

## 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:** 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  $\lambda$  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:

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

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

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

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  $f(x, y) = x^2 y^2$ . Express

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

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

**Solution:**

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

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

$$f_\theta = r^4 (2 \cos \theta (-\sin \theta) \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta \cdot 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta)$$

$$= r^4 (-2 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta + 2 \sin \theta \cos^3 \theta)$$

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

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

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