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1. Let $f(x, y) = y^2 e^{xy}$.

- [4] (a) Find the linearization of f at the point $(0, 1)$.

The partial derivatives of f are $f_x(x, y) = y^3 e^{xy}$ and $f_y(x, y) = 2ye^{xy} + xy^2 e^{xy}$, so the linearization of f at $(0, 1)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, y) &= f(0, 1) + f_x(0, 1)(x - 0) + f_y(0, 1)(y - 1) \\ &= 1 + x + 2(y - 1) = x + 2y - 1. \end{aligned}$$

- [3] (b) Find the derivative of f in the direction of $\mathbf{v} = \langle 3, -4 \rangle$ at the point $(0, 1)$.

The directional derivative is given by

$$D_{\mathbf{v}}f(0, 1) = \frac{\nabla f(0, 1) \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{\langle 1, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, -4 \rangle}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2}} = -1.$$

- [5] (c) If $x(t) = 2 - 2t$ and $y(t) = t^2$, use the chain rule to find the tangent vector to the curve $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$ when $t = 1$, where $z(t) = f(x(t), y(t))$.

We have $x'(t) = -2$, $y'(t) = 2t$ and

$$z'(t) = \frac{d}{dt}f(x(t), y(t)) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}.$$

When $t = 1$, $x(1) = 0$, $y(1) = 1$, $x'(1) = -2$, and $y'(1) = 2$. Thus, $z'(1) = f_x(0, 1)x'(1) + f_y(0, 1)y'(1) = 1(-2) + 2(2) = 2$, so $\mathbf{r}'(1) = \langle -2, 2, 2 \rangle$.

- [3] (d) Verify that the tangent vector found in part (c) is tangent to the surface $z = f(x, y)$ at the point $(0, 1, 1)$.

The tangent plane is given by $z = L(x, y) = x + 2y - 1$, so a normal vector is $\mathbf{n} = \langle 1, 2, -1 \rangle$. Since $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r}'(1) = \langle 1, 2, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle -2, 2, 2 \rangle = -2 + 4 - 2 = 0$, $\mathbf{r}'(1)$ must lie in the tangent plane at $(0, 1, 1)$.

2. Let $f(x, y) = 8x^3 + 12xy - y^3$.

- [8] (a) Find and classify the critical points of f .

The gradient of f is given by

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \langle 24x^2 + 12y, 12x - 3y^2 \rangle,$$

which vanishes when $y = -2x^2$ and $4x = y^2$. Plugging the first equation into the second gives $4x = 4x^4$, so $x = 0$ or $x = 1$. This gives us the critical points $(0, 0)$ and $(1, -2)$.

The second derivatives of f are given by $f_{xx}(x, y) = 48x$, $f_{xy}(x, y) = 12$, and $f_{yy}(x, y) = -6y$. Thus, we have

- At $(0, 0)$, $A = 0$, $B = 12$, $C = 0$, and $D = AC - B^2 = -144 < 0$, so $(0, 0)$ is a saddle point.
- At $(1, -2)$, $A = 48 > 0$, $B = 12$, $C = 12$, and $D = AC - B^2 = 4(12)^2 - 12^2 > 0$, so $(1, -2)$ is a local minimum.

- [7] (b) Find the absolute maximum and minimum of f on the set D given by the triangular region with vertices at $(0, 0)$, $(1, 0)$, and $(1, -2)$.

From part (a) we have the critical values $f(0, 0) = 0$ and $f(1, -2) = -8$, which occur at points in D , since $(0, 0)$ and $(1, -2)$ are two of the three vertices of the triangle. The value of f at the remaining vertex is $f(1, 0) = 8$.

Since there are no critical points on the interior of D , it remains to check for any boundary extrema. The boundary consists of three lines: $y = 0$, $x = 1$, and $y = -2x$. Since we've already checked the end points of these lines (the vertices of the triangle), we just have to check for critical points of the restriction of f to each line.

For $y = 0$ we get $f(x, 0) = 8x^3$, which has its only critical point when $x = 0$, which gives the point $(0, 0)$, which we've already checked. For $x = 1$ we get $g(y) = f(1, y) = 8 + 12y - y^3$. We have $g'(y) = 12 - 3y^2$, so g has critical points when $y = \pm 2$, but $(1, 2)$ is not in D , and $(1, -2)$ we've already checked.

Finally, if $y = -2x$ we have $h(x) = f(x, -2x) = 16x^3 - 24x^2$, so $h'(x) = 48x - 48x^2$, and h has critical points $x = 0$ and $x = 1$, corresponding to the points $(0, 0)$ and $(1, -2)$, which we've already checked. Having exhausted all possibilities, we conclude that the absolute maximum is $f(1, 0) = 8$, and the absolute minimum is $f(1, -2) = -8$.

[2]

3. (a) Define what it means for a function $f(x, y, z)$ to be *continuous* at a point (a, b, c) in its domain.

A function $f : D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at $(a, b, c) \in D$ if

$$\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (a,b,c)} f(x, y, z) = f(a, b, c).$$

[3]

- (b) Define what it means for a function $f(x, y, z)$ to be *differentiable* at a point (a, b, c) in its domain.

A function $f : D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable at $(a, b, c) \in D$ if

$$\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (a,b,c)} \frac{f(x, y, z) - f(a, b, c) - \nabla f(a, b, c) \cdot \langle x - a, y - b, z - c \rangle}{\sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 + (z - c)^2}} = 0.$$

[5]

- (c) Show that if f is differentiable at a point (a, b, c) , then it is continuous at (a, b, c) .
Hint: You can show this using only the above two definitions and the limit laws.

Let $\mathbf{x} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$ be the position vector for (x, y, z) , and similarly define $\mathbf{a} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$. Suppose that f is differentiable at \mathbf{a} . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{a}} f(\mathbf{x}) &= \lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{a}} (f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{a}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{a}) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}) + \nabla f(\mathbf{a}) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}) + f(\mathbf{a})) \\ &= \lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{a}} \left[\left(\frac{f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{a}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{a}) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\|} \right) (\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\|) \right] \\ &\quad + \lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{a}} \nabla f(\mathbf{a}) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}) + \lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{a}} f(\mathbf{a}) \\ &= 0(0) + \nabla f(\mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{0} + f(\mathbf{a}) \\ &= f(\mathbf{a}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, f is continuous at \mathbf{a} .