

Calculus III — Exam Solutions

1. Particle Motion: A particle moves in space with an acceleration given by:

$\mathbf{a}(t) = \langle 0, \sin t, \cos t \rangle$. The particle has an initial velocity $\mathbf{v}(0) = \langle 1, -1, 0 \rangle$ and an initial position $\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 2 \rangle$

a) Find the velocity vector function $\mathbf{v}(t)$

b) Find the position vector function $\mathbf{r}(t)$

Solution

a) Integrate $\mathbf{a}(t)$:

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \int \langle 0, \sin(t), \cos(t) \rangle dt = \langle C_1, -\cos(t) + C_2, \sin(t) + C_3 \rangle.$$

Apply initial condition $\mathbf{v}(0) = \langle 1, -1, 0 \rangle$:

$$C_1 = 1; -1 + C_2 = -1 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0; 0 + C_3 = 0 \Rightarrow C_3 = 0$$

$$\text{6 pts - Answer: } \mathbf{v}(t) = \langle 1, -\cos(t), \sin(t) \rangle$$

b) Integrate $\mathbf{v}(t)$:

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \int \langle 1, -\cos(t), \sin(t) \rangle dt = \langle t + K_1, -\sin(t) + K_2, -\cos(t) + K_3 \rangle$$

Apply $\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 2 \rangle$:

$$0 + K_1 = 0 \Rightarrow K_1 = 0; 0 + K_2 = 0 \Rightarrow K_2 = 0; -1 + K_3 = 2 \Rightarrow K_3 = 3$$

$$\text{6 pts - Answer: } \mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, -\sin(t), 3 - \cos(t) \rangle$$

2. Arc Length and Curvature: Consider the curve defined by the vector function

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 0, \cos^3 t, \sin^3 t \rangle$$

a) Calculate the length of the path from $t=0$ to $t=\frac{\pi}{4}$.

b) Find the unit tangent vector $\mathbf{T}(t)$ and the curvature κ for this curve.

Solution

a) Arc Length

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 0, \cos^3(t), \sin^3(t) \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle 0, -3\cos^2(t)\sin(t), 3\sin^2(t)\cos(t) \rangle$$

$$|\mathbf{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{9\cos^4(t)\sin^2(t) + 9\sin^4(t)\cos^2(t)} = \sqrt{9(\cos^2(t)\sin^2(t)(\cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t)))} = 3\cos t \sin t$$

$$\text{8 pts} \quad L = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} 3\cos t \sin t \, dt = \left[\frac{3}{2} \sin^2 t \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{3}{4}.$$

b) Curvature:

$$\mathbf{T}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{|\mathbf{r}'(t)|} = \langle 0, -\cos(t), \sin(t) \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{T}'(t) = \langle 0, \sin(t), \cos(t) \rangle \Rightarrow |\mathbf{T}'(t)| = 1$$

$$\text{6 pts} \quad \kappa = \frac{|\mathbf{T}'(t)|}{|\mathbf{r}'(t)|} = \frac{1}{3\cos t \sin t}$$

3. Limits Evaluate the limit. $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{2x^2y}{x^4 + y^2}$ If the limit does not exist, prove that it does not exist.

Solution

One way to analyze this is to consider paths of the form $y = mx^2$

$$\text{8 pts} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x^2(mx^2)}{x^4 + (mx^2)^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2mx^4}{(1+m^2)x^4} = \frac{2m}{(1+m^2)} \text{ which clearly depends on } m \text{ so the limit does not exist.}$$

4. Chain Rule: Let $w = x^2y + z^2$. The variables x , y , and z are functions of t given by:

$x(t) = \cos(t)$, $y(t) = \sin(t)$, $z(t) = t$. Find $\frac{dw}{dt}$ at $t = \frac{\pi}{3}$. (Use partial derivatives).

Solution 10 pts

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt}$$

Derivatives:

$$w_x = 2xy, \quad w_y = x^2, \quad w_z = 2z$$

$$x'(t) = -\sin(t), \quad y'(t) = \cos(t), \quad z'(t) = 1$$

So at $t = \frac{\pi}{3}$ we have:

$$x = \frac{1}{2}, \quad y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad z = \frac{\pi}{3}, \quad x' = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad y' = \frac{1}{2}, \quad z' = 1$$

Substitute values:

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \left(2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \right) \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) + \left(\left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) + \left(2 \frac{\pi}{3} \right) (1) \right) = -\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{5}{8} + \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

5. Tangent Planes and Differentials: Consider the surface $z = x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y$.

a) Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface at the point $(2, -1, 5)$.

b) Use the differential dz to estimate the value of z at the point $(2.01, -0.98)$.

Solution

a) Let $F(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y - z = 0$. Then $\nabla F = \langle 2x - 2, 2y - 4, -1 \rangle$

$$\text{At } (2, -1, 5): \nabla F = \langle 4 - 2, -2 - 4, -1 \rangle = \langle 2, -6, -1 \rangle.$$

6 pts - Plane equation: $2(x - 2) - 6(y + 1) - 1(z - 5) = 0$ or $2x - 6y - z = 5$

b) $dz = (2x - 2)dx + (2y - 4)dy$.

$$\text{At } (2, -1): dz = 2dx - 6dy = 2(0.01) - 6(0.02) = -0.1.$$

$$\text{Since } dx = 2.01 - 2 \text{ and } dy = -0.98 - (-1) = 0.02$$

$$\text{So } dz = 2(0.01) - 6(0.02) = 0.02 - 0.12 = -0.1$$

$$\text{4 pts - } z \approx z_{\text{old}} + dz = 5 - 0.1 = 4.9$$

6. Directional Derivatives: Let $f(x, y) = xe^{xy}$.

a) Find the gradient vector ∇f at the point $P(1, 0)$.

b) Calculate the directional derivative of f at $P(1, 0)$ in the direction of $\mathbf{v} = \langle 3, -4 \rangle$.

Solution

$$\mathbf{a)} \nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle = \langle e^{xy}(1 + xy), x^2 e^{xy} \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{6 pts - At (1,0) } \nabla f = \langle 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{b)} \text{ Vector } \mathbf{v} = \langle 3, -4 \rangle. |\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{9 + 16} = 5; \text{ Unit vector } \mathbf{u} = \left\langle \frac{3}{5}, -\frac{4}{5} \right\rangle.$$

$$\mathbf{4 pts - } D_{\mathbf{u}} f = \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{u} = \langle 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{3}{5}, -\frac{4}{5} \right\rangle = \frac{3}{5} - \frac{4}{5} = -\frac{1}{5}$$

7. Extreme Values: Find all local maximums, local minimums, and saddle points for the function: $f(x, y) = x^3 - 3x + 3y^2 - 6y$ and classify each critical point.

Solution 12 pts

$$f_x = 3x^2 - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1; f_y = 6y - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow y = 1$$

Critical points: $(1, 1)$ and $(-1, 1)$.

$$\text{Second Derivatives: } f_{xx} = 6x, \quad f_{yy} = 6, \quad f_{xy} = 0$$

$$\text{Determinant } D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 = 36x$$

At $(1, 1)$: $D = 36(1) = 36 > 0$ and $f_{xx} = 6 > 0$. **Local Minimum at $(1, 1)$ with $f = -5$.**

At $(-1, 1)$: $D = 36(-1) = -36 < 0$. **Saddle Point at $(-1, 1)$ with $f = -1$.**

8. Lagrange Multipliers: Use the method of Lagrange Multipliers to find the maximum and minimum values of the function $f(x, y) = x + 2y$ subject to the constraint $x^2 + y^2 = 5$.

Solution 12 pts

$$\nabla f = \langle 1, 2 \rangle, \quad \nabla g = \langle 2x, 2y \rangle$$

$$\langle 1, 2 \rangle = \lambda \langle 2x, 2y \rangle \Rightarrow 1 = 2\lambda x \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \text{ and } 2 = 2\lambda y \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{\lambda}. \text{ So } y = 2x$$

$$\text{Constraint: } x^2 + (2x)^2 = 5 \Rightarrow 5x^2 = 5 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1.$$

$$\text{If } x = 1, y = 2 \Rightarrow f = 1 + 2(2) = 5 \text{ (Maximum).}$$

$$\text{If } x = -1, y = -2 \Rightarrow f = -1 + 2(-2) = -5 \text{ (Minimum).}$$

9. Taylor's Formula: Find the second-degree Taylor polynomial $P_2(x, y)$ for the function $f(x, y) = \cos(x) \sin(y)$ centered at the point $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

Solution

At $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$.

$$f = \cos x \sin y \quad \text{Value: } 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

$$f_x = -\sin x \sin y \quad \text{Value: } 0 \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$f_y = \cos x \cos y \quad \text{Value: } 1 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$f_{xx} = -\cos x \sin y \quad \text{Value: } -1 \cdot 1 = -1$$

$$f_{yy} = -\cos x \sin y \quad \text{Value: } 1 \cdot (-1) = -1$$

$$f_{xy} = -\sin x \cos y. \quad \text{Value: } 0 \cdot 0 = 0.$$

Polynomial:

$$P_2(x, y) = 1 + 0(x) + 0(y - \frac{\pi}{2}) + \frac{1}{2}[-1(x-0)^2 + 2(0)(x)(y - \frac{\pi}{2}) + (-1)(y - \frac{\pi}{2})^2]$$

$$8 \text{ pts} - P_2(x, y) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}(y - \frac{\pi}{2})^2$$

10. Double Integral: Evaluate the double integral over the rectangular region $R = [0, 1] \times [0, 2]$

(where): $\iint_R (4x + 6y^2) \, dA$

Solution

$$\int_0^2 \int_0^1 (4x + 6y^2) \, dx \, dy$$

$$\text{Inner Integral: } [2x^2 + 6y^2x]_0^1 = (2 + 6y^2) - 0 = 2 + 6y^2.$$

$$\text{Outer Integral } \int_0^2 (2 + 6y^2) \, dy = [2y + 2y^3]_0^2.$$

$$\text{Evaluate: } (2(2) + 2(8)) - 0 = 4 + 16 = 20$$

8 pts - Answer: 20