

1. (16 points) Computation

- (a) Let $f(x, y) = x^3 \exp(2x^2 + 3xy + y^2)$. Find all of the first partial derivatives. (In case you haven't seen it before, “ $\exp(u)$ ” is the same thing as e^u .)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}f_x &= 3x^2 \exp(2x^2 + 3xy + y^2) + x^3 \exp(2x^2 + 3xy + y^2)(4x + 3y) \\f_y &= x^3 \exp(2x^2 + 3xy + y^2)(3x + 2y)\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Let $g(x, y) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{4x^2 + y^2}}$. Find the first partial derivative with respect to x and simplify it.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}g_x &= \frac{\sqrt{4x^2 + y^2} \cdot 1 - x \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4x^2 + y^2}} \cdot 8x}{4x^2 + y^2} \\&= \frac{4x^2 + y^2 - 4x^2}{(4x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} \\&= \boxed{\frac{y^2}{(4x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}}\end{aligned}$$

2. (12 points) A certain differentiable function satisfies:

(a) $f(2, 5) = -3$, and $f(-4, 1) = \pi$.

(b) $\nabla f(2, 5) = \langle -4, 7 \rangle$, and $\nabla f(-4, 1) = \langle \sqrt{6}, e^{-2} \rangle$.

At each of the two points in question (i.e. at $(2, 5)$ and at $(-4, 1)$) answer the following questions:

- (a) In what direction is the function increasing the fastest and what is the rate of change in that direction?

Solution:

At $(2, 5)$, the function is increasing the fastest in the direction $\nabla f(2, 5) = \langle -4, 7 \rangle$, with rate of change $\|\langle -4, 7 \rangle\| = \sqrt{16 + 49} = \sqrt{65}$.

At $(-4, 1)$, the function is increasing the fastest in the direction $\nabla f(-4, 1) = \langle \sqrt{6}, e^{-2} \rangle$, with rate of change $\|\langle \sqrt{6}, e^{-2} \rangle\| = \sqrt{6 + e^{-4}}$.

- (b) What is the directional derivative in the direction of the vector $\langle 4, -3 \rangle$?

Solution: The unit vector in the direction $\langle 4, -3 \rangle$ is $\langle 4/5, -3/5 \rangle$. So

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\langle 4/5, -3/5 \rangle} f(2, 5) &= \nabla f(2, 5) \cdot \langle 4, -3 \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{5} \\ &= \langle -4, 7 \rangle \cdot \langle 4, -3 \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{5} \\ &= (-16 - 21) \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \boxed{\frac{-37}{5}} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\langle 4/5, -3/5 \rangle} f(-4, 1) &= \nabla f(-4, 1) \cdot \langle 4, -3 \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{5} \\ &= \langle \sqrt{6}, e^{-2} \rangle \cdot \langle 4, -3 \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{5} \\ &= \boxed{(4\sqrt{6} - 3e^{-2}) \cdot \frac{1}{5}} \end{aligned}$$

- (c) What is the tangent plane and/or the linear approximation at each of the two points?

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (2, 5) : \quad z &= -3 + -4(x - 2) + 7(y - 5) \\ (-4, 1) : \quad z &= \pi + \sqrt{6}(x + 4) + e^{-2}(y - 1) \end{aligned}$$

3. (12 points) Set up **but do not solve** the following problems. As part of setting these problems up, you should list the unknowns and the equations that you would need to use to find them. You **should also do** all of the **derivative** calculations, but the **algebra** is totally unmanageable, so do **not** attempt it!

- (a) Maximize $f(x, y) = x^2 \cos(y)$
 Subject to $g(x, y) = x^6 + y^6 = 64$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f &= \lambda \nabla g \\ \langle 2x \cos y, -x^2 \sin y \rangle &= \lambda \langle 6x^5, 6y^5 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

The system to solve is:

$$\begin{cases} 2x \cos y = 6\lambda x^5 \\ -x^2 \sin y = 6\lambda y^5 \\ x^6 + y^6 = 64 \end{cases}$$

- (b) Maximize $F(x, y, z) = \cos(xy^2z^3)$
 Subject to $G(x, y, z) = x + 2y + 3z = 0$
 and $H(x, y, z) = x^2 + z^2 = 25$.

Solution:

$$\nabla F = \langle -y^2z^3 \sin(xy^2z^3), -2xyz^3 \sin(xy^2z^3), -3xy^2z^2 \sin(xy^2z^3) \rangle$$

$$\nabla G = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$$

$$\nabla H = \langle 2x, 0, 2z \rangle$$

Setting $\nabla F = \lambda \nabla G + \mu \nabla H$ gives the system to solve:

$$\begin{cases} -y^2z^3 \sin(xy^2z^3) = \lambda + 2\mu x \\ -2xyz^3 \sin(xy^2z^3) = 2\lambda \\ -3xy^2z^2 \sin(xy^2z^3) = 3\lambda + 2\mu z \\ x + 2y + 3z = 0 \\ x^2 + z^2 = 25 \end{cases}$$

4. (14 points) For the function $f(x, y) = x^3 + xy - y^2$ find and classify all of the critical points.

Solution:

$$\nabla f = 0 \implies \begin{cases} 3x^2 + y = 0 \\ x - 2y = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solving this system gives two critical points: $(0, 0)$ and $(-\frac{1}{6}, -\frac{1}{12})$. To classify them, the discriminant is

$$f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 = 6x(-2) - (1)^2 = -12x - 1$$

For $(0, 0)$, the discriminant gives -1 , so $(0, 0)$ is a saddle point.

For $(-\frac{1}{6}, -\frac{1}{12})$, the discriminant gives 1 , and $f_{yy} = -2 < 0$, so $(-\frac{1}{6}, -\frac{1}{12})$ is a local maximum.

5. (20 points) Find the maximum and the minimum of the function

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + 2x + y^2 - 6y$$

in the region given by

$$g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \leq 40.$$

Show your work carefully in this problem, and let us know what you are doing.

Solution: Use Lagrange multipliers with $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 = k$, for $k \in [0, 40]$.

$$\nabla f = \langle 2x + 2, 2y - 6 \rangle$$

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

so we solve the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 2 = 2\lambda x \\ 2y - 6 = 2\lambda y \\ x^2 + y^2 = k \end{cases}$$

Solving the first two equations for λ yields

$$x = \frac{1}{\lambda - 1} \quad y = \frac{-3}{\lambda - 1}$$

Substituting into the third gives

$$\frac{10}{(\lambda - 1)^2} = k \implies \frac{1}{\lambda - 1} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{10}}$$

so for a fixed k , the optimization problem yields two solutions:

$$(x, y) = \left(\pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{10}}, \mp 3\sqrt{\frac{k}{10}} \right)$$

To determine max/min values, we plug these points into f :

$$\begin{aligned} f &= x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 6y \\ &= k + 2 \left(\pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{10}} \right) - 6 \left(\mp 3\sqrt{\frac{k}{10}} \right) \\ &= k \pm 20\sqrt{\frac{k}{10}} \\ &= k \pm 2\sqrt{10}\sqrt{k} \end{aligned}$$

We want to optimize f with respect to $k \in [0, 40]$, which requires us to evaluate k at critical points and at end points. Note there are two cases for f .

- If $f = k + 2\sqrt{10}\sqrt{k}$, then $f' = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{k}} = 0$ which yields no critical points.
 - Evaluating at $k = 0$, $f = 0$
 - Evaluating at $k = 40$, $f = 40 + 2\sqrt{400} = 80$
- If $f = k - 2\sqrt{10}\sqrt{k}$, then $f' = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{k}} = 0 \implies k = 10$ is a critical point.
 - Evaluating at $k = 0$, $f = 0$
 - Evaluating at $k = 10$, $f = 10 - 2\sqrt{100} = -10$
 - Evaluating at $k = 40$, $f = 40 - 2\sqrt{400} = 0$

Thus the maximum for this function in the specified region is 80 (which occurs at $(2, -6)$) and the minimum is -10 (which occurs at $(-1, 3)$).

6. (8 points) Suppose that $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$ (the usual polar coordinates) and $f(x, y) = x^2 y$. Express

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}$$

as functions of r and θ . (Hint/Comment: Do this however you like.)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f &= x^2 y = r^3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta \\ f_r &= 3r^2 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta \\ f_\theta &= r^3 (2 \cos \theta (-\sin \theta) \sin \theta + \cos^2 \theta \cos \theta) \\ &= r^3 (-2 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta + \cos^3 \theta) \end{aligned}$$

7. (18 points) Short answers ...

- (a) If f is a function of x and y , and x and y are each functions of r , s , and t , then use the chain rule to express $\frac{\partial f}{\partial s}$.

Solution:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$

- (b) Find the average value of the function $f(x, y) = x^2y$ on the rectangle $0 \leq x \leq 3$, $0 \leq y \leq 4$.

Solution:

$$\frac{1}{12} \int_0^3 \int_0^4 x^2 y \, dy \, dx = \frac{1}{12} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^3 \left[\frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^4 = \frac{1}{12} (9)(8) = 6$$

- (c) According to the theorem that we learned, what should you require of a set S to guarantee that any continuous function f will attain an absolute maximum and an absolute minimum on S ?

Solution: The set S must be closed and bounded.

- (d) For the set $5x^2 + y^3 + 2z^6 - 3xy^2z^2 = 11$ write down the tangent plane at the point $(-1, -2, 1)$.

Solution: Letting $f = 5x^2 + y^3 + 2z^6 - 3xy^2z^2 - 11$,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f &= \langle 10x - 3y^2z^2, 3y^2 - 6xyz^2, 12z^5 - 6xy^2z \rangle \\ \nabla f(-1, -2, 1) &= \langle -22, 0, 36 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$0 = -22(x + 1) + 0(y + 2) + 36(z - 1)$$