

## BONUS PROBLEMS

1. Use items (i) and (ii) below to prove that for  $f(x, y) = xy \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$ ,  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y)$  exists, and then find its value. (3 points)

- (i) Prove that if  $a, b$  are real numbers, then  $2|ab| \leq a^2 + b^2$ .
- (ii) Use (i) to show that if  $0 < \|(x, y)\| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x, y)| < \frac{\delta^2}{2}$ .

**Solution.** For part (ii), we have

$$0 \leq (|a| - |b|)^2 = |a|^2 - 2|a||b| + |b|^2 = a^2 - 2|a||b| + b^2,$$

$$\text{so } 2|a||b| \leq a^2 + b^2.$$

For (ii),  $|x^2 - y^2| \leq |x^2 + y^2|$ , so that  $\left| \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right| \leq 1$ . Thus,

$$|f(x, y)| = \left| xy \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right| = |xy| \cdot \left| \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right| \leq |xy| \leq \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2),$$

where the last inequality follows from part (i). Thus, if  $\|(x, y)\| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \delta$ , then  $\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2) < \frac{\delta^2}{2}$ , and hence  $|f(x, y)| < \frac{\delta^2}{2}$ .

To finish, we show the desired limit is 0. For this, suppose  $\epsilon > 0$ . Take  $\delta = \sqrt{2\epsilon}$ . If

$$\|(x, y) - (0, 0)\| = \|(x, y)\| < \delta,$$

then by part (ii),  $|f(x, y) - 0| = |f(x, y)| < \frac{\delta^2}{2} = \epsilon$ , which is what we want.

2. In Calculus I,  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = a$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$  exists, and we call this limit  $f'(a)$ . As we saw in class, this is equivalent to saying there exists a constant  $f'(a) \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{x - a} = 0,$$

where  $L(x) = f'(a)(x - a) + f(a)$ . However, for  $f(x, y)$  a function of two variables, the definition for  $f(x, y)$  to be differentiable at  $(a, b)$  requires

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{f(x, y) - L(x, y)}{\|(x, y) - (a, b)\|} = 0,$$

for the designated  $L(x, y)$ . Thus, in the single variable case the denominator in the limit is just a difference, whereas in the two variable case, the denominator is a distance. The purpose of this problem is to show that we could use a distance in the Calculus I definition. In other words, show that  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = a$  if and only if there exists a constant  $f'(a) \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{|x - a|} = 0, \quad (*)$$

where  $L(x) = f'(a)(x - a) + f(a)$ . (3 points)

**Solution.** Suppose  $f(x)$  is differential at  $x = a$ , so that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{x - a} = 0,$$

where  $L(x) = f'(a)(x - a) + f(a)$ , for some constant  $f'(a)$ . Thus, for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  so that

$$\left| \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{x - a} - 0 \right| = \left| \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{x - a} \right| < \epsilon,$$

whenever,  $|x - a| < \delta$ . However,

$$\left| \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{x - a} \right| = \left| \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{|x - a|} \right|,$$

so that  $\left| \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{|x - a|} \right| < \epsilon$ , whenever  $|x - a| < \delta$ , which shows that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{|x - a|} = 0$ .

Similarly, suppose that so that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{|x - a|} = 0,$$

where  $L(x) = f'(a)(x - a) + f(a)$ , for some constant  $f'(a)$ . Thus, for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  so that

$$\left| \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{|x - a|} - 0 \right| = \left| \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{x - a} \right| < \epsilon,$$

whenever,  $|x - a| < \delta$ . However,

$$\left| \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{x - a} \right| = \left| \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{|x - a|} \right|,$$

so that  $\left| \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{|x - a|} \right| < \epsilon$ , whenever  $|x - a| < \delta$ , which shows that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{|x - a|} = 0$ , i.e.,  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = a$ .

**Alternatively.** Analyze the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - L(x)}{|x - a|}$  by approaching  $a$  separately from the left and from the right.

3. Suppose  $f(x, y) = \alpha x^2 + 2\beta xy + \gamma y^2$ , with  $\alpha\gamma - \beta^2 < 0$ . Explain - without using the second derivative test - why  $f(x, y)$  has a saddle point at the origin. Then explain, without using the second derivative test, why one cannot draw any conclusions about the behavior of  $f(x, y)$  at  $(0, 0)$  if  $\alpha\gamma - \beta^2 = 0$ . Due Monday, September 15. (4 points)

**Solution.** Completing the square as in class, we have  $f(x, y) = \alpha(x + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}y)^2 + \frac{\alpha\gamma - \beta^2}{\alpha}y^2$ . Now suppose  $\alpha\gamma - \beta^2 < 0$ . We seek points near  $(0, 0)$  so that  $f$  is positive and  $f$  is negative at these points.

First suppose  $\alpha > 0$ , so that  $\frac{\alpha\gamma - \beta^2}{\alpha} < 0$ . Along the line  $x = -\frac{\beta}{\alpha}y$ ,  $f(x, y) = \frac{\alpha\gamma - \beta^2}{\alpha}y^2 < 0$ . On the other hand, along the line  $y = 0$ ,  $f(x, y) = \alpha x^2 > 0$ . This shows that in any small disk  $D$  about  $(0, 0)$ ,  $f(x, y)$  can be positive for some of the points in  $D$  and negative for some of the points in  $D$ . Thus,  $(0, 0, 0)$  is a saddle point.

Now suppose  $\alpha < 0$ . Then the same calculation as in the previous paragraph shows that along the line  $x = -\frac{\beta}{\alpha}y$ ,  $f(x, y)$  is positive, while along the line  $y = 0$ ,  $f(x, y) < 0$ , again showing that  $(0, 0, 0)$  is a saddle point.

Regarding the case  $\alpha\gamma - \beta^2 = 0$ , I think most textbooks say the test is inconclusive because there are more possibilities to consider. The analysis above and the one done in class assume  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Notice that if  $\alpha \neq 0$  and  $\alpha\gamma - \beta^2 = 0$ , then  $f(x, y) = \alpha(x + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}y)^2$ . Clearly  $f(x, y) \geq 0$  for all  $(x, y)$  if  $\alpha > 0$  and  $f(x, y) \leq 0$  for all  $(x, y)$  if  $\alpha < 0$ . But in these cases there are infinitely many critical points along the line  $x = -\frac{\beta}{\alpha}y$ , which are either minima in the first case or maxima in the second case. So in fact, if  $\alpha \neq 0$ , we can say something about the critical points of  $f(x, y)$ . A symmetric analysis to all of this can be done if  $\gamma \neq 0$ , since we can complete the square in the other direction. If  $\alpha = 0 = \gamma$ , then  $f(x, y) = \beta xy$ . Assuming  $\beta \neq 0$ , then  $(0, 0)$  is the only critical point and  $(0, 0, 0)$  is clearly a saddle point.

Finally, for a general, not necessarily quadratic function  $f(x, y)$ , suppose  $(0, 0)$  is a critical point. The analysis above applies when the function has a good quadratic approximation  $Q(x, y)$ . However, in this case, if  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0$ , the good approximation  $Q(x, y) = 0$ , which means the  $f(x, y)$  is very flat at the origin, and one cannot infer anything about the nature of  $(0, 0)$  as a critical point without some further analysis, beyond using second order partials. This is like the case  $f(x) = x^3$  or  $f(x) = x^4$  in Calculus I. In both cases  $0$  is a critical point and in both cases  $f''(0) = 0$ , so the second derivative test doesn't help, even though it is easy to discern that in the first case  $f(x)$  has a saddle point at  $x = 0$ , while in the second case  $f(x)$  has an absolute minimum at  $x = 0$ .

4. This problems explores the interplay between the concepts of iterated partial limits and limits for a function of two variables.

**Equality of Iterated Limits.** Given  $f(x, y)$  and  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}$ , if

- (i)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y)$  exists, and
- (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x, y)$  exists for fixed  $y$ , and
- (iii)  $\lim_{y \rightarrow b} f(x, y)$ , exists for fixed  $x$ ,

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

(a) For  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2}$ , show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y)$  does not exist, while each of  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x, y)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(x, y)$  exist, but are not equal.

(b) For  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 + y + 1}{x + y^2 + 1}$ , show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y)$ ,  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x, y)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(x, y)$  exist and are all equal.

(c) For  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } xy \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } xy = 0 \end{cases}$  show that  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) = 1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(x, y)$ , but  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y)$  does not exist.

**Solution.** For (a) it is easy to check that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2}$  does not exist, since the limit is 1 along the  $x$ -axis and 0 along the  $y$ -axis. On the other hand,

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} 0 = 0 \quad \text{while} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x^2} = 1.$$

For (b),  $f(x, y)$  is continuous at  $(0,0)$ , so  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y) = f(0, 0) = 1$ . Moreover,

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + y + 1}{x + y^2 + 1} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y + 1}{y^2 + 1} = 1$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + y + 1}{x + y^2 + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x + 1} = 1.$$

For (c), when taking limits approaching 0, we may assume the variable itself is never zero. For example,

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } y \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } y = 0 \end{cases} = 1.$$

Similarly,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases} = 1.$$

On the other hand, since any open disk  $D$  about  $(0,0)$  contains points on neither the  $x$  or  $y$  axis and points on the  $x$  and  $y$  axis,  $D$  contains points where  $f(x, y)$  is 1 and points where  $f(x, y)$  is 0, and hence there is no limiting value as the radii of disks about the origin go to 0. Therefore,  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y)$  does not exist.

5. Let  $S$  be the surface that is the graph of the equation  $z = f(x, y)$  and suppose that  $P = (a, b, f(a, b))$  is a point on  $S$ . Let  $L_0$  be a line in  $\mathbb{R}$  passing through  $(a, b)$  and  $C$  denote the curve consisting of the points on  $S$  lying above  $L_0$ . Let  $\vec{u} = u_1 \vec{i} + u_2 \vec{j}$  be a unit direction vector for  $L_0$ . Give a rigorous explanation for why

$$L(t) = (a, b, f(a, b)) + t(u_1, u_2, D_{\vec{u}} f(a, b))$$

is the parametric equation of the line tangent to  $C$  at the point  $P$ . We will assume that  $f(x, y) \geq 0$  in an open disk about  $(a, b)$  (so the surface lies above the  $xy$ -plane near  $P$ ) and the first order partials of  $f(x, y)$  exist and are continuous in an open disk about  $(a, b)$ . Due Friday, September 26. (4 points)

**Solution.** The key observation for this problem is that the tangent line we seek lies on the tangent plane to  $S$  at the point  $P$ . So we need that portion of the tangent plane that lies over the line  $L_0$ . We first note that

the parametric equation of  $L_0$  is  $L_0(t) = (a, b) + t(u_1, u_2) = (a + tu_1, b + tu_2)$ . On the other hand, the equation of the plane tangent to  $S$  at  $P$  is given by

$$z = f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b) + f(a, b).$$

To see the  $z$  coordinate of the tangent line  $L(t)$  we substitute the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates of  $L_0(t)$  into the equation of the tangent plane. This gives

$$\begin{aligned} z &= f_x(a, b)(a + tu_1 - a) + f_y(a, b)(b + tu_2 - b) + f(a, b) \\ &= f_x(a, b)tu_1 + f_y(a, b)tu_2 + f(a, b) \\ &= f(a, b) + t(f_x(a, b)u_1 + f_y(a, b)u_2) \\ &= f(a, b) + t\nabla f(a, b) \cdot \vec{u} \\ &= f(a, b) + tD_{\vec{u}}f(a, b). \end{aligned}$$

Since the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates of points on  $L(t)$  are the same as those on  $L_0(t)$ , we have

$$L(t) = (a + tu_1, b + tu_2, f(a, b) + tD_{\vec{u}}f(a, b)) = (a, b, f(a, b)) + t(u_1, u_2, D_{\vec{u}}f(a, b)),$$

which is what we want.

6. Work the following problem for three bonus points and turn in your solution on Friday, October 3. Suppose  $a(t)$  is a function of one variable, and  $f(x, y) = a(x)a(y)$ . Let  $R$  denote the square  $[c, d] \times [c, d]$ . Prove that  $\int \int_R f(x, y) dA = (\int_c^d a(x) dx)^2$ .

**Solution.** Starting with Fubini's theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int \int_R f(x, y) dA &= \int_c^d \int_c^d a(x)a(y) dx dy \\ &= \int_c^d \left\{ \int_c^d a(x)a(y) da \right\} dy \\ &= \int_c^d a(y) \left\{ \int_c^d a(x) dx \right\} dy \quad \text{since } a(y) \text{ is a constant with respect to } x \\ &= \left\{ \int_c^d a(x) dx \right\} \int_c^d a(y) dy \quad \text{since } \left\{ \int_c^d a(x) dx \right\} \text{ is a constant} \\ &= \left\{ \int_c^d a(x) dx \right\} \cdot \left\{ \int_c^d a(x) dx \right\} \quad \text{since a definite integral does not depend upon the variable used} \\ &= \left( \int_c^d a(x) dx \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

7. Suppose  $T(u, v) = (au + bv, cu + dv)$  is a linear transformation from the  $uv$ -plane to the  $xy$ -plane. Give a good proof that  $T$  is one-to-one if and only if  $ad - bc$  is not zero. This problem is due in class on Wednesday October 15 and is worth 5 points. Hint: For one direction, you will end up solving a system of two homogeneous equations in two unknowns.

**Solution.** Suppose first that  $\delta := ad - bc \neq 0$ . To see that  $T$  is 1-1, we must check that if  $T(u_1, v_1) = T(u_2, v_2)$ , then  $(u_1, v_1) = (u_2, v_2)$ . We have  $T(u_1, v_1) = (au_1 + bv_1, cu_1 + dv_1)$  and  $T(u_2, v_2) = (au_2 + bv_2, cu_2 + dv_2)$ . If these quantities are equal, then we have the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} au_1 + bv_1 &= au_2 + bv_2 \\ cu_1 + dv_1 &= cu_2 + dv_2 \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting we have

$$\begin{aligned} a(u_1 - u_2) + b(v_1 - v_2) &= 0 \\ c(u_1 - u_2) + d(v_1 - v_2) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying the first equation by  $d$ , the second equation by  $b$  and subtracting we get  $(ad - bc)(u_1 - u_2) = 0$ . Thus, since  $ad - bc \neq 0$ , we have  $u_1 - u_2 = 0$ , i.e.,  $u_1 = u_2$ . Similarly if we multiply the first row by  $c$ , the

second row by  $a$  and subtract the first row from the second we get  $(ad - bc)(v_1 - v_2) = 0$ , which gives  $v_1 = v_2$ . Thus,  $(u_1, v_1) = (u_2, v_2)$ , which shows  $T$  is 1-1.

Now suppose  $T$  is 1-1. We cannot have  $a, b, c, d$  are zero, so suppose  $c \neq 0$ . Then  $T(d, -c) = (ad - bc, 0)$ . If  $ad - bc = 0$ , then  $T(d, -c) = (0, 0) = T(0, 0)$ , and  $(d, -c) \neq (0, 0)$ , which contradicts the 1-1 property. Therefore,  $ad - bc \neq 0$ .

8. For a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$ , define  $A_{ij}$ , for  $i \neq j$ , to be the  $2 \times 2$  matrix obtained by

deleting the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column of  $A$ . We can define the determinant of  $A$  by expanding along any row or any column, according to the following formulas. In the formulas below, we use  $|C|$  to denote the determinant of the matrix  $C$ , so that, in the present situation,  $| - |$  does not mean absolute value.

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= \sum_{j=1}^3 (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} \cdot |A_{ij}|, \quad \text{expansion along the } i\text{th row} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^3 (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} \cdot |A_{ij}|, \quad \text{expansion along the } j\text{th column}. \end{aligned}$$

Now let  $A$  denote the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$ .

(i) Use the formulas above to show that  $|A|$  is the same when expanding along the third row or expanding along the second column. (2 points)

(ii) Show that  $|A| = |A^t|$ , where  $A^t$  denoted the transpose of  $A$ , i.e.,  $A^t = \begin{pmatrix} a & d & g \\ b & e & h \\ c & f & i \end{pmatrix}$ . (3 points)

**Solution.** Expanding along the third row gives

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= (-1)^{3+1} g \cdot \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ e & f \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{3+2} h \cdot \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ d & f \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{3+3} i \cdot \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ d & e \end{vmatrix} \\ &= g(bf - ce) - h(af - cd) + i(ae - bd) \\ &= gbf - gce - haf + hcd + iae - ibd. \end{aligned}$$

Expanding along the second columns gives

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= (-1)^{1+2} b \cdot \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{2+2} e \cdot \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{3+2} h \cdot \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ d & f \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -b(di - fg)) + e(ai - cg) - h(af - cd) \\ &= -bdi + bfg + eai - ecg - haf + hcd, \end{aligned}$$

which is the same as the previous calculation.

For  $|A^t|$ , expanding the along the first row we get

$$|A^t| = a(ei - fh) - d(bi - ch) + g(bf - ce) = aei - afh - dbi + dch + gbf - gce = |A|.$$

9. Give a proof of the following derivative properties

(iv)  $\mathbf{r}(g(t))' = g'(t)\mathbf{r}'(g(t))$ , for  $g(t)$  a scalar function.

**Proof:**  $\mathbf{r}(g(t)) = (x(g(t)), y(g(t)), z(g(t)))$ , differentiating each coordinate and using the chain rule from Calculus I gives

$$\mathbf{r}(g(t))' = (x'(g(t))g'(t), y'(g(t))g'(t), z'(g(t))g'(t)) = g'(t)\mathbf{r}(g(t)).$$

(v) For  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$  and  $\mathbf{s}(t) = (a(t), b(t), c(t))$ , differentiating  $\mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \mathbf{s}(t)$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(\mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \mathbf{s}(t))' &= (x(t)a(t) + y(t)b(t) + z(t)c(t))' \\
&= x'(t)a(t) + x(t)a'(t) + y'(t)b(t) + y(t)b'(t) + z'(t)c(t) + z(t)c'(t) \\
&= \mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{s}(t) + \mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \mathbf{s}'(t).
\end{aligned}$$

(vi) Using the notation in (v), taking the cross product, we have

$$\mathbf{r}(t) \times \mathbf{s}(t) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ x(t) & y(t) & z(t) \\ a(t) & b(t) & c(t) \end{vmatrix} = (y(t)c(t) - z(t)b(t))\vec{i} + (z(t)a(t) - x(t)c(t))\vec{j} + (x(t)b(t) - y(t)a(t))\vec{k}.$$

Differentiating and dropping  $t$ s to save room we have

$$(*) \quad (\mathbf{r}(t) \times \mathbf{s}(t))' = \{y'c + yc' - z'b - zb'\}\vec{i} + \{z'a + za' - x'c - xc'\}\vec{j} + \{x'b + xb' - y'a - ya'\}\vec{k}.$$

On the other hand

$$(**) \quad \mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{s}(t) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ x' & y' & z' \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} = (y'c - z'b)\vec{i} + (z'a - x'c)\vec{j} + (x'b - y'z)\vec{k}.$$

and

$$(***) \quad \mathbf{r}(t) \times \mathbf{s}'(t) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ x & y & z \\ a' & b' & c' \end{vmatrix} = (yc' - zb')\vec{i} + (za' - xc')\vec{j} + (xb' - yz')\vec{k}.$$

Adding (\*\*) and (\*\*\*)) gives (\*), as required.

$$10. \text{ By definition, if } \vec{a} = (u, v, w) \text{ and } \vec{b} = (x, y, z), \text{ then } \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ u & v & w \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} = (vz - wy)\vec{i} + (wx - uz)\vec{j} + (uy - vx)\vec{k}.$$

A typical vector in the plane spanned by  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  is of the form

$$\alpha\vec{a} + \beta\vec{b} = (\alpha u + \beta x, \alpha v + \beta y, \alpha w + \beta z).$$

Dotting this with  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  gives

$$(\alpha u + \beta x)(vz - wy) + (\alpha v + \beta y)(wx - uz) + (\alpha w + \beta z)(uy - vx) = 0,$$

which shows  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is orthogonal to the plane spanned by  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

11. Let  $S_\epsilon$  denote the sphere of radius  $\epsilon$  centered at the point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbf{F} = x^2\vec{i} + y^2\vec{j} + z^2\vec{k}$ . Show that

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\text{vol}(S_\epsilon)} \int \int_{S_\epsilon} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 2x_0 + 2y_0 + 2z_0.$$

This problem is worth 5 points and is due at the start of class on Monday, November 25. You may use tables of integrals to solve this problem.

**Solution.** Parameterizing  $S_\epsilon$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
G(u, v) &= (\epsilon \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta) + x_0, \epsilon \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta) + y_0, \epsilon \cos(\phi) + z_0) \\
T_u \times T_v &= \epsilon^2 \sin(\phi) (\sin(\phi) \sin(\theta), \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta), \cos(\phi)) \\
\mathbf{F}(G(u, v)) &= ((\epsilon \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta) + x_0)^2, (\epsilon \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta) + y_0)^2, (\epsilon \cos(\phi) + z_0)^2).
\end{aligned}$$

To calculate  $\int \int_{S_\epsilon} \mathbf{F}(G(u, v)) \cdot (T_u \times T_v) dS$ , we will first integrate the product of the  $x$  coordinates of the vectors  $\mathbf{F}(G(u, v))$  and  $T_u \times T_v$ . This gives

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi (\epsilon \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta) + x_0)^2 \cdot \epsilon^2 \sin^2(\phi) \sin(\theta) d\phi d\theta = \\
(*) \quad &\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \epsilon^4 \sin^4(\phi) \sin^3(\theta) + 2x_0 \epsilon^3 \sin^3(\phi) \sin^2(\theta) + x_0^2 \epsilon^2 \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta) d\phi d\theta.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\text{vol}(S_\epsilon) = \frac{4\pi\epsilon^3}{3}$ ,

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\text{vol}(S_\epsilon)} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \epsilon^4 \sin^4(\phi) \sin^3(\theta) d\phi d\theta = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\epsilon^4}{\text{vol}(S_\epsilon)} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin^4(\phi) \sin^3(\theta) d\phi d\theta = 0,$$

so the first term in (\*) drops out. Integrating the third term in (\*) gives zero since  $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin(\theta) d\theta = 0$ . Thus we are left with

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi 2x_0\epsilon^3 \sin^3(\phi) \sin^2(\theta) d\phi d\theta &= 2x_0\epsilon^3 \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2(\theta) \left\{ \frac{1}{3} \cos^3(\phi) - \cos(\phi) \right\}_0^\pi d\theta, \text{ using an integration table} \\ &= 2x_0 \cdot \frac{4\epsilon^3}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2(\theta) d\theta \\ &= 2x_0 \cdot \frac{4\epsilon^3}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\theta) d\theta \\ &= 2x_0 \cdot \frac{4\pi\epsilon^3}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Dividing by  $\text{vol}(S_\epsilon)$  and taking the limit as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  gives  $2x_0$ . Similarly, integrating the  $y$  and  $z$  products in  $\mathbf{F}(G(u, v)) \cdot (T_u \times T_v)$  and taking the limits as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  gives  $2y_0$  and  $2z_0$  respectively. Adding these three integrals then gives what we want.

12. This bonus problem is more along the lines of a project. For this project, you will derive formulas for the volume of the sphere  $S_n$  of radius  $R$  in Euclidean  $n$ -space centered at the origin. By definition,  $S_n^1$  is the set of  $n$ -tuples  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  whose distance from the origin is  $R$ , or equivalently, such that  $x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 = R^2$ . You may use external resources for this, but must present the calculation and exposition in your own words in a way that shows you understand what is going on. You will see that the volume formulas split into two cases, depending upon whether or not  $n$  is even or odd. You can earn up to 10 bonus points for this; five points for your exposition and calculation and another 5 points if you typeset your work using some sort of typesetting software that accommodates mathematics, e.g., LaTex. This project is due on the day of the final exam.

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<sup>1</sup>Note, some references use  $S_{n-1}$  to denote the sphere of radius one in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , since it is an  $(n-1)$ -dimensional object.