



The midterm 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. [10+10+5 Points] Let the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^4 + y^4} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

- (a) Is  $f$  continuous at  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ ? Justify your answer.  
 (b) Use the definition of directional derivatives to determine for which unit vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (v, w) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  the directional derivative  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(0, 0)$  exist.  
 (c) Is  $f$  differentiable at  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ ? Justify your answer.
2. [10+10 Points] Consider the curve parametrized by  $\mathbf{r} : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  with

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (\sin t - t \cos t) \mathbf{i} + 2 \mathbf{j} + (\cos t + t \sin t) \mathbf{k}.$$

- (a) Determine the parametrization by arc length.  
 (b) At each point on the curve, determine the curvature of the curve.
3. [5+10+10 Points] Consider the ellipsoid

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

which contains the point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (1, 2, 3)$ .

- (a) Determine the tangent plane of the ellipsoid at the point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ .  
 (b) Show that near the point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  the ellipsoid is locally given as the graph of a function over the  $(x, y)$  plane, i.e. there is a function  $f : (x, y) \mapsto z$  such that near  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  the ellipsoid is locally given by  $z = f(x, y)$ . Compute the partial derivatives  $f_x(x_0, y_0)$  and  $f_y(x_0, y_0)$  and show that the graph of the linearization of  $f$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$  agrees with the tangent plane found in part (a).  
 (c) Use the method of Lagrange multipliers to find the points closest to and farthest away from the origin.
4. [20 Points] Determine

$$\iiint_W (2 + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}) \, dV,$$

where

$$W = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \leq \frac{z}{2} \leq 3\}.$$

1. a) use polar coordinates:

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2 y}{x^4 + y^4} = \frac{r^4 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta}{r^4 (\cos^4 \theta + \sin^4 \theta)} = \frac{\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^4 \theta + \sin^4 \theta}$$

For  $r \rightarrow 0$ , the latter expression has a limit that depends on  $\theta$ . For example for  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$  the limit

$$\text{is } \frac{\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^4 \theta + \sin^4 \theta} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ which does}$$

not equal  $\nabla f(0,0) = 0$ .

b) let  $u = (v, w) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  unit vector, i.e.  $v^2 + w^2 = 1$ .  
Then for the directional derivative  $D_u f(0,0)$  to exist the

difference quotient

$$\frac{f(tv, tw) - f(0,0)}{t}$$

must have a limit for  $t \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\text{We have for } t \neq 0, \quad \frac{f(tv, tw) - f(0,0)}{t} = \frac{\frac{t^4 v^2 w^2}{t^4 (v^4 + w^4)} - 0}{t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{t} \frac{v^2 w^2}{v^4 + w^4}. \quad \text{This has a limit for } t \rightarrow 0$$

only if  $v^2 w^2 = 0$ , i.e.  $v = 0$  or  $w = 0$ .

This means that only the directional derivatives in the direction of the  $x$ -axis and the  $y$ -axis exist.

$$\text{The derivatives are } f_x(0,0) = f_y(0,0) = 0.$$

c)  $f$  is not differentiable at  $(0,0)$  because  
 $f$  is not continuous at  $(0,0)$ .

Also if  $f$  was differentiable at  $(0,0)$  then  
the directional derivative in part (b) would

$$\text{equal } u \cdot \nabla f(0,0) = v f_x(0,0) + w f_y(0,0) = 0,$$

But the directional derivative does in general not  
exist as we saw in part (b).

$$2. a) \quad \mathbf{r}'(t) = (\cos t - \cos t + t \sin t) \mathbf{i} + (-\sin t + \sin t + t \cos t) \mathbf{k}$$

$$= t \sin t \mathbf{i} + t \cos t \mathbf{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| = [t^2 \sin^2 t + t^2 \cos^2 t]^{1/2} = t$$

arc length

$$s(t) = \int_0^t \|\mathbf{r}'(\tau)\| d\tau = \int_0^t \tau d\tau = \frac{1}{2} t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow t(s) = (2s)^{1/2}$$

parametrization by arc length

$$\tilde{\mathbf{r}}(s) = \mathbf{r}(t(s)) = \left( \sin(2s)^{1/2} - (2s)^{1/2} \cos(2s)^{1/2} \right) \mathbf{i} + 2s + \left( \cos(2s)^{1/2} + (2s)^{1/2} \sin(2s)^{1/2} \right) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{where } s \in [s(0), s(2\pi)] = \left[0, \frac{1}{2}(2\pi)^2\right] = [0, 2\pi^2]$$

b) curvature at  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ :

$$K = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^3} \left\| \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{dt} \right\|$$

where  $\mathbf{T}$  is the unit tangent vector at  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  which is

$$\mathbf{T} = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{1}{t} (t \sin t \mathbf{i} + t \cos t \mathbf{k}) = \sin t \mathbf{i} + \cos t \mathbf{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{t} \left\| \frac{d}{dt} (\sin t \mathbf{i} + \cos t \mathbf{k}) \right\| = \frac{1}{t} \|\cos t \mathbf{i} - \sin t \mathbf{k}\| = \frac{1}{t}$$

$$t \in [0, 2\pi]$$

3. a)

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{y^2}{4} + \frac{z^2}{9} = 3 \Leftrightarrow F(x, y, z) = 3$$

Then  $\nabla F(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is perpendicular to the ellipsoid at  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ .

$$\text{As } \nabla F(x, y, z) = 2x \mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{2}y \mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3}z \mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{we get } \nabla F(x_0, y_0, z_0) = \nabla F(1, 2, 3) = 2\mathbf{i} + 1\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{k}$$

$\Rightarrow$  tangent plane is given by the equation

$$\nabla F(x_0, y_0, z_0) \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) = 0$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_0 = x_0\mathbf{i} + y_0\mathbf{j} + z_0\mathbf{k}$$

which gives

$$\left( 2\mathbf{i} + 1\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{k} \right) \cdot \left( (x-1)\mathbf{i} + (y-2)\mathbf{j} + (z-3)\mathbf{k} \right) = 0$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow 2x + y + \frac{2}{3}z = 6$$

b) For  $F$  as defined in part (a) we have

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(x, y, z) = \frac{2}{3}z \text{ which gives } \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(x_0, y_0, z_0) = \frac{2}{3}z_0 = \frac{2}{3}$$

As  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(x_0, y_0, z_0) \neq 0$  there exist by the Implicit Function Theorem a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $(x_0, y_0)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , a neighb.

$V$  of  $z_0$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  and a function  $f: U \rightarrow V$  such that if  $F(x, y, z) = 3$  for  $(x, y) \in U$  and  $z \in V$  then  $z = f(x, y)$ . Both  $F$  and  $f$  are  $C^1$  functions

$$f_x(x_0, y_0) = - \frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}} \Big|_{(x, y, z) = (x_0, y_0, z_0)} = - \frac{2x_0}{\frac{2}{3}z_0} = -9 \frac{x_0}{z_0} = -3$$

$$f_y(x_0, y_0) = - \frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}} \Big|_{(x, y, z) = (x_0, y_0, z_0)} = - \frac{\frac{1}{2}y_0}{\frac{2}{3}z_0} = - \frac{9}{4} \frac{z_0}{3} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Linearisation of  $f$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$ :

$$L(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

$$= 3 - 3(x - 1) - \frac{3}{2}(y - 2)$$

The graph of  $L$  satisfies

$$z = L(x, y) \Leftrightarrow z = 3 - 3(x - 1) - \frac{3}{2}(y - 2)$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow z = 9 - 3x - \frac{3}{2}y$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{2}{3}z + 2x + y = 6 \quad (\text{agrees with (a)})$$

3. c) distance square of the point  $(x, y, z)$  to the origin is given by  $g(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ .

Let  $F$  be defined as the proof (a). Then at an

extremum of  $g$  restricted to  $F(x, y, z) = 3$

there exist  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\nabla g(x, y, z) = \lambda \nabla F(x, y, z)$ .

We have to solve the latter equation together with

$F(x, y, z) = 3$  for  $x, y, z$  and  $\lambda$ .

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 2x &= \lambda 2x \\ 2y &= \lambda \frac{1}{2}y \\ 2z &= \lambda \frac{2}{3}z \\ x^2 + \frac{y^2}{4} + \frac{z^2}{3} &= 3 \end{aligned} \right\} (\Rightarrow) \left. \begin{aligned} x=0 \text{ or } \lambda &= 1 \\ y=0 \text{ or } \lambda &= 4 \\ z=0 \text{ or } \lambda &= 9 \\ x^2 + \frac{y^2}{4} + \frac{z^2}{3} &= 3 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$(\Rightarrow) \begin{aligned} x=0, y=0, \lambda &= 9 \\ \text{or} \end{aligned}$$

$$x=0, z=0, \lambda = 4$$

or

$$y=0, z=0, \lambda = 1$$

$$(\Rightarrow) z^2 = 27, \lambda = 9$$

or

$$y^2 = 12, \lambda = 4$$

or

$$x^2 = 3, \lambda = 1$$

Filling in the resulting points into  $g$  gives

$$g(0, 0, \pm\sqrt{27}) = 27$$

$$g(0, \pm\sqrt{12}, 0) = 12$$

$$g(\pm\sqrt{3}, 0, 0) = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{at } (x, y, z) = (0, 0, \pm\sqrt{27})$$

points on the ellipsoid are furthest away and

$$\text{at } (x, y, z) = (\pm\sqrt{3}, 0, 0)$$

points on the ellipsoid are closest to the origin

4. Cylinder coordinates

$$W = \left\{ (r, \theta, z) \mid r \leq \frac{z}{2} \leq 3 \right\}$$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$z = z$$

$$\int_0^3 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^z (2+r)r \, dz \, d\theta \, dr$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^3 (2+r)r \cdot (6-2r) \, dr$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^3 r(12 - 4r + 6r - 2r^2) \, dr$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^3 r(12 + 2r - 2r^2) \, dr$$

$$= 2\pi \left( 6r^2 + \frac{2}{3}r^3 - \frac{1}{2}r^4 \right) \Big|_{r=0}^{r=3}$$

$$= 2\pi \left( 6 \cdot 9 + 2 \cdot 9 - \frac{81}{2} \right)$$

$$= 2\pi \left( 72 - \frac{81}{2} \right)$$

$$= 63\pi$$