

MATH 301

TEST 2

Solution Key
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For full credit show all your work. Good luck!

1. (10 pts) The function $f(x, y) = \frac{x^3 y}{x^4 + y^4}$ is undefined at $(0, 0)$. Does it have a limit as (x, y) approaches $(0, 0)$? Justify your answer.

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 y}{x^4 + y^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 x}{x^4 + x^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^4}{2x^4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

along the line $y = x$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 y}{x^4 + y^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{x^4 + 0} = 0$$

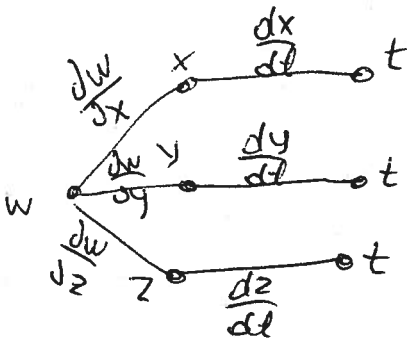
along the x -axis ($y = 0$)

Since the limits along two approach paths are different, $f(x, y)$ has no limit as $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$.

2. (15 pts) Draw a dependence diagram for the composition of functions

$$w = f(x, y, z), \quad x = g(t), \quad y = h(t), \quad z = k(t)$$

Use this diagram to find a formula for dw/dt (be careful in using "d" and "del")



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

or

$$f'(t) = f_x \cdot g'(t) + f_y \cdot h'(t) + f_z \cdot k'(t)$$

Find dw/dt if $w = xy + xz + yz$, $x = \cos t$, $y = \sin 2t$, and $z = 3t$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dw}{dt} &= (y+z)(-\sin t) + (x+z)2\cos 2t + (x+y) \cdot 3 \\ &= (\sin 2t + 3t)(-\sin t) + (3t + \cos t)2\cos 2t + 3(\cos t + \sin 2t) \end{aligned}$$

3. (25 pts) A particle moves along the space curve $\mathbf{r}(t) = 2(1+t)^{3/2} \mathbf{i} + 2(1-t)^{3/2} \mathbf{j} + 3t \mathbf{k}$.

(a) Find the velocity, acceleration, speed, and unit tangent vector for this motion.

$$\text{velocity} = \bar{v}(t) = \bar{r}'(t) = 3(1+t)^{1/2} \bar{i} - 3(1-t)^{1/2} \bar{j} + 3\bar{k}$$

$$\text{acceleration} = \bar{a}(t) = \bar{r}''(t) = \frac{3}{2}(1+t)^{-1/2} \bar{i} + \frac{3}{2}(1-t)^{-1/2} \bar{j}$$

$$\text{speed} = |\bar{v}(t)| = \sqrt{9(1+t) + 9(1-t) + 9} = \sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3}$$

unit tangent

$$\bar{T}(t) = \frac{\bar{v}(t)}{|\bar{v}(t)|} = \left\langle \sqrt{\frac{1+t}{3}}, -\sqrt{\frac{1-t}{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle$$

(b) Find the curvature of the particle's path for $t=0$ (do not work with general t , use $t=0$).

$$\bar{v}(0) = \langle 3, -3, 3 \rangle, \quad \bar{a}(0) = \left\langle \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, 0 \right\rangle$$

$$\bar{v}(0) \times \bar{a}(0) = \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ 3 & -3 & 3 \\ \frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \left\langle -\frac{9}{2}, \frac{9}{2}, 9 \right\rangle$$

$$\kappa(0) = \frac{|\langle -\frac{9}{2}, \frac{9}{2}, 9 \rangle|}{|\langle 3, -3, 3 \rangle|^3} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{81}{4} + \frac{81}{4} + 81}}{(3\sqrt{3})^3} = \frac{9 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}}{9 \cdot 3 \cdot 3\sqrt{3}} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{18}}$$

(c) Find the normal and tangential components of acceleration for this motion at $t=0$.

$$a_T(0) = \frac{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{a}}{|\bar{v}|} = \frac{0}{|\bar{v}|} = \boxed{0}$$

$$a_N(0) = \frac{|\bar{v} \times \bar{a}|}{|\bar{v}|} = \frac{9 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} = \boxed{\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}}$$

(d) What is the distance traveled by the particle between the points $(2, 2, 0)$ and $(4\sqrt{2}, 0, 3)$?

$$\langle 2, 2, 0 \rangle = \mathbf{r}(0), \quad \langle 4\sqrt{2}, 0, 3 \rangle = \mathbf{r}(1)$$

$$L = \int_0^1 |\bar{v}(t)| dt = \int_0^1 3\sqrt{3} dt = 3\sqrt{3}t \Big|_0^1 = \boxed{3\sqrt{3}}$$

4. (10 pts) Find an equation of the **plane tangent** to the surface $x^3 + 2xy + y^3 + 2yz + z^3 = 10$ at the point $(-1, 1, 2)$.

The surface is a level curve of $f(x, y, z) = x^3 + 2xy + y^3 + 2yz + z^3$ for $c = 10$.

$$f_x = 3x^2 + 2y \quad f_y = 2x + 3y^2 + 2z \quad f_z = 2y + 3z^2$$

$$f_x(-1, 1, 2) = 5 \quad f_y(-1, 1, 2) = 5 \quad f_z(-1, 1, 2) = 14$$

Equation of the tangent plane:

$$5(x+1) + 5(y-1) + 14(z-2) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{5x + 5y + 14z = 28}$$

5. (15 pts) Let $f(x, y) = 2x^2 + x \cos(xy)$

- (a) Find the **gradient** of f at $P(1, 0)$ and the **directional derivative** of f at P in the direction of $\mathbf{a} = -3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$.

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{a}}}{|\bar{\mathbf{a}}|} = \frac{\langle -3, 4 \rangle}{5} = \left\langle -\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right\rangle$$

$$f_x = 4x + \cos(xy) - xy \sin(xy), \quad f_x(1, 0) = 5$$

$$f_y = -x^2 \sin(xy), \quad f_y(1, 0) = 0$$

$$\nabla f(1, 0) = \langle 5, 0 \rangle, \quad \mathcal{D}_{\bar{\mathbf{u}}} f(1, 0) = \langle 5, 0 \rangle \cdot \left\langle -\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right\rangle = -3$$

- (b) Find the **unit vector** in the direction of the most rapid increase of f at P and the **rate of increase** of f in that direction.

f increases most rapidly in the direction of $\langle 5, 0 \rangle$ or $\bar{\mathbf{u}} = \bar{\mathbf{i}}$.

$$\text{Rate of increase} = |\langle 5, 0 \rangle| = 5.$$

6. (15 pts) The length of the hypotenuse of the right triangle with legs of length x and y is $h(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$.

(a) Considering h as a function of two variables x and y find its **total differential** dh

$$dh = h_x dx + h_y dy = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} dx + \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} dy \quad 6 \text{ pts}$$

(b) Find the **length of the hypotenuse of the triangle** with legs $x = 5$ and $y = 12$ (measured in inches)

$$h(5, 12) = \sqrt{5^2 + 12^2} = \sqrt{25 + 144} = 13 \quad 3 \text{ pts}$$

(c) Use the differential from part (a) to **estimate the change in the length of the hypotenuse** of the triangle if x increases from 5 to 5.1 inches and y decreases from 12 to 11.95 inches.

Here $dx = 0.1$ and $dy = -0.05$

$$\Delta h \approx dh = \frac{5}{13} \cdot 0.1 + \frac{12}{13} \cdot (-0.05) = \frac{0.5 - 0.6}{13} = -\frac{1}{130} \quad 6 \text{ pts}$$

7. (15 pts) Find the **domain** of the function $f(x, y) = \ln(x + y)$.

Sketch (and label) the **level curves** $f(x, y) = c$ for $c = 0, c = -1$ and $c = 1$.

Evaluate the **gradient** of $f(x, y)$ at the point $P(2, -1)$ and sketch it (with the initial point at P).

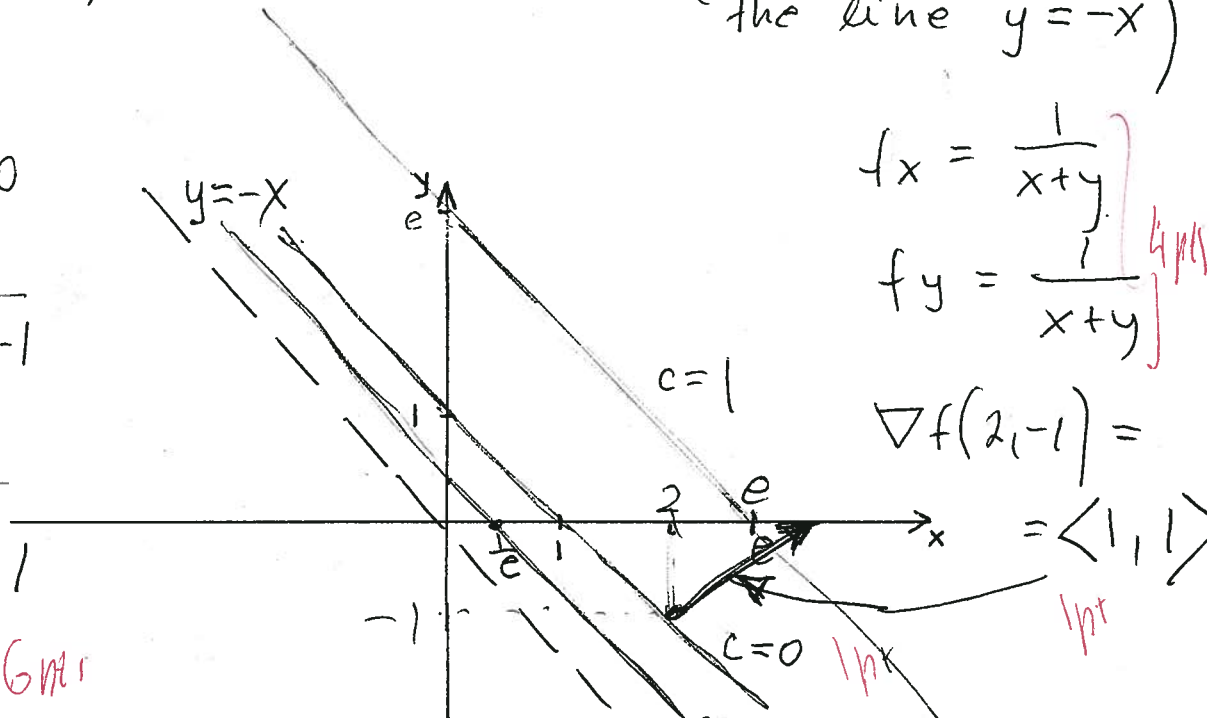
3 pts $\mathcal{D}_f = \{(x, y) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^2 : x + y > 0\}$ (all points above the line $y = -x$)

Level curves:

$$c = 0 \quad \ln(x + y) = 0 \\ x + y = 1$$

$$c = -1 \quad \ln(x + y) = -1 \\ x + y = \frac{1}{e}$$

$$c = 1 \quad \ln(x + y) = 1 \\ x + y = e \quad 6 \text{ pts}$$



$$f_x = \frac{1}{x+y} \quad 4 \text{ pts} \\ f_y = \frac{1}{x+y}$$

$$\nabla f(2, -1) = \langle 1, 1 \rangle \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$