

# MATH 128 End-of-Term Assignment 2

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1. Consider the function  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ .

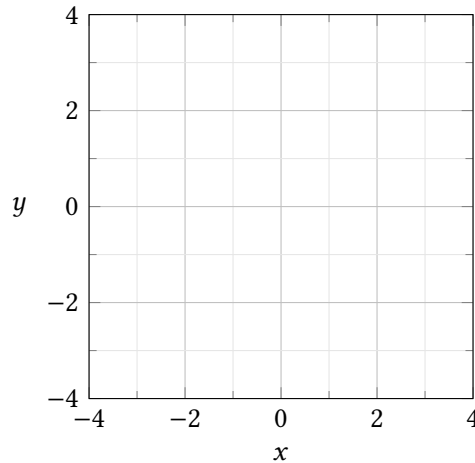
(a) State the domain and range of  $f$ .

The expression under the radical must be greater than or equal to zero (i.e.,  $x^2 + y^2 \geq 0$ ). However,  $x^2$  and  $y^2$  are always positive or zero, so the domain is  $\{x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

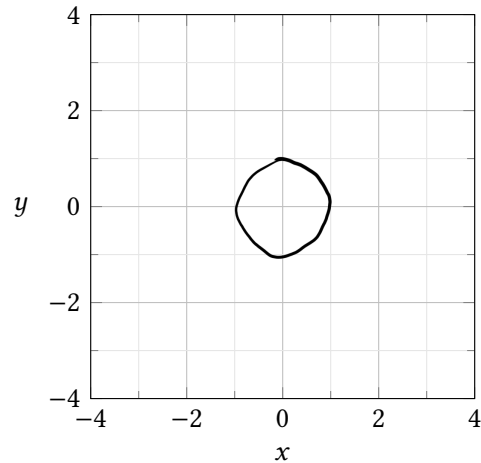
The range is  $\{z \in \mathbb{R} \mid z \geq 0\}$  since a square root is always positive or zero.

(b) Sketch a contour plot of  $f(x, y)$  illustrating the level curves defined by  $f(x, y) = k$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

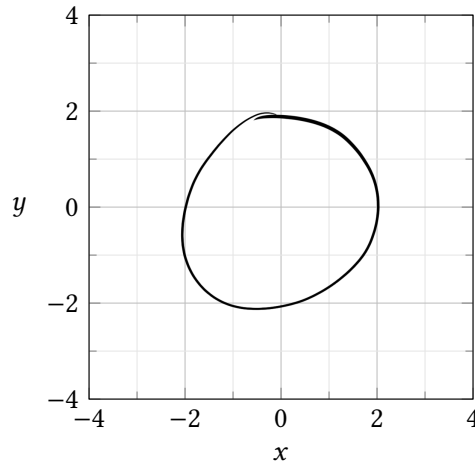
Contour plot for  $k = 0$



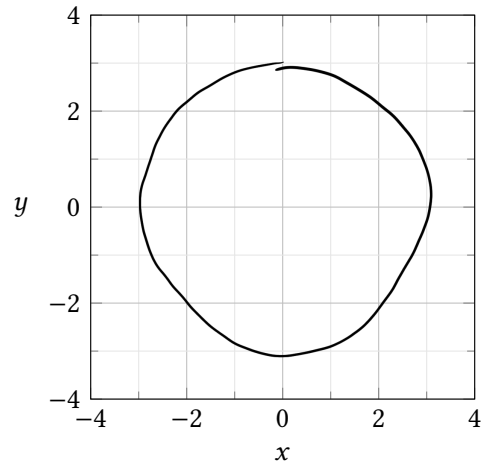
Contour plot for  $k = 1$



Contour plot for  $k = 2$



Contour plot for  $k = 3$



- (c) Consider the surface  $z = f(x, y)$ . Determine equations for the cross-sections  $z = f(0, y)$  and  $z = f(x, 0)$  (i.e., the curves of intersection between the surface and the  $yz$  and  $xz$  planes, respectively).

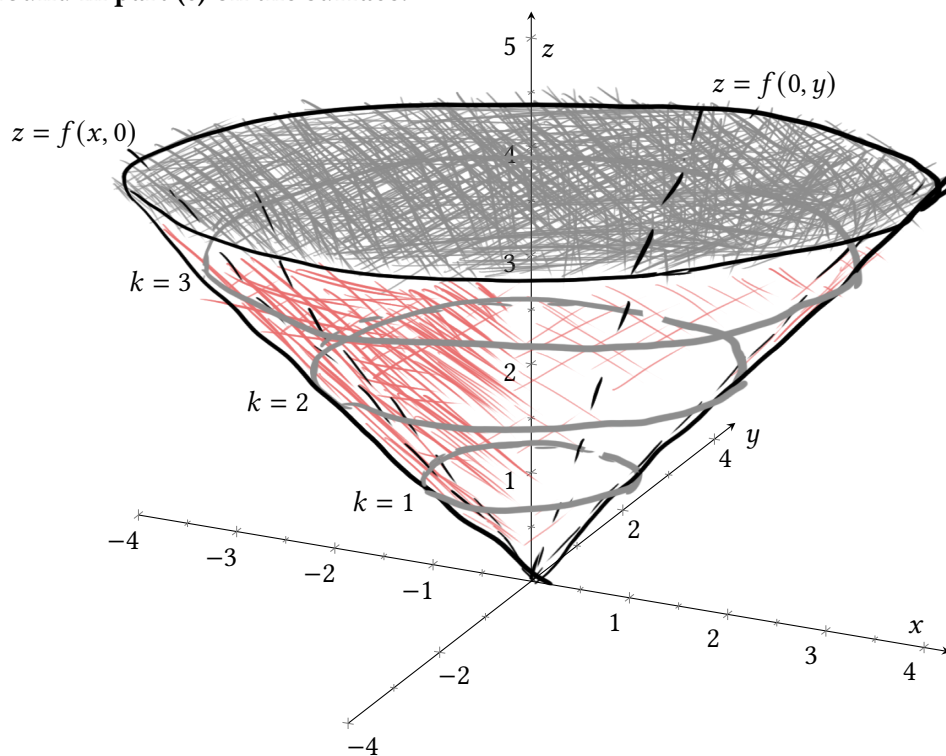
For  $z = f(0, y)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \sqrt{0^2 + y^2} \\ &= \sqrt{y^2} \\ &= |y| \end{aligned}$$

And for  $z = f(x, 0)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \sqrt{x^2 + 0^2} \\ &= \sqrt{x^2} \\ &= |x| \end{aligned}$$

- (d) Sketch (by hand) a graph of the surface  $z = f(x, y)$ . Make the graph large enough so as to be able to draw and label the curves you found in part (b) and the cross-sections you found in part (c) on the surface.



2. (a) Convert  $(r, \theta) = (2, \frac{\pi}{6}(N_7 + 1))$  to Cartesian coordinates where  $N_7$  is the seventh digit of your student number.

My student number is 20845794, so  $N_7 = 9$ .  $\frac{\pi}{6}(N_7 + 1)$  then becomes  $\frac{5\pi}{3}$ . Finding  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ &= 2 \cos \frac{5\pi}{3} \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Then, finding  $y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} y &= r \sin \theta \\ &= 2 \sin \frac{5\pi}{3} \\ &= 2 \cdot -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ &= -\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

So  $(2, \frac{\pi}{6}(N_7 + 1))$  in Cartesian coordinates is  $(1, -\sqrt{3})$ .

- (b) Convert  $(x, y) = (-\sqrt{3}(N_8 + 1), N_8 + 1)$  to polar coordinates where  $N_8$  is the eighth digit of your student number.

$N_8 = 4$ , so  $x = -\sqrt{3}(N_8 + 1)$  becomes  $x = -5\sqrt{3}$  and  $y = N_8 + 1$  becomes  $y = 5$ . Finding  $r$ :

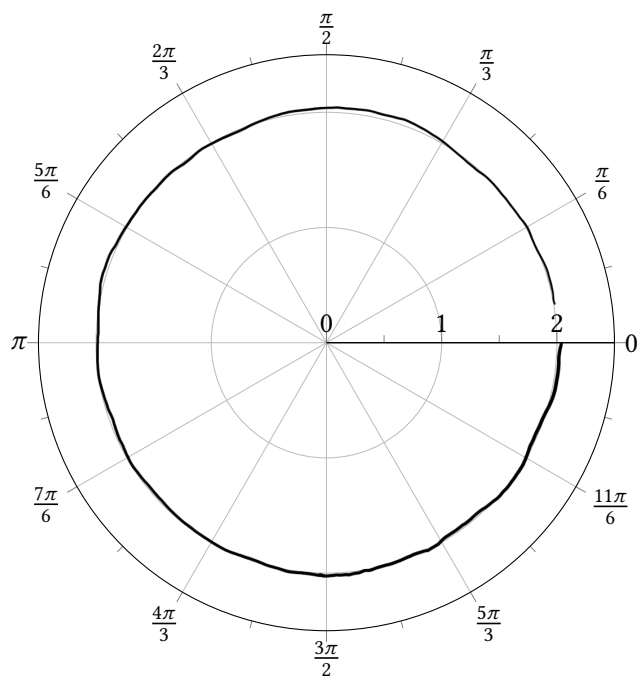
$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-5\sqrt{3})^2 + 5^2} \\ &= \sqrt{75 + 25} \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Then, finding  $\theta$ :

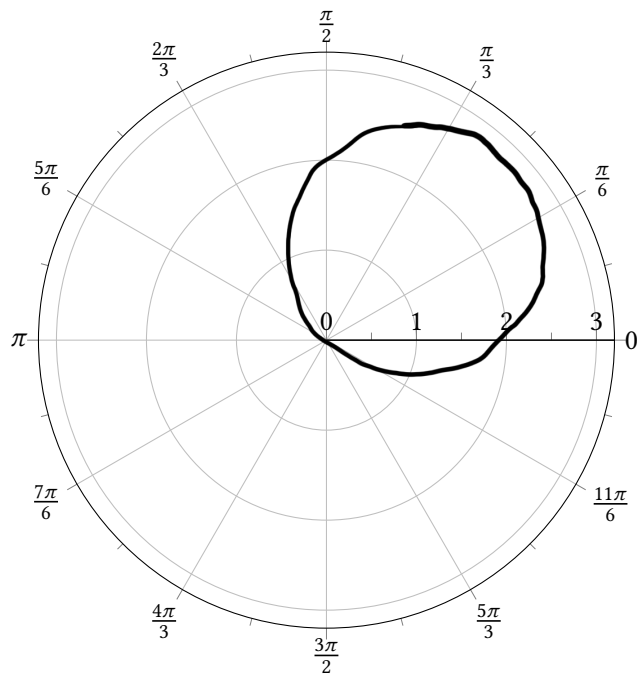
$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \frac{5}{-5\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{-\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{6} \end{aligned}$$

So  $(-\sqrt{3}(N_8 + 1), N_8 + 1)$  in polar coordinates is  $(10, \frac{\pi}{6})$ .

(c) In the  $xy$ -plane, sketch the curve defined by  $r(\theta) = 2$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ .



(d) In the  $xy$ -plane, sketch the curve defined by  $r(\theta) = 2 \cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ .



3. Let  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{xy}$ .

(a) Compute the first partial derivatives of  $f(x, y)$ .

With respect to  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \sqrt{y} \left( \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{y}}{2\sqrt{x}}\end{aligned}$$

And with respect to  $y$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= \sqrt{x} \left( \frac{1}{2} y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{y}}\end{aligned}$$

(b) Compute the second partial derivatives of  $f(x, y)$ .

First,  $f_{xx}(x, y)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\sqrt{y}}{2\sqrt{x}} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{y}}{2} \left( -\frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right) \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{y}}{4x^{\frac{3}{2}}}\end{aligned}$$

Next,  $f_{yy}(x, y)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{y}} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2} \left( -\frac{1}{2} y^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right) \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{x}}{4y^{\frac{3}{2}}}\end{aligned}$$

Since  $f_{xy}(x, y) = f_{yx}(x, y)$ , I will only compute  $f_{xy}(x, y)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}f_{xy}(x, y) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\sqrt{y}}{2\sqrt{x}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \left( \frac{1}{2} y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{xy}}\end{aligned}$$

**(c) Find an equation for the plane tangent to the surface  $z = f(x, y)$  when  $(x, y) = (1, 1)$ .**

The equation for a plane tangent to the surface of a function  $f(x, y)$  at  $x = x_0$  and  $y = y_0$  is

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

Finding the coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} f(1, 1) &= \sqrt{1 \cdot 1} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(1, 1) &= \frac{\sqrt{1}}{2\sqrt{1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_y(1, 1) &= \frac{\sqrt{1}}{2\sqrt{1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Then, putting it all together:

$$\begin{aligned} z &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x - 1) + \frac{1}{2}(y - 1) \\ &= 1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{y}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{x + y}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**(d) Determine the linearization of  $f(x, y)$  at  $(x, y) = (1, 1)$  and use it to approximate  $f(1.1, 0.8)$ .**

The linearization of  $f(x, y)$  is the equation of the plane from part (c).

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &\approx \frac{x + y}{2} \\ f(1.1, 0.8) &\approx \frac{1.1 + 0.8}{2} \\ &\approx 0.95 \end{aligned}$$

4. The wave equation is a partial differential equation which, for waves propagating in one spatial dimension, is given by

$$f_{tt}(x, t) = a^2 f_{xx}(x, t)$$

where  $x$  is position,  $t$  is time, and  $a$  is a constant. Determine whether each of the following functions is a solution to the wave equation:

(a)  $f(x, t) = \sin(x) \cos(at)$

Taking two partial derivatives with respect to  $t$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} &= \sin(x) \cdot -a \sin(at) \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} &= -a \sin(x) \cdot a \cos(at) \\ &= -a^2 \sin(x) \cos(at)\end{aligned}$$

Then with respect to  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \cos(at) \cos(x) \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} &= \cos(at) \cdot -\sin(x) \\ &= -\sin(x) \cos(at)\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}f_{tt}(x, t) &\stackrel{?}{=} a^2 f_{xx}(x, t) \\ -a^2 \sin(x) \cos(at) &\stackrel{?}{=} a^2 (-\sin(x) \cos(at)) \\ -a^2 \sin(x) \cos(at) &= -a^2 \sin(x) \cos(at)\end{aligned}$$

so  $f(x, t) = \sin(x) \cos(at)$  is a solution.

(b)  $f(x, t) = e^{-at} \sin(x)$

Taking two partial derivatives with respect to  $t$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} &= \sin(x) \cdot -ae^{-at} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} &= -a \sin(x) \cdot -ae^{-at} \\ &= a^2 e^{-at} \sin(x)\end{aligned}$$

Then with respect to  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= e^{-at} \cos(x) \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} &= e^{-at} \cdot -\sin(x) \\ &= -e^{-at} \sin(x)\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}f_{tt}(x, t) &\stackrel{?}{=} a^2 f_{xx}(x, t) \\a^2 e^{-at} \sin(x) &\stackrel{?}{=} a^2 (-e^{-at} \sin(x)) \\a^2 e^{-at} \sin(x) &\neq -a^2 e^{-at} \sin(x)\end{aligned}$$

so  $f(x, t) = e^{-at} \sin(x)$  is not a solution.

(c)  $f(x, t) = (x - at)^4$

Taking two partial derivatives with respect to  $t$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} &= 4(x - at)^3 \cdot -a \\\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} &= -4a \cdot 3(x - at)^2 \cdot -a \\&= 12a^2(x - at)^2\end{aligned}$$

Then with respect to  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= 4(x - at)^3 \\\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} &= 12(x - at)^2\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}f_{tt}(x, t) &\stackrel{?}{=} a^2 f_{xx}(x, t) \\12a^2(x - at)^2 &\stackrel{?}{=} a^2 \cdot 12(x - at)^2 \\12a^2(x - at)^2 &= 12a^2(x - at)^2\end{aligned}$$

so  $f(x, t) = (x - at)^4$  is a solution.

## 5. Evaluate the following iterated integrals:

(a)  $\int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 x^2 y^2 \, dy \, dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^2 x^2 y^2 \, dy \, dx &= \int_0^2 x^2 \left[ \frac{1}{3} y^3 \right]_0^2 \, dx \\&= \frac{8}{3} \int_0^2 x^2 \, dx \\&= \frac{8}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{3} x^3 \right]_0^2 \\&= \frac{8}{3} \left( \frac{8}{3} \right) \\&= \frac{64}{9}\end{aligned}$$



(b)  $\int_1^\infty \int_1^\infty x e^{-xy} dy dx$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{x=1}^\infty \int_{y=1}^\infty x e^{-xy} dy dx &= - \int_1^\infty \left( \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-x}^{-kx} e^{u_1} du_1 \right) dx & u_1 &= -xy \\
 & & du_1 &= -x dy \\
 &= - \int_1^\infty \left( \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} [e^u]_{-x}^{-kx} \right) dx \\
 &= - \int_1^\infty \left( \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (e^{-kx} - e^{-x}) \right) dx \\
 &= - \int_1^\infty (-e^{-x}) dx \\
 &= - \int_{-1}^{-\infty} e^{u_2} du_2 & u_2 &= -x \\
 & & du_2 &= -dx \\
 &= - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} [e^{u_2}]_{-1}^{-k} \\
 &= - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (e^{-k} - e^{-1}) \\
 &= -(-e^{-1}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{e}
 \end{aligned}$$

6. A thin, square sheet of metal measures  $L$  units by  $L$  units. The mass density (measured in terms of mass per unit area) is given by the function  $\rho(x, y) = \rho_0 \left(1 + \frac{xy}{L^2}\right)$  where  $\rho_0$  is a constant. Determine the total mass of the sheet in terms of  $\rho_0$  and  $L$  by evaluating

$$M = \int_{x=0}^L \int_{y=0}^L \rho(x, y) dy dx.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M &= \int_0^L \int_0^L \rho_0 \left(1 + \frac{xy}{L^2}\right) dy dx \\
 &= \rho_0 \int_0^L \left[ y + \frac{x}{L^2} \frac{1}{2} y^2 \right]_0^L dx \\
 &= \rho_0 \int_0^L \left( L + \frac{xL^2}{2L^2} \right) dx \\
 &= \rho_0 \int_0^L \left( L + \frac{x}{2} \right) dx \\
 &= \rho_0 \left[ Lx + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} x^2 \right]_0^L \\
 &= \rho_0 \left( L^2 + \frac{1}{4} L^2 \right) \\
 &= \frac{5}{4} L^2 \rho_0
 \end{aligned}$$

The mass of the sheet is  $\frac{5}{4} L^2 \rho_0$ .