

**Math 233 - Test 3**  
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Show all work to receive full credit. Supply explanations where necessary.

1. (4 points) Find  $f_x$ ,  $f_y$ , and  $f_z$  when  $f(x, y, z) = yz \ln(xy^2)$ .

$$f_x(x, y, z) = \frac{yz}{xy^2} \cdot y^2 = \boxed{\frac{yz}{x}}$$

$$f_z(x, y, z) = \boxed{y \ln(xy^2)}$$

$$f_y(x, y, z) = z \ln(xy^2) + \frac{yz}{xy^2} \cdot 2xy = \boxed{z \ln(xy^2) + 2z}$$

2. (6 points) Let  $f(x, y) = x \cos(2y) + e^{y^3}$ .

(a) Which partial mixed partial derivative is less work to compute,  $f_{xy}$  or  $f_{yx}$ ? Why?

$f_{xy}$  IS LESS WORK -- THE SECOND TERM IS ZEROED BY THE X-PARTIAL. SEE BELOW.

(b) Compute whichever mixed partial you said in part (a).

$$f_x(x, y) = \cos 2y$$

$$\boxed{f_{xy}(x, y) = -2 \sin 2y}$$

(c) In this problem, would you expect  $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$ ? Why or why not?

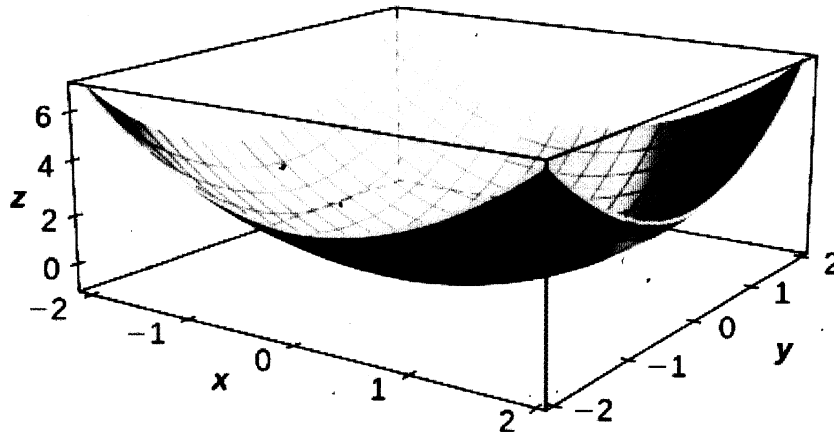
Yes, they both will be  
CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS ON  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$\therefore \circ \circ \quad f_{xy} = f_{yx}$$

3. (4 points) Look carefully at the graph of  $z = f(x, y)$  shown below. Use the graph to determine the sign of  $f_x(1, -1)$  and  $f_y(1, -1)$ . Briefly explain.

At  $(1, -1)$  THE GRAPH SLOPES UP IN THE DIRECTION OF POS. X-AXIS.

$f_x(1, -1)$  IS POSITIVE.



At  $(1, -1)$  THE GRAPH SLOPES DOWN IN THE POS Y-DIRECTION,

$f_y(1, -1)$  IS NEGATIVE.

4. (10 points) Find the linearization of  $f(x, y, z) = \frac{\sin(xy)}{z}$  at the point  $(x, y, z) = (\sqrt{\pi}/2, \sqrt{\pi}/3, \sqrt{\pi})$ . Then use your linearization to approximate  $f(0.9, 0.6, 1.7)$ .

$$f_x(x, y, z) = \frac{y \cos(xy)}{z} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$f\left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{3}, \sqrt{\pi}\right) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}}$$

$$f_y(x, y, z) = \frac{x \cos(xy)}{z} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

$$L(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \left(x - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}\right) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \left(y - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{3}\right) - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} (z - \sqrt{\pi})$$

$$f_z(x, y, z) = -\frac{\sin(xy)}{z^2} = -\frac{1}{2\pi}$$

AT  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{3}, \sqrt{\pi}\right)$

$$f(0.9, 0.6, 1.7) \approx L(0.9, 0.6, 1.7) = 0.301578 \dots$$

5. (6 points) Use differentials to approximate the change in  $g(x, y) = \tan^{-1}(xy^2)$  as  $(x, y)$  changes from  $(1, 1)$  to  $(1.02, 0.97)$ .

$$dz = \frac{1}{1+(xy^2)^2} \cdot y^2 dx + \frac{1}{1+(xy^2)^2} \cdot 2xy dy$$

$$= \frac{y^2}{1+x^2y^4} dx + \frac{2xy}{1+x^2y^4} dy$$

$$\Delta z \approx \frac{y^2}{1+x^2y^4} \Delta x + \frac{2xy}{1+x^2y^4} \Delta y$$

$$\Delta z \approx \frac{1}{2} (0.02) - 0.03$$

$$= -0.02$$

$$x=y=1, \Delta x=0.02, \Delta y=-0.03$$

6. (4 points) Let  $z = x^2(y + 1)$ . Compute the total differential  $dz$ . Near the point  $(1, 0)$ , is  $z$  more sensitive to changes in  $x$  or to changes in  $y$ ? Explain.

$$dz = 2x(y+1) dx + x^2 dy$$

$$\text{At } (x, y) = (1, 0),$$

$$dz = 2 dx + dy$$

$dz$  IS TWICE AS SENSITIVE TO A CHANGE IN  $x$

7. (4 points) Suppose  $v = f(w, x, y, z)$  is differentiable, and  $w, x, y,$  and  $z$  are differentiable functions of  $s$  and  $t$ . Write the formula for the derivative of  $v$  with respect to  $t$ .

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial w} \cdot \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$$

2-4  
CHAIN  
RULE.

8. (4 points) Use partial derivatives to find  $\partial z / \partial y$  at the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

$$\underbrace{z^3 - xy + yz + y^3 - 2}_{F(x, y, z)} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{-F_y}{F_z} = \frac{-(-x + z + 3y^2)}{3z^2 + y}$$

$$= \frac{-3}{4} \text{ when } (x, y, z) = (1, 1, 1)$$

9. (4 points) The voltage  $V$  in a circuit satisfies  $V = IR$ , where  $I$  is the current and  $R$  is the resistance. The voltage is dropping as the battery wears out and the resistor heats up. Find a formula for  $dV/dt$ , and use it to determine  $dI/dt$  when  $R = 600$  ohms,  $I = 0.04$  amp,  $dR/dt = 0.5$  ohm/sec, and  $dV/dt = -0.01$  volt/sec.

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial I} \frac{dI}{dt} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial R} \frac{dR}{dt} = R \frac{dI}{dt} + I \frac{dR}{dt}$$

Plug in ...

$$-0.01 = (600) \frac{dI}{dt} + (0.04)(0.5)$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = -5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ amp/sec}$$

10. (8 points) Find a set of parametric equations for the line normal to the surface  $z = 2e^{4x^2+2xy-4y} - z$  at the point  $(1, 2, 2)$ .

$$F(x, y, z) = 2e^{4x^2+2xy-4y} - z$$

$$\vec{\nabla} F(x, y, z) = 2(8x+2y)e^{4x^2+2xy-4y}\hat{i} + 2(2x-4)e^{4x^2+2xy-4y}\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} F(1, 2, 2) = 24\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

NORMAL LINE:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 24t + 1 \\ y &= -4t + 2 \\ z &= -t + 2 \end{aligned}$$

11. (6 points) Find the directional derivative of  $g(x, y) = \frac{x-y}{xy+2}$  at the point  $(1, -1)$  in the direction of  $\vec{v} = 12\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}$ .

$$\vec{\nabla} g(x, y) = \frac{(xy+2) - (x-y)(y)}{(xy+2)^2}\hat{i} + \frac{(xy+2)(-1) - (x-y)(x)}{(xy+2)^2}\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} g(1, -1) = \frac{1+2}{1}\hat{i} + \frac{-1-2}{1}\hat{j} = 3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$$

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{144+25} = 13$$

$$\vec{\nabla} g(1, -1) \cdot \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{3(12) - 3(5)}{13} = \frac{21}{13}$$

12. (8 points) Let  $G(x, y, z) = \frac{x}{z} + \frac{z}{y^2}$ . Find a unit vector in the direction in which  $G$  decreases most rapidly at  $P(1, 2, -2)$ . What is the corresponding rate of decrease?

$$-\vec{\nabla} G(1, 2, -2)$$

$$-\|\vec{\nabla} G(1, 2, -2)\|$$

$$\vec{\nabla} G(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{z}\hat{i} - \frac{2z}{y^3}\hat{j} + \left(\frac{1}{y^2} - \frac{x}{z^2}\right)\hat{k}$$

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} G(1, 2, -2) = -\frac{1}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

$$\frac{-\vec{\nabla} G(1, 2, -2)}{\|\vec{\nabla} G(1, 2, -2)\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{j}$$

13. (12 points) Find the critical points of  $f(x, y) = y^3 - 3yx^2 - 3y^2 - 3x^2 + 1$ . Then use the 2nd partials test to classify your critical points.

$$f_x(x, y) = -6yx - 6x = 0 \Rightarrow -6x(y+1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } y = -1$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 3y^2 - 3x^2 - 6y$$

$$3y^2 - 6y = 0$$

$$3y(y-2) = 0$$

$$y = 0, y = 2$$

$$9 - 3x^2 = 0$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

$$D(x, y) = \begin{vmatrix} -6y-6 & -6x \\ -6x & 6y-6 \end{vmatrix} = -36y^2 + 36 - 36x^2$$

CRIT PTS ARE

$$(0, 0), (0, 2), (\sqrt{3}, -1), (-\sqrt{3}, -1)$$

$$D(0, 0) = 36, f_{xx}(0, 0) = -6 \Rightarrow \boxed{f(0, 0) = 1 \text{ IS A REL MAX}}$$

$$D(0, 2) = -108 \Rightarrow \boxed{(0, 2, -3) \text{ IS A SADDLE PT}}$$

$$D(\sqrt{3}, -1) = -108 \Rightarrow \boxed{(\sqrt{3}, -1, -3) \text{ IS A SADDLE PT}}$$

$$D(-\sqrt{3}, -1) = -108 \Rightarrow \boxed{(-\sqrt{3}, -1, -3) \text{ IS A SADDLE PT}}$$

14. (4 points) Suppose you are using the 2nd partials test and it is inconclusive. Describe two things that you might do in order to help you draw a conclusion.

① Look at the graph (if you have good technology)

② Test points around the crit pt to see how the function values change.

15. (12 points) Use Lagrange multipliers to find the minimum and maximum values of  $f(x, y) = 3x + 4y$  on the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .

$$\vec{\nabla} f(x, y) = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} g(x, y) = 2x\hat{i} + 2y\hat{j}$$

$$3 = \lambda 2x \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2\lambda}$$

$$4 = \lambda 2y \Rightarrow y = \frac{4}{2\lambda}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{9}{4\lambda^2} + \frac{16}{4\lambda^2} = 1$$

$$\frac{25}{4\lambda^2} = 1$$

$$\lambda^2 = \frac{25}{4}$$

$$\lambda = \pm \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{5}, y = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow x = -\frac{3}{5}, y = -\frac{4}{5}$$

$$f\left(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}\right) = 5 = \text{MAX VALUE}$$

$$f\left(-\frac{3}{5}, -\frac{4}{5}\right) = -5 = \text{MIN VALUE}$$

16. (4 points) Refer back to the problem above. Explain how we can be certain that the minimum and maximum values exist even before starting work on the problem.

$f$  IS A CONTINUOUS FUNCTION ON  $\mathbb{R}^2$

AND THE SET  $\{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$  IS

CLOSED & BOUNDED.

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$\Rightarrow$   $f$  TAKES ON A MAX & A MIN.

(EXTREME VALUE THM)