

Practice Midterm 2 – Math 2153

1. Decide if the following statements are TRUE or FALSE and circle your answer. **You do NOT need to justify your answers.**

(a) (1 point) If both partial derivatives f_x and f_y exist at (a, b) then f is differentiable at (a, b) .

Solution: F (f_x and f_y must exist and be continuous on an open set containing the point (a, b) to ensure that f is differentiable at (a, b) .)

(b) (1 point) If f has a local maximum at the point (a, b, c) then $\nabla f = \mathbf{0}$.

Solution: F (f can also have a local maximum at (a, b, c) when ∇f does not exist.)

(c) (1 point) If f has a saddle point at (a, b) then f cannot have a local minimum at (a, b) .

Solution: T (The definition of “saddle point” precludes it from being a local maximum or minimum)

(d) (1 point) If f is differentiable at (a, b, c) then magnitude of the gradient vector $\nabla f(a, b, c)$ is the maximal directional derivative

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}(a, b, c)$$

where \mathbf{u} ranges over all unit vectors in \mathbf{R}^3 .

Solution: T

2. Give examples of the following. Be as explicit as possible. **You do NOT need to justify your answers.**

(a) (2 points) Give an example of a function $f(x, y)$ continuous on \mathbf{R}^2 such that there are infinitely many points $(a, b) \in \mathbf{R}^2$ such that f has a local maximum at (a, b) .

Solution: $f(x, y) = 0$

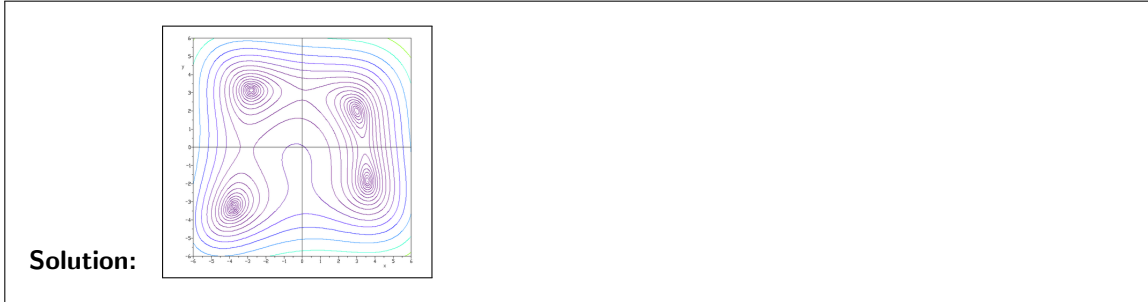
(b) (2 points) Give an example of a function $F(x, y, z)$ for which the graph of $z = \sin(xy)$ is a level surface.

Solution: $F(x, y, z) = z - \sin(xy)$

(c) (2 points) Give an example of a function $f(x, y)$ with domain \mathbf{R}^2 for which $f_x(0, 0)$ exists but $f_y(0, 0)$ does not exist.

Solution: $f(x, y) = |y|$

(d) (2 points) Sketch level curves for a function $f(x, y)$ with four local maxima and no local minima. Make sure to include enough level curves to illustrate these properties.



3. Compute the following:

(a) (2 points) $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\ln(xy)}{x^y} \right)$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\ln(xy)}{x^y} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\ln(xy)}{e^{y \ln x}} \right) \\ &= \frac{\frac{y e^{y \ln x}}{y x} - \ln(x) e^{y \ln x} \ln(xy)}{e^{2y \ln x}} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{x^{y-1} - \ln(x) x^y \ln(xy)}{x^{2y}}} \end{aligned}$$

(b) (2 points) $D_{\mathbf{u}}(3x^3y - y)$ where $\mathbf{u} = \left\langle \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}} \right\rangle$.

Solution: Let $f(x, y) = 3x^3y - y$.

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{u}}(3x^3y - y) &= \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{u} \\ &= \langle 9x^2y, 3x^3 - 1 \rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}} \right\rangle \\ &= \boxed{\frac{-18}{\sqrt{5}} x^2y - \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}} (3x^3 - 1)} \end{aligned}$$

(c) (2 points) Find the unit vector $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$ pointing in the direction of maximum increase for the function $f(x, y, z) = xyz^2$ at the point $(1, 1, 1)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f &= \langle yz^2, xz^2, 2xyz \rangle \\ \nabla f(1, 1, 1) &= \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle \\ \mathbf{u} &= \frac{\nabla f(1, 1, 1)}{|\nabla f(1, 1, 1)|} \\ &= \frac{\langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle}{|\langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle|} \\ &= \boxed{\left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \right\rangle} \end{aligned}$$

(d) (2 points) $\int_1^2 \int_0^\pi \sin(x+y) dx dy$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^2 \int_0^\pi \sin(x+y) dx dy &= \int_1^2 -\cos(x+y) \Big|_{x=0}^\pi dy \\ &= \int_1^2 -\cos(\pi+y) + \cos y dy \\ &= \int_1^2 \cos y + \cos y dy \\ &= 2 \sin y \Big|_{x=1}^2 \\ &= \boxed{2 \sin 2 - 2 \sin 1} \end{aligned}$$

(e) (2 points) $\int_1^2 \int_0^2 \int_0^1 \frac{xz}{y} dz dx dy$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^2 \int_0^2 \int_0^1 \frac{xz}{y} dz dx dy &= \int_1^2 \int_0^2 \frac{xz^2}{2y} \Big|_{z=0}^1 dx dy \\ &= \int_1^2 \int_0^2 \frac{x}{2y} dx dy \\ &= \int_1^2 \frac{x^2}{4y} \Big|_{x=0}^2 dy \\ &= \int_1^2 \frac{1}{y} dy \\ &= \ln y \Big|_{y=1}^2 \\ &= \ln 2 - \ln 1 \\ &= \boxed{\ln 2} \end{aligned}$$

(f) (2 points) Compute $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ in terms of x , y and z if z satisfies the implicit equation

$$xy + yz + xz = 7$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xy + yz + xz) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(7) \\ y + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + z + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= -y - z \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(y + x) &= -y - z \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-y-z}{y+x}$$

4. Change the order of integration for the following double integrals. You may have to express the new integral as a sum of double integrals. **You do not need to evaluate the integrals.**

(a) (2 points) $\int_1^2 \int_{x-1}^{\ln x} xy^2 dy dx.$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^2 \int_{x-1}^{\ln x} xy^2 dy dx &= \int_1^2 \int_{\ln x}^{x-1} -xy^2 dy dx \\ &= \int_0^{\ln 2} \int_{y+1}^{e^y} -xy^2 dx dy + \int_{\ln 2}^1 \int_{y+1}^2 -xy^2 dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{\ln 2} \int_{e^y}^{y+1} xy^2 dx dy + \int_{\ln 2}^1 \int_{y+1}^2 xy^2 dx dy \end{aligned}$$

(b) (2 points) $\int_0^{\pi/4} \int_{\sin y}^{\cos y} xy^2 dx dy.$

Solution:

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \int_{\sin y}^{\cos y} xy^2 dx dy = \int_0^{\sqrt{2}/2} \int_0^{\arcsin x} xy^2 dy dx + \int_{\sqrt{2}/2}^1 \int_0^{\arccos x} xy^2 dy dx$$

5. (5 points) Give a triple integral which computes the volume of the bounded region in \mathbf{R}^3 enclosed by the surfaces

$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 9, \quad z = 4, \quad z = -4$$

Solution: Let D be the region in \mathbf{R}^3 described above. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume of } D &= \iiint_D dV \\ &= \int_{-4}^4 \int_{-\sqrt{9+z^2}}^{\sqrt{9+z^2}} \int_{-\sqrt{9+z^2-x^2}}^{\sqrt{9+z^2-x^2}} dy dx dz \end{aligned}$$

6. (5 points) Compute the maximum and minimum values for the function $f(x, y) = x - y^2 + xy$ on the region in the plane bounded by the ellipse $y^2 + 9x^2 = 9$.

Solution: First we find the critical points of f .

$$\nabla f = \langle 1 + y, -2y + x \rangle$$

Thus $0 = 1 + y$ and $0 = -2y + x$. Hence $y = -1$ and $0 = (-2)(-1) + x$. Thus the critical point of f is $(-2, -1)$. This point is not in the region on which we are maximizing since $(-1)^2 + 9(-2)^2 > 9$. Thus there are no critical points in the interior of the ellipse.

Now let $g(x, y) = y^2 + 9x^2 - 9$. We wish to maximize f subject to the constraint $g(x, y) = 0$. Applying the method of Lagrange multipliers we compute

$$\nabla g = \langle 18x, 2y \rangle$$

Setting $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$ gives the two equations

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + y &= \lambda 18x \\ -2y + x &= \lambda 2y \end{aligned}$$

Solving the second equation for λ we get $\lambda = \frac{-2y+x}{2y}$. Substituting this into the first equation we get

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + y &= \left(\frac{-2y+x}{2y} \right) 18x \\ 2y + 2y^2 &= -36xy + 18x^2 \\ 2y + 2y^2 + 36xy - 18x^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

From the constraint equation we get $y^2 = 9 - 9x^2$ so

$$\begin{aligned} 2y + 2(9 - 9x^2) + 36xy - 18x^2 &= 0 \\ 2y + 18 + 36xy - 36x^2 &= 0 \\ (2 + 36x)y &= 36x^2 - 18 \\ y &= \frac{9(2x^2 - 1)}{1 + 18x} \\ y^2 &= \frac{81(4x^4 + 4x^2 - 1)}{1 + 36x + 324x^2} \\ 9 - 9x^2 &= \frac{81(4x^4 + 4x^2 - 1)}{1 + 36x + 324x^2} \end{aligned}$$

You might have noticed by now that computing x here is not a reasonable task ...

7. (5 points) Use the method of Lagrange multipliers to find the maximum volume for a lidless can with surface area 1.

Solution: The volume of a can with radius r and height h is

$$V(r, h) = \pi r^2 h.$$

The surface area for a lidless can with radius r and height h is

$$S(r, h) = \pi r^2 + 2\pi r h.$$

We wish to maximize V subject to the constraint that $S(r, h) = 1$

$$\nabla V = \langle 2\pi r h, \pi r^2 \rangle$$

$$\nabla S = \langle 2\pi r + 2\pi h, 2\pi r \rangle$$

The vector equation $\nabla V = \lambda \nabla S$ gives the two equations

$$2\pi r h = \lambda(2\pi r + 2\pi h)$$

$$\pi r^2 = \lambda 2\pi r$$

Solving for λ in the second equation we get

$$\lambda = \frac{r}{2}$$

Substituting $\lambda = \frac{r}{2}$ into the first equation and cancelling π we get

$$2rh = \frac{r}{2}(2r + 2h)$$

and hence

$$2rh = r^2 + rh$$

$$rh = r^2$$

$$h = r$$

Substituting $h = r$ back into our constraint $S(r, h) = 1$ gives

$$1 = \pi r^2 + 2\pi r^2$$

$$1 = 3\pi r^2$$

$$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3\pi}} = r$$

Radii must be positive so only the positive root makes sense. We have $h = r$ so the maximum volume must occur at $(r, h) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3\pi}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3\pi}}\right)$. Thus the maximum volume is

$$\begin{aligned} V\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3\pi}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3\pi}}\right) &= \pi \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3\pi}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3\pi}}\right) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3\pi}}} \end{aligned}$$

8. (5 points) Estimate the change in $z = xy^2 - x^2 + y$ when (x, y) changes from $(1, 2)$ to $(1.1, 1.9)$.

Solution: Let $f(x, y) = xy^2 - x^2 + y$. Then

$$f_x = y^2 - 2x$$

$$f_y = 2xy + 1$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}f_x(1, 2) &= 2^2 - 2(1) = 2 \\f_y(1, 2) &= 2(1)(2) + 1 = 5.\end{aligned}$$

Thus we can estimate the change Δz in z using the differential dz

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta z &\approx dz \\&= f_x(1, 2) dx + f_y(1, 2) dy \\&= f_x(1, 2) \cdot (1.1 - 1) + f_y(1, 2) \cdot (1.9 - 2) \\&= 2 \cdot (0.1) + 5 \cdot (-0.1) \\&= \boxed{-0.3}\end{aligned}$$