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Midterm I

(1)(2 points) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be given by $f(x, y, z) = (x^2 - y, xy + z, y^2 - xz)$. Compute the divergence of f .

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} f &= \nabla \cdot f = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} f_3 \\ \nabla \cdot f &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 - y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xy + z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (y^2 - xz) \\ \nabla \cdot f &= 2x + x - x = 2x. \end{aligned}$$

(2)(2 points) Compute the derivative of f in problem #1.

To get the derivative, we use the derivative matrix $\mathbf{D}f(x, y, z)$.

$$\mathbf{D}f(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}$$

So, we get:

$$\mathbf{D}f(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x & -1 & 0 \\ y & x & 1 \\ -z & 2y & -x \end{pmatrix}$$

(3)(2 points) Compute the curl of f in problem #1, $f(x, y, z) = (x^2 - y, xy + z, y^2 - xz)$.

We calculate curl of f .

$$\nabla \times f = \det \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

So, we get:

$$\nabla \times f = \det \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x^2 - y & xy - z & y^2 - xz \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla \times f = (2y - 1)\mathbf{i} - (-z)\mathbf{j} + (y - -1)\mathbf{k}$$

$$\nabla \times f = (2y + 1)\mathbf{i} + z\mathbf{j} + (y + 1)\mathbf{k}$$

(4)(2 points) Let $c : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the path given by $c(t) = (t^3 - 1, t^3 + 1, t^2 + 3)$. What is the velocity at t ?

Velocity is the derivative of our curve, $c'(t)$. So we get:
 $v(t) = c'(t) = (3t^2, 3t^2, 2t)$.

(5)(2 points) Let c be the path in #4, $c(t) = (t^3 - 1, t^3 + 1, t^2 + 3)$. What is the speed at $t = 1$?

Speed is the norm of velocity, $\|v(t)\|$. So we get:
 $s(t) = \|v(t)\| = \sqrt{(3t^2)^2 + (3t^2)^2 + (2t)^2}$.
 $s(1) = \|v(1)\| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (3)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{22}$.

(6)(2 points) Let c be the path in #4, What is the acceleration at $t = 1$?

Acceleration is the derivative of velocity, $v'(t) = c''(t)$. So we get:
 $v(t) = c'(t) = (3t^2, 3t^2, 2t)$.
 $a(t) = c''(t) = (6t, 6t, 2)$.
 $a(1) = (6, 6, 2)$.

(7)(2 points) Let c be the path in #4, $c(t) = (t^3 - 1, t^3 + 1, t^2 + 3)$. Set up the integral (but do not try to integrate) for the length of the curve $c(t)$ from $t = 1$ to $t = 3$.

The formula for arclength is:

$$L(c) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \|v(t)\| dt$$

So, we get:

$$L(c) = \int_1^3 \sqrt{(3t^2)^2 + (3t^2)^2 + (2t)^2} dt = \int_1^3 t \sqrt{18t^2 + 4} dt$$

(8)(2 points) Let c be the path in #4. Find an equation for the tangent line to $c(t)$ at $t = 1$.

An equation for a tangent line is:

$$l(t) = c(t_0) + (t - t_0)c'(t_0).$$

Since $c(1) = (0, 2, 4)$ and $c'(1) = (3, 3, 2)$, we get:

$$l(t) = (0, 2, 4) + (t - 1)(3, 3, 2).$$

(9)(2 points) Let $g : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by $g(x, y, z) = x^2y + yz + x - z$. Compute the Laplacian of g .

The Laplacian is defined as:

$$\Delta g = \nabla \cdot (\nabla g) = \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial z^2}$$

So, we get:

$$\Delta g = \nabla \cdot (2xy + 1, x^2 + z, y - 1) = 2y$$

(10)(2 points) Compute the gradient of the function g of problem #9.

$$g = x^2y + yz + x - z$$
$$\nabla g = (2xy + 1, x^2 + z, y - 1).$$

(11)(2 points) Find the directional derivative of the function g of problem #9, $g(x, y, z) = x^2y + yz + x - z$ in the direction $\mathbf{j} = (0, 1, 0)$ at an arbitrary point (x, y, z) .

The directional derivative can be computed as $\nabla f \cdot \mathbf{v}$, where \mathbf{v} is a unit vector. So, since $\mathbf{v} = (0, 1, 0)$ has norm = 1, we get:

$$\nabla f \cdot \mathbf{v} = (2xy + 1, x^2 + z, y - 1) \cdot (0, 1, 0) = x^2 + z.$$

(12)(2 points) Find the direction that the directional derivative of the function g of problem #9 is maximal at the point $(1, 1, 1)$.

The directional derivative is maximal when the gradient is in the same direction as the vector \mathbf{v} . So, we look at $\nabla f(1, 1, 1)$:

$$\nabla f(1, 1, 1) = (2xy + 1, x^2 + z, y - 1)|_{(1,1,1)} = (3, 2, 0)$$

So, we see that \mathbf{v} should be in the direction of $(3, 2, 0)$, and making it of unit length, we get:

$$\mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}, 0 \right)$$

(13)(2 points) Find the Taylor expansion of the function g of problem #9, $g(x, y, z) = x^2y + yz + x - z$, around $(0, 0, 0)$ up through the quadratic terms.

So, we compute the partial derivatives, and evaluate them at the point $(0, 0, 0)$:

$$g(0, 0, 0) = x^2y + yz + x - z|_{(0,0,0)} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = 2xy + 1|_{(0,0,0)} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = x^2 + z|_{(0,0,0)} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial z} = y - 1|_{(0,0,0)} = -1$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} = 2y|_{(0,0,0)} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} = 0|_{(0,0,0)} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial z^2} = 0|_{(0,0,0)} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y \partial x} = 2x|_{(0,0,0)} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial z \partial x} = 0|_{(0,0,0)} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial z \partial y} = 1|_{(0,0,0)} = 1$$

Now, we plug into our formula and obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{h}) &= f(0, 0, 0) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}h_1 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}h_2 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial z}h_3 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2}h_1^2 + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2}h_2^2 + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial z^2}h_3^2 + 2\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y \partial x}h_1h_2 + 2\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial z \partial x}h_1h_3 + 2\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial z \partial y}h_2h_3 \right) + R_2((h), (0, 0, 0)) \end{aligned}$$

$$f(\mathbf{h}) = h_1 - h_3 + h_2h_3 + R_2((h), (0, 0, 0))$$

$$\text{where } \frac{R_2((h), (0, 0, 0))}{\|\mathbf{h}\|^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \mathbf{h} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}.$$

(14)(3 points) Find all of the critical points of the function g of problem # 9 (2 points) and decide, if you can, if they are max/min or saddle points (1 point). Give a reason for the latter.

$$g = x^2y + yz + x - z$$

To find critical points, we look at $\nabla g = 0$.

$$\nabla g = (2xy + 1, x^2 + z, y - 1) = (0, 0, 0).$$

Solving, we get:

$$y - 1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = 1$$

$$2x + 1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = -1/2$$

$$1/4 + z = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad z = -1/4$$

So, the only point we get is $\mathbf{x}_0 = (-1/2, 1, -1/4)$. Now we must check to see if this is a max, min, or saddle point. We look at the Hessian and show it is positive definite. To do this, it suffices to look at the 1×1 , 2×2 and 3×3 matrices as show these determinants are positive.

$$\mathbf{H}f(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} 2y & 2x & 0 \\ 2x & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Looking at this at our point, we get:

$$\mathbf{H}f(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

So, we first check the 1×1 matrix, starting from the upper left, which is $2 > 0$, so it is positive. Next, we look at the determinant of the 2×2 matrix from the upper left:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This determinant is $1 > 0$, so that is also positive. Now, we check the determinant of the 3×3 matrix:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -2 < 0$$

This is less than 0, so our point is a saddle point.

(15)(3 points) Find the maximum and minimum values of the function $f(x, y) = x/3 + y/4$ subject to the constraint $x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0$. (Use Calc III and show your work.)

With constraints, we use Lagrange multipliers.

$$f = x/3 + y/4, \quad g = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\nabla f = (1/3, 1/4)$$

$$\nabla g = (2x, 2y)$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$$

$$1/3 = \lambda 2x$$

$$1/4 = \lambda 2y$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0$$

Since $\lambda \neq 0$, we get:

$$x = 4y/3$$

Plugging into our constraint, we get:

$$x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$16y^2/9 + y^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$25y^2/9 = 1$$

$$y^2 = 9/25$$

$$y = \pm 3/5$$

So, we get 2 points, $(4/5, 3/5)$ and $(-4/5, -3/5)$. Plugging into our original function, we get:

$$f(4/5, 3/5) = 4/15 + 3/20 = 5/12$$

$$f(-4/5, -3/5) = -4/15 - 3/20 = -5/12$$

So, we get a max of $5/12$ at $(4/5, 3/5)$ and a min of $-5/12$ at $(-4/5, -3/5)$.

(16)(3 points) Let $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$. Write an equation for the tangent plane to the graph at the point given by $(x, y) = (1, 1)$.

We begin by writing z as a function of x and y , and then bring it all to one side.

$$z = x^2 + y^2$$

$$g(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z = 0$$

Now, we can take the gradient of this new function:

$$\nabla g = (2x, 2y, -1)$$

Since we are looking at the point $(1, 1)$, in our g this becomes the point $(1, 1, 2)$.

To find the tangent plane at the point $(1, 1, 2)$, we simply calculate:

$$\nabla g(1, 1, 2) \cdot (x - 1, y - 1, z - 2) = 0$$

We get:

$$(2, 2, -1) \cdot (x - 1, y - 1, z - 2) = 2x - 2 + 2y - 2 - z + 2 = 0$$

$$2x + 2y - z = 2$$

So, our tangent plane is $2x + 2y - z = 6$.

Alternatively, we can use the formula for a tangent plane for a function of two variables, given by:

$$z = f(x_0, y_0) + (x - x_0) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + (y - y_0) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$$

Plugging in, we get:

$$z = f(1, 1) + (x - 1)2(1) + (y - 1)2(1)$$

$$z = 2 + 2x - 2 + 2y - 2$$

$$z = 2x + 2y - 2,$$

And so we get the same equation for our tangent plane.

(17)(3 points) Let $f(x, y, z) = axy^2 + byz + cz^2x^3$. What must the constants a , b , and c be so that the maximal rate of change of f at the point $(1, 2, -1)$, is 24 in the positive z -direction?

First, find the gradient of the function and evaluate at the point $(1, 2, -1)$.

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = (ay^2 + 3cz^2x^2, 2axy + bz, by + 2czx^3)$$

$$\nabla f(1, 2, -1) = (4a + 3c, 4a - b, 2b - 2c)$$

Now, we know that if this is to give us the maximum value, it must be in the same direction as the z -axis, i.e. in the direction of our normalized vector $\vec{v} = (0, 0, 1)$. Furthermore, we need its dot product with the \vec{v} to give us 24. So, we solve:

$$\begin{array}{ll} 4a + 3c = 0 & 4a = -3c \\ 4a - b = 0 & b = 4a \\ 2b - 2c = 24 & -6c - 2c = 24 \Rightarrow -8c = 24 \end{array}$$

So, we get:

$$\begin{array}{l} c = -3 \\ b = 18 \\ a = 9/2 \end{array}$$

(18)(4 points) Let $z = f(x, y)$. Consider z as a function of the polar coordinates (r, θ) , (i.e. $(x, y) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$). Compute $\frac{\partial z}{\partial r}$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta}$, and $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r \partial \theta}$ in terms of the partials of f with respect to x and y .

We use the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial z}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}. \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cos \theta + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \sin \theta.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta}. \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} (-r \sin \theta) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} (r \cos \theta).\end{aligned}$$

Now, we must calculate the mixed partial. To do this, we first do a substitution. Let $g := \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $h := \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$.

Now, we calculate the mixed partial.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(g(-r \sin \theta) + h(r \cos \theta) \right).$$

We now use product rule:

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r \partial \theta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (g) * (-r \sin \theta) + g * \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (-r \sin \theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (h) * (r \cos \theta) + h * \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \cos \theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}.$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}.$$

So, we are left with:

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r \partial \theta} = \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \right) * (-r \sin \theta) + g * \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (-r \sin \theta) + \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \right) * (r \cos \theta) + h * \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \cos \theta)$$

Taking the derivatives of our known functions, we get:

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r \partial \theta} = \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \right) * (-r \sin \theta) + g * (-\sin \theta) + \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \right) * (r \cos \theta) + h * (\cos \theta)$$

Substituting back in for our g and h , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r \partial \theta} &= \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \right) * (-r \sin \theta) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} * (-\sin \theta) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \right) * (r \cos \theta) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} * (\cos \theta) \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we can replace the $\frac{\partial x}{\partial r}$ with $\cos \theta$ and $\frac{\partial y}{\partial r}$ with $\sin \theta$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r \partial \theta} &= \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \cos \theta + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} \sin \theta \right) * (-r \sin \theta) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} * (-\sin \theta) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} \cos \theta + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \sin \theta \right) * (r \cos \theta) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} * (\cos \theta) \end{aligned}$$

which is our answer.

(19)(6 points) Let $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z^2$. When this function is restricted to the ellipsoid, $x^2 + 4y^2 + 9z^2 = 16$ it has 2 points that are maximums, 2 that are minimums, and 2 that are saddle points. Find all 6 such points and say which they are.

We first take the gradients of our functions.

$$\nabla f = (2x, 2y, -2z)$$

$$\nabla g = (2x, 8y, 18z)$$

We note that the only time $\nabla f = 0$ is at the point $(0, 0, 0)$, which is not on the ellipsoid, so we don't need to worry about it. We can now use a Lagrange multiplier.

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$$

$$2x = \lambda 2x$$

$$2y = \lambda 8y$$

$$-2z = \lambda 18z$$

$$x^2 + 4y^2 + 9z^2 = 16$$

The $\lambda = 0$ case gives us the point $(0, 0, 0)$, which we have already dealt with. So, we can assume $\lambda \neq 0$. We look at the first equation:

$$2x = \lambda 2x \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2x(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

If $x \neq 0$, we get $\lambda = 1$, and plugging into our other equations gives us:

$$2y = 8y \quad \text{and} \quad -2z = 18z$$

This is only the case when $y = 0$ and $z = 0$

Plugging into our 4th equation we get:

$$x^2 = 16 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = \pm 4$$

So, we get two points, $(4, 0, 0)$ and $(-4, 0, 0)$.

If $x = 0$, we move on to the second equation:

$$2y = \lambda 8y \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2y(1 - 4\lambda) = 0$$

If $y \neq 0$, we get $\lambda = 1/4$, and plugging into our other equation gives us:

$$-2z = 9/2z$$

This is only the case when $z = 0$

Plugging into our 4th equation we get:

$$4y^2 = 16 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = \pm 2$$

So, we get two points, $(0, 2, 0)$ and $(0, -2, 0)$.

Finally if both $x = 0$ and $y = 0$, we look at our 3rd equation:

$$-2z = \lambda 18z \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2z(9\lambda + 1) = 0$$

We know $z \neq 0$, since we are assuming we are not the point $(0, 0, 0)$, so we get $\lambda = -1/9$, and plugging into our 4th equation we get:

$$9z^2 = 16 \quad \Rightarrow \quad z = \pm 4/3$$

So, we get two points, $(0, 0, 4/3)$ and $(0, 0, -4/3)$.

Now, we have all 6 points, we can plug into f .

$$f(4, 0, 0) = 4^2 + 0^2 - 0^2 = 16$$

$$f(-4, 0, 0) = (-4)^2 + 0^2 - 0^2 = 16$$

$$f(0, 2, 0) = 0^2 + 2^2 - 0^2 = 4$$

$$f(0, -2, 0) = 0^2 + (-2)^2 - 0^2 = 4$$

$$f(0, 0, 4/3) = 0^2 + 0^2 - (4/3)^2 = -16/9$$

$$f(0, 0, -4/3) = 0^2 + 0^2 - (-4/3)^2 = -16/9$$

So, the points $(4, 0, 0)$ and $(-4, 0, 0)$ are maximums, $(0, 2, 0)$ and $(0, -2, 0)$ are saddle points, and $(0, 0, 4/3)$ and $(0, 0, -4/3)$ are minimums.