



Midterm Exam

The exam consists of 4 problems. You have 120 minutes to answer the questions. You can achieve 100 points which includes a bonus of 10 points.

1. [5+10 Points.]

Consider the function

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x - y}{x^2 - y^2}$$

with domain $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 \neq y^2\}$.

- Determine the limit of f at $(x, y) = (1, 1)$.
- Can the function be extended to the domain \mathbb{R}^2 in such a way that it is continuous at every point $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$? Justify your answer.

2. [10+5+10 Points.]

Consider the curve parametrized by $\mathbf{r} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ with

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = t \mathbf{i} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} t^2 \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{3} t^3 \mathbf{k}.$$

- Determine the length of the curve.
- For each point on the curve, determine a unit tangent vector.
- At each point on the curve, determine the curvature of the curve.

3. [10+15 Points.]

Consider the ellipsoid

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 + \frac{z^2}{9} = 3.$$

- Determine the tangent plane of the ellipsoid at the point $(x, y, z) = (-2, -1, 3)$.
- Use the method of Lagrange multipliers to find the points on the ellipsoid closest to and farthest away from the origin.

4. [25 Points.]

Determine the volume of the region enclosed by the paraboloids $z = 9 - x^2 - y^2$ and $z = 3x^2 + 3y^2 - 16$. To this end note that the paraboloids intersect in a circle contained in a plane of constant z . A sketch might help.

1. (a)

Let $(x, y) \in D$.

$$\text{Then } f(x, y) = \frac{x-y}{x^2-y^2} = \frac{x-y}{(x-y)(x+y)} = \frac{1}{x+y}$$

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

(b) The function cannot be extended to \mathbb{R}^2 , because f has no limit at all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ where $y = -x$. Consider, e.g., the line

$(x(t), y(t)) = (t+x_0, t-x_0)$ which for $t=0$ intersects the line $y = -x$ perpendicularly at $(x, y) = (x_0, -x_0)$.

$$\text{Then } f(x(t), y(t)) = \frac{1}{x(t)+y(t)} = \frac{1}{2t}$$

which has no limit at $t=0$.

$$2. (a) \quad r'(t) = i + \sqrt{2}t j + t^2 k$$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_0^1 |r'(t)| dt = \int_0^1 (1 + 2t^2 + t^4)^{1/2} dt \\ &= \int_0^1 ((1+t^2)^2)^{1/2} dt = \int_0^1 (1+t^2) dt \\ &= \left(t + \frac{1}{3}t^3 \right) \Big|_{t=0}^{t=1} = 1\frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

(b) unit tangent vector at $r(t)$:

$$\underline{T} = \frac{r'(t)}{|r'(t)|} = \frac{1}{1+t^2} (i + \sqrt{2}t j + t^2 k)$$

$$(c) \quad \kappa = \left| \frac{dT}{ds} \right| = \frac{|T'(t)|}{|r'(t)|} = \frac{1}{1+t^2} \cdot \left| \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{1+t^2} i + \frac{\sqrt{2}t}{1+t^2} j + \frac{t^2}{1+t^2} k \right) \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+t^2} \left| -\frac{2t}{(1+t^2)^2} i + \sqrt{2} \frac{1-t^2}{(1+t^2)^2} j + \frac{2t}{(1+t^2)^2} k \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+t^2} \cdot \frac{(2 \cdot (1+t^2)^2)^{1/2}}{(1+t^2)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{(1+t^2)^2}$$

3. (a) First method: the ellipsoid is a level set of the function

$$F(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 + \frac{z^2}{9}$$

F has gradient

$$\nabla F(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{x}{2}, 2y, \frac{2}{9}z \right)$$

at $(x, y, z) = (-2, -1, 3)$:

$$\nabla F(-2, -1, 3) = \left(-1, -2, \frac{2}{3} \right)$$

The tangent plane is then given by

$$\left(-1, -2, \frac{2}{3} \right) \cdot (x - (-2), y - (-1), z - 3) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -x - 2 - 2y - 2 + 2 - \frac{2}{3}z = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x + 2y + \frac{2}{3}z = -2$$

Second method: the upper half of the ellipsoid is the graph of the function $f(x, y) = 3\sqrt{3 - \frac{x^2}{4} - y^2}$

The tangent plane is then obtained from the linearisation of f at $(-2, -1)$:

$$(x) \quad z = f(-2, -1) + f_x(-2, -1)(x - (-2)) + f_y(-2, -1)(y - (-1))$$

We have: $f(-2, -1) = 3$

$$f_x(x, y) = -\frac{3}{4} \frac{x}{\sqrt{3 - \frac{x^2}{4} - y^2}} \Rightarrow f_x(-2, -1) = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$f_y(x, y) = -3 \frac{y}{\sqrt{3 - \frac{x^2}{4} - y^2}} \Rightarrow f_y(-2, -1) = 3$$

$\Rightarrow (x)$ becomes: $z = 3 + \frac{3}{2}(x+2) + 3(y+1)$ which agrees with above

3. (b) let $g(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ (square distance to the origin)

method of Lagrange multipliers:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} F_x &= \lambda g_x \\ F_y &= \lambda g_y \\ F_z &= \lambda g_z \\ F(x, y, z) &= 3 \end{aligned} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} \frac{x}{2} &= \lambda 2x \\ 2y &= \lambda 2y \\ \frac{2}{3}z &= \lambda 2z \\ \frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 + \frac{z^2}{3} &= 3 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} x=0 \text{ or } \lambda &= \frac{1}{4} \\ y=0 \text{ or } \lambda &= 1 \\ z=0 \text{ or } \lambda &= \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 + \frac{z^2}{3} &= 3 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

only possibilities:

$$\begin{aligned} x=y=0 & \text{ which implies } z = \pm\sqrt{27} \quad (\text{by last equation}) \\ x=z=0 & \quad \text{--- u ---} \quad y = \pm\sqrt{3} \quad (\text{--- u ---}) \\ y=z=0 & \quad \text{--- u ---} \quad x = \pm\sqrt{12} \quad (\text{--- u ---}) \end{aligned}$$

fill in these points in g :

$$\begin{aligned} g(0, 0, \pm\sqrt{27}) &= 27 && \text{max.} \\ g(0, \pm\sqrt{3}, 0) &= 3 && \text{min.} \\ g(\pm\sqrt{12}, 0, 0) &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

So the points of maximal distance are $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, \pm\sqrt{27})$
 --- u --- minimal --- u --- $(x, y, z) = (0, \pm\sqrt{3}, 0)$

4. Determine circle of intersection:

$$9 - x^2 - y^2 = 3x^2 + 3y^2 - 16$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 25 = 4(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$\text{circle of radius } \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\text{let } D = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \leq \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 \right\}$$

The volume of the region enclosed by the paraboloids there is

$$\iint_D \int_{3x^2+3y^2-16}^{9-x^2-y^2} dz \, dx \, dy = \iint_D \left[9 - x^2 - y^2 - (3x^2 + 3y^2 - 16) \right] dx \, dy$$

$$= \iint_D \left[25 - 4x^2 - 4y^2 \right] dx \, dy$$

in polar coordinates

$$= \int_0^{5/2} \int_0^{2\pi} (25 - 4r^2) r \, d\theta \, dr$$

$$= 2\pi \left(25 \frac{r^2}{2} - r^4 \right) \Big|_0^{5/2}$$

$$= 2\pi \left(\frac{25^2}{8} - \frac{25^2}{16} \right)$$

$$= \pi \frac{625}{8}$$