

MATH 2500 - Swinarski  
Midterm 2  
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No calculators, computers, or other electronic devices are permitted.

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No books, notes, or formula sheets are permitted.

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Make sure to show all work.

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You have 50 minutes to complete this exam.

Name : Solutions

Good luck!

Question	Points	Score
1	8	
2	7	
3	15	
4	20	
5	20	
6	20	
Total:	90	

1. (8 points) Let  $S$  be the explicit surface given by the equation

$$z = e^{x^2 - y^2}.$$

Find an equation of the tangent plane of  $S$  through the point  $(1, -1, 1)$ .

$$P = (1, -1, 1)$$

$$\vec{n} = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1, -1), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(1, -1), -1 \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = e^{x^2 - y^2} \cdot (2x)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = e^{x^2 - y^2} \cdot (-2y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1, -1) = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(1, -1) = 2$$

$$\vec{n} = (2, 2, -1)$$

$$\vec{n} \cdot ((x, y, z) - P) = 0$$

$$(2, 2, -1) \cdot (x-1, y-1, z-1) = 0$$

$$2x - 2 + 2y - 2 - z + 1 = 0$$

$$\boxed{2x + 2y - z = -1}$$

2. (7 points) Let  $S$  be the implicit surface given by the equation

$$xe^y \cos z - z = 1$$

Find an equation of the tangent plane of  $S$  through the point  $(1, 0, 0)$ .

$$\vec{n} = \nabla F = \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = e^y \cos z \qquad \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} (1, 0, 0) = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = x \cos z e^y \qquad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} (1, 0, 0) = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = x e^y (-\sin z) - 1 \qquad \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} (1, 0, 0) = -1$$

$$\vec{n} = (1, 1, -1)$$

$$(1, 1, -1) \cdot (x-1, y, z) = 0$$

$$x-1 + y - z = 0$$

$$\boxed{x + y - z = 1}$$

3. Let  $P$  be the point  $(2, 4)$ . Let  $f(x, y)$  be a function. Suppose  $\nabla f(2, 4) = (5, 12)$ .

- (a) (4 points) What unit vector  $\mathbf{u}$  gives the largest directional derivative  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(2, 4)$ ?  
(Remember, your answer should be a unit vector.)

When  $\vec{u}$  is in direction of gradient

$$\vec{u} = \frac{(5, 12)}{\|(5, 12)\|} = \left( \frac{5}{13}, \frac{12}{13} \right)$$

- (b) (4 points) When  $\mathbf{u}$  is your answer from part (a), what is  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(2, 4)$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\vec{u}} f &= \vec{u} \cdot \nabla f \\ &= \left( \frac{5}{13}, \frac{12}{13} \right) \cdot (5, 12) \\ &= \frac{169}{13} = 13 \end{aligned}$$

- (c) (2 points) Suppose that  $x = 2t - 2$  and  $y = t^2$ . What value of  $t$  gives  $P = (2, 4)$ ?

$$\text{When } t=2, (x, y) = (2, 4)$$

- (d) (5 points) Use the Chain Rule to compute  $\frac{df}{dt}(2)$ .

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \nabla f = (5, 12) \text{ at } (2, 4)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2 \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 2t \quad \frac{dy}{dt}(t=2) = 4$$

$$\frac{df}{dt}(2) = (5)(2) + (12)(4) = 10 + 48 = \boxed{58}$$

4. (20 points) *The second derivative test.* Let

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - xy + x + \frac{1}{3}y^3 - y^2 + y - 1.$$

Find all the critical points of  $f$ . For each critical point, use the second derivative test to determine whether the critical point is a local maximum, a local minimum, or a saddle point, or that the test is inconclusive.

$$\text{Solve } \nabla f = (0, 0) : \quad \nabla f = (x^2 - y + 1, -x + y^2 - 2y + 1)$$

$$x^2 = y - 1 \qquad x = y^2 - 2y + 1 = (y - 1)^2$$

Substitute the 2<sup>nd</sup> equation into the 1<sup>st</sup> :

$$x^2 = ((y - 1)^2)^2 = y - 1$$

$$(y - 1)^4 = y - 1$$

$$(y - 1) \left( (y - 1)^3 - 1 \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 1 \text{ or } (y - 1)^3 = 1$$

$$\text{If } y = 1 \text{ then } x = (y - 1)^2 = 0 \quad y = 2$$

$$\text{If } y = 2 \text{ then } x = (y - 1)^2 = 1$$

Get 2 critical points,  $(0, 1)$  and  $(1, 2)$

Second Derivative Test:

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x & -1 \\ -1 & 2y - 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

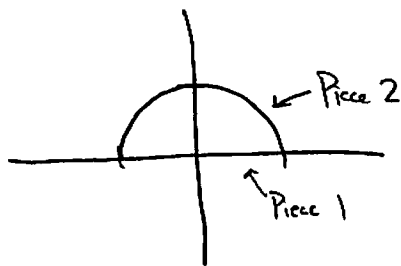
Critical point	$f_{xx}$	$f_{yy}$	$f_{xy}$	$f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2$	Concavity	Descriptions
$(0,1)$	0	0	-1	-1		saddle point
$(1,2)$	(2)	2	-1	$4 - 1 =$ (3)	concave up	local min.

5. (20 points) Let  $D$  be the upper half of the unit disk in the  $xy$ -plane centered at  $(0, 0)$ .

Let

$$f(x, y) = 2x^3 + y^4.$$

Find the absolute minima and maxima of  $f$  on  $D$ .



① Look for interior critical points

$$\nabla f = (6x^2, 4y^3) = (0, 0)$$

Only one critical point,  $(0, 0)$  (and it's actually on the boundary)

② Check each boundary piece

Piece 1:  $y=0$

$$f|_{y=0} = 2x^3$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} = 6x^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} = 0 : x = 0$$

Get one critical point,  $(0, 0)$

Piece 2:  $y = \sqrt{1-x^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} f|_{y=\sqrt{1-x^2}} &= 2x^3 + (1-x^2)^2 \\ &= 2x^3 + 1 - 2x^2 + x^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} = 6x^2 - 4x + 4x^3$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} = 0 : 4x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x = 0$$

$$2x(2x^2 + 3x - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x^2 + 3x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{-3 \pm 5}{4}$$

$$= -2, \frac{2}{4}$$

continued  $\rightarrow$

Piece 2, continued:

If  $x=0$ , then  $y = \sqrt{1-x^2} = 1 \Rightarrow (0,1)$

If  $x=-2$ : not in  $D$

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

List of points to check:

	<u><math>(x,y)</math></u>	<u><math>f(x,y)</math></u>	
critical points from interior and edges	$\rightarrow (0,0)$	0	
	$\rightarrow (0,1)$	1	
	$\rightarrow (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$	$2 \cdot \frac{1}{8} + \frac{9}{16} = \frac{13}{16}$	
Points where boundary pieces hit each other	$\rightarrow (1,0)$	2	$\leftarrow$ abs. max
	$\rightarrow (-1,0)$	-2	$\leftarrow$ abs min

6. (20 points) *Lagrange multipliers*. Use Lagrange multipliers to find the maxima and minima of the function

$$f(x, y) = 2x^2 + 3y^2 - 4x - 5$$

subject to the constraint

$$x^2 + y^2 - 16 = 0.$$

Note: there are other valid methods for solving this problem, but to get credit, you must use Lagrange multipliers.

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \quad \nabla f = (4x - 4, 6y)$$

$$\nabla g = (2x, 2y)$$

System of equations:

$$4x - 4 = 2x\lambda$$

$$6y = 2y\lambda$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 16$$

To solve: 2<sup>nd</sup> equation says

$$6y - 2y\lambda = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \text{either } y = 0 \text{ or } \lambda = 3$$

If  $y = 0$ : use the equation  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$

$$\text{Then } x^2 = 16$$

$$\text{so } x = \pm 4$$

$$\text{Get 2 points, } (4, 0), (-4, 0)$$

If  $\lambda = 3$ : Then the 1<sup>st</sup> equation says

$$4x - 4 = 6x$$

$$-4 = 2x$$

$$x = -2$$

Then using  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$ , get

$$y^2 = 16 - x^2 = 16 - 4 = 12$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{12}$$

List of points to check:

$(x, y)$

$f(x, y)$

$(4, 0)$

$$32 - 16 - 5 = 11 \quad \leftarrow \text{abs min}$$

$(-4, 0)$

$$32 + 16 - 5 = 43$$

$(-2, \sqrt{12})$

$$8 + 36 + 8 - 5 = 47$$

$(-2, -\sqrt{12})$

$$= 47 \quad \leftarrow \text{abs max}$$