, 2) = -2 + \frac{4}{-2} = -4 = c$$



9. [7 points] Use the definition of differentiability to show that the function $f(x, y) = -3x + 5y^2$ is differentiable at every point (a, b) in \mathbb{R}^2 . A δ - ϵ proof is not required to earn full points.

To show that f is differentiable @ an arbitrary point $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, we check: (i) partials are cts @ (a, b)

$$(ii) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{|f(x,y) - T(x,y)|}{\sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2}} = 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} T(x,y) = \text{tangent} \\ \text{plane to } f \\ \text{@ } (a,b) \end{array}$$

For (i) $f_x(x,y) = -3$ $f_y(x,y) = 10y$

f_x and f_y are polynomials so they are continuous on \mathbb{R}^2 and thus @ (a,b) . ✓

For (ii) $T(x,y) = f(a,b) + f_x(a,b)(x-a) + f_y(a,b)(y-b)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -3a + 5b^2 - 3(x-a) + 10b(y-b) \\ &= -3a + 5b^2 - 3x + 3a + 10by - 10b^2 \\ &= -3x + 10by - 5b^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{|f(x,y) - T(x,y)|}{\sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{|-3x + 5y^2 + 3x - 10by + 5b^2|}{\sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{5|(y-b)^2|}{\sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2}} \leq \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{5[(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2]}{\sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} 5\sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Since (i) & (ii) have been shown, we are done. END