

Homework 4 for Math 1540

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Problem 50. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be convex. Prove that if partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x_0), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

exist, then f is differentiable at x_0 .

Proof. Let $A = \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x_0), \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(x_0) \right]$, and we need to prove that

$$\phi(h) = f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0) - Ah$$

satisfies $\frac{\phi(h)}{\|h\|} \rightarrow 0$ as $h \rightarrow 0$. $\phi(h)$ is convex and we denote by $h = (h_1, \dots, h_n) = e_1 h_1 + \dots + e_n h_n$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(h) &= \phi\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h_i n e_i\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h_i n e_i = \sum_{i=1}^n h_i \frac{\phi(h_i n e_i)}{h_i n} \\ &\leq \|h\| \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{\phi(h_i n e_i)}{h_i n} \right|, \end{aligned}$$

similarly,

$$\phi(-h) \leq \|h\| \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{\phi(-h_i n e_i)}{-h_i n} \right|.$$

Also, we have $0 = \phi\left(\frac{h+(-h)}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\phi(h)+\phi(-h)}{2}$, which implies $\phi(h) \leq -\phi(-h)$, then

$$0 \xleftarrow{h \rightarrow 0} - \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{\phi(-h_i n e_i)}{-h_i n} \right| \leq \frac{\phi(h)}{\|h\|} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{\phi(h_i n e_i)}{h_i n} \right| \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0,$$

where in the last step we used the fact that partial derivatives $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x_0), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ exist, then we have $\phi(te_i) = f(x_0 + te_i) - f(x_0) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x_0)t$ and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi(te_i)}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + te_i) - f(x_0)}{t} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x_0) = 0.$$

□

Problem 51. Let $Q : C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a linear mapping such that $Qf \geq 0$ whenever $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ satisfies $f(0) = 0$ and $f(x) \geq 0$ in a neighborhood of 0. Prove that there are real numbers a_{ij} , b_i and c such that

$$Qf = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(0) + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(0) + cf(0) \quad \text{for all } f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Proof. We have

$$f(x) = f(0) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(0)x_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(0)x_i x_j + \varphi(x),$$

and let $c = Q(0)$, $b_i = Q(x_i)$, $a_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}Q(x_i x_j)$, then we have

$$Qf = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(0) + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(0) + cf(0) + Q\varphi.$$

We need to prove that $Q\varphi = 0$. Since $\varphi(x) = o(|x|^2)$, then there exists $\varepsilon > 0$, such that $\varepsilon|x|^2 - \varphi(x) \geq 0$ near 0. Then, $Q(\varepsilon|x|^2 - \varphi(x)) \geq 0$, which implies $Q\varphi \leq \varepsilon Q(|x|^2)$, and then $Q\varphi \leq 0$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. Similarly, $Q(\varepsilon|x|^2 + \varphi(x)) \geq 0$ and we have $-Q\varphi \leq \varepsilon Q(|x|^2)$. Then, $Q\varphi \geq 0$ and hence $Q\varphi = 0$. \square

Problem 52. Define $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2(y^4+2x)}{x^2+y^4} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

Prove that f is differentiable at $(0, 0)$.

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(0, 0) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(s, 0) - f(0, 0)}{s} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{2s^3/s^2}{s} = 2 \\ f_y(0, 0) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, s) - f(0, 0)}{s} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and we need to show that the limit equals zero, which is

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{(s,t) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{f(s, t) - f(0, 0) - f_x(0, 0)s - f_y(0, 0)t}{\sqrt{s^2 + t^2}} \\ &= \lim_{(s,t) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{s^2 t^4 - 2st^4}{(s^2 + t^4)\sqrt{s^2 + t^2}}, \end{aligned}$$

also,

$$\left| \frac{s^2 t^4 - 2st^4}{(s^2 + t^4)\sqrt{s^2 + t^2}} \right| \leq \left| \frac{s^2 t^4 - 2st^4}{2|s|t^2|t|} \right| = \left| \frac{|st|}{2} - t \right| \xrightarrow{(s,t) \rightarrow (0,0)} 0,$$

where we used the fact that $s^2 + t^4 \geq 2|s|t^2$ and $\sqrt{s^2 + t^2} \geq |t|$. \square

Problem 53. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} xy \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

Prove that the mixed partial derivatives $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ exist everywhere in \mathbb{R}^2 , but

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(0, 0) \neq \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}(0, 0).$$

Proof. When $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$, with $f(x, y) = -f(y, x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) &= \frac{y(x^4 + 4x^2 y^2 - y^4)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) &= -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(y, x) = -\frac{y(x^4 + 4x^2 y^2 - y^4)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

then $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ exist at $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$. Also,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}(0, 0) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) (0, 0) = \frac{d}{dy} \Big|_{y=0} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, y) \right) = \frac{d}{dy} \Big|_{y=0} \left(-\frac{y^5}{y^4} \right) = -1, \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(0, 0) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) (0, 0) = \frac{d}{dx} \Big|_{x=0} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, 0) \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \Big|_{x=0} \left(\frac{x^5}{x^4} \right) = 1.\end{aligned}$$

□

Problem 54. Prove that the function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x|y|}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

has all directional derivatives $D_v f(0, 0)$ at the origin, but f is not differentiable at $(0, 0)$.

Proof. For $v = (a, b) \neq (0, 0)$,

$$\begin{aligned}D_v f(0, 0) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(ta, tb) - f(0, 0)}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \frac{ta|tb|}{|t|\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{a|b|}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}},\end{aligned}$$

and $D_v f(0, 0)$ is not linear with respect to v , thus, not differentiable. □

Problem 55. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a mapping of class C^1 . Prove that if $\text{rank } Df(x_0) = n$, then f is injective in a neighborhood of x_0 . Prove it directly, without using the inverse function theorem.

Proof. Since $\text{rank } Df(x_0) = n$, then $M = f^{-1}(0) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | f(x) = 0\}$ is 0-dimensional submanifold. Thus, $M = \{0\}$, which implies f is injective. □

Problem 56. Assume that $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is differentiable and $\text{rank } Df(x) = n$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Prove that if $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is bounded, then for every $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$, the set

$$S \cap f^{-1}(y) = \{x \in S : f(x) = y\}$$

is finite.

Remark. Since we do not assume continuity of Df , we cannot use the inverse function theorem.

Proof. Since f is differentiable and $\text{rank } Df(x) = n$, then for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, f is injective in a neighborhood U of x . Then for any $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$, there exists a unique $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ in its neighborhood, and thus $S \cap f^{-1}(y)$ is finite. □

Problem 57. Let $\Omega = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x > 0, 0 < y < 2\pi\}$. Prove that the mapping $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, $f(x, y) = (x \cos y, x \sin y)$ is a diffeomorphism of Ω onto an open subset of \mathbb{R}^2 . Find $f(\Omega)$. **Hint:** A picture will help. Have you seen a similar mapping in Calculus 3?

Proof. Since

$$Jf(x) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \cos y & -x \sin y \\ \sin y & -x \cos y \end{pmatrix} = x \neq 0,$$

the mapping f is diffeomorphism and hence invertible in a neighborhood of any point $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Suppose $f(x_1, y_1) = f(x_2, y_2)$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 \cos y_1 &= x_2 \sin y_2 \\ x_1 \sin y_1 &= x_2 \sin y_2 \end{aligned}$$

which implies $x_1 = x_2$ and $y_1 = y_2$. Thus, f is invertible and hence f is diffeomorphism of Ω onto an open subset of \mathbb{R}^2 . Also, $f(\Omega) = \mathbb{R}^2$. \square

Problem 58. Find a diffeomorphism of \mathbb{R}^2 onto the open unit disc $x^2 + y^2 < 1$.

Proof. $f(x, y) = \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 1}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 1}} \right)$. \square

Problem 59. Find a diffeomorphism of the upper half plane $y > 0$ onto the first quadrant $x > 0, y > 0$.

Proof. $f(x, y) = (e^x, y)$. \square

Problem 60. Suppose that $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ is such that $|f'(x)| < 1$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Prove that the mapping $F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, $F(x, y) = (x + f(y), y - f(x))$ is a diffeomorphism in a neighborhood of any point $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Proof. Since

$$JF(x) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & f'(y) \\ -f'(x) & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 + f'(x)f'(y) \neq 0,$$

the mapping F is diffeomorphism and hence invertible in a neighborhood of any point $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. \square

Problem 61. Prove that a complex polynomial $P(z) = a_0 z^n + a_1 z^{n-1} + \dots + a_n$ regarded as a function $P : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a diffeomorphism in a neighborhood of $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ if and only if $P'(z_0) \neq 0$, where $P'(z) = na_0 z^{n-1} + (n-1)a_1 z^{n-2} + \dots + a_1$.

Proof.

- (1) If P is a diffeomorphism in a neighborhood of $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, we can write P as $P(z_0) = u(x_0, y_0) + iv(x_0, y_0)$, where u, v are real functions. Then, with the Cauchy-Riemann equations $u_x = v_y, u_y = -v_x$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} JP(z_0) &= \det \begin{pmatrix} u_x(z_0) & u_y(z_0) \\ v_x(z_0) & v_y(z_0) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= u_x(z_0)v_y(z_0) - u_y(z_0)v_x(z_0) \\ &= u_x^2(z_0) + u_y^2(z_0) = v_x^2(z_0) + v_y^2(z_0) \neq 0, \end{aligned}$$

which implies $u_x, u_y, v_x, v_y \neq 0$. Also, with Wirtinger derivatives, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (u_x + iv_x - i(u_y + iv_y)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} ((u_x + v_y) + i(v_x - u_y)) \\ &= u_x + iv_x,\end{aligned}$$

and then $P'(z_0) \neq 0$.

- (2) If $P'(z_0) \neq 0$, then $u_x(z_0), v_x(z_0)$. Thus, $JP(z_0) \neq 0$, which implies P is a diffeomorphism in a neighborhood of $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$. □

Problem 62. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be C^1 and let

$$\begin{aligned}u &= f(x) \\ v &= -y + xf(x).\end{aligned}$$

If $f'(x_0) \neq 0$, show that this transformation is locally invertible near (x_0, y_0) and the inverse has the form

$$\begin{aligned}x &= g(u) \\ y &= -v + ug(u).\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Since

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{pmatrix} = -f'(x_0) \neq 0,$$

then $F : (x, y) \rightarrow (u, v)$ is invertible in an open neighborhood U of (x_0, y_0) and for an open neighborhood W of $(u(x_0), v(y_0))$, $F^{-1} : W \rightarrow U$ is of class C^1 . Then there exists g such that $f^{-1}(u) = x = g(u)$ and then $y = -v + ug(u)$. □

Problem 63. Prove that the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} xyz + x^2 + y = 0 \\ z + x^2 y^2 z^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

has a solution of the form $y = y(x), z = z(x)$ in a neighborhood of $(0, 0, 0)$.

Proof. Denote

$$\begin{aligned}F_1(x, y, z) &= xyz + x^2 + y \\ F_2(x, y, z) &= z + x^2 y^2 z^2\end{aligned}$$

and we have

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} xz + 1 & xy \\ 2x^2 z^2 y & 1 + 2x^2 y^2 z \end{vmatrix} = 1 + xz + 2x^2 y^2 z$$

and at point $(0, 0, 0)$, we have $\Delta(0, 0, 0) = 1 \neq 0$. Then with implicit function theorem, the system has a solution of the form $y = y(x), z = z(x)$ in a neighborhood of $(0, 0, 0)$. □

Problem 64. Let $F(x, y) = x^3y^2 + 3x^2y^3 - xy + 2x - y^2 + 1$, $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Prove that there exist functions $g, h \in C^\infty$ defined on an open neighborhood $U \subset \mathbb{R}$ of 0, such that $F(x, g(x)) = 0 = F(x, h(x))$ and $g(x) < h(x)$ for every $x \in U$. Find $g'(0)$, $h'(0)$.

Proof. Suppose $F(0, y_0) = 0$, then we have $y_0 = -1$ or $y_0 = 1$. Also, we have $F_y(0, y) = -2y$, then $F_y(0, 1) \neq 0$ and $F_y(0, -1) \neq 0$. With implicit function theorem, there exists a neighborhood U of 0 and a neighborhood V of y_0 such that for every $x \in U$, there is exactly one $y \in V$ satisfying $F(x, f(x)) = 0$.

For $y_0 = -1$, we have $F(x, g(x)) = 0$, where $g : U \rightarrow V_1$ and V_1 is a neighborhood of -1 . Also, for $y_0 = 1$, we have $F(x, h(x)) = 0$, where $h : U \rightarrow V_2$ and V_2 is a neighborhood of 1. And $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$, since if it is not, it contradicts with there is only one y such that $F(x, y) = 0$. Then we have $g(x) < h(x)$.

Also, consider $F(x, g(x)) = 0$, we have $F_x(0, g(0)) = -g(0) + 2 - 2g(0)g'(0) = 0$, with $g(0) = -1$ we have $g'(0) = -\frac{3}{2}$. Similarly, we have $h'(0) = \frac{1}{2}$. \square

Problem 65. Let F be as in Problem 64. Prove that there is a function $g \in C^\infty$ defined on an open neighborhood U of 0 such that $F(g(y), y) = 0$ for every $y \in U$. Find $g'(0)$.

Proof. Suppose $F(x_0, 0) = 0$, then we have $x_0 = -\frac{1}{2}$. Also, we have $F_x(x_0, 0) = 3 \neq 0$. With implicit function theorem, there exists a neighborhood V of 0 and a neighborhood U of x_0 such that for every $y \in V$, there is exactly one $x \in U$ satisfying $F(g(y), y) = 0$.

Also, consider $F(g(y), y) = 0$, we have $F_y(g(0), 0) = -g(0) + 2g'(0) = 0$, with $g(0) = -\frac{1}{2}$, we have $g'(0) = -\frac{1}{4}$. \square

Problem 66. Suppose that $F : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is of class C^1 . $F(0, 0, 0) = 0$, $F_x(0, 0, 0) \neq 0$, $F_y(0, 0, 0) \neq 0$, $F_z(0, 0, 0) \neq 0$. The implicit function theorem implies that the equation $F(x, y, z) = 0$ can uniquely be solved in a neighborhood of the point $(0, 0, 0)$ as $x = x(y, z)$ or $y = y(x, z)$ or $z = z(x, y)$. Prove that at every point in some neighborhood of $(0, 0, 0)$ we have

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = -1.$$

Proof. Since $F(x, y, z(x, y)) = 0$, we have

$$F_x(x, y, z(x, y)) \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + F_y(x, y, z(x, y)) \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + F_z(x, y, z(x, y)) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0,$$

which implies $F_x + F_z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$ and hence $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z}$. Similarly, $F(x, y(x, z), z) = 0$ yields $\frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = -\frac{F_z}{F_y}$ and $F(x(y, z), y, z) = 0$ yields $\frac{\partial x}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_x}$. Thus,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = (-1)^3 \frac{F_x}{F_z} \frac{F_z}{F_y} \frac{F_y}{F_x} = -1.$$

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Problem 67. Let $F = F(x, y) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be of class C^1 such that $\partial F / \partial y \neq 0$ on \mathbb{R}^2 . Prove that if the set $S = \{(x, y) \mid F(x, y) = 0\}$ is nonempty, then it is of the form $S = \{(x, g(x)) \mid x \in U\}$, where $g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a C^1 function defined on an open set $U \subset \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. For $(x_0, y_0) \in S$, then $F(x_0, y_0) = 0$ and $F_y(x_0, y_0) \neq 0$. Then there exists a neighborhood U of x_0 and a neighborhood V of y_0 such that for any $x \in U$, there exists only one $y \in V$, $F(x, y) = 0$. And S in the neighborhood $U \times V$ of (x_0, y_0) is a graph of a function $y = g(x)$. \square

Problem 68. Prove that the equation $xe^z = y(z + x)$ defines z as a function of (x, y) in a neighborhood of the point $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (2, 1, 0)$. Then find the Taylor polynomial of degree 2 of the function $z = z(x, y)$ centered at the point $(2, 1)$.

Proof. Let $F(x, y, z) = y(z + x) - xe^z$, then $F(2, 1, 0) = 0$ and $F_z(2, 1, 0) = -1 \neq 0$. Then there is a neighborhood U of $(2, 1)$ and a neighborhood V of 0 , such that for any $z \in V$, there exists only one $(x, y) \in U$, $F(x, y, z(x, y)) = 0$. Thus, the equation defines z as a function of (x, y) in a neighborhood of the point $(2, 1, 0)$.

Also, Taylor series of $z(x, y)$ is

$$z(x, y) = z(2, 1) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(2, 1)(x - 2) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}(2, 1)(y - 1),$$

and we can compute for $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(2, 1)$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}(2, 1)$ by taking derivative of $F(x, y, z(x, y))$ with respect to x and y , which yields $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(2, 1) = 0$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}(2, 1) = 2$. Thus, we have

$$z(x, y) = 2(y - 1).$$

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Problem 69. Show that there is a polynomial $P(x, y, z)$ of order 4 such that the set $P(x, y, z) = 0$ is a torus. Show that the gradient of P is nonzero at every point of the torus and conclude that the torus is locally a graph of a smooth function of two variables.

Proof. Considering polynomial $P(x, y, z) = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + R^2 - r^2)^2 - 4R^2(x^2 + y^2)$, $R > r$, then $P(x, y, z) = 0$ is a torus. And we have

$$\Delta P = \begin{bmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + R^2 - r^2)x - 8R^2x \\ 4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + R^2 - r^2)y - 8R^2y \\ 4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + R^2 - r^2)z \end{bmatrix} \neq 0, \forall x, y, z$$

since $\Delta P = 0$ only at $(0, 0, 0)$ but $(0, 0, 0)$ is not a point in this torus. Then at least one of P_x, P_y and P_z is not zero, thus the torus is locally a graph of a smooth function of two variables. \square

Problem 70. Show that there is no polynomial $P(x, y, z)$ of order less than 4 such that the set $P(x, y, z) = 0$ is a torus.

Proof.

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Problem 71. The cylinder $(x - 1)^2 + y^2 = 1$ intersects with the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ along a curve. This curve has a self-intersection (the curve looks like "8"). Find the angle at which the curve intersects with itself.

Proof. The curve intersects itself at point $(2, 0, 0)$, and denote $x - 1 = \cos \theta$, then we have $y = \sin \theta$ and $z = \pm\sqrt{2 - 2\cos \theta}$. The the curve can be represented as

$$F(t) = \{(1 + \cos \theta, \sin \theta, \pm\sqrt{2 - 2\cos \theta})\}$$

Then the tangent vectors at point $(2, 0, 0)$ are

$$\begin{aligned} v &= \left(-\sin \theta, \cos \theta, \pm\frac{\sin \theta}{\sqrt{2 - 2\cos \theta}} \right) \Big|_{\theta=0} \\ &= (0, 1, 0). \end{aligned}$$

Then the angle at which the curve intersects with itself is $\theta = 0$. □