

## Problem set and solutions

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1. A quadratic surface is the graph of a second-degree equation in three variables  $x, y, z$

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + Dxy + Exz + Fyz + Gx + Hy + Iz + J = 0,$$

where  $A, B, C, \dots$  are constants. In particular, a two-variable scalar function  $z = f(x, y)$  can determine a quadratic surface. For example, if  $z = \sqrt{2x^2 - 4y^2}$ . It determines a quadratic surface given by

$$-2x^2 + 4y^2 + z^2 = 0. \quad (1.1)$$

Now determine the quadratic surfaces given by the following two-variable functions and specify the domain and range. (Domain is the admissible values of  $(x, y)$  and range is the admissible values of  $z$ .)

(i)  $f(x, y) = 2\sqrt{1 - x}$ .

(ii)  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{2}$ .

(iii)  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{2}$ .

- (i) The quadratic surface is given by

$$z^2 + 4x - 4 = 0.$$

$$\text{Domain} = \{(x, y) : x \leq 1, y \in \mathbb{R}\} = (-\infty, 1] \times (-\infty, +\infty). \text{ Range} = [0, +\infty).$$

- (ii) The quadratic surface is given by

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

$$\text{Domain} = \mathbb{R}^2. \text{ Range} = [0, +\infty).$$

- (iii) The quadratic surface is given by

$$x^2 - 2y^2 - 4z = 0$$

$$\text{Domain} = \mathbb{R}^2. \text{ Range} = (-\infty, +\infty).$$

2. Evaluate the limit or show the limit does not exist.

- (i)

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}.$$

- (ii)

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{x^2 + y^2}\right).$$

(iii)

$$\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (0,0,0)} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}.$$

(iv)

$$\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (0,0,0)} \frac{xyz}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}.$$

(i) We use squeeze theorem:

$$\left| \frac{x^2 - y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right| \leq \frac{x^2 + y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \rightarrow 0, \quad (x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0),$$

thus

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

(ii) We use  $\varepsilon - \delta$  language to formally prove it: for any  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\exists \delta = \sqrt{-\frac{1}{\ln \varepsilon}}$ , such that when  $0 < \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \delta$ , we have

$$\exp\left(-\frac{1}{x^2 + y^2}\right) < \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\delta^2}\right) = \varepsilon,$$

thus

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{x^2 + y^2}\right) = 0.$$

(iii) We use squeeze theorem:

$$\left| \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \right| \leq \left| \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{x^2 + y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \rightarrow 0, \quad (x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0),$$

thus

$$\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (0,0,0)} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} = 0.$$

(iv) We use squeeze theorem:

$$\left| \frac{xyz}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \right| \leq \left| \frac{xyz}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{x^2 + y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} z \right| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} |z| \rightarrow 0, \quad (x, y, z) \rightarrow (0, 0, 0),$$

thus

$$\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (0,0,0)} \frac{xyz}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} = 0.$$

3. Suppose  $a, b, c, d$  are positive numbers such that  $(a, b) \neq (c, d)$ . Show that

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|^a + |y|^b}{|x|^c + |y|^d} \quad (1.2)$$

exists if and only if  $a > c$  and  $b > d$ .

Sufficiency: If  $a > c, b > d$  we need to show that

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|^a + |y|^b}{|x|^c + |y|^d} = 0. \quad (1.3)$$

We use  $\varepsilon - \delta$  language to prove it. For any  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ , we choose

$$\delta = \{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{a-c}}, \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{b-d}}\}.$$

Then when  $0 < \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \delta$ , in particular  $|x|, |y| < \delta$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |x|^a + |y|^b - \varepsilon(|x|^c + |y|^d) \\ &= |x|^c(|x|^{a-c} - \varepsilon) + |y|^d(|y|^{b-d} - \varepsilon) \\ &< |x|^c(\delta^{a-c} - \varepsilon) + |y|^d(\delta^{b-d} - \varepsilon) \\ &\leq |x|^c(\varepsilon - \varepsilon) + |y|^d(\varepsilon - \varepsilon) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{|x|^a + |y|^b}{|x|^c + |y|^d} < \varepsilon, \quad 0 < \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \delta. \quad (1.4)$$

Necessity: We show that if  $a \leq b$  or  $b \leq d$  and  $(a, c) \neq (b, d)$ , then  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|^a + |y|^b}{|x|^c + |y|^d}$  does not exist (DNE). In fact, if  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$ , we choose  $|y| = k|x|^{\frac{a}{b}}$ , then

$$\frac{|x|^a + |y|^b}{|x|^c + |y|^d} = \frac{1 + k^b}{|x|^{c-a} + k^b |y|^{d-b}} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{1+k^b}{k^b}, & a < c, b = d, \\ +\infty, & a < c, b < d, \\ 1 + k^b, & a = c, b < d. \end{cases}$$

Since the choice of  $k > 0$  is arbitrary, we have  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|^a + |y|^b}{|x|^c + |y|^d}$  does not exist. Other cases are similar. We have the following table exhibiting each case:

Limit Comparison of $a, c$	Comparison of $b, d$		
	$b < d$	$b = d$	$b > d$
$a < c$	DNE; $ y  = k x ^{\frac{a}{b}}$	DNE; $ y  = k x ^{\frac{a}{b}}$	DNE; $ y  = k x ^{\frac{a}{d}}$
$a = c$	DNE; $ y  = k x ^{\frac{a}{b}}$	1	DNE; $ y  = k x ^{\frac{a}{d}}$
$a > c$	DNE; $ y  = k x ^{\frac{c}{b}}$	DNE; $ y  = k x ^{\frac{c}{b}}$	0

4. Suppose  $a, b, c, d$  are positive numbers. Show that

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|^a |y|^b}{|x|^c + |y|^d} \quad (1.5)$$

exists if and only if

$$\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{d} > 1.$$

(Hint: use Young's inequality: suppose  $x, y \geq 0$ , then for any  $p, q \geq 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , we have  $xy \leq \frac{x^p}{p} + \frac{y^q}{q}$ )

Sufficiency: If  $\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{d} > 1$  we need to show that

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|^a |y|^b}{|x|^c + |y|^d} = 0. \quad (1.6)$$

We use Squeeze Theorem to prove it. In fact, since  $\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{d} > 1$  then there exist  $p, q \geq 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  such that  $\frac{a}{c} > \frac{1}{p}, \frac{b}{d} > \frac{1}{q}$ . Then apply Young's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{|x|^a |y|^b}{|x|^c + |y|^d} \\ & \leq \frac{|x|^{pa/p} + |y|^{bq/q}}{|x|^c + |y|^d} \\ & \leq \max\left\{\frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{q}\right\} \frac{|x|^{pa} + |y|^{bq}}{|x|^c + |y|^d} \rightarrow 0, (x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0). \end{aligned}$$

Note that we apply Question 3 above to get the limit converging to zero.

Necessity: We show that if  $\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{d} \leq 1$  then  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|^a |y|^b}{|x|^c + |y|^d}$  does not exist(DNE). In fact, we choose

$$|y| = k|x|^{\frac{c}{d}}, \quad (1.7)$$

we have

$$\frac{|x|^a |y|^b}{|x|^c + |y|^d} = |x|^{\frac{ad+bc-cd}{d}} \frac{k^b}{1+k^d}, \quad ad+bc-cd \leq 0$$

Since the choice of  $k > 0$  is arbitrary, we have  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|^a |y|^b}{|x|^c + |y|^d}$  does not exist.

## 5. Differentiability and Continuity.

- (i) State the definition:  $f(x, y)$  is differentiable at  $(a, b)$ . (See 5.1 in Möbius)
- (ii) Show that if  $f(x, y)$  is differentiable at  $(a, b)$  then  $f(x, y)$  is continuous at  $(a, b)$ . (See 5.2 in Möbius)
- (iii) Show that if the partial derivatives  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  are continuous at  $(a, b)$  then  $f(x, y)$  is differentiable at  $(a, b)$ . (See Theorem 2, 5.3 in Möbius)

6. Show that  $f(x, y) = |x^2 + y^2 - 1|$  is not differentiable at any  $(x_0, y_0)$  with  $x_0^2 + y_0^2 = 1$ .

We use the definition of differentiable functions. For any  $(x_0, y_0)$  with  $x_0^2 + y_0^2 = 1$ , if

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} \frac{f(x,y) - f(x_0,y_0) - f_x(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0) - f_y(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0)}{\sqrt{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2}}$$

does not exist, then we are done.

15 points: Calculation of  $f_x(x_0, y_0)$ ,  $f_y(x_0, y_0)$ , show that either  $f_x(x_0, y_0)$  or  $f_y(x_0, y_0)$  does not exist:

$$f_x(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|(x_0 + h)^2 + y_0^2 - 1| - |x_0^2 + y_0^2 - 1|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|2x_0h + h^2|}{h} = \begin{cases} 2|x_0|, & h > 0 \\ -2|x_0|, & h < 0. \end{cases} \quad (1.8)$$

Thus the limit exists only for  $x_0 = 0$ . Similar argument shows that  $f_y(x_0, y_0)$  only exists for  $y_0 = 0$ . Since  $x_0^2 + y_0^2 = 1$ ,  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  cannot be zero simultaneously. Thus either  $f_x(x_0, y_0)$  or  $f_y(x_0, y_0)$  does not exist.

7. For the following functions, determine the differentiability at  $(0, 0)$ :

(i)  $f(x, y) = x(|y| - 1)$ .

(ii)

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

(iii)

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^{100}y^2}{x^{100} + y^{98}}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0, & (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

(Hint: Apply Problem 4)

(i) Calculation of  $f_x$ :

Note that  $f(x, 0) = -x$ , thus  $f_x(0, 0) = -1$ .

Calculation of  $f_y$ :

Note that  $f(0, y) = 0$ , thus  $f_y(0, 0) = 0$ .

Differentiability:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{f(x, y) - f(0, 0) - f_x(0, 0)x - f_y(0, 0)y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x|y|}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = 0$$

The limit is zero via squeeze theorem  $\frac{|xy|}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \leq |x| \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore, it is differentiable.

(ii) Calculation of  $f_x$ :

Note that  $f(x, 0) = 0$ , thus  $f_x(0, 0) = 0$ .

Calculation of  $f_y$ :

Note that  $f(0, y) = 0$ , thus  $f_y(0, 0) = 0$ .

Differentiability:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{f(x, y) - f(0, 0) - f_x(0, 0)x - f_y(0, 0)y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}$$

does not exist by choosing  $y = mx$ .

(iii) One can show that  $f_x, f_y$  are continuous at  $(0, 0)$  and use 1. iii). For the differentiability, one can also use the definition.

Calculation of  $f_x$  and continuity:

$$f_x = \frac{100x^{99}y^{100}}{(x^{100} + y^{98})^2},$$

which is continuous at  $(0, 0)$  In fact,

$$\left| \frac{100x^{99}y^{100}}{(x^{100} + y^{98})^2} \right| = \left( \frac{100|x|^{99/2}y^{50}}{x^{100} + y^{98}} \right)^2$$

which converges to 0 when  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  since  $99/200 + 50/98 > 1$  via Problem 4 in Written assignment 1.

Calculation of  $f_y$  and continuity:

$$f_y = \frac{2x^{200}y - 96x^{100}y^{99}}{(x^{100} + y^{98})^2}$$

which converges to 0 when  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  since  $\frac{2x^{200}y}{(x^{100} + y^{98})^2}$  tends to zero by  $100/100 + \frac{1}{2 \times 98} > 1$  and  $\frac{96x^{100}y^{99}}{(x^{100} + y^{98})^2}$  tends to zero by  $50/100 + \frac{99}{2 \times 98} > 1$  via Problem 4 in Written assignment 1.

In summary  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  are continuous thus  $f$  is differentiable via 1. iii).

Remark: one can also show the differentiability via definition

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{f(x,y) - f(0,0) - f_x(0,0)x - f_y(0,0)y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^{100}y^2}{(x^{100} + y^{98})\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = 0.$$

One can use polar coordinate  $x = r \cos \theta, y = \sin \theta$  to show the limit is 0.

8. Evaluate the limit or show the limit does not exist.

(i)

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x^3 + y^3}.$$

(ii)

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^4 y^4}{(x^3 + y^6)^2}.$$

(iii) Suppose  $a, b, c, d$  are positive numbers and  $\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{d} > 1$ . Find

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} (|x|^c + |y|^d)^{|x|^a |y|^b}.$$

(i) Take  $x = 0$ , we get  $-1$  and take  $y = 0$  we get  $1$ . Thus the limit does not exist.

(ii) Take  $x = my^2$ , we get  $\frac{m^2}{(m^3+1)^2}$ , thus the limit does not exist.

(iii) Note that

$$(|x|^c + |y|^d)^{|x|^a|y|^b} = \exp(|x|^a|y|^b \ln(|x|^c + |y|^d)) = \exp\left(\frac{|x|^a|y|^b}{|x|^c + |y|^d}(|x|^c + |y|^d) \ln(|x|^c + |y|^d)\right)$$

Since  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|^a|y|^b}{|x|^c + |y|^d} = 0$  and  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} (|x|^c + |y|^d) \ln(|x|^c + |y|^d) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t \ln t = 0$ , we get the original limit is  $\exp(0) = 1$  by limit theorem.

9. Suppose

$$f(x, y, z) = e^x \sqrt{y} z$$

(i) Find the gradient of  $f$ .

(ii) Find the linear approximation at the point  $(0, 25, 1)$

(iii) Use the linear approximation above to estimate  $e^{0.01} \times \sqrt{24.8} \times 1.02$ .

(i) The gradient of  $f$  is given by

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = (e^x \sqrt{y} z, \frac{e^x z}{2\sqrt{y}}, e^x \sqrt{y}).$$

(ii) The linear approximation at  $(0, 25, 1)$  is given by

$$L(x, y, z) = f(0, 25, 1) + \nabla f(0, 25, 1) \cdot (x, y - 25, z) = 5x + \frac{y}{10} + 5z - 2.5.$$

(iii)  $e^{0.01} \times \sqrt{24.8} \times 1.02$  can be approximated by

$$f(0, 25, 1) + \nabla f(0, 25, 1) \cdot (0.01, -0.2, 0.02) = 5.13.$$

10. Suppose

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

(i) Is  $f(x, y)$  continuous at  $(0, 0)$ ?

(ii) Calculate  $f_{xy}(0, 0)$  and  $f_{yx}(0, 0)$ .

(iii) State Clairaut's Theorem. Discuss why (ii) is not contradictory to Clairaut's Theorem.



(i) Note that

$$\left| xy \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right| \leq \left| xy \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right| = |xy| \rightarrow 0.$$

Thus  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y) = 0 = f(0,0)$  and continuity follows.

(ii) We first calculate for  $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$

$$f_x(x,y) = y \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} + y \frac{4x^2 y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}.$$

In particular, for  $x = 0$ , we have

$$f_x(0,y) = -y,$$

thus by definition,

$$f_{xy}(0,0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_x(0,h) - f_x(0,0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{h} = -1.$$

Similarly, for  $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$

$$f_y(x,y) = x \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} - x \frac{4x^2 y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}.$$

In particular, for  $y = 0$ , we have

$$f_y(x,0) = x,$$

thus by definition,

$$f_{yx}(0,0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_y(h,0) - f_y(0,0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h} = 1.$$

(iii) Clairaut's Theorem: If  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are defined in some neighborhood of  $(a,b)$  and are both continuous at  $(a,b)$ , then  $f_{xy}(a,b) = f_{yx}(a,b)$ .  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are not continuous at  $(0,0)$  so they can be different.

11. Suppose  $f(x,y)$  is bounded on the disk

$$D = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}.$$

Moreover,  $f$  is homogeneous with order  $k \geq 1$ , i.e.,

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad f(tx,ty) = t^k f(x,y).$$

Find

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y).$$

Use the polar coordinate

$$\begin{aligned}x &= r \cos \theta, \\y &= r \sin \theta,\end{aligned}$$

where  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ . Then we have

$$f(x, y) = f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) = r^k f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta).$$

Note that by the boundedness condition  $|f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)| \leq M$ , then by Squeeze theorem, we have

$$|f(x, y)| \leq r^k |f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)| \leq M r^k \rightarrow 0, \quad (x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0). \quad (1.9)$$

12. Chain rules for multivariable functions.

(i) (10 points) If  $z = f(x, y)$  and  $f_x, f_y$  are differentiable. Let  $x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$ , verify that

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \theta^2}$$

(ii) If  $z = f(x, y)$ ,  $y = g(x)$  and  $x = h(u, v)$ , find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}$ .

(iii) If  $w = f(x, y, z)$ ,  $x = g(y, z)$ ,  $y = h(z)$ , find  $\frac{dw}{dz}$ .

(Hint: See 6.4 in Möbius)

(i) Using Chain rules, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 z_r &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cos \theta + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \sin \theta \\
 z_\theta &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} (-r \sin \theta) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} (r \cos \theta) \\
 z_{rr} &= \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r^2} = \frac{\partial z_r}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial z_r}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \\
 z_{\theta\theta} &= \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial \theta^2} = \frac{\partial z_\theta}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial z_\theta}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial z_\theta}{\partial \theta} \\
 \frac{\partial z_r}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (f_x \cos \theta + f_y \sin \theta) = f_{xx} \cos \theta + f_{yx} \sin \theta \\
 \frac{\partial z_r}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (f_x \cos \theta + f_y \sin \theta) = f_{xy} \cos \theta + f_{yy} \sin \theta \\
 \frac{\partial z_\theta}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (f_x (-r \sin \theta) + f_y (r \cos \theta)) = -f_{xx} (r \sin \theta) + f_{yx} (r \cos \theta) \\
 \frac{\partial z_\theta}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (f_x (-r \sin \theta) + f_y (r \cos \theta)) = -f_{xy} (r \sin \theta) + f_{yy} (r \cos \theta) \\
 \frac{\partial z_\theta}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (f_x (-r \sin \theta) + f_y (r \cos \theta)) = -f_x (r \cos \theta) - f_y (r \sin \theta)
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 z_{rr} &= \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r^2} = \frac{\partial z_r}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial z_r}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = f_{xx} \cos^2 \theta + 2f_{xy} \cos \theta \sin \theta + f_{yy} \sin^2 \theta, \\
 \frac{1}{r} z_r &= \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cos \theta + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \sin \theta \right), \\
 \frac{1}{r^2} z_{\theta\theta} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \left( \frac{\partial z_\theta}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial z_\theta}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial z_\theta}{\partial \theta} \right) \\
 &= f_{xx} \sin^2 \theta - 2f_{xy} \cos \theta \sin \theta + f_{yy} \cos^2 \theta - \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cos \theta + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \sin \theta \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have the desired identity

$$z_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} z_r + \frac{1}{r^2} z_{\theta\theta} = z_{xx} + z_{yy}.$$

(ii) Using the Chain rule,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = f_x(h(u, v), g(h(u, v)))h_u(u, v) + f_y(h(u, v), g(h(u, v)))g_x(h(u, v))h_u(u, v)$$

(iii) Rewrite  $w = f(x, y, z) = f(g(h(z), z), h(z), z)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dw}{dz} &= f_x(g(h(z), z), h(z), z) \frac{dg}{dz}(h(z), z) + f_y(g(h(z), z), h(z), z) \frac{dh}{dz} + f_z(g(h(z), z), h(z), z) \\
 &= f_x(g(h(z), z), h(z), z) [g_y(h(z), z)h'(z) + g_z(h(z), z)] + f_y(g(h(z), z), h(z), z)h'(z) + f_z(g(h(z), z), h(z), z)
 \end{aligned}$$

### 13. Directional derivatives.

(i) State the definition: The directional derivative of  $f(x, y)$  at a point  $(a, b)$  in the direction of a unit

vector  $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2)$  with  $u_1^2 + u_2^2 = 1$ .

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(a, b) =$$

(ii) Prove the following important fact: suppose  $f(x, y)$  is differentiable at  $(a, b)$  and  $\nabla f(a, b) \neq (0, 0)$ , then the largest value of  $D_{\vec{u}}f(a, b)$  is given by  $\|\nabla f(a, b)\|$  and occurs when  $\vec{u}$  is the unit vector in the direction of  $\nabla f(a, b)$ .

(iii) In what directions at the point  $(2, 1)$  does the directional derivative of the function  $f(x, y) = xy$  equal to  $\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$ ? Express your answer by giving the angle between the required directions and  $\nabla f(2, 1)$ .

(i) Either one of the following can get 10 points:

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(a, b) = \frac{d}{ds}f(a + su_1, b + su_2)\big|_{s=0} = \nabla f(a, b) \cdot \vec{u}$$

(ii) Proof: Since  $f$  is differentiable at  $(a, b)$  and  $\|\vec{u}\| = 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\vec{u}}f(a, b) &= \nabla f(a, b) \cdot \vec{u} \\ &= \|\nabla f(a, b)\| \|\vec{u}\| \cos \theta \\ &= \|\nabla f(a, b)\| \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\vec{u}$  and  $\nabla f(a, b)$ . Thus,  $D_{\vec{u}}f(a, b)$  assumes its largest value when  $\cos \theta = 1$ , i.e.,  $\theta = 0$ . Consequently, the largest value of  $D_{\vec{u}}f(a, b)$  is  $\|\nabla f(a, b)\|$  and occurs when  $\vec{u}$  is in the direction of the gradient vector  $\nabla f(a, b)$ .

(iii) Since  $\nabla f(x, y) = (y, x)$ , we have

$$\nabla f(2, 1) = (1, 2).$$

Note that  $\|\nabla f(2, 1)\| = \sqrt{5}$  thus the angle between the required directions and  $\nabla f(2, 1)$  is  $45^\circ$  or  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ .

#### 14. Taylor theorem for multivariable functions.

(i) (10 points) State the definition: let  $f(x, y)$  be a function of two variables. The second degree Taylor polynomial  $P_{2,(a,b)}(x, y)$  of  $f(x, y)$  at  $(a, b)$  is given by

$$P_{2,(a,b)}(x, y) =$$

(ii) (10 points) State Taylor's Theorem for Functions of Two Variables and prove it. (See Theorem 2 of 8.2 in Möbius).

(iii) (10 points) Let  $f(x, y) = e^{x-4y}$ . Use Taylor's Theorem to show that if  $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1$ , the error in the linear approximation  $L_{(1,1)}(x, y)$  is at most

$$\frac{e}{2}[5(x-1)^2 + 20(y-1)^2].$$

(i) The second degree Taylor polynomial  $P_{2,(a,b)}$  of  $f(x, y)$  at  $(a, b)$  is given by

$$P_{2,(a,b)}(x, y) = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b) + \frac{1}{2} [f_{xx}(a, b)(x - a)^2 + 2f_{xy}(a, b)(x - a)(y - b) + f_{yy}(a, b)(y - b)^2].$$

(ii) If  $f(x, y) \in C^2$  in some neighborhood  $N(a, b)$  of  $(a, b)$ , then for all  $(x, y) \in N(a, b)$  there exists a point  $(c, d)$  on the line segment joining  $(a, b)$  and  $(x, y)$  such that

$$f(x, y) = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b) + R_{1,(a,b)}(x, y)$$

where

$$R_{1,(a,b)}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} [f_{xx}(c, d)(x - a)^2 + 2f_{xy}(c, d)(x - a)(y - b) + f_{yy}(c, d)(y - b)^2]$$

The proof is given in Theorem 2 of 8.2 in Möbius.

(iii) Note that the error in the linear approximation  $L_{(1,1)}(x, y)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} R_{1,(1,1)}(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2} [f_{xx}(c, d)(x - 1)^2 + 2f_{xy}(c, d)(x - 1)(y - 1) + f_{yy}(c, d)(y - 1)^2] \\ &= \frac{e^{c-4d}}{2} [(x - 1)^2 - 8(x - 1)(y - 1) + 16(y - 1)^2], \end{aligned}$$

where  $x \leq c \leq 1, y \leq d \leq 1$ . (Up to here, 5 points)

Therefore we have  $e^{c-4d} \leq e$  and use the fact that  $8|(x - 1)(y - 1)| \leq 4(x - 1)^2 + 4(y - 1)^2$ , we have

$$|R_{1,(1,1)}(x, y)| \leq \frac{e}{2} [5(x - 1)^2 + 20(y - 1)^2].$$

Remark: For (iii), a different and sharper bound is allowed. For example, the bound can be

$$\frac{e^{c-4d}}{2} [(x - 1)^2 - 8(x - 1)(y - 1) + 16(y - 1)^2] = \frac{e^{c-4d}}{2} (x - 4y + 3)^2 \leq \frac{e}{2} (x - 4y + 3)^2.$$

15. Suppose  $F(x, y, z)$  is a differentiable function on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Its partial derivatives  $F_x, F_y, F_z$  are continuous and they satisfy

$$yF_x - xF_y + F_z \geq \alpha > 0, \forall (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

Calculate

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} F(-\cos t, \sin t, t).$$

Using the chain rule, take the derivative of  $t$  we get

$$\frac{d}{dt}F(-\cos t, \sin t, t) = \sin t \cdot F_x(-\cos t, \sin t, t) + \cos t \cdot F_y(-\cos t, \sin t, t) + F_z(-\cos t, \sin t, t) \geq \alpha > 0 \quad (1.10)$$

where we have  $x = -\cos t, y = \sin t, z = t$  and we apply the assumption. (Up to here 5 points). Then by fundamental theorem of calculus, we have

$$F(-\cos t, \sin t, t) - F(-1, 0, 0) = \int_0^t \frac{d}{ds}F(-\cos s, \sin s, s) ds \geq \alpha t,$$

thus for any  $t > 0$ , we have

$$F(-\cos t, \sin t, t) \geq F(-1, 0, 0) + \alpha t.$$

Let  $t$  tend to  $\infty$  we have  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} F(-\cos t, \sin t, t) = +\infty$ .

## 16. Local Extrema and Critical Points

- (i) State the definition of the critical point of two-variable functions. What are the three classes of critical points?
- (ii) Suppose  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + x^2y + 4$ . Find all the critical points of  $f(x, y)$ .

(i) A point  $(a, b)$  in the domain of  $f(x, y)$  is called a critical point of  $f$  if  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a, b) = 0$  or  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a, b)$  does not exist, and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a, b) = 0$  or  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a, b)$  does not exist.

Local maximum point, local minimum point and saddle point.

(ii) By calculation, we have

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) = 2x + 2xy, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) = x^2 + 2y.$$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ , or  $y = -1$ .  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) = 0$  implies  $y = -\frac{x^2}{2}$ . If  $x = 0$  then  $y = 0$ ; if  $y = -1$  then  $x = \sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}$ . Therefore, there are three critical points:

$$(0, 0), (\sqrt{2}, -1), (-\sqrt{2}, -1).$$

## 17. The Second Derivative Test and convex functions of two variables.

- (i) State the Theorem of Second partial derivatives test. Classify the critical points of  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + x^2y + 4$ .
- (ii) State the definition of convex and strictly convex functions of two variables. Prove the following fact: Suppose  $f(x, y) \in C^2$  is a convex function, then for every critical point  $(c, d)$  of  $f(x, y)$ , we have

$$f(x, y) \geq f(c, d), \quad \forall (x, y) \neq (c, d).$$

(See Möbius 9.3)

(i) Second partial derivatives test: suppose that  $f(x, y) \in C^2$  in some neighborhood of  $(a, b)$  and that

$$f_x(a, b) = 0 = f_y(a, b)$$

If  $Hf(a, b)$  is positive definite, then  $(a, b)$  is a local minimum point of  $f$ . If  $Hf(a, b)$  is negative definite, then  $(a, b)$  is a local maximum point of  $f$ . If  $Hf(a, b)$  is indefinite, then  $(a, b)$  is a saddle point of  $f$ . If  $Hf(a, b)$  is semidefinite, then the test is inconclusive.

The Hessian matrix is given by

$$Hf(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + 2y & 2x \\ 2x & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

At  $(0, 0)$ , the Hessian matrix is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  which is positive definite, thus it is a local minimum.

At  $(\sqrt{2}, -1)$ , the Hessian matrix is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2\sqrt{2} \\ 2\sqrt{2} & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  which is indefinite (the eigenvalues are 4 and -2), thus it is a saddle point.

At  $(-\sqrt{2}, -1)$ , the Hessian matrix is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2\sqrt{2} \\ -2\sqrt{2} & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  which is indefinite (the eigenvalues are 4 and -2), thus it is a saddle point. (ii) Let  $f(x, y)$  have continuous second partial derivatives. We say that  $f$  is convex if  $Hf(x, y)$  is positive semi-definite for all  $(x, y)$  and that  $f$  is strictly convex if  $Hf(x, y)$  is positive definite for all  $(x, y)$ .

We use Taylor's theorem at  $(c, d)$ :

If  $f(x, y) \in C^2$  in some neighborhood  $N(c, d)$  of  $(c, d)$ , then for all  $(x, y) \in N(c, d)$  there exists a point  $(u, v)$  on the line segment joining  $(c, d)$  and  $(x, y)$  such that

$$f(x, y) = f(c, d) + f_x(c, d)(x - c) + f_y(c, d)(y - d) + R_{1,(c,d)}(x, y)$$

where

$$R_{1,(c,d)}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} [f_{xx}(u, v)(x - c)^2 + 2f_{xy}(u, v)(x - c)(y - d) + f_{yy}(u, v)(y - d)^2]$$

Note that  $f$  is a convex function, then

$$Hf(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx}(u, v) & f_{xy}(u, v) \\ f_{xy}(u, v) & f_{yy}(u, v) \end{pmatrix}$$

is positive semi-definite thus the quadratic form given by

$$(x - c \quad y - d) Hf(u, v) \begin{pmatrix} x - c \\ y - d \end{pmatrix} = f_{xx}(u, v)(x - c)^2 + 2f_{xy}(u, v)(x - c)(y - d) + f_{yy}(u, v)(y - d)^2 \geq 0$$

Also note that  $(c, d)$  is a critical point thus  $f_x(c, d) = f_y(c, d) = 0$ . Finally we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= f(c, d) + f_x(c, d)(x - c) + f_y(c, d)(y - d) + R_{1,(c,d)}(x, y) \\ &= f(c, d) + R_{1,(c,d)}(x, y) \geq f(c, d). \end{aligned}$$

## 18. Extreme values and Lagrange multiplier.

(i) Find the maximum and minimum values of  $f(x, y) = x + 2y$  on the disc  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 4$ .

(ii) Find the maximum value of  $x + y + z$  on the surface

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{4}y^2 + \frac{1}{9}z^2 = 1.$$

(i) Since  $f_x = 1, f_y = 2$ , there is no critical point inside the disc. The maximum and minimum occur on the boundary  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ . To find the maximum and minimum, suppose  $x = 2 \cos \theta, y = 2 \sin \theta$ , then we have  $x + 2y = 2 \cos \theta + 4 \sin \theta$ , then the maximum value is given by  $\sqrt{2^2 + 4^2} = 2\sqrt{5}$  and the minimum value is given by  $-2\sqrt{5}$ .

(ii) We follow the standard Lagrange algorithm to find the maximum. Denote  $f(x, y, z) = x + y + z, g(x, y, z) = x^2 + \frac{1}{4}y^2 + \frac{1}{9}z^2$ . First set

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = \lambda \nabla g(x, y, z), \quad g(x, y, z) = 1.$$

The solution of the above equations is given by

$$x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \quad y = \pm \frac{4}{\sqrt{14}}, \quad z = \pm \frac{9}{\sqrt{14}}$$

Second,  $\nabla g(x, y, z) = 0, g(x, y, z) = 1$ , the solution does not exist. Finally, there is no edge point since the surface is closed.

Therefore, the maximum occurs at  $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, y = \frac{4}{\sqrt{14}}, z = \frac{9}{\sqrt{14}}$  thus the maximum value is  $\sqrt{14}$ .

## 19. Miscellaneous problems.

(i) Prove  $ab \leq a \ln a - a + e^b$  for  $a \geq 1, b \geq 0$ .

(ii) Prove the following elementary inequality:

$$ab^2c^3 \leq 108 \left( \frac{a+b+c}{6} \right)^6, \quad a, b, c > 0.$$

(Hint: Find the maximum value of  $\ln x + 2 \ln y + 3 \ln z$  on the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 6r^2$ .)



(i) Define the function  $f(x, y) = x \ln x - x + e^y - xy$ , our goal is to show that the global minimum of  $f(x, y)$  on the region  $\{x \geq 1, y \geq 0\}$  is 0.

To calculate the global minimum, we use the following approach: for any fixed  $y_0 \geq 0$ , we find the minimum of one-variable function  $\varphi(x) := f(x, y_0)$ . In fact,

$$\varphi'(x) = \ln x - y_0, \quad \varphi''(x) = \frac{1}{x} > 0.$$

Thus by second derivative test for one-variable function,  $x = e^{y_0}$  is the only local minimum of  $\varphi(x)$  thus is the global minimum. Therefore, for any fixed  $y_0 \geq 0$ ,

$$\min_{x \geq 1} \varphi(x) = \varphi(e^{y_0}) = 0,$$

we have

$$\min_{y_0 \geq 0} \min_{x \geq 1} f(x, y_0) = \min_{y_0 \geq 0} 0 = 0.$$

(ii) We use Lagrange multiplier method. For any fixed  $r > 0$ , we set

$$\nabla(\ln x + 2 \ln y + 3 \ln z) = \lambda \nabla(x^2 + y^2 + z^2), \quad x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 6r^2.$$

We get the solution  $x = r, \quad y = \sqrt{2}r, \quad z = \sqrt{3}r$ .

Next, we find  $\nabla(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = (2x, 2y, 2z) = 0$  and in this case  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 6r^2$  cannot be zero. Finally, the edge point of  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 6r^2 = 0$  does not exist because it is a closed surface.

Therefore, note that as  $x$  approaches zero, the function  $\ln x + 2 \ln y + 3 \ln z$  approaches  $-\infty$ . At the point  $x = r, \quad y = \sqrt{2}r, \quad z = \sqrt{3}r$ , it achieves global maximum, which means

$$\ln x + 2 \ln y + 3 \ln z \leq \ln \left( r(\sqrt{2}r)^2(\sqrt{3}r)^3 \right) = \ln \left( 6\sqrt{3}r^6 \right) = \ln \left( 6\sqrt{3} \left( \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{6} \right)^3 \right).$$

Taking the exponential on both sides, we have

$$xyz^3 \leq 6\sqrt{3} \left( \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{6} \right)^3.$$

Finally taking square on both sides, and take  $a = x^2, b = y^2, c = z^2$ , we have

$$ab^2c^3 = x^2y^4z^6 \leq 6^2 \times 3 \left( \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{6} \right)^6 = 108 \left( \frac{a + b + c}{6} \right)^6.$$

Note that for part (i), using second derivative test for two-variable function is not possible. In fact,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \ln x - y, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = e^y - x.$$

Therefore, on the region  $\{x \geq 1, y \geq 0\}$ , the critical points of  $f$  is given by

$$\mathcal{C}_f := \{y = \ln x, x \geq 1, y \geq 0\}.$$

The second derivative test fails. The Hessian matrix is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{x} & -1 \\ -1 & e^y \end{pmatrix}$$

which has determinant zero on the critical points  $\mathcal{C}_f$ . It is possible to do more detailed analysis to argue that it is a local minimum and also global minimum but the details are much more technical.

## 20. Partial derivatives.

- (i) Determine the differentiability of the following function at  $(0, 0)$ :

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

- (ii) Suppose  $z = f(r)$  and  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ . Then use the chain rule to show that

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{d^2 z}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dz}{dr}.$$

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(0, 0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{h} = 0, \\ f_y(0, 0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, h) - f(0, 0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{h} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using the definition of differentiability, we have

$$\left| \frac{f(x, y) - f(0, 0) - f_x(0, 0)x - f_y(0, 0)y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right| = \frac{x^2 y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}.$$

The limit does not exist, since we can choose  $y = mx$  and by varying  $m$  we get different values as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ . Thus the function is not differentiable at  $(0, 0)$ .

- (ii) The calculation proceeds as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= \frac{dz}{dr} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{dz}{dr} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, & \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= \frac{dz}{dr} \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{dz}{dr} \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \\ \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{d^2 z}{dr^2} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right)^2 + \frac{dz}{dr} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right) = \frac{d^2 z}{dr^2} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{dz}{dr} \frac{y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}, \\ \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} &= \frac{d^2 z}{dr^2} \left( \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right)^2 + \frac{dz}{dr} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right) = \frac{d^2 z}{dr^2} \frac{y^2}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{dz}{dr} \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then it is easy to see that we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{d^2 z}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dz}{dr}.$$

21. Suppose  $g(x, y, z) = 3 \ln(x + e^{yz})$ .

- (i) Find the gradient of  $g$ .
- (ii) Calculate the directional derivative of  $g$  at  $(0, 1, 0)$  in the direction from the point  $(0, 1, 0)$  to the point  $(5, 3, 3)$ .

(i) The gradient is given by

$$\nabla g(x, y, z) = \left( \frac{3}{x + e^{yz}}, \frac{3ze^{yz}}{x + e^{yz}}, \frac{3ye^{yz}}{x + e^{yz}} \right)$$

(ii) Find the direction vector:  $\vec{v} = (5, 3, 3) - (0, 1, 0) = (5, 2, 3)$ . Next, normalize the vector

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}^* &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}}(5, 2, 3) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{38}}(5, 2, 3). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\nabla g(0, 1, 0) = (3, 0, 3)$ .

Since  $g$  has continuous partial derivatives at  $(0, 1, 0)$ , it is differentiable at  $(0, 1, 0)$ . Thus, we can apply the Directional derivative theorem to get

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\vec{v}^*} g(0, 1, 0) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{38}}(5, 2, 3) \cdot (3, 0, 3) \\ &= \frac{24}{\sqrt{38}}. \end{aligned}$$

22. Suppose  $f(x, y) = \ln(-2\sin^2 x + 4\cos^2 y)$ .

- (i) Find the linearization at  $(0, 0)$ ,  $L_{(0,0)}(x, y)$ .
- (ii) Find the second order Taylor polynomial at  $(0, 0)$ ,  $P_{2,(0,0)}(x, y)$ .

i) First we find  $f(0, 0) = \ln(-2\sin^2(0) + 4\cos^2(0)) = \ln(4)$  Next we find the gradient vector:

$$\nabla f = \left( \frac{-2\sin(2x)}{-2\sin^2 x + 4\cos^2 y}, -\frac{4\sin(2y)}{-2\sin^2 x + 4\cos^2 y} \right) \Rightarrow \nabla f(0, 0) = (0, 0)$$

Therefore, the linear approximation at  $(0, 0)$  is (10 points)

$$\begin{aligned} L_{(0,0)}(x, y) &= f(0, 0) + f_x(0, 0)(x - 0) + f_y(0, 0)(y - 0) \\ &= \ln(4) + 0(x - 0) + 0(y - 0) \end{aligned}$$

ii) To set up the equation for the Taylor polynomial, we need to find the Hessian matrix. We begin by finding the second order derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{xx} &= \frac{(-2) [2\cos(2x) (-2\sin^2 x + 4\cos^2 y) - (-2)\sin^2(2x)]}{(-2\sin^2 x + 4\cos^2 y)^2} \\ f_{xy} = f_{yx} &= \frac{-8\sin(2x)\sin(2y)}{(-2\sin^2 x + 4\cos^2 y)^2} \\ f_{yy} &= \frac{-(4) [2\cos(2y) (-2\sin^2 x + 4\cos^2 y) + 4\sin^2(2y)]}{(-2\sin^2 x + 4\cos^2 y)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Then the Hessian matrix will be  $Hf(0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Using the Hessian matrix, we get (10 points)

$$P_{2,(0,0)}(x, y) = L_{(0,0)}(x, y) + \frac{1}{2} (f_{xx}(0, 0)(x - 0)^2 + 2f_{xy}(0, 0)(x - 0)(y - 0) + f_{yy}(0, 0)(y - 0)^2)$$

Therefore,

$$P_{2,(0,0)}(x, y) = \underbrace{\ln(4)}_{\text{From part a)} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \underbrace{-1}_{\text{From } Hf(0,0)} x^2 + \underbrace{0}_{\text{From } Hf(0,0)} xy + \underbrace{(-2)}_{\text{From } Hf(0,0)} y^2 \right)$$

23. Miscellaneous problems.

- (i) Suppose  $\varphi(u)$  is a one-variable function such that for any  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $|\varphi(u)| \leq u^2$ . Determine the differentiability of  $f(x, y) = \varphi(|xy|)$  at  $(0, 0)$ .
- (ii) Suppose the second order partial derivatives of  $f(x, y)$  exist. Moreover, we assume  $f(x, y) > 0$  for any  $x, y$ . Then show that  $f(x, y) = g(x)h(y)$  for some one-variable function  $g, h$  if and only if

$$f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}.$$

(Hint: Consider  $\varphi = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  and try to calculate  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\frac{\varphi}{f})$ .)

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}
f(0, 0) &= \varphi(0) = 0, \\
f_x(0, 0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{h} = 0, \\
f_y(0, 0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, h) - f(0, 0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{h} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Using the definition of differentiability and squeeze theorem, we have (2 points)

$$\left| \frac{f(x, y) - f(0, 0) - f_x(0, 0)x - f_y(0, 0)y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right| \leq \frac{|\varphi(|xy|)|}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \leq \frac{|xy|^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \leq |xy|^{\frac{3}{2}} \rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore,  $f$  is differentiable at  $(0, 0)$ .

(ii) Sufficiency. First, note that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}}{f} \right) = \frac{f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}}{f^2} = 0,$$

we have a function  $\tilde{h}$  of variable  $y$ , such that

$$\frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}}{f} = \tilde{h}(y).$$

Notice that  $\frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}}{f} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\ln f)$ , which implies that there exists a function  $\tilde{g}(x)$  such that

$$\ln f = \int \tilde{h}(y) dy + \tilde{g}(x).$$

Finally, taking exponential on both sides, we have

$$f(x, y) = \exp\left(\int \tilde{h}(y) dy\right) \exp(\tilde{g}(x)).$$

Take  $g(x) = \exp(\tilde{g}(x))$ ,  $h(y) = \exp\left(\int \tilde{h}(y) dy\right)$  and we finish the proof.

Necessity. If  $f(x, y) = g(x)h(y)$  for some one-variable function  $g, h$ , then

$$f(x, y) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(x, y) = h(y) \frac{dg}{dx}(x) g(x) \frac{dh}{dy}(y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y).$$

## 24. Polar coordinates, Cylindrical coordinates and Spherical coordinates

- (i) Write down the transform equation from Cartesian to Polar, Cylindrical and Spherical coordinates and the other way around.
- (ii) For the region  $R = \{(x, y, z) : z \geq \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 2\}$  given in Cartesian coordinates, give a description in cylindrical coordinates and spherical coordinates.

Coordinate System	Coordinates	From Cartesian	To Cartesian	When to use
Polar	$(r, \theta)$	$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ $\tan(\theta) = \frac{y}{x}$	$x = r \cos(\theta)$ $y = r \sin(\theta)$	When there is symmetry about the origin in 2D
(i) Cylindrical	$(r, \theta, z)$	$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ $\tan(\theta) = \frac{y}{x}$ $z = z$	$x = r \cos(\theta)$ $y = r \sin(\theta)$ $z = z$	When there is symmetry about the $z$ -axis in 3D
Spherical	$(\rho, \varphi, \theta)$	$\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ $\tan(\theta) = \frac{y}{x}$ $\cos(\varphi) = \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$	$x = \rho \sin(\varphi) \cos(\theta)$ $y = \rho \sin(\varphi) \sin(\theta)$ $z = \rho \cos(\varphi)$	When there is symmetry about the origin in 3D

(ii)

Description in spherical coordinates:  $\{(\rho, \varphi, \theta) : 0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi/4, \rho \leq \sqrt{2}\}$ .Description in cylindrical coordinates:  $\{(z, r, \theta) : z \geq r, r^2 + z^2 \leq 2\}$ .25. Mappings from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

- (i) Find the image of  $D = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 2, 0 \leq y \leq 2\}$  under the mapping  $T(x, y) = (x^2 - y^2, x^2 + y^2)$ .
- (ii) Use the linear approximation for mappings to approximate the image of  $(0.01, 0.02)$  under the mapping  $F(x, y) = (e^x + y, e^x - y)$ .

(i) Set  $u = x^2 - y^2, v = x^2 + y^2$ , we have  $x^2 = \frac{u+v}{2}, y^2 = \frac{v-u}{2}$ . Since we have  $0 \leq x^2 \leq 4, 0 \leq y^2 \leq 4$ , the conditions on  $(u, v)$  is given by

$$0 \leq u + v \leq 8$$

$$0 \leq v - u \leq 8.$$

Thus it is a parallelogram in the  $(u, v)$ -plane with the four vertices given by  $(0, 0), (4, 4), (0, 8), (-4, 4)$ .

(ii) Use the approximation  $F(x, y) = F(a, b) + DF(a, b)(\Delta x)$ , with  $\Delta x = \begin{pmatrix} x - a \\ y - b \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$DF(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} e^x & 1 \\ e^x & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Finally, we have  $F(0.01, 0.02) \approx F(0, 0) + DF(0, 0) \begin{pmatrix} 0.01 \\ 0.02 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.03 \\ 0.99 \end{pmatrix}$ .

## 26. Composite Mappings and the Chain Rule.

- (i) State the Chain Rule in matrix form for mappings from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .  
 (ii) Consider the maps  $F$  and  $G$  defined by

$$F(u, v) = (v + u^2, u), \quad G(x, y) = (e^x y, 2e^{-x} y)$$

Calculate the derivative  $D(F \circ G)(0, 1)$  of the composite map.

(i) Let  $F$  and  $G$  be mappings from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . If  $G$  has continuous partial derivatives at  $(x, y)$  and  $F$  has continuous partial derivatives at  $(u, v) = G(x, y)$ , then the composite mapping  $F \circ G$  has continuous partial derivatives at  $(x, y)$  and

$$D(F \circ G)(x, y) = DF(u, v)DG(x, y)$$

(ii) Note that

$$DF(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} 2u & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad DG(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} e^x y & e^x \\ -2e^{-x} y & 2e^{-x} \end{pmatrix}.$$

when  $(x, y) = (0, 1)$ , we have  $(u, v) = G(x, y) = (1, 2)$ . Therefore,

$$D(F \circ G)(0, 1) = DF(1, 2)DG(0, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

27. See related discussion in Möbius 12.4, application.

Recall that any complex number  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  can be written as  $z = x + iy, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Here  $i$  is the imaginary unit satisfying  $i^2 = -1$ . There is a natural one-to-one correspondence of  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^2$  defined by the map  $\varphi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 : z = x + iy \mapsto (x, y)$  with the inverse map  $\varphi^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : (x, y) \mapsto x + iy$ . Then any complex function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  can be viewed as a mapping  $F$  from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  defined by

$$F(x, y) := \varphi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}(x, y).$$

- (i) Rewrite the famous Möbius transform  $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  as a mapping  $F$  from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Here  $a, b, c, d$  are complex numbers

$$a = a_1 + ia_2, \quad b = b_1 + ib_2, \quad c = c_1 + ic_2, \quad d = d_1 + id_2.$$

- (ii) What is the image of the open unit disc  $\{z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C} : x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$  under Möbius transformation  $f(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}$ . (Hint: The answer is the right half plane. You need to explain why.)



(i) Plug in the expression of the complex numbers, we have

$$f(z) = \frac{(a_1 + ia_2)(x + iy) + (b_1 + ib_2)}{(c_1 + ic_2)(x + iy) + (d_1 + id_2)}$$

Expanding and separating into real and imaginary parts:

$$f(z) = \frac{(a_1x - a_2y + b_1) + i(a_2x + a_1y + b_2)}{(c_1x - c_2y + d_1) + i(c_2x + c_1y + d_2)}$$

Let:

$$u = c_1x - c_2y + d_1$$

$$v = c_2x + c_1y + d_2$$

Then:  $f(z) = \frac{(a_1x - a_2y + b_1) + i(a_2x + a_1y + b_2)}{u + iv}$ . To simplify this expression, we multiply the numerator and the denominator by the conjugate of the denominator:

$$f(z) = \frac{((a_1x - a_2y + b_1) + i(a_2x + a_1y + b_2))((c_1x - c_2y + d_1) - i(c_2x + c_1y + d_2))}{(c_1x - c_2y + d_1)^2 + (c_2x + c_1y + d_2)^2}$$

The real part  $u'$  and imaginary part  $v'$  of the resulting complex number can be written as functions of  $x$  and  $y$ . After simplifying the expression, the result will be in the form:

$$f(z) = u'(x, y) + iv'(x, y)$$

Thus, the Möbius transformation can be represented as a mapping from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$(x, y) \mapsto (u'(x, y), v'(x, y))$$

where

$$u'(x, y) = \frac{(a_1x - a_2y + b_1)(c_1x - c_2y + d_1) + (a_2x + a_1y + b_2)(c_2x + c_1y + d_2)}{(c_1x - c_2y + d_1)^2 + (c_2x + c_1y + d_2)^2}$$

$$v'(x, y) = \frac{(a_2x + a_1y + b_2)(c_1x - c_2y + d_1) - (a_1x - a_2y + b_1)(c_2x + c_1y + d_2)}{(c_1x - c_2y + d_1)^2 + (c_2x + c_1y + d_2)^2}$$

(ii) For this example,  $a_1 = b_1 = d_1 = 1, c_1 = -1, a_2 = b_2 = c_2 = d_2 = 0$ . Therefore,

$$u'(x, y) = \frac{1 - x^2 - y^2}{(x - 1)^2 + y^2}, v'(x, y) = \frac{2y}{(x - 1)^2 + y^2}.$$

Note that  $x^2 + y^2 < 1$ , thus  $u'(x, y) > 0$  and  $v'(x, y)$  can be arbitrary real number. (Up to here you can get full score. A more detailed calculation is provided) We claim that the image is the right half plane, i.e.,  $\{(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : u > 0, v \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . In fact, for any  $(u, v)$  in the right half plane, we need to find  $z$  inside the unit disk such that  $\frac{1+z}{1-z} = w = u + iv$ , and we have  $z = \frac{w-1}{w+1}$ . The existence of  $z$  is verified if we can show that  $|z| = \left|\frac{w-1}{w+1}\right| < 1$ . Since  $w$  is a point in the right half plane, the geometric meaning is that the distance to the point  $(-1, 0)$  is larger than the distance to the point  $(1, 0)$ . This is true as long as  $u > 0$ :

$$\left|\frac{u-1+iv}{u+1+iv}\right| < 1 \iff u^2 + v^2 - 2u + 1 < u^2 + v^2 + 2u + 1 \iff u > 0.$$

- (i) State the Change of Variable Theorem for double integrals.  
 (ii) Suppose  $a, b$  are two real numbers. Calculate

$$\iint_D (ax + by) dx dy$$

where  $D$  is the region in the first quadrant bounded by the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  and the lines  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ .

29. Change of variable method: three dimensional.

- (i) State the Change of Variable Theorem for triple integrals.  
 (ii) Find the volume of ellipsoid using change of variable method:

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1, \quad a, b, c > 0.$$

30. Evaluate the following triple integrals:

(i)

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \int_{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}^{\sqrt{2-x^2-y^2}} dz dy dx.$$

(ii)

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \int_{\sqrt{3x^2+3y^2}}^{\sqrt{3}} dz dx dy.$$

31. Miscellaneous problems.

- (i) Suppose  $D$  is the region surrounded by  $z = 0$ ,  $z = 1$  and  $x^2 + \frac{1}{2}(y - z)^2 = 1$ . Calculate

$$\iiint_D (y - z) \arctan z \, dx dy dz.$$

(Hint: Use transformation  $x = u$ ,  $y - z = \sqrt{2}v$ ,  $z = w$ )

- (ii) Suppose  $f(x, y)$  has continuous second partial derivatives. If  $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d\}$ , calculate

$$\iint_D f_{xy}(x, y) dx dy, \quad \iint_D f_{yx}(x, y) dx dy.$$

Briefly discuss how the above calculation can imply Clairaut's Theorem (For the statement, see Möbius 4.2).

32. Use the method of Lagrange multipliers to find the maximum and minimum values of  $f(x, y) = x$  on the curve defined by

$$y^2 + x^4 - x^3 = 0.$$

We apply the Lagrange Multiplier, we first solve

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \lambda \nabla g(x, y), g(x, y) = y^2 + x^4 - x^3 = 0.$$

Note that  $\nabla f(x, y) = (1, 0) = \lambda \nabla g(x, y)$ ,  $\nabla g(x, y) = (4x^3 - 3x^2, 2y)$ , our solution is given by the following two points

$$(x, y) = (1, 0), (0, 0); \quad \lambda = 1$$

Second, we solve

$$\nabla g(x, y) = (0, 0), g(x, y) = y^2 + x^4 - x^3 = 0.$$

The only solution is given by  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ . Finally, we find that the curve  $y^2 + x^4 - x^3 = 0$  is closed and no end point exists.

In summary, we have two candidates  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0)$  and the maximum is 1 which occurs at  $(1, 0)$  and the minimum is 0 which occurs at  $(0, 0)$ .

33.

(i) Convert the following equations in Cartesian coordinates to spherical coordinates:

$$z = -\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}.$$

(ii) Convert the following equations in Cartesian coordinates to cylindrical coordinates:

$$z = \sqrt{5x^2 + 5y^2}.$$

(i) The spherical coordinates are given by

$$\begin{cases} x = \rho \sin(\varphi) \cos(\theta) \\ y = \rho \sin(\varphi) \sin(\theta) \\ z = \rho \cos(\varphi) \end{cases}$$

we have  $\cos \varphi = -|\sin \varphi|$ . **(15 points)**

(ii) The cylindrical coordinates are given by

$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos(\theta) \\ y = r \sin(\theta) \\ z = z \end{cases}$$

we have  $z = \sqrt{5}r$ . **(15 points)**

34. Consider the map defined by

$$(u, v) = F(x, y) = (y + xy, y - xy).$$

- (i) Show that  $F$  has an inverse map by finding  $F^{-1}$  explicitly.
- (ii) Find the derivative matrices  $DF(x, y)$  and  $DF^{-1}(u, v)$  and verify that

$$DF(x, y)DF^{-1}(u, v) = I.$$

- (iii) Verify that the Jacobians satisfy

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} = \left[ \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} \right]^{-1}.$$

For part (i), we need to solve

$$\begin{cases} u = y(1+x) \\ v = y(1-x) \end{cases} \quad (1.11)$$

and the solution is

$$\begin{cases} x = \frac{u-v}{u+v}, \\ y = \frac{u+v}{2}. \end{cases} \quad (1.12)$$

Therefore, the explicit expression is

$$F^{-1}(u, v) = \left( \frac{u-v}{u+v}, \frac{u+v}{2} \right),$$

which exists when  $u+v \neq 0$  (**1 point**).

For part (ii), the derivative matrix can be calculated directly using the definition

$$\begin{aligned} DF(x, y) &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y & 1+x \\ -y & 1-x \end{pmatrix}, \\ DF^{-1}(u, v) &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2v}{(u+v)^2} & \frac{-2u}{(u+v)^2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Then we can direct verify using  $x = \frac{u-v}{u+v}, y = \frac{u+v}{2}$  :

$$\begin{aligned} DF(x, y)DF^{-1}(u, v) &= \begin{pmatrix} y & 1+x \\ -y & 1-x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2v}{(u+v)^2} & \frac{-2u}{(u+v)^2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2vy}{(u+v)^2} + \frac{1+x}{2} & \frac{-2uy}{(u+v)^2} + \frac{1+x}{2} \\ \frac{-2vy}{(u+v)^2} + \frac{1-x}{2} & \frac{2uy}{(u+v)^2} + \frac{1-x}{2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{v}{u+v} + \frac{u}{u+v} & \frac{-u}{u+v} + \frac{u}{u+v} \\ \frac{-v}{u+v} + \frac{v}{u+v} & \frac{u}{u+v} + \frac{v}{u+v} \end{pmatrix} = I. \end{aligned}$$

For part (iii),

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} = \det(DF^{-1}(u, v)) = \frac{1}{u+v}, \quad \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} = \det(DF(x, y)) = 2y = u+v.$$

Therefore, we have

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} = \left[ \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} \right]^{-1}.$$

## 35. Miscellaneous problems.

- (i) Find the local maximum and minimum of the function  $f(x, y) = (1 + e^y) \cos x - ye^y$  and the corresponding critical points if they exist.
- (ii) Suppose  $f(x, y), g(x, y)$  are two functions with continuous partial derivatives. Show that if for any  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  we have

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(x, y) \neq \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x, y),$$

then the number of solutions of  $\begin{cases} f(x, y) = 0 \\ g(x, y) = 0 \end{cases}$  in the region  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq x \leq 100, 0 \leq y \leq 50\}$  is finite.

( Hint: Use the Inverse Mapping Theorem.

Additional hint: You can freely use the following property: if the region  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq x \leq 100, 0 \leq y \leq 50\}$  is covered by infinitely many neighbors (open sets)  $\{O_i : i \in I\}$ ,  $|I| = +\infty$ , i.e.,

$$\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq x \leq 100, 0 \leq y \leq 50\} \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} O_i$$

then there are finitely many neighbors covering the region, i.e.,

$$\exists J \subseteq I, |J| < +\infty, \quad \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq x \leq 100, 0 \leq y \leq 50\} \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in J} O_i$$

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(i) We calculate the first derivatives

$$f_x(x, y) = -\sin x(1 + e^y), \quad f_y(x, y) = (\cos x - 1 - y)e^y$$

and second derivatives

$$f_{xx}(x, y) = -\cos x(1 + e^y), \quad f_{xy}(x, y) = -e^y \sin x, \quad f_{yy}(x, y) = (\cos x - 2 - y)e^y.$$

To find the critical points, we set  $f_x = f_y = 0$ , then we have a sequence of critical points given by

$$(x_n, y_n) = (n\pi, \cos n\pi - 1), \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

For even  $n$ ,  $(x_n, y_n) = (n\pi, 0)$ , and we can show that  $\begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is negative definite thus  $(n\pi, 0)$  for  $n$  even are local maxima and the local maximum value is **(1 point)**

$$(1 + e^0) \cos n\pi - 0e^0 = 2.$$

For odd  $n$ ,  $(x_n, y_n) = (n\pi, -2)$ , and we can show that  $\begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + e^{-2} & 0 \\ 0 & -e^{-2} \end{pmatrix}$  which is indefinite and via second derivative test, it is a saddle point.

**In summary, we only have local maxima  $(n\pi, 0)$  with  $n$  even integers, and the local maximum value is 2.**

(ii) Construct a mapping from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  as  $F(x, y) = (f(x, y), g(x, y))$ . Denote the region  $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq x \leq 100, 0 \leq y \leq 50\}$ . Then the solution of  $\begin{cases} f(x, y) = 0 \\ g(x, y) = 0 \end{cases}$  in  $D$  is given by the solution of  $F(x, y) = (0, 0)$  in  $D$ . By inverse mapping theorem, for any  $(x_0, y_0) \in D$ , we have a neighborhood  $O(x_0, y_0)$  including  $(x_0, y_0)$  such that  $F$  is injective in  $O(x_0, y_0)$ . Then we have

$$D \subseteq \bigcup_{(x_0, y_0) \in D} O(x_0, y_0).$$

Since  $D$  is bounded and closed, there exist finitely many  $(x_i, y_i), 1 \leq i \leq n$  such that (use the additional hint).

$$D \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n O(x_i, y_i).$$

Note that for each  $i$ ,  $F$  is injective in  $O(x_i, y_i)$ , there is at most one solution of  $F(x, y) = (0, 0)$  in  $O(x_i, y_i)$ . Therefore, there are at most  $n$  solution in  $D \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n O(x_i, y_i)$ .

An alternative solution: prove by contradiction. Suppose there are infinitely many solutions, then there must be a sequence  $\{(x_n, y_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)$  such that  $F(x_n, y_n) = 0$ .