

Multivariable Calculus Exam 2

Practice Set # 3

1. Show that $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^2}{x^2+y^4}$ does not exist.
- $x = 0$ path: $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{0 \cdot y^2}{0+y^4} = \frac{0}{y^2} = 0$.
 - $y = 0$ path: $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x \cdot 0}{x^2+0} = \frac{0}{x^2} = 0$.

- $x = y^2$ path: $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y^2 \cdot y^2}{y^4+y^4} = \frac{y^4}{2y^4} = \frac{1}{2}$.

Since the limit is not the same along all paths, the limit does not exist.

2. $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (x^3 y - y^3 \tan(xy))$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (x^3 y - y^3 \tan(xy)) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y} [x^3 y] - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [y^3 \tan(xy)] \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x^3 - (3y^2 \tan(xy) + xy^3 \sec^2(xy))] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x^3] - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [3y^2 \tan(xy)] - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [xy^3 \sec^2(xy)]. \end{aligned}$$

Splitting this into 3 partial derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x^3] = 3x^2, \quad -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [3y^2 \tan(xy)] = -3y^3 \sec^2(xy),$$

with the final derivative worked out:

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [xy^3 \sec^2(xy)] &= y^3 \sec^2(xy) + [(xy^3) \cdot 2y \sec^2(xy) \tan(xy)] \\ &= -y^3 \sec^2(xy) - 2xy^4 \sec^2(xy) \tan(xy). \end{aligned}$$

Combining these results, we have:

$$3x^2 - 3y^3 \sec^2(xy) - y^3 \sec^2(xy) - 2xy^4 \sec^2(xy) \tan(xy).$$

Since three terms contain a factor of $y^3 \sec^2(xy)$, we can factor this out to get:

$$3x^2 - y^3 \sec^2(xy) (3 + 1 + 2xy \tan(xy)).$$

Adding and simplifying further, we get:

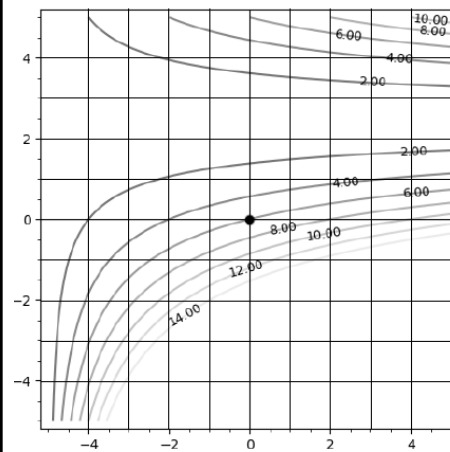
$$3x^2 - 2y^3 \sec^2(xy) (2 + xy \tan(xy)).$$

3. For the function $f(x, y, z) = \frac{x + \sin(xy)}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 1}$, find $\nabla f(x, y, z)$.

From the handout, we know that:

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y, z)\mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y, z)\mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(x, y, z)\mathbf{k}.$$

Practice Set # 3 (cont.)



Determine the sign (+, -, 0) for each of the following partial derivatives.

- $f_x(0, 0)$
We see $f(0, 0) \approx 6$. As we move right (positive x), f increases, toward value 8. Thus, +.
- $f_{xx}(0, 0)$
The contours are evenly spread in the x -direction through $(0, 0)$. We are increasing at a constant rate. Hence, 0.
- $f_{yy}(0, 0)$
As we move in positive y -direction, we decrease, but less rapidly. The amount by which we are changing is increasing (becoming less negative). Thus, +.
- $f_{xy}(0, 0)$
If we move in positive x , the slope in the y -direction becomes more negative (i.e., decreases). Thus, -.
- Find an equation of the tangent plane to $f(x, y) = x^2 y - \sqrt{x} + y$ at the point $(3, 1)$.
Solve for $f_x(x, y)$, then $f_x(3, 1)$, and $f_y(x, y)$, then $f_y(3, 1)$ to get the values of the partial derivatives at the point $(3, 1)$:

$$\begin{aligned} z &= f(3, 1) + f_x(3, 1)(x - 3) + f_y(3, 1)(y - 1) \\ &= 7 + \frac{23}{4}(x - 3) + \frac{35}{4}(y - 1) \end{aligned}$$

10. Consider the function $f(x, y) = x^2 y - y^3$. Find the directional derivative for f , at $(3, 4)$, in the direction of $\mathbf{u} = 5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$.
Find

$$f_x(x, y) = 2xy, \quad f_y(x, y) = x^2 - 3y^2.$$

Then, at the point $(3, 4)$:

$$f_x(3, 4) = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 = 24, \quad f_y(3, 4) = 3^2 - 3 \cdot 4^2 = -39.$$

Then, we find the unit vector in the direction of $\langle 5, -2 \rangle$:

$$\frac{\langle 24, -39 \rangle \cdot \langle 5, -2 \rangle}{\sqrt{29}} = \frac{198}{\sqrt{29}}$$

Practice Set # 4

1. (3 points) Determine the absolute extrema for the function $f(x, y) = x^2 + 3y^2 - 2x - y - xy$ on the triangular region with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(2, 0)$, and $(0, 1)$. We first find the critical points of the function:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(x, y) &= \langle 2x - 2 - y, 6y - 1 - x \rangle = \mathbf{0} \\ \implies y &= 2x - 2 \quad \text{and} \quad x = 6(2x - 2) - 1 - x \\ \implies y &= \frac{4}{11} \quad \text{and} \quad x = \frac{13}{11}\end{aligned}$$

This gives the critical point $\left(\frac{13}{11}, \frac{4}{11}\right)$. We also need to check the boundary of the region. Thus:

$$(\ell_1): y = 0, 0 \leq x \leq 2 \implies f(x, y) = g(x) = x^2 + 3(0)^2 - 2x - (0) - x(0) = x^2 - 2x \implies g'(x) = 2x - 2. \text{ This gives } (1, 0).$$

$$(\ell_2): x = 0, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \implies f(x, y) = h(y) = (0)^2 + 3y^2 - (0) - y - 0 = 3y^2 - y \implies h'(y) = 6y - 1. \text{ This gives } \left(0, \frac{1}{6}\right)$$

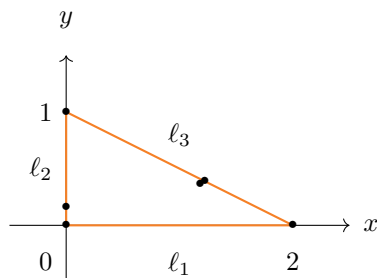
$$(\ell_3): y = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x, 0 \leq x \leq 2 \implies f(x, y) = k(x) = x^2 + 3\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}x\right)^2 - 2x - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}x\right) - x\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}x\right).$$

$$\begin{aligned}k(x) &= x^2 + 3\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}x^2\right) - 2x - 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(9x^2 - 22x + 8) \\ \implies k'(x) &= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[9x^2 - 22x + 8] \\ x &= \frac{11}{9}\end{aligned}$$

Using this x -value, we plug it back into our equation for y to get the critical point $\left(\frac{11}{9}, \frac{7}{18}\right)$.

The vertices of the triangle give $f(0, 0) = 0$, $f(2, 0) = -2$, and $f(0, 1) = 2$. We can do the same for the other points and add them to our table.

Point	$f(x, y)$	Type
$\left(\frac{13}{11}, \frac{4}{11}\right)$	-1.364	Interior CP
$(1, 0)$	-1	ℓ_1
$\left(0, \frac{1}{6}\right)$	-0.083	ℓ_2
$\left(\frac{11}{9}, \frac{7}{18}\right)$	-1.361	ℓ_3
$(0, 0)$	0	Vertex 1
$(2, 0)$	-2	Vertex 2
$(0, 1)$	2	Vertex 3



Practice Set # 4 (cont.)

1. Convert the rectangular point $(-5, 1)$ to polar coordinates.

$$\begin{aligned}r &= \sqrt{(-5)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{26} \\ \theta &= \arctan\left(\frac{1}{-5}\right) = \arctan\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right) = \frac{7\pi}{6} + \pi \text{ (2nd quadrant)}\end{aligned}$$

The polar coordinates are $\left(\sqrt{26}, \frac{7\pi}{6} + \pi\right)$.

2. Convert the cylindrical point $(5, \frac{7\pi}{6}, 2)$ to rectangular.

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 5 \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) = 5\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = -\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ y &= 5 \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) = 5\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{5}{2} \\ z &= 2\end{aligned}$$

The rectangular coordinates are $\left(-\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{5}{2}, 2\right)$.

3. Convert the rectangular point $(-2, 4, -1)$ to spherical.

$$\begin{aligned}\rho &= \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 4^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{21} \\ \theta &= \arctan\left(\frac{4}{-2}\right) = \arctan(-2) \\ \phi &= \arccos\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{21}}\right) = \arccos\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{21}}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Since the point $(-2, 4)$ is in the second quadrant, we add π to the arctan value.

Hence, the spherical coordinates are $\left(\sqrt{21}, \pi + \arctan(-2), \arccos\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{21}}\right)\right)$.

4. Convert the spherical point $(4, \frac{11\pi}{6}, \frac{3\pi}{4})$ to cylindrical.

The conversion from spherical to cylindrical follows the following equations:

$$r = \rho \sin \phi, \quad \theta = \theta, \quad \text{and} \quad z = \rho \cos \phi.$$

Thus, we have:

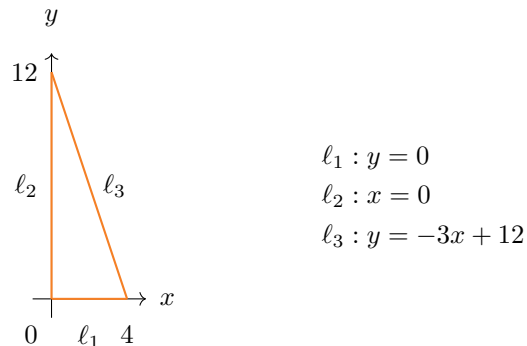
$$\begin{aligned}r &= 4 \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = 4\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = 2\sqrt{2} \\ \theta &= \frac{11\pi}{6} \\ z &= 4 \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = 4\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = -2\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we get the cylindrical coordinates $\left(2\sqrt{2}, \frac{11\pi}{6}, -2\sqrt{2}\right)$.

Practice Set # 4 (cont.)

1. $\iint_D (x^2 + 6xy) dA$ where D is the triangle with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(4, 0)$, and $(0, 12)$

Solution. We can see that this triangle is bounded by three lines:



This gives us the limits of integration as follows:

$$\{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 4, \quad 0 \leq y \leq -3x + 12\}.$$

Thus, we can write the double integral as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_D (x^2 + 6xy) dA &= \int_0^4 \int_0^{-3x+12} (x^2 + 6xy) dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^4 [x^2 y + 3xy^2]_0^{-3x+12} dx \\
 &= \int_0^4 [x^2(-3x+12) + 3x(-3x+12)^2] dx \\
 &= 6 \left[x^4 - \frac{34}{3}x^3 + 36x^2 \right]_0^4 \\
 &= 48 \left[32 - \frac{34}{3}(8) + 36(2) \right] \\
 &= \boxed{640}
 \end{aligned}$$

General Regions

Suppose we have a general region D . Then,

- **Type I Region** – we say that D is a Type I region provided there exists constants a, b and continuous functions $g_1, g_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ so that

$$D = \{(x, y) : a \leq x \leq b, \text{ and } g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x)\}.$$

- **Type II Region** – we say that D is a Type II region provided there exists constants c, d and continuous functions $h_1, h_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ so that

$$D = \{(x, y) : h_1(y) \leq x \leq h_2(y), \text{ and } c \leq y \leq d\}.$$

0.0.1 Type I Regions

Suppose that D is a type I region:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_D f(x, y) dA &= \iint_R F(x, y) dA \\
 &= \int_b^a \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} f(x, y) dy dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

The “see below” line is true since $F(x, y) = 0$ if $y > g_2(x)$ or $y < g_1(x)$.

0.0.2 Type II Regions

In the same way, if D is type II, we have

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dA = \int_d^c \int_{h_1(y)}^{h_2(y)} f(x, y) dx dy.$$

How do you tell? DRAW A PICTURE! (In practice, you don’t typically explicitly note what type an integral is.)

0.0.3 Area

Suppose that D is a region. Then, the **area** of D is given by

$$\text{area}(D) = \iint_D 1 dA.$$

0.0.4 Average Value

The **average value** of f over D is given by

$$\text{ave}(f) = \frac{1}{\text{area}(D)} \iint_D f(x, y) dA.$$

Max and Min

The statement that (x_0, y_0) is a **critical point** of f means that either:

- both $f_x(x_0, y_0) = 0$ and $f_y(x_0, y_0) = 0$, or
- one or both partials does not exist.

0.1 Maxima and Minima

0.1.1 Local Extrema

The function f has a **local maximum** at (x_0, y_0) provided that $f(x_0, y_0) \geq f(x, y)$ for all choices of (x, y) in some disk centered at (x_0, y_0) – that is, in some neighborhood of (x_0, y_0) .

Note that if there is a local extrema, $\nabla f = \mathbf{0}$. This is because the gradient points in the direction of greatest increase, and if we are at a maximum or minimum, the function does not change.

0.1.2 Second Derivative Test

Calculus I Version: In Calculus I, the sign of the second derivative tells you whether a critical point is a local max/min, or inconclusive: Suppose that $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function of one variable, and x_0 is a critical point.

- if $g''(x_0) > 0$, then x_0 is a local minimum
- if $g''(x_0) < 0$, then x_0 is a local maximum
- if $g''(x_0) = 0$, this test is inconclusive – it could be a max, min, or neither.

Multivariable Calculus Version: We have a similar test for $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where (x_0, y_0) is a critical point. Define

$$D = f_{xx}(x_0, y_0)f_{yy}(x_0, y_0) - (f_{xy}(x_0, y_0))^2.$$

- if $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(x_0, y_0) > 0$, then f has a local minimum
- if $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(x_0, y_0) < 0$, then f has a local maximum
- if $D < 0$, then f has a saddle point
- if $D = 0$, then the test is inconclusive

Tangent Planes

For functions $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we have a similar idea. If the surface generated by such a function has no sharp corners or edges, you might see that as you zoom in, the surface becomes flatter and flatter – and will eventually resemble a plane. In fact, we define the **tangent plane** as the unique plane at $(x, y) = (x_0, y_0)$ which satisfies

$$z = f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0).$$

Recall from Calculus I that if f is differentiable at x_0 and x is close to x_0 then

$$f(x) \approx f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0).$$

This is the **linear approximation** of f at x_0 . In the same way, if $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable at (x_0, y_0) and (x, y) is near (x_0, y_0) , then

$$f(x, y) \approx f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0).$$

This is the **linearization** of f at (x_0, y_0) .

0.2 Examples

$f(x, y) = x \cos(\pi x) \sin(\pi y)$, $(x_0, y_0) = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2})$. Our point of interest is $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2})$, $\frac{1}{6}$, because we can just plug in the values of x_0 and y_0 into the function to get the height.

To find the equation of the tangent plane, we need to find the partial derivatives to fill out the following equation:

$$z = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \left(x - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

We found z_0 to be $\frac{1}{6}$, and the partial derivatives are

$$f_x(x, y) = \cos(\pi x) \sin(\pi y) - \pi x \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y),$$

and

$$f_x\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi}{3} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) (1) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi\sqrt{3}}{3}.$$

Similarly, we have

$$f_y(x, y) = \pi x \cos(\pi x) \cos(\pi y),$$

and

$$f_y\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = 0.$$

Now, we can fill out the rest of our equation:

$$z = \frac{1}{6} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) \left(x - \frac{1}{3}\right) + 0 \left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right).$$