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- [4] 1. Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve C represented by the vector-valued function $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 4 - 3t, e^{t^2}, \ln(1 + t) \rangle$ at the point $(4, 1, 0)$.

The point $(4, 1, 0)$ corresponds to $t = 0$, and we have $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle -3, 2te^{t^2}, 1/(1 + t) \rangle$, so the tangent vector to the curve at $(4, 1, 0)$ is $\mathbf{r}'(0) = \langle -3, 0, 1 \rangle$. The equation of the tangent line is thus

$$\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 4, 1, 0 \rangle + t\langle -3, 0, 1 \rangle.$$

- [5] 2. Find the area of the circle $r = 4 \cos \theta$ using an integral in polar coordinates.

The given circle lies in the first and fourth quadrants, so we have $-\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$, and

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \pi/2 \frac{1}{2} (16 \cos^2 \theta) d\theta \\ &= 4 \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (1 + \cos 2\theta) d\theta \\ &= 4 \left[\theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \right]_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \\ &= 4\pi. \end{aligned}$$

- [3] 3. Show that $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$ does not exist.

Let $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$. If we let $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ along the x -axis, we have $y = 0$ and $f(x, 0) = \frac{x^2}{x^2} = 1$, and so f appears to be approaching a limit of 1, while if we let $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ along the y -axis, where $x = 0$, we have $f(0, y) = \frac{-y^2}{y^2} = -1$, and so f appears to be approaching a limit of $-1 \neq 1$. Thus, the limit cannot exist, since f approaches two different values along two different paths.

4. Consider the two lines in \mathbb{R}^3 given by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{r}_1(t) &= \langle 3, 2, 3 \rangle + t\langle 3, 0, 2 \rangle \\ \mathbf{r}_2(s) &= \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle + s\langle 0, 1, -1 \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

- [2] (a) Verify that the two lines intersect at the point $(0, 2, 1)$.

By direct computation we see that $\mathbf{r}_1(-1) = \langle 0, 2, 1 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{r}_2(1) = \langle 0, 2, 1 \rangle$, so the two lines indeed intersect at $(0, 2, 1)$.

- [3] (b) Find the cosine of the angle between the two lines.

The direction vectors of the two lines are $\mathbf{v}_1 = \langle 3, 0, 2 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = \langle 0, 1, -1 \rangle$, and thus the angle between the two lines at their point of intersection is given by

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\| \|\mathbf{v}_2\|} = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{13}\sqrt{2}}.$$

- [4] (c) Find the equation of the plane that contains the two lines.

We know that a point on the plane is $(0, 2, 1)$, and a normal vector to the plane is given by

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2 = \langle 0(-1) - 2(1), 2(0) - 3(-1), 3(1) - 0(0) \rangle = \langle -2, 3, 3 \rangle.$$

The equation of the line is thus given by $-2x + 3(y - 2) + 3(z - 1) = 0$, or $-2x + 3y + 3z - 9 = 0$.

- [3] (d) Find the distance between the point $P(1, -1, 2)$ and the plane from part (c).

The distance from a point $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ to the plane $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ is given by $D = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$, and thus,

$$D = \frac{|-2(1) + 3(-1) + 3(2) - 9|}{\sqrt{4 + 9 + 9}} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{22}}.$$

[5]

5. (a) Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface $z = \sin(3 + x^2 - y^2)$ at the point $(1, 2, 0)$.

Letting $f(x, y) = \sin(3 + x^2 - y^2)$ we have $f_x(x, y) = 2x \cos(3 + x^2 - y^2)$, and $f_y(x, y) = -2y \cos(3 + x^2 - y^2)$. Thus, we have $f_x(1, 2) = 2 \cos(0) = 2$ and $f_y(1, 2) = -4 \cos(0) = -4$. Since $f(1, 2) = 0$, the equation of the tangent plane is given by

$$z = 2(x - 1) - 4(y - 2).$$

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- (b) Show that the surface from part (a) has the horizontal tangent plane $z = 1$ at every point on the hyperbola $y^2 - x^2 = 3 - \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Whenever $x^2 - y^2 = \frac{\pi}{2} - 3$, we have $f(x, y) = \sin(\pi/2) = 1$ and $f_x(x, y) = f_y(x, y) = 0$, since $\cos(\pi/2) = 0$. The tangent plane at any such point is thus given by $z = 1 + 0 + 0 = 1$, which is clearly horizontal.

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6. Use the chain rule to compute $\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial v}$ if $f(x, y, z) = x^3 y z^2$, where $x = 2u + v$, $y = u - 3v$, and $z = uv$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \\ &= 3x^2 y z^2 (2) + x^3 z^2 (1) + 2x^3 y z (v) \\ &= 6(2u + v)^2 (u - 3v) u^2 v^2 + (2u + v)^3 u^2 v^2 + 2(2u + v)^3 (u - 3v) u v^2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \\ &= 3x^2 y z^2 (1) + x^3 z^2 (-3) + 2x^3 y z (u) \\ &= 3(2u + v)^2 (u - 3v) u^2 v^2 - 3(2u + v)^3 u^2 v^2 + 2(2u + v)^3 (u - 3v) u^2 v. \end{aligned}$$