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MA 105: Calculus

Quiz 7 for D1 D2

Date: Wednesday, 4 October 2017 Max. Marks 3

Question: Find the critical points, points of local minima, maxima and saddle points for the function f(x, y).

(A)
$$f(x,y) = x^3 - 3xy^2$$
 (B) $f(x,y) = x^5 - 5xy^2$

(C)
$$f(x,y) = x^7 - 7xy^2$$
 (D) $f(x,y) = x^9 - 9xy^2$

Solution to (A): $f_x = 3x^2 - 3y^2$, $f_y = -6xy$, $f_{xx} = 6x$, $f_{xy} = -6y$, $f_{yy} = -6x$. The only critical point is (0,0).

At this point all these partial derivatives vanish. Hence the second derivative test cannot be used since D=0. [1mark]

However, for any a > 0, $f(a,0) = a^3 > 0$. For a < 0, $f(a,0) = a^3 < 0$. Hence f has a saddle point at the origin. [1mark]

Note: The last step can be given 2 marks even if the second step is missing. The second step is really not necessary. But it can be given 1 mark with an overall ceiling of 3 marks for the answer.

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Quiz 7 for D3 D4

Date: Monday, 9 October 2017 Max. Marks 3

Question: Using the method of Lagrange multipliers, find the absolute minimum value of $f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$ on the line y = mx + 1 where

(A)
$$m = 1$$
 (B) $m = 2$

(C)
$$m = 3$$
 (D) $m = 4$

Solution to (A): Write the constraint as g(x,y) = y - x - 1. Find the solutions to $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$ and y = x + 1. [1mark]

These lead to the equations $2x = -\lambda, 2y = \lambda, y = x + 1.$ [1mark]

Solving these we get only one critical point, namely, x = -1/2, y = 1/2.

Thus the absolute minimum value of f(x, y) is 1/2. [1mark]

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MA 105: Calculus : Quiz 6

Date: 27 September 2017 Max. Marks 3

Question: Examine f(x,y) for continuity and partial derivatives at (0,0). Let f(0,0) = 0.

(A)
$$f(x,y) = \frac{\sin^2(x+y)}{x+y}$$
 (B) $f(x,y) = \frac{\sin^2(3x+y)}{3x+y}$ (C) $f(x,y) = \frac{\sin^2(5x+y)}{5x+y}$ (D) $f(x,y) = \frac{\sin^2(7x+y)}{7x+y}$

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Solution:(A) For continuity we need to check for the limit of f(x,y) as $(x,y) \to (0,0)$. But this is $\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \sin(x+y) \frac{\sin(x+y)}{x+y} = 0.1 = 0 = f(0,0)$. Hence f(x, y) is continuous at (0, 0). The partial derivative $f_x(0,0) = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{f(h,0)}{h} = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{\sin^2 h}{h^2} = 1$. [1mark] Similarly $f_y(0,0) = 1$.

Remark: For the above argument to work for continuity one may define f(x,y) = 0 on the line x + y = 0. If students prove that ten function is continuous without noticing lack of definition of f(x,y) on x + y = 0, you may award one mark. If some students say that since f(x,y) is undefined in every neghborhood of the origin, the function is not continuous, one mark may be awarded.

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MA 105: Calculus: Quiz 6

Date: 25 September 2017 Max. Marks 3

Question: Find the unit vectors u = (a, b) for which the directional derivative $D_u(f)$ of the function f(x,y) exist at (0,0). Prove or disprove: f(x,y)is differentiable at (0,0). Take f(0,0)=0.

(A)
$$f(x,y) = xy \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$$
 (B) $f(x,y) = \frac{x^3}{x^2 + y^2}$

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Solution: (A) Let $f(x,y) = xy\frac{x^2-y^2}{x^2+y^2}$ and v = (a,b) be a unit vector. We have

$$(D_v f)(0,0) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(hv)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(ha, hb)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{h^2 ab \left(\frac{a^2 - b^2}{a^2 + b^2}\right)}{h} = 0.$$

Hence $(D_v f)(0,0)$ exists and equals 0 for every unity vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$.[1mark] For considering differentiability, note that $f_x(0,0) = (D_{\hat{i}}f)(0,0) = 0 =$ $f_y(0,0) = (D_{\hat{j}}f)(0,0)$. We have then

$$\lim_{(h,k)\to(0,0)}\frac{|f(h,k)-f(0,0)-hf_x(0,0)-kf_y(0,0)|}{\sqrt{h^2+k^2}}=\lim_{(h,k)\to(0,0)}\frac{|hk(h^2-k^2)|}{(h^2+k^2)^{3/2}}=0$$

[1mark for setting up derivative] since

$$0 \le \frac{|hk(h^2 - k^2)|}{(h^2 + k^2)^{3/2}} \le \frac{|hk|}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2}} \frac{h^2 + k^2}{h^2 + k^2} \le \frac{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2}\sqrt{h^2 + k^2}}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2}} = \sqrt{h^2 + k^2}.$$

Thus f is differentiable at (0,0).

[1mark for right limit]

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MA 105: Calculus : Quiz 5

Date: 6 September 2017 Max. Marks 3

Question A: Find the area of the region between the curve $y = 4 - x^2$, the x-axis and $0 \le x \le 3$.

Solution: The x-intercept of the curve partitions [0,3] into subintervals on which $f(x) = 4 - x^2$ has the same sign. To find the required area we integrate f over each subinterval and add the absolute values of the results. [1]

Integral over
$$[0,2]: \int_0^2 (4-x^2)dx = 16/3.$$
 [1]

Integral over [2,3] is
$$\int_2^3 (4-x^2)dx = -7/3$$
. [1]

Therefore the required area is 23/3.

Question B: Find the area of the region between the graph of $y = f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 8$, the x-axis over the interval [0, 3]. (Answer 22/3)

Question C: Find the area of the region between the graph of $y = f(x) = 2x - x^2$, the x-axis over the interval [0, 3]. (Answer 8/3)

Question D: Find the area of the region between the graph of $y = f(x) = 3x - x^2$, the x-axis over the interval [0, 4]. (Answer 19/3)

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MA 105: Calculus : Quiz 5

Date: 4 September 2017 Max. Marks 3

Question A: Find the length of the path $c(t) = (t - \sin t, 1 - \cos t)$ for $t \in [0, 2\pi]$.

Solution: The speed is
$$||c'(t)|| = \sqrt{(1-\cos t)^2 + \sin^2 t} = \sqrt{2-2\cos t}$$
. [1]

Therefore the arc length is
$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{2 - 2\cos t} dt$$
 [1]

Thus the arc length is
$$2 \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1-\cos t}{2}} dt = 2 \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(t/2) dt = 8.$$
 [1]

Question B: Find the arc length of the curve given by $y = \int_0^x \sqrt{\cos 2t} dt$ where $0 \le x \le \pi/4$. **Solution:** Note that $y' = \cos 2x$. Hence The arc length is [1]

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \sqrt{1 + (y')^2} dx = \int_0^{\pi/4} \sqrt{1 + \cos(2x)} dx$$
 [1]

$$= \sqrt{2} \int_0^{\pi/4} |\cos x| dx = 1.$$
 [1]

Question C: Find the arc length of the curve $c(t) = (e^t \cos t, e^t \sin t)$ for $t \in [0, 2]$.

Solution: The required length is

$$\int_0^2 \sqrt{e^{2t}(\cos t - \sin t)^2 + e^{2t}(\cos t + \sin t)^2} dt = \sqrt{2}[e^2 - 1].$$

Question D: Find the arc length of the curve $y = \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{1}{4x}$ for $x \in [1,3]$.

Solution: $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - \frac{1}{4x^2}$. Therefore the required length is

$$\int_{1}^{3} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^{2}} dx = \int_{1}^{3} \left(x^{2} + \frac{1}{4x^{2}}\right) dx = \frac{53}{6}.$$

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MA 105: Calculus : Quiz 4

Date: 30 August 2017 Max. Marks 3

Question : Find a formula for the Taylor polynomial $\sum_{m=0}^{n} a_m (x-a)^m$ where

(A)
$$f(x) = 2^x$$
 and $a = 0$ (B) $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and $a = 4$

(C)
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$$
 and $a = 3$ (D) $f(x) = 3^x$ and $a = 0$

Solution:

Let $f(x) = 2^x$. Then $\ln f(x) = x \ln 2$. By chain rule, $f'(x) = 2^x \ln 2$. We claim that $f^{(n)}(x) = 2^x (\ln 2)^n$. [1mark]

This is clearly true for n=1. Assume this for n. Differentiate $f^{(n)}(x)=2^x(\ln 2)^n$ to get $f^{(n+1)}(x)=2^x(\ln 2)^{n+1}$. [1mark]

Hence The Taylor polynomial at a = 0 is $\sum_{m=0}^{n} \frac{(\ln 2)^m}{m!} x^m$. [1mark]

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MA 105: Calculus : Quiz 4

Date: 28 August 2017 Max. Marks 3

Question : Find a formula for the Taylor polynomial $\sum_{m=0}^{n} a_m (x-a)^m$ where

$$(A) \ f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \ \text{ and } a = 2 \qquad (B) \ f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \ \text{ and } a = 1$$

$$(C) \ f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1} \ \text{ and } a = 1 \qquad (D) \ f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} \ \text{ and } a = 0$$

Solution: Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ and a = 2. Then $f^{(n)}(x) = (-1)^n n! x^{-(n+1)}$. [1mark] It is true for n = 1 since $f'(x) = -x^{-2}$. Suppose that the formula is true for n. Differentiate the formula for $f^{(n)}(x)$ to get $f^{(n+1)}(x) = (-1)^{n+1}(n+1)! x^{-(n+2)}$. [1 mark] Therefore $\frac{f^{(n)}(2)}{n!} = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n+1}}$. Hence the Taylor polynomial is $\sum_{m=0}^n \frac{(-1)^m}{2^{m+1}}(x-2)^m$. [1mark]

Remark: Students may guess the answer by calculating a few derivatives and not mention use of mathematical induction. Full marks could be given to correct solutions which have some justification.