

2019-2020 Spring  
MAT124 Midterm  
(08/06/2020)

1. Find an equation for the line  $L$  that contains the point  $P = (-1, 3, 1)$  and is orthogonal to the line

$$\frac{x-2}{-1} = \frac{y-1}{-2} = \frac{z-5}{1} = \lambda, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

2. Sketch the graph of the following surfaces.

(a)  $z = e^y$     (b)  $y = z^2 - x^2$

3. The position vector for a particle in space is given as

$$\mathbf{R}(t) = (2 \cos t)\mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j} + (2 \sin t)\mathbf{k}.$$

Find the velocity and acceleration vectors of the particle and find the speed and direction of motion at  $t = \pi/2$ .

4. Let  $f$  be a function defined by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy^3}{x^2 + y^6}, & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

Is  $f$  continuous at  $(0, 0)$ ? Explain.

5. Use the  $\epsilon - \delta$  definition and show that the function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2y}{x^2 + y^6}, & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

is continuous at the origin.

6. Note that in Cartesian coordinates, the Cauchy-Riemann equations are

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

where  $u = u(x, y)$  and  $v = v(x, y)$ .

Let  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ . Show that the Cauchy-Riemann equations take the form

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial r}.$$

7. According to Poiseuille's law, the resistance to the flow of blood offered by a cylindrical blood vessel of radius  $r$  and length  $x$  is

$$R(x, r) = \frac{cx}{r^4}$$

for a constant  $c > 0$ . A certain blood vessel in the body is 8 cm long and has a radius of 2 mm. Estimate the percent change in  $R$  when  $x$  is increased by 3% and  $r$  is decreased by 2%.

8. Find the critical points of  $f(x, y) = -x^3 + 9x - 4y^2$  and classify each point as a relative maximum, a relative minimum, or a saddle point.

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1. Let  $M$  be the line  $\frac{x-2}{-1} = \frac{y-1}{-2} = \frac{z-5}{1} = \lambda$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . The direction vector of  $M$  is  $\mathbf{u} = \langle -1, -2, 1 \rangle$ .

Let  $\mathbf{v} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$ , where  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , be the direction vector of  $L$ . If  $M$  and  $L$  are orthogonal, the dot product of the direction vectors is zero.

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle a, b, c \rangle = a - 2b + c = 0$$

$a, b, c$  could be any number with the relation  $a - 2b + c = 0$ . Let  $a = 1, b = 1$ . Then  $c = 2b - a = 2 - 1 = 1$ . The direction vector  $\mathbf{v}$  is then  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, 1, 3 \rangle$ .

The parametric equations for a line that passes through the point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is given by

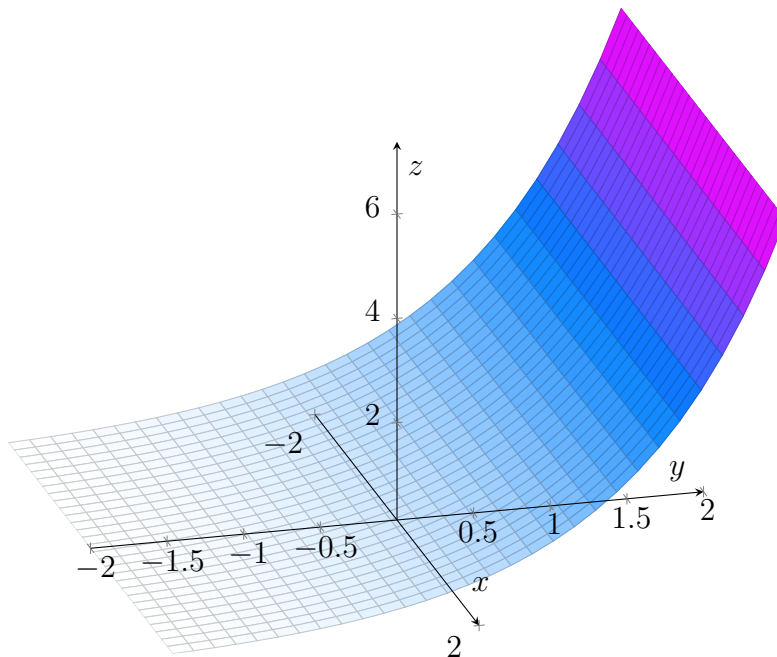
$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x_0 + v_1 t \\ y &= y_0 + v_2 t \\ z &= z_0 + v_3 t \end{aligned} \right\} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Therefore, using the point  $P$ , the parametric equations for the line  $L$  is

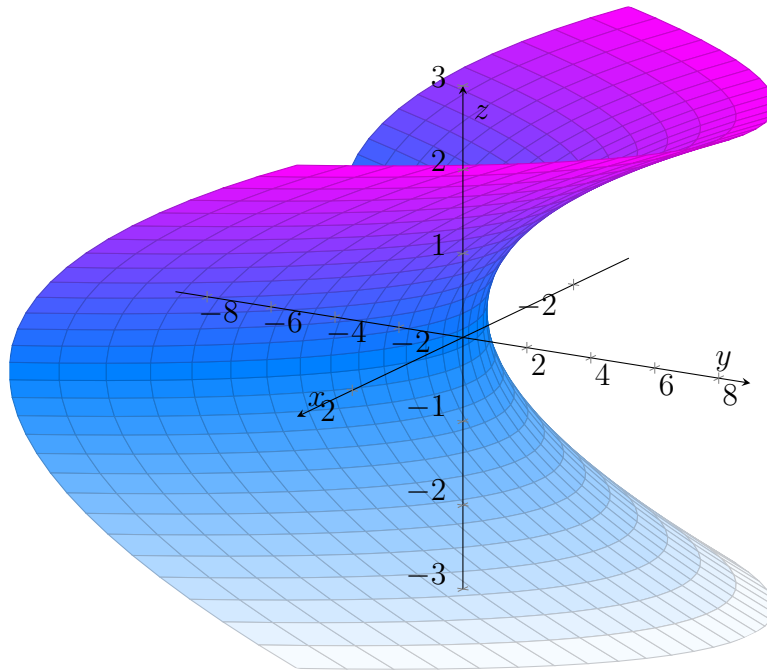
$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= -1 + t \\ y &= 3 + t \\ z &= 1 + 3t \end{aligned} \right\} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

2.

(a)



(b)



3. The velocity and acceleration vectors can be obtained by taking the first and the second derivatives of the vector function with respect to the parametrization variable, respectively.

$$\text{Velocity vector : } \mathbf{v}(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{R}}{dt} = \langle -2 \sin t, 2t, 2 \cos t \rangle$$

$$\text{Acceleration vector : } \mathbf{a}(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \langle -2 \cos t, 2, -2 \sin t \rangle$$

The speed of motion is the magnitude of the velocity vector, and the direction is the normalized velocity vector.

$$\text{Speed} = |\mathbf{v}(t = \pi/2)| = \sqrt{\left(-2 \sin \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 + \left(2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 + \left(2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{4 + \pi^2}$$

$$\text{Direction} = \frac{\mathbf{v}(t = \pi/2)}{|\mathbf{v}(t = \pi/2)|} = \frac{\left\langle -2 \sin \frac{\pi}{2}, 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}, 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \right\rangle}{\sqrt{4 + \pi^2}} = \left\langle -\frac{2}{\sqrt{4 + \pi^2}}, \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{4 + \pi^2}}, 0 \right\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}(t) &= \langle -2 \sin t, 2t, 2 \cos t \rangle \\ \mathbf{a}(t) &= \langle -2 \cos t, 2, -2 \sin t \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Speed of motion at } t = \frac{\pi}{2} : \sqrt{4 + \pi^2}$$

$$\text{Direction of motion at } t = \frac{\pi}{2} : \left\langle -\frac{2}{\sqrt{4 + \pi^2}}, \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{4 + \pi^2}}, 0 \right\rangle$$

4. Apply the Two-Path Test.

$$x = y \implies \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^3}{x^2 + y^6} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y^4}{y^2 + y^6} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y^2}{1 + y^4} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$

$$x = y^3 \implies \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^3}{x^2 + y^6} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y^6}{y^6 + y^6} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y^6}{2y^6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Since  $0 \neq \frac{1}{2}$ , by the Two-Path Test, the limit does not exist. Therefore, the function  $f$  is not continuous at  $(0,0)$ .

5. The value of the function at the point  $(0,0)$  is 0. Therefore, we will show that the limit  $L$  is also 0. For every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$0 < \sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (y-0)^2} < \delta \implies |f(x,y) - L| < \epsilon$$

$$\left| \frac{x^2y}{x^2 + y^6} - 0 \right| = |y| \cdot \left| \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^6} \right| \leq |y| \cdot 1 = |y| \quad \left[ \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^6} \leq \frac{x^2}{x^2} = 1 \right]$$

$$\leq |x| + |y| < 2\delta \quad \left[ x^2 \geq 0, y^2 \geq 0, \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \delta \implies |x| < \delta, |y| < \delta \right]$$

Let  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ .

$$\left| \frac{x^2y}{x^2 + y^6} \right| \leq |x| + |y| = 2 \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$$

Since the limit is equal to the value of the function at  $(0,0)$ ,  $f$  is continuous at  $(0,0)$ .

6.  $u$  and  $v$  are functions of  $x$  and  $y$ .  $x$  and  $y$  are functions of  $r$  and  $\theta$ . Use the chain rule.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = u_x \cdot \cos \theta + u_y \cdot \sin \theta = v_y \cos \theta - v_x \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \implies \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1}{r} (-v_x \cdot r \sin \theta + v_y \cdot r \cos \theta) = -v_x \sin \theta + v_y \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = -v_x \sin \theta + v_y \cos \theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = v_x \cdot \cos \theta + v_y \cdot \sin \theta = -u_y \cos \theta + u_x \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \implies -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{1}{r} (-u_x r \sin \theta + u_y r \cos \theta) = u_x \sin \theta - u_y \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = u_x \sin \theta - u_y \cos \theta = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}$$

7. The total differential of  $R$  is

$$dR = \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} dr = \frac{c}{r^4} dx - \frac{4cx}{r^5} dr$$

Since we estimate the percent change in  $R$ , we may take  $\Delta R \approx dR$ . Therefore,  $dx = x \cdot 3\%$ ,  $dr = r \cdot (-2\%)$ . Given also  $x = 8 \text{ cm}$ ,  $r = 2 \text{ mm} = 0.2 \text{ cm}$ , the percent change can be estimated as

$$\frac{dR}{R} \cdot 100\% = \frac{1}{\frac{cx}{r^4}} \cdot \left( \frac{c}{r^4} \cdot x \cdot 3\% - \frac{4cx}{r^5} \cdot r \cdot (-2\%) \right) \cdot 100\% = \boxed{11\%}$$

8. To identify the critical points, find where both  $f_x = f_y = 0$  or one of the partial derivatives does not exist.

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= -3x^2 + 9, & f_y &= -8y \\ \left. \begin{aligned} f_x &= 0 \implies 9 = 3x^2 \\ f_y &= 0 \implies -8y = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} & y = 0, x = \pm\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

The critical points are  $(\sqrt{3}, 0)$  and  $(-\sqrt{3}, 0)$ . To classify these points, calculate the second partial derivatives and then find the Hessian determinants.

$$f_{xx} = -6x, \quad f_{xy} = f_{yx} = 0, \quad f_{yy} = -8$$

$$(\sqrt{3}, 0) \rightarrow \begin{cases} f_{xx} = -6\sqrt{3}, & f_{xy} = 0, & f_{yy} = -8 \\ \left| \begin{array}{cc} -6\sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & -8 \end{array} \right| = (-6\sqrt{3}) \cdot (-8) - 0 \cdot 0 = 48\sqrt{3} > 0, & f_{xx} < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(-\sqrt{3}, 0) \rightarrow \begin{cases} f_{xx} = 6\sqrt{3}, & f_{xy} = 0, & f_{yy} = -8 \\ \left| \begin{array}{cc} 6\sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & -8 \end{array} \right| = (6\sqrt{3}) \cdot (-8) - 0 \cdot 0 = -48\sqrt{3} < 0 \end{cases}$$

A local maximum occurs at  $(\sqrt{3}, 0)$  and a saddle point occurs at  $(-\sqrt{3}, 0)$ .