

# MATH 200 Assignment Two

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## 1

Recall the curvature formula:

$$\kappa = \frac{|f''(x)|}{(1 + |f'(x)|^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

We will use this formula with  $f(x) = e^x$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\kappa &= \frac{|f''(x)|}{(1 + |f'(x)|^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{|e^x|}{(1 + |e^x|^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{e^x}{(1 + e^{2x})^{\frac{3}{2}}} \quad (e^x > 0 \text{ for all } x)\end{aligned}$$

So the curvature of  $f(x)$  is  $\frac{e^x}{(1+e^{2x})^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ , and we can now use basic calculus to find its maximum:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{e^x}{(1 + e^{2x})^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right) &= e^x \cdot (1 + e^{2x})^{-\frac{3}{2}} - 3e^{3x} \cdot (1 + e^{2x})^{-\frac{5}{2}} \\ &= \frac{e^x}{(1 + e^{2x})^{\frac{5}{2}}} \left( (1 + e^{2x}) - 3e^{2x} \right) \\ &= \frac{e^x}{(1 + e^{2x})^{\frac{5}{2}}} (1 - 2e^{2x}) \\ &= \frac{e^x - 2e^{3x}}{(1 + e^{2x})^{\frac{5}{2}}}\end{aligned}$$

We find the critical points:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{e^x - 2e^{3x}}{(1 + e^{2x})^{\frac{5}{2}}} &= 0 \\
e^x - 2e^{3x} &= 0 \\
e^x &= 2e^{3x} \\
1 &= 2e^{2x} & (e^x \neq 0 \text{ for all } x) \\
e^{2x} &= \frac{1}{2} \\
e^x &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\
x &= \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

So the point of maximum curvature for the curve  $y = e^x$  is at  $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ . We will now find the curvature's behavior as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{(1 + e^{2x})^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

Note first that both the numerator and the denominator are always greater than zero, and so the fraction can never be less than zero.

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{(1 + e^{2x})^{\frac{3}{2}}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{\left[(1 + e^{2x})^3\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{(1 + 3e^{2x} + 3e^{4x} + e^{6x})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\
&\leq \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{(e^{6x})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{e^{3x}} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^{2x}} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

So the curvature is less than or equal to a similar function that goes to zero. Recall that our curvature is always greater than zero, so the curvature goes to zero as  $x$  goes to infinity.

## 2

$$f(x, y) = \frac{\sqrt{y - x^2}}{1 - x^2}$$

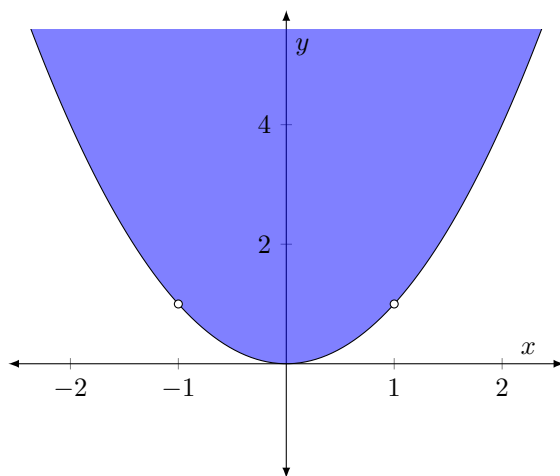
So our constraints on  $x$  and  $y$  are:

$$\begin{aligned}y - x^2 &\geq 0 \\ y &\geq x^2\end{aligned}$$

since the square root of a negative number is undefined, and

$$\begin{aligned}1 - x^2 &\neq 0 \\ x^2 &\neq 1 \\ x &\neq \pm 1\end{aligned}$$

since division by zero is undefined. So our domain is the region above and including the parabola  $y = x^2$  with removable discontinuities at  $x = 1$  and  $x = -1$ :



### 3

We'll sketch the isothermals at  $T(x, y) = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .  $T(x, y) = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}1 &= \frac{100}{1 + x^2 + 2y^2} \\ 1 + x^2 + 2y^2 &= 100 \\ x^2 + 2y^2 - 99 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The same process can be repeated for  $T(x, y) = 2, 3, 4$ :

$T(x, y) = 2$ :

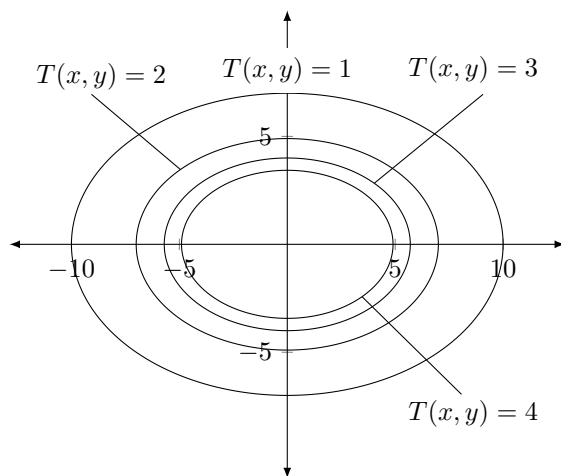
$$2x^2 + 4y^2 - 98 = 0$$

$T(x, y) = 3$ :

$$3x^2 + 6y^2 - 97 = 0$$

$$T(x, y) = 4:$$

$$4x^2 + 8y^2 - 96 = 0$$



4

We consider two lines:  $\{(x, y) | x = z^2, y = z^2\}$  and  $\{(x, y) | x = z^2, y = 0\}$ .

$\{(x, y) | x = z^2, y = z^2\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{(z^2)(z^2) + (z^2)z^2 + (z^2)z^2}{(z^2)^2 + (z^2)^2 + z^4} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{3z^4}{3z^4} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\{(x, y) | x = z^2, y = 0\}:$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{(z^2)(0) + (0)z^2 + (z^2)z^2}{(z^2)^2 + (0)^2 + z^4} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 + 0 + z^4}{z^4 + 0 + z^4} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{z^4}{2z^4} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$1 \neq \frac{1}{2}$ , so the limit does not exist.

## 5

First we define the function  $z(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ . (Note that  $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} z(x, y) = 0$ ) Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \frac{e^{-x^2 - y^2} - 1}{x^2 + y^2} &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-z} - 1}{z} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{-e^{-z}}{1} && \text{(L'Hôpital's Rule)} \\ &= -e^{-0} \\ &= -e^0 \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

## 6

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{x + 2y + 3z}$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = \frac{2}{x + 2y + 3z}$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = \frac{3}{x + 2y + 3z}$$

## 7

Recall Clairaut's Theorem:

Suppose  $f$  is defined on a disk  $D$  that contains  $(a, b)$ . If  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are both continuous on  $D$ , then  $f_{xy}(a, b) = f_{yx}(a, b)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= ye^{xy} \sin y \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} &= e^{xy} \sin y + yxe^{xy} \sin y + ye^{xy} \cos y \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= xe^{xy} \sin y + e^{xy} \cos y \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} &= xye^{xy} \sin y + e^{xy} \sin y + ye^{xy} \cos y\end{aligned}$$

We find that  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ , and so Clairaut's Theorem holds.

## 8

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} &= (v - w)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial u \partial v} &= \frac{1}{2}(v - w)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial u \partial v \partial w} &= \frac{1}{4}(v - w)^{-\frac{3}{2}}\end{aligned}$$

## 9

Recall the Law of Cosines:

$$\begin{aligned}a^2 &= b^2 + c^2 + 2bc \cos(A) \\ A &= \arccos\left(\frac{a^2 - b^2 - c^2}{2bc}\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial A}{\partial a} &= -\frac{\frac{2a}{2bc}}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{a^2 - b^2 - c^2}{2bc}\right)^2}} \\
&= -\frac{a}{bc\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{a^2 - b^2 - c^2}{2bc}\right)^2}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial A}{\partial b} &= -\frac{\frac{-a^2 - b^2 + c^2}{2cb^2}}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{a^2 - b^2 - c^2}{bc}\right)^2}} \\
&= \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2cb^2\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{a^2 - b^2 - c^2}{bc}\right)^2}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial A}{\partial c} &= -\frac{\frac{-a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2bc^2}}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{a^2 - b^2 - c^2}{bc}\right)^2}} \\
&= \frac{a^2 - b^2 + c^2}{2bc^2\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{a^2 - b^2 - c^2}{bc}\right)^2}}
\end{aligned}$$