



MATH 156 - Calculus for Engineering II

Second Midterm Examination

1) a) Find the equation of the line passing through the points $P_0(0, 5, 10)$ and $P_1(-4, 2, 8)$

Answer: We can choose the parallel vector to the line as $\vec{v} = \overrightarrow{P_0P_1} = (-4, -3, -2)$.

Then $\overrightarrow{P_0P} = t\vec{v} \implies x = -4t, \quad y = 5 - 3t, \quad z = 10 - 2t$.

(6 pts.) b) Find the angle between the lines $l_1 : x = 3 - 2t, \quad y = 1 + 2t, \quad z = 4t$ and $l_2 : x = 3, \quad y = 1 + s, \quad z = 7s$.

Answer: The angle between the lines equal to the angle between parallel vectors $\vec{v}_1 = (-2, 2, 4)$ and $\vec{v}_2 = (0, 1, 7)$.

To find the angle between the vectors we can use: $\cos(\theta) = \frac{\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2}{|\vec{v}_1| |\vec{v}_2|} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \implies \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$.

(7 pts.) c) Find the equation of the plane passing through the points $P_0(1, 1, -2), \quad P_1(3, -3, 0)$ and $P_2(1, 3, -1)$.

Answer: The normal vector $\vec{n} = \overrightarrow{P_0P_1} \times \overrightarrow{P_0P_2} = -8\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$.

Then equation of the plane: $P_0P \cdot \vec{n} = 0 \implies 4x + y - 2z = 9$

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

(9 pts.) a) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{10x^2 - 4y^2}{3x^2 + 5y^2}$

Answer: Along the paths $y = mx$,

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{10x^2 - 4y^2}{3x^2 + 5y^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{10x^2 - 4m^2x^2}{3x^2 + 5m^2x^2} = \frac{10 - 4m^2}{3 + 5m^2}$$

Then when m changes limit changes and limit does not exist.

(9 pts.) b) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^5 + 7x^2y^3}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$

Answer: By polar coordinates:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^5 + 7x^2y^3}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{r^5 \cos^5(\theta) + 7r^2 \cos^2(\theta)r^3 \sin^3(\theta)}{r^4} = 0$$

3) (8 pts.) a) Let $f(x, y) = x^2y^4 \tan(x^3y^6)$. Find f_x and f_y .

$$\text{Answer: } f_x = 2xy^4 \tan(x^3y^6) + 3x^4y^{10} \sec^2(x^3y^6)$$

$$f_y = 4x^2y^3 \tan(x^3y^6) + 5x^5y^9 \sec^2(x^3y^6)$$

(8 pts.) b) Let $g(x, y) = x^2y + ye^x$, $x = t^2 \ln r$, $y = r^3 + r$. Find g_t and g_r .

$$\text{Answer: } g_t = (2xy + ye^x) 2t \ln r$$

$$g_r = \left(2xy + ye^x\right) \frac{t^2}{r} + (x^2 + e^x)(3r^2 + 1)$$

where $x = t^2 \ln r$, $y = r^3 + r$.

4) (8 pts.) a) If $\pi \sin(x + 2y) + x \ln(x^2 + z^2) + \frac{8y}{1 + z^2} = 2\pi$, find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ at the point $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}, 1\right)$.

Answer: Let $F(x, y, z) = \pi \sin(x + 2y) + x \ln(x^2 + z^2) + \frac{8y}{1 + z^2} - 2\pi = 0$. Then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z} = -\frac{2\pi \cos(x + 2y) + \frac{8}{1 + z^2}}{\frac{2xz}{x^2 + z^2} - \frac{16yz}{(1 + z^2)^2}} \quad \text{and at the point } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}, 1\right), \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{4}{\pi}.$$

(8 pts.) b) Find a unit vector in the direction where $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + 2xy^2 + 3z^2 + yz$ increases fastest at the point $P_0(2, 2, 1)$.

Answer: $f(x, y, z)$ increases fastest in the direction of $\overrightarrow{\nabla f}(P_0) = (12, 17, 8)$.

Unit vector in this direction $\vec{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{497}}(12, 17, 8)$

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

$$\text{Answer: } f_x = 0 \Rightarrow 48x^2 + 32x - 4y = 0$$

$$f_y = 0 \Rightarrow -4x + 2y = 0$$

The second equation gives $y = 2x$. Then by first equation $x = 0$ and $x = -1/2$.

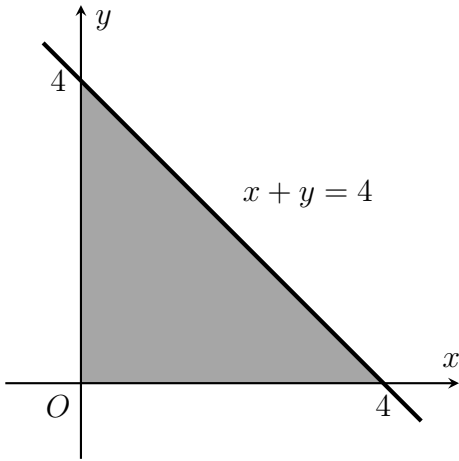
Critical points: $P_1(0, 0)$, $P_2\left(-\frac{1}{2}, -1\right)$

$$f_{xx} = 96x + 32, \quad f_{xy} = -4, \quad f_{yy} = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad D(x, y) = 2(96x + 32) - 16$$

$$D(P_1) = 48 > 0, \quad f_{xx}(P_1) = 32 > 0 \Rightarrow \text{local minimum.}$$

$$D(P_2) = -48 < 0 \Rightarrow \text{saddle point.}$$

- 6) Find the absolute extrema of the function $f(x, y) = (x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2$ on the triangular region surrounded by x -axis, y -axis and the line $x + y = 4$.



Answer: $f_x = 0 \Rightarrow 2(x - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$

$f_y = 0 \Rightarrow 2(y - 2) = 0 \Rightarrow y = 2$

The only critical point is $(1, 2)$ and it is inside the region.

Now let's look at the boundary:

- $x = 0, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 4$

$g_1(y) = y^2 - 4y + 5 \Rightarrow g'_1 = 2y - 4 = 0$

$(0, 2)$ is on the boundary.

- $y = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 4$

$g_2(x) = x^2 - 2x + 5 \Rightarrow g'_2 = 2x - 2 = 0$

$(1, 0)$ is on the boundary.

- $y = 4 - x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 4$

$g_3(x) = 2x^2 - 6x + 5 \Rightarrow g'_3 = 4x - 6 = 0$

$\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right)$ is on the boundary.

Also considering the endpoints $(0, 0)$, $(4, 0)$ and $(0, 4)$, we obtain:

Maximum: $f(4, 0) = 13$

Minimum: $f(1, 2) = 0$