

**Math 173 - Test 2a**  
March 21, 2013

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1. (8 points) Find a set of parametric equations for the line normal to the surface at the point  $(-1, 1, -1)$ .

$$x^2y^3 - y^2z + 2xz^3 = 4$$

2. (6 points) Show that the limit does not exist:  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,1)} \frac{2y^2 - x}{x^2 - 4y}$

3. (8 points) Use differentials to approximate  $\Delta z$  as  $(x, y)$  changes from  $(1, 1)$  to  $(1.01, 0.98)$ .

$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{5xy + 4x^2y^4}$$

4. (5 points) Suppose  $w = f(x, y)$  is a differentiable function of  $x$  and  $y$ . Let  $x = u - v$  and  $y = v - u$ . Use the chain rule to determine  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial v}$ .

5. (6 points) Assume that the following equation implicitly defines  $z$  as a function of  $x$  and  $y$ . Find  $\partial z/\partial x$  at the point  $(\frac{\pi}{4}, 0, \pi)$ .

$$\tan(x + y) + \sin(y + z) = 1$$

6. (10 points) Find and classify the critical points of  $f(x, y) = 2x^2 + 2xy + y^2 - 2x - 3$ .

7. (10 points) Consider the function  $g(x, y) = \tan^{-1}(\frac{y}{x})$ .

(a) Find an equation of the plane tangent to the graph of  $g$  at the point  $(1, 1, \frac{\pi}{4})$ .

(b) Find the linearization of  $g$  at  $(1, 1)$ .

(c) Use your linearization to approximate  $g(1.05, 0.97)$ .

8. (4 points) Suppose  $z = 2xe^{5y} - 3ye^{-x}$ . Find  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$ .

9. (10 points) Consider the surface described by the equation  $4x^2 - 3y^2 + 12z^2 + 3 = 0$ .

(a) Describe the level curve at  $y = 2$ .

(b) Is there a level curve at  $y = 0$ ? Explain.

(c) Describe the level curve  $z = 1$ .

(d) What are the level curves in planes parallel to the  $yz$ -plane?

(e) Identify the quadric surface and roughly sketch the graph.

10. (5 points) Determine the limit:  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^4 - 4y^4}{x^2 + 2y^2}$

11. (8 points) Consider the function  $f(x, y, z) = xy^3 - \frac{\sqrt{x}}{z^2}$ .

(a) Find the directional derivative of  $f$  at  $(4, 1, 2)$  in the direction of  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ .

(b) Find a unit vector in the direction of maximum increase of  $f$ .

**Math 173 - Test 2b**  
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1. (6 points) Use the definition of differentiability to show that  $f(x, y) = x + x^2y - 2y$  is differentiable everywhere.

2. (7 points) Find and classify the critical points of  $g(x, y) = y^3 - 3yx^2 - 3y^2 - 3x^2 + 1$ .

3. (4 points) The period  $T$  of a pendulum of length  $L$  is  $T = 2\pi\sqrt{L/g}$ , where  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity. A pendulum is moved from a place where  $g = 32.09 \text{ ft/s}^2$  to a place where  $g = 32.23 \text{ ft/s}^2$ . Also accompanying the change in  $g$  is a change in temperature that results in the length of the pendulum decreasing from 2.50 ft to 2.48 ft. Use differentials to approximate the corresponding change in the period of the pendulum.

4. (3 points) Suppose  $g(x, y) = \frac{4x^2y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$  was to be defined at  $(0, 0)$  in such a way that it is continuous everywhere. What value must it be given at  $(0, 0)$ ?