Midterm 1

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please show ALL your work! Answers without supporting justification will not be given credit.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided on the question sheets. If you run out of room for an answer, continue on the back of the page.
- Write legibly and in correct order.
- Please note that use of calculator is not allowed.
- If you write down the correct formula for an answer, you will get some partial credit regardless of whether you evaluated the exact values or not.
- Unless otherwise specified, you may use any valid method to solve a problem.

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Question	Points	Score
1	15	
2	10	
3	15	
4	10	
Total:	50	

This exam has 4 questions, for a total of 50 points.

The maximum possible point for each problem is given on the right side of the problem.

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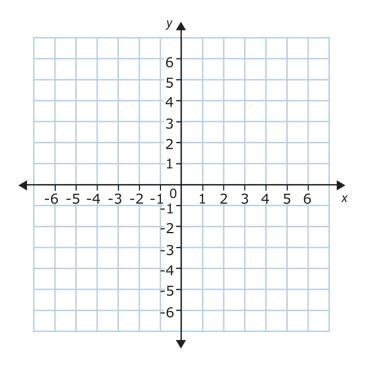


Figure 1: Level curve of f(x, y) passing through (2, 1)

- 1. (a) Identify the level curve of $f(x, y) = \ln(x y^2)$ that passes through (2, 1). Describe and draw a picture of it **in the coordinate grid above**.
 - (b) In what direction does f increase most rapidly at (2,1)?
 - (c) What is the rate of change of f at (2,1) in the direction of the point (5,5)?

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- 2. Suppose λ and μ are real numbers such that
 - the three vectors

$$\vec{u} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k},$$

$$\vec{v} = \hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \mu\hat{k},$$

$$\vec{w} = 7\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

are coplanar, and

• The vector \vec{v} has magnitude $\sqrt{2}$.

Find all possible values of λ and μ .

[HINT: If three vectors are coplanar, then the volume of the parallelepiped determined by those three vectors is zero i.e. the scalar triple product is zero.]

- 3. Suppose the curve given by $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos(\pi t), \sin(\pi t), t \rangle$ intersects the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$ at a point $P = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$.
 - (a) Find the coordinates of *P*.

(b) Find equation of the tangent plane to the paraboloid at *P*.

(c) What is the equation of the tangent line to the curve $\vec{r}(t)$ at P?

- (d) What is the angle of intersection between the curve and the paraboloid? This is the angle between the tangent line in part (c) and the plane in part (b).

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4. If u = f(x, y), where $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$, show that

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