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By chain rule,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds}f(x(s), y(s)) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{ds} \quad \leftarrow \text{For simplicity:} \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j} \right) \cdot (x'(s)\hat{i} + y'(s)\hat{j}) \quad \leftarrow \text{We write } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \text{ in place of } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x(s), y(s)) \\ &= \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{r}'(s) \quad \leftarrow \text{Same for } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}. \end{aligned}$$

Given that  $\mathbf{r}'(s) = \nabla f$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds}f(x(s), y(s)) &= \mathbf{r}'(s) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(s) \\ &= |\mathbf{r}'(s)|^2 = 1 \quad \leftarrow \mathbf{r}(s) \text{ is arc-length parametrized} \end{aligned}$$

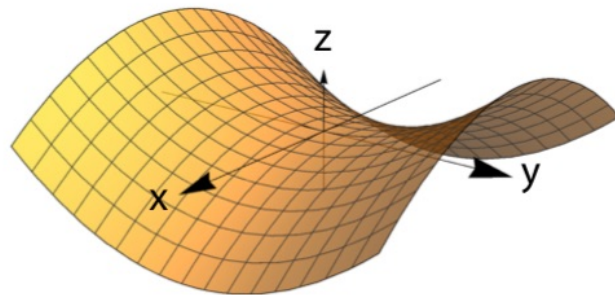
$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2}{ds^2}f(x(s), y(s)) = \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{d}{ds}f(x(s), y(s)) \right) = \frac{d}{ds}1 = 0 \quad \times$$

A "trick" we used for several places in the proofs presented in class.

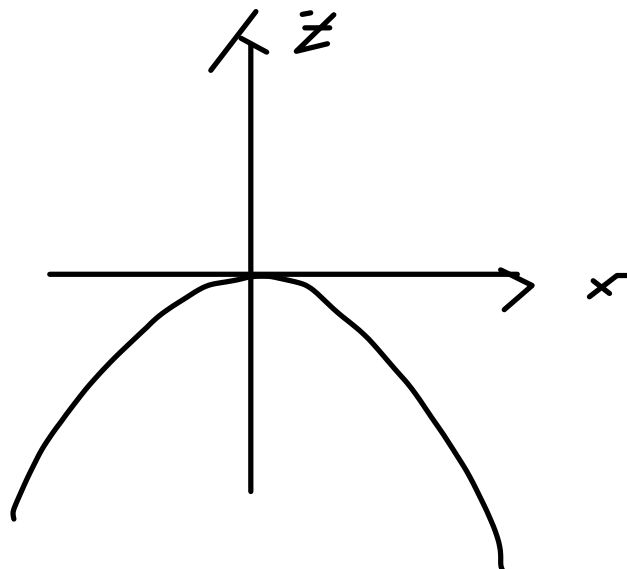
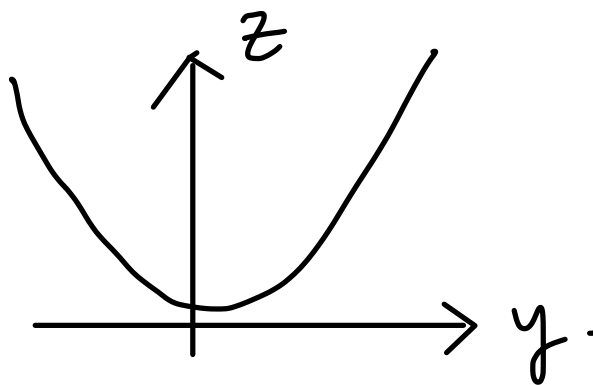
★ *dot product!*

(a) Consider the following graph of a saddle:

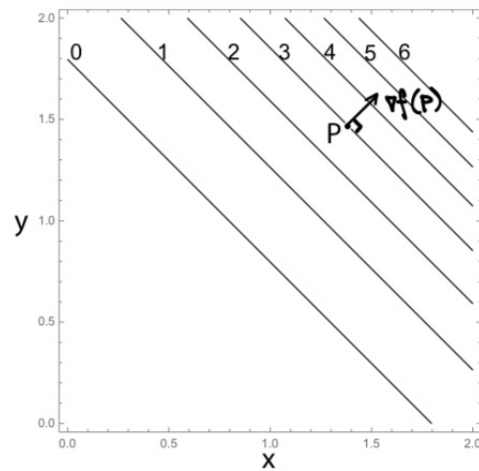
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Is it the graph of  $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$ , or the graph of  $g(x, y) = y^2 - x^2$ ? Circle the correct answer:



- (b) Below is the level-set diagram of a  $C^2$  function  $f$ . The contours  $f(x,y) = c$  with  $c = 0, 1, \dots, 6$  are shown. /10



Consider the point  $P$  indicated on the diagram. Answer the following questions:

- i. Determine whether each of the following quantities is positive, zero or negative.  
Circle the correct answers.

$f(P)$	positive	zero	negative
$f_y(P)$	positive	zero	negative
$f_{xx}(P)$	positive	zero	negative
$D_{\frac{-i+j}{\sqrt{2}}}f(P)$	positive	zero	negative

- ii. Sketch the direction of  $\nabla f(P)$  on the diagram.

- (c) In class, we went through the proofs of several important theorems. Which of the following theorem(s) was/were proved using the chain rule in at least one of the steps?

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Put "✓" in all correct answer(s):

see  
lecture #7 →  
or notes p.36

- ☒ The formula  $D_{\hat{u}}f = \nabla f \cdot \hat{u}$  ?  
☒ The fact that  $\nabla f(P)$  is perpendicular to the level curve of  $f$  at  $P$  ?  
☒ Second Derivative Test for two-variable functions  $f(x, y)$  ✓

- (d) Let  $\mathbf{r}(s)$  be an arc-length parametrization of a curve. Write down the arc-length of the curve from  $s = 1997$  to  $s = 2047$ .

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$$|\vec{r}'(s)| = 1$$

arc length =  $\int_{1997}^{2047} |\vec{r}'(s)| ds = 50$

$$1x + 0y + (-2)z = 1$$

(e) Write down an *upward-pointing* normal vector of the plane  $x - 2z = 1$ .

$$\nabla f = \langle 1, 0, -2 \rangle$$

$$-\nabla f = \langle -1, 0, 2 \rangle$$

(f) Give an example of a parametric curve  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that:

$$\frac{d}{dt} |\mathbf{r}(t)| = 0 \quad \text{whereas} \quad \left| \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{r}(t) \right| = 1.$$

$$x(t)i + y(t)j$$

$|\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t)|$  is constant.

speed = 1

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = c$$

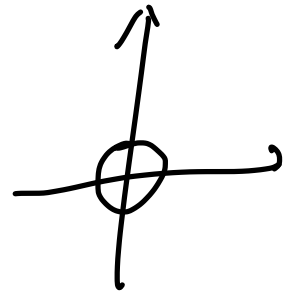
$$|\mathbf{r}'(t)| = 1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = c^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} |\mathbf{r}(t)| = 0$$

distance = constant

$$\sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2} = 1$$
$$x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2 = 1$$



$$\vec{r}(t) = \cos t \, i + \sin t \, j$$

(g) Let  $f(x, y)$  be a  $C^2$  function defined on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which satisfies:

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$$\nabla f(0, 0) = 0\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j} \quad \leftarrow \text{critical point}$$

$$f_{xx}(0, 0) = -2$$

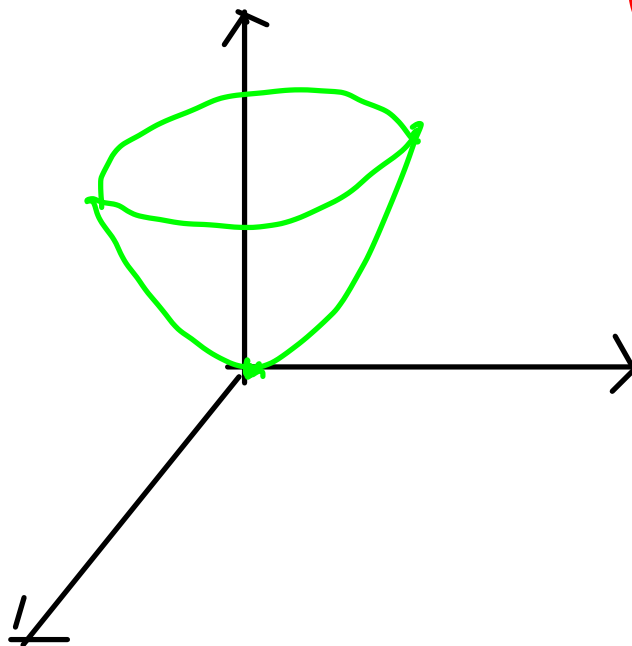
$$(f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2)(0, 0) = 1$$

Answer the following short questions:

$\therefore$  Horizontal tangent plane  
 $\Rightarrow \vec{n} \parallel \hat{k}$

i. Write down a normal vector to the graph of  $f$  at the point  $(0, 0, f(0, 0))$ .

$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ? Why not  $\vec{0}$



$$f_x = 0$$
$$f_y = 0$$

$$-2f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 1$$

$$-2f_{yy} = 1 + \underbrace{f_{xy}^2}_{(+)}$$

ii. Is  $(0,0)$  a local maximum, a local minimum or a saddle point of  $f$ ? **Circle** the correct answer:

local maximum

local minimum

saddle point

not enough data

iii. Is  $f_{yy}(0,0)$  positive, negative or zero? **Circle** the correct answer:

$$\underbrace{f_{xx}}_{\ominus} f_{yy} = \underbrace{f_{xy}^2}_{\oplus} + 1$$

$f_{yy} < 0$

positive

zero

negative

not enough data



2. Given three points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$P(1, -2, 0), \quad Q(3, 1, 4) \quad \text{and} \quad R(0, -1, 2).$$

(a) Find an equation of the plane containing  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$ .

$$\vec{PQ} = \langle -2, -3, -4 \rangle$$

$$\vec{PR} = \langle 1, -1, -2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n} = \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -2 & -3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

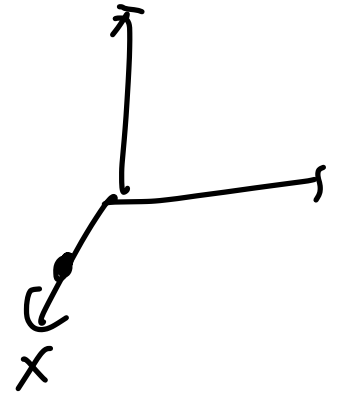
$$= (6 - 4)\vec{i} - 8\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$$

$$= 2\vec{i} - 8\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$$

Equation of plane:

$$2x - 8y + 5z = 18$$

$$2 - 16$$



(b) Find the point  $S$  on the  $x$ -axis such that  $P, Q, R$  and  $S$  are coplanar.

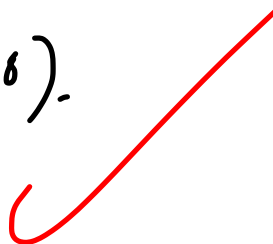
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$$(a, 0, 0)$$

$$2a = 18$$

$$a = 9$$

$$(9, 0, 0).$$



3. (a) Let  $f(x, y) = x^{e^y}$  where  $x, y > 0$ . Find the partial derivatives  $f_x$  and  $f_y$ .

$$f_x = e^y x^{e^y - 1}$$

$$f_y = x e^y \ln(x^{e^y})$$

$$f_y = e^y x e^y \ln x$$

$$a^x$$

$$a^x \ln a$$

to  $(x^e)^y$  of chain

(b) Let  $g(x, y) = x^2y^3 + \boxed{e^{x^2} \tan^{-1} \left[ \log \left( \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2+x^4}}{1+(x^2+1)^{x^4+1}} \right) \right]}$ . ← independent of y

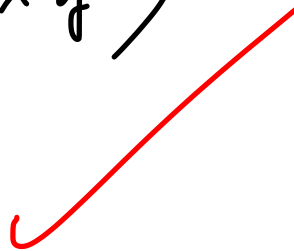
Find the second partial derivative  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right)$ .

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3x^2y^2)$$

$$= 6xy^2$$

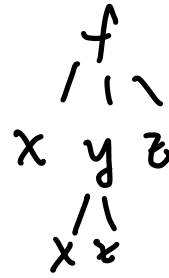
By mixed partial thm.



4. (a) Let  $f(x, y, z)$  be a  $C^1$  function of three variables. Regard  $y$  to be a  $C^1$  function of  $x$  and  $z$  such that:

$$f(x, y(x, z), z) = 0.$$

Using the chain rule, show that  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = -\frac{f_z}{f_y}$ .



$$\frac{df}{dz} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$$

$$0 = f_y \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} + f_z$$

$$-\frac{f_z}{f_y} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial z}$$

(b) Given that:

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$$\sin x + \cos y + y^2 + \cos^2 z = 0.$$

Regarding  $y$  as a  $C^1$  function of  $x$  and  $z$ , find the partial derivative  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial z}$ . Your final answer can be in terms of all  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ .

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = - \frac{f_z}{f_y}$$

$$f_z = -2\cos z \sin z = -\sin 2z$$

$$f_y = -\sin y + 2y$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = - \left( \frac{-\sin 2z}{-\sin y + 2y} \right)$$

5. Consider the parametric curve in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (e^t \cos t) \mathbf{i} + (e^t \sin t) \mathbf{j}.$$

(a) Show that:  $|\mathbf{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{2} e^t$

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$$\vec{r}'(t) = (-e^t \sin t + \cos t e^t) \mathbf{i} + (e^t \cos t + \sin t e^t) \mathbf{j}$$

$$|\mathbf{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{(e^t \cos t - e^t \sin t)^2 + (e^t \cos t + e^t \sin t)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{e^{2t} \cos^2 t - 2e^{2t} \cos t \sin t + e^{2t} \sin^2 t + e^{2t} \cos^2 t + 2e^{2t} \sin t \cos t + e^{2t} \sin^2 t}$$

$$= \sqrt{2e^{2t}}$$

$$= \sqrt{2} e^t$$

(b) Find an arc-length parametrization  $\mathbf{r}(s)$  of the curve.

$$s = \int_0^t \sqrt{2} e^z dz$$

$$s = \left[ \sqrt{2} e^z \right]_0^t$$

$$s = \sqrt{2} e^t - \sqrt{2}$$

$$\frac{s + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = e^t$$

$$t = \ln \left( \frac{s + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{r}(s) = \left( \left( \frac{s + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \cos \left( \ln \left( \frac{s + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right) \mathbf{i} + \left( \frac{s + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \sin \left( \ln \left( \frac{s + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right) \mathbf{j} \right)$$



6. Find the maximum and minimum of the function  $f(x, y) = xy$  subject to the constraint  $x^2 - xy + y^2 = 3$ .

$$\nabla f = \langle y, x \rangle$$

$$\nabla g = \langle 2x - y, -x + 2y \rangle$$

$$\begin{cases} y = (2x - y)\lambda \\ x = (-x + 2y)\lambda \\ x^2 - xy + y^2 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{y}{2x - y} = \frac{x}{-x + 2y}$$

$$y(-x + 2y) = 2x^2 - xy$$

$$-xy + 2y^2 = 2x^2 - xy$$

$$2y^2 = 2x^2$$

$$x = \pm y$$

$$\text{When } x = +y,$$

$$y^2 - y^2 + y^2 = 3$$

$$y = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{When } x = -y,$$

$$y^2 + y^2 + y^2 = 3$$

$$y = \pm 1$$

$$x = \mp 1$$

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 \therefore (\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}) & 3 & \text{Max} \\
 (-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}) & 3 & \\
 (-1, 1) & -1 & \text{Min} \\
 (1, -1) & -1 & 
 \end{array}$$



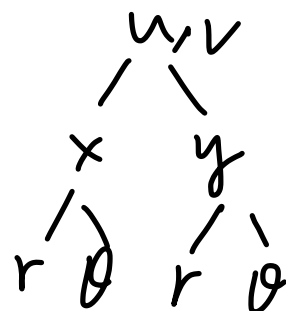
7. Suppose  $u(x, y)$  and  $v(x, y)$  are  $C^2$  functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which satisfy the relations:

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

- (a) The rectangular and polar coordinates are related by  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ . Under this relation, we can also regard  $u$  and  $v$  as functions of  $(r, \theta)$ .

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Show that:  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}$  and  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}$ .



$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} (\cos \theta) - \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} (\sin \theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} (-r \sin \theta) + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} (r \cos \theta)$$

$$\frac{\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}}{\frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}} = \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}\right)$$

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(b) Using (a), show that:

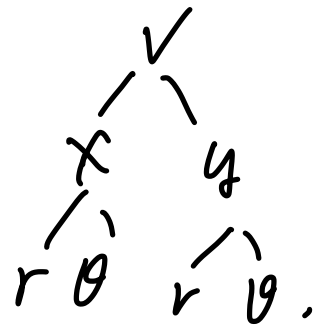
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

[Hint and remark: You can assume that the Mixed Partial Theorem holds in polar coordinates, i.e.  $u_{r\theta} = u_{\theta r}$  and  $v_{r\theta} = v_{\theta r}$ .]

$\partial u$

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$u, v$

$$b). \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} = -\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta \partial r}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{r^2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta \partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta \partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} = -\frac{1}{r^2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta \partial x} \cos \theta + \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta \partial y} \sin \theta \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{r^2} \left( \right)$$

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$$|\mathbf{r}'(s)| = 1$$

$$\sqrt{x'(s)^2 + y'(s)^2} = 1$$

$$x'(s)^2 + y'(s)^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{ds}f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} x'(s) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} y'(s)$$



$$\frac{d^2}{ds^2}f = \frac{d}{ds}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} x'(s)\right) + \frac{d}{ds}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} y'(s)\right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} x''(s) + x'(s) \frac{d}{ds} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} y''(s) + y'(s) \frac{d}{ds} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} x''(s) + x'(s) \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \frac{dy}{ds} \right) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} y''(s) + y'(s) \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \frac{dy}{ds} \right)$$