

1. (16 points) Computation

- (a) Let $f(x, y) = (2x^2 + 3xy + y^2) \exp(x^3)$. 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:

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

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

Solution:

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

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

(a) $f(2, 5) = -7$, and $f(-1, 4) = \pi$.

(b) $\nabla f(2, 5) = (-8, 9)$, and $\nabla f(-1, 4) = (\sqrt{6}, e^{-2})$.

At each of the two points in question (i.e. at $(2, 5)$ and at $(-1, 4)$) 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 $\nabla f(2, 5) = \langle -8, 9 \rangle$, with rate of change $\|\langle -8, 9 \rangle\| = \sqrt{64 + 81} = \sqrt{145}$.

At $(-1, 4)$, the function is increasing the fastest in the direction $\nabla f(-1, 4) = \langle \sqrt{6}, e^{-2} \rangle$, 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 $\langle 6, -8 \rangle$?

Solution: The unit vector in the direction $\langle 6, -8 \rangle$ is $\langle 3/5, -4/5 \rangle$. So

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\langle 3/5, -4/5 \rangle} f(2, 5) &= \nabla f(2, 5) \cdot \langle 3, -4 \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{5} \\ &= \langle -8, 9 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, -4 \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{5} \\ &= (-24 - 36) \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \boxed{-12} \end{aligned}$$

and

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

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (2, 5) : \quad z &= -7 + -8(x - 2) + 9(y - 5) \\ (-1, 4) : \quad z &= \pi + \sqrt{6}(x + 1) + e^{-2}(y - 4) \end{aligned}$$

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 $f(x, y) = x^2 \cos(2y)$
 Subject to $g(x, y) = x^4 + y^6 = 2$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f &= \lambda \nabla g \\ \langle 2x \cos(2y), -2x^2 \sin(2y) \rangle &= \lambda \langle 4x^3, 6y^5 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

The system to solve is:

$$\begin{cases} 2x \cos(2y) = 4\lambda x^3 \\ -2x^2 \sin(2y) = 6\lambda y^5 \\ x^4 + y^6 = 2 \end{cases}$$

- (b) Maximize $F(x, y, z) = \cos(xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2)$
 Subject to $G(x, y, z) = 2x + 3y + 4z = 0$
 and $H(x, y, z) = x^4 + z^4 = 625$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla F &= -\sin(xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2) \langle (y^2 + 2xz), (2xy + z^2), (2yz + x^2) \rangle \\ \nabla G &= \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle \\ \nabla H &= \langle 4x^3, 0, 4z^3 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{cases} -\sin(xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2)(y^2 + 2xz) = 2\lambda + 4\mu x^3 \\ -\sin(xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2)(2xy + z^2) = 3\lambda \\ -\sin(xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2)(2yz + x^2) = 4\lambda + 4\mu z^3 \\ 2x + 3y + 4z = 0 \\ x^4 + z^4 = 625 \end{cases}$$

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

Solution:

$$\nabla f = 0 \implies \begin{cases} 8x - 2y = 0 \\ -2x - 3y^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solving this system gives two critical points: $(0, 0)$ and $(-\frac{1}{24}, -\frac{1}{6})$. To classify them, the discriminant is

$$f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 = 8(-6y) - (-2)^2 = -48y - 4$$

For $(0, 0)$, the discriminant gives -4 , so $(0, 0)$ is a saddle point.

For $(-\frac{1}{24}, -\frac{1}{6})$, the discriminant gives 4 , and $f_{xx} = 8 > 0$, so $(-\frac{1}{24}, -\frac{1}{6})$ is a local minimum.

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: First we deal with the case $g(x, y) < 40$ by solving for $\nabla f = 0$:

$$\langle 2x + 2, 2y + 6 \rangle = 0 \implies x = -2, y = -3$$

We will save the evaluating for the end.

Next we deal with the case $g(x, y) = 40$ by solving for $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 2x + 2, 2y + 6 \rangle &= \lambda \langle 2x, 2y \rangle \\ \implies \begin{cases} 2x + 2 = 2\lambda x \\ 2y + 6 = 2\lambda y \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Solving the system yields the values

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

which substituting into the constraint gives

$$\frac{1}{(1 - \lambda)^2} + \frac{9}{(1 - \lambda)^2} = 40 \implies \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} = \pm 2$$

This gives the points $(-2, -6)$ and $(2, 6)$. Evaluating at all found points:

$$f(-2, -3) = -9$$

$$f(-2, -6) = 0$$

$$f(2, 6) = 80$$

Hence the minimum and maximum in the given region are -9 and 80 , respectively.

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

$$f = r^4 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta$$

$$f_r = 4r^3 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_\theta &= r^4 (2 \cos \theta (-\sin \theta) \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta \cdot 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta) \\ &= r^4 (-2 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta + 2 \sin \theta \cos^3 \theta) \end{aligned}$$

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 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$.

Solution:

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

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

Solution:

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

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

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

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

$$0 = -22(x + 1) + 12(y + 2) + 36(z - 1)$$