



MATH 156 - Calculus for Engineering II

Second Midterm Examination

- 1) a) Find the equation of the line passing through the points $P(1, -3, 6)$ and $Q(2, 10, -4)$.
- b) Find the angle between the planes $\sqrt{3}x + \sqrt{3}y + \sqrt{2}z = 5$ and $3x + 3y - \sqrt{6}z = 10$.
- c) Find the distance between the point $S(1, 0, 2)$ and the plane that passes through the points $P(0, 0, 1)$, $Q(0, 1, 0)$ and $R(1, 0, 0)$.

- 2) Evaluate the following limits: (if they exist)

a) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^4 + x^2y}{x^2 + y^4}$

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

- 3) a) Let $f(x, y) = \ln |\sin x + x^2y|$. Find f_x and f_y .

b) Let $g = g(u, v)$, $u = x + 2y$, $v = 3x - y$. Find g_{xx} and g_{yy} .

- 4) a) If $x \cos(yz) + ye^{xy} + x^3z = 4$, find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ at the point $(1, 0, 3)$.

b) Find the directional derivative of the function $f(x, y, z) = x^2y + 3y^2z$ at the point $(4, 1, 0)$ in the direction of the vector $\vec{v} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$.

- 5) Find and classify the critical points of $f(x, y) = 12x + \frac{x^3}{12} + 16xy + 4xy^2$ using the second derivative test.

- 6) Find the absolute extrema of the function $f(x, y) = e^{x^3 - y^3}$ on the disk $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$.

Answers

$$1) \text{ a) } \vec{v} = \overrightarrow{PQ} = \vec{i} + 13\vec{j} - 10\vec{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 1 + t \\ \Rightarrow y &= -3 + 13t \\ z &= 6 - 10t\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) Normal of the first plane: } \vec{u} = \sqrt{3}\vec{i} + \sqrt{3}\vec{j} + \sqrt{2}\vec{k}$$

$$\text{Normal of the second plane: } \vec{v} = 3\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - \sqrt{6}\vec{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \theta &= \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{u}||\vec{v}|} = \frac{3\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{12}}{\sqrt{8}\sqrt{24}} = \frac{1}{2} \\ \Rightarrow \theta &= \frac{\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) } \overrightarrow{PQ} = \vec{j} - \vec{k}, \quad \overrightarrow{PR} = \vec{i} - \vec{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR} = -\vec{i} - \vec{j} - \vec{k}$$

The plane passing through the points P, Q and R is:

$$-x - y - (z - 1) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x + y + z = 1$$

$$\overrightarrow{PS} = \vec{i} + \vec{k} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{the distance between } S \text{ and the plane is:}$$

$$d = \frac{|(\vec{i} + \vec{k}) \cdot (\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k})|}{|\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}|} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$2) \text{ a) } y^4 \leq x^2 + y^4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{y^4}{x^2 + y^4} \leq 1$$

$$x^2 \leq x^2 + y^4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^4} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{xy^4 + x^2y}{x^2 + y^4} = x \cdot \frac{y^4}{x^2 + y^4} + y \cdot \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^4} \leq |x| + |y|$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \left| \frac{xy^4 + x^2y}{x^2 + y^4} \right| \leq |x| + |y|$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^4 + x^2y}{x^2 + y^4} = 0 \text{ by sandwich theorem.}$$

$$\text{b) Let's approach origin along the line } y = x: \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^4}{x^4 + x^4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Let's approach origin along the line } y = -x: \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x^4}{x^4 + x^4} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

We obtain two different results therefore the limit does not exist.

$$3) \text{ a) } f_x = \frac{\cos x + 2xy}{\sin x + x^2y}$$

$$f_y = \frac{x^2}{\sin x + x^2y}$$

$$\text{b) } g_x = g_u u_x + g_v v_x = g_u + 3g_v$$

$$g_{xx} = g_{uu} + 3g_{uv} + 3g_{vu} + 9g_{vv}$$

$$g_y = g_u u_y + g_v v_y = 2g_u - g_v$$

$$g_{yy} = 4g_{uu} - 2g_{uv} - 2g_{vu} + g_{vv}$$

$$4) \text{ a) } \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{\cos(yz) + y^2 e^{xy} + 3x^2 z}{-xy \sin(yz) + x^3}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right|_{(1,0,3)} = -\frac{1+0+9}{0+1} = -10$$

$$\text{b) } \nabla f = 2xy \vec{i} + (x^2 + 6yz) \vec{j} + 3y^2 \vec{k}$$

$$\nabla f(4, 1, 0) = 8\vec{i} + 16\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$$

$$D_u f = \nabla f(4, 1, 0) \cdot \vec{u} = (8\vec{i} + 16\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}) \cdot \frac{2\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{35}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$5) f_x = 12 + \frac{x^2}{4} + 16y + 4y^2 = 0$$

$$f_y = 16x + 8xy = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } y = -2$$

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow y = -1 \text{ or } y = -3$$

$$y = -2 \Rightarrow x = \pm 4$$

The critical points are: $(0, -1)$, $(0, -3)$, $(4, -2)$, $(-4, -2)$

$$f_{xx} = \frac{x}{2}, \quad f_{yy} = 8x, \quad f_{xy} = 16 + 8y$$

Using second derivative test, we obtain:

$$f(0, -1) = 0: \text{ saddle point}$$

$$f(0, -3) = 0: \text{ saddle point}$$

$$f(4, -2) = -\frac{32}{3}: \text{ local minimum}$$

$$f(-4, -2) = \frac{32}{3}: \text{ local maximum}$$

$$6) \quad f_x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, \quad f_y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

The only critical point of f is $(0, 0)$.

On the boundary, Let's define a new function:

$$g(\theta) = f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) = e^{\cos^3 \theta - \sin^3 \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(\theta) = e^{\cos^3 \theta - \sin^3 \theta} \left[3 \cos^2 \theta (-\sin \theta) - 3 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta = 0 \text{ or } \cos \theta = 0 \text{ or } \sin \theta + \cos \theta = 0.$$

If $\sin \theta = 0$ then $\theta = 0$ or $\theta = \pi$.

If $\cos \theta = 0$ then $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ or $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{2}$.

If $\sin \theta + \cos \theta = 0$ then $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}$ or $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{4}$.

Let's make a table and find f at all those candidate points:

θ	(x, y)	$f(x, y)$
	$(0, 0)$	1
0	$(1, 0)$	e^1
π	$(-1, 0)$	e^{-1}
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$(0, 1)$	e^{-1}
$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$(0, -1)$	e^1
$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	$\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$	$e^{-1/\sqrt{2}}$
$-\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$	$e^{1/\sqrt{2}}$

Maximum is: $f(1, 0) = f(0, -1) = e$

Minimum is: $f(0, 1) = f(-1, 0) = e^{-1}$