

## Review Sheet for Midterm 2

1. Compute the following limits. If a limit does not exist, explain why.

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

(b)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2y^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$

(c)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3y}{x^6+y^2}$

2. A point moves along the intersection of the elliptic paraboloid  $z = x^2 + 3y^2$  and the plane  $y = 1$ . At what rate is  $z$  changing with respect to  $x$  when the point is at  $(2, 1, 7)$ ?

3. Use total differentials to approximate the change in the value of  $f(x, y) = \ln(\sqrt{1+xy})$  from  $P(0, 2)$  to  $Q(-0.09, 1.98)$ .

4. Given  $f(x, y, z) = \frac{x+y}{y+z}$ ,  $P(-1, 1, 1)$ ,  $Q(-0.99, 0.99, 1.01)$ ,

(a) Find the local linear approximation,  $L$ , to the function  $f(x, y, z)$  at the point  $P$ .

(b) Use part (a) to approximate  $f(Q)$ .

5. Let  $w = xy + yz + zx$  with  $x = u^2 - v^2$ ,  $y = u^2 + v^2$ , and  $z = u^2v^2$ . Compute  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial u}$  and  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial v}$ .

6. The sun is melting a rectangular block of ice. When the block's height is 1 ft and the length of each edge of its square base is 2 ft, its height is decreasing at 2 in/h and the length of the edges of the base is decreasing at 3 in/h. What is the rate of change of the volume of the block at that instant?

7. Let  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$ . Find the directional derivative of this function at the point  $P(1, 1, 1)$  in the direction  $\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$ .

8. Find a unit vector that is normal at  $P(2, 3)$  to the level curve of  $f(x, y) = 3x^2y^2 - xy$  through  $P$ .

9. Find an equation for the tangent plane and parametric equations for the normal line to the surface  $z = \frac{1}{2}x^7y^{-2}$  at  $P(2, 4, 4)$ .

10. Suppose that three quantities  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ , are constrained by the equation  $2x^2 + 3y^2 + z^2 = 20$ . The graph of this equation is a surface  $S$  in space.

(a) Verify that the point  $P(2, 1, 3)$  is a point on  $S$  and find the equation of the tangent plane to  $S$  at this point.

(b) Near  $P(2, 1, 3)$  we can think of  $z$  as a function of  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $z = f(x, y)$ . Without finding  $f(x, y)$  explicitly, determine its linear approximation  $L_f$  near  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 1$ .

(c) Approximate the value of  $z$  corresponding to  $x = 1.97$  and  $y = 1.12$ .

11. Consider the function  $f(x, y) = 2x^3\sqrt{4x + 3y^2}$  and the point  $P(1, 2, 8)$ .
- (a) Find an equation of the tangent plane to the graph of  $z = f(x, y)$  at the point  $P$ .
  - (b) Find a normal vector to the (tangent plane of the) graph of  $z = f(x, y)$  at the point  $P$ .
  - (c) Approximate  $f(1.1, 1.8)$ .
12. Find the absolute extrema of  $f$  on  $R$ , where
- $$f(x, y) = 5 - 3x + 4y, \quad R \text{ is the closed triangular region with vertices } (0, 0), (4, 0), (4, 5).$$
13. Find the points on the surface  $z^2 = xy + 1$  that are closest to the origin.

### 1. Solution:

(a) Along the line  $y = 0$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x},$$

which does not exist. Thus  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x-y}{x^2+y^2}$  does not exist.

(b) Convert to polar coordinates.

$$\left| \frac{x^2 y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right| = \left| \frac{r^4 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta}{r} \right| \leq r^3.$$

As  $r \rightarrow 0^+$ ,  $r^3 \rightarrow 0$ , so by the Squeeze Theorem,

$$\left| \frac{x^2 y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } (x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0).$$

Thus  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \boxed{0}$ .

(c) Along the line  $y = x$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^4}{x^6 + x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x^4 + 1} = 0.$$

Along the curve  $y = x^3$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^6}{2x^6} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

We have different limits, so  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 y}{x^6 + y^2}$  does not exist.

**2. Solution:** Need to find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(2, 1)$ . Since,  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x$ , the answer is 4.

### 3. Solution:

$$f(x, y) = \ln(\sqrt{1 + xy}) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(1 + xy)$$

$$df = \frac{1}{2} \frac{y}{1 + xy} dx + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x}{1 + xy} dy$$

$$\Delta f \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{1 + (0)(2)} (-0.09 - 0) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{0}{1 + (0)(2)} (1.98 - 2) = \boxed{-0.09}$$

### 4. Solution:

(a)

$$L(x, y, z) = f_x(-1, 1, 1)(x + 1) + f_y(-1, 1, 1)(y - 1) + f_z(-1, 1, 1)(z - 1)$$

$$f_x = \frac{1}{y + z} \text{ so } f_x(-1, 1, 1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f_y = \frac{(y + z) - (x + y)}{(y + z)^2} \text{ so } f_y(-1, 1, 1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f_z = (x + y) \frac{-1}{(y + z)^2} \text{ so } f_z(-1, 1, 1) = 0$$

Putting everything together, we get  $L(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2}(x + 1) + \frac{1}{2}(y - 1)$ .

(b)

$$f(-0.99, 0.99, 1.01) \approx L(-0.99, 0.99, 1.01) = \frac{1}{2}(-0.99 + 1) + \frac{1}{2}(0.99 - 1) = \boxed{0}$$

5. **Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial w}{\partial u} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \\ &= (y + z)(2u) + (x + z)(2u) + (y + x)(2uv^2) \\ &= (u^2 + v^2 + u^2v^2)(2u) + (u^2 - v^2 + u^2v^2)(2u) + (2u^2)(2uv^2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial w}{\partial v} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \\ &= (y + z)(-2v) + (x + z)(2v) + (y + x)(2u^2v) \\ &= (u^2 + v^2 + u^2v^2)(-2v) + (u^2 - v^2 + u^2v^2)(2v) + (2u^2)(2u^2v)\end{aligned}$$

6. **Solution:** We have  $V = x^2y$ . We want  $\frac{dV}{dt}(2, 1)$ .

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} = (2xy) \frac{dx}{dt} + x^2 \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt}(2, 1) = 2(2)(1) \left(-\frac{3}{12}\right) + (2)^2 \left(-\frac{2}{12}\right) = -\frac{5}{3}$$

Our answer is  $\boxed{-\frac{5}{3}\text{ft}^3/\text{h}}$ .

7. **Solution:** Set  $\mathbf{u} = \frac{\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle}{\|\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$ . We want  $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, 1, 1) = \nabla f(1, 1, 1) \cdot \mathbf{u}$ . Now,  $\nabla f = \langle yz, xz, xy \rangle$ , so  $\nabla f(1, 1, 1) = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$ . Thus  $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, 1, 1) = \boxed{\frac{3}{\sqrt{3}}}$ .

8. **Solution:**  $\nabla f(P)$  is normal to the level curve of  $f$  through  $P$ .

$\nabla f = \langle 6xy^2 - y, 6x^2y - x \rangle$ , so  $\nabla f(P) = \langle 105, 70 \rangle$ . We need a unit vector, so we use  $\frac{\langle 105, 70 \rangle}{\|\langle 105, 70 \rangle\|} = \frac{1}{5\sqrt{637}}\langle 105, 70 \rangle = \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{637}}\langle 21, 14 \rangle}$ .

9. **Solution:** The tangent plane at  $P$  will have  $\mathbf{n} = \langle \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(P), \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}(P), -1 \rangle$  as a normal vector. Since,

$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{7x^6}{2y^2}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{x^7}{y^3}$ , we calculate that  $\mathbf{n} = \langle 28, -2, -1 \rangle$ . Thus the tangent plane at  $P$

has equation  $\boxed{28(x - 2) - 2(y - 4) - 4(z - 4) = 0}$ . The normal line at  $P$  has  $\mathbf{n}$  as a direction vector, so the normal line has vector equation  $\langle 2, 4, 4 \rangle + t\langle 28, -2, -1 \rangle$ . Parametrically, we get

$$\boxed{x = 2 + 28t, y = 4 - 2t, z = 4 - t}$$

10. **Answers:**

(a) The tangent plane to  $S$  at the point  $P$  is given by  $\boxed{8(x - 2) + 6(y - 1) + 6(z - 3) = 0}$ .

(b) The linear approximation of  $z = f(x, y)$  near  $(2, 1)$  is  $\boxed{L_f(x, y) = 3 - \frac{4}{3}(x - 2) - (y - 1)}$ .

(c)  $\boxed{z(1.97, 1, 12) \approx 2.92}$ .

**11. Answers:**

(a) Tangent plane is given by  $z = 8 + 25(x - 1) + 3(y - 2)$ .

(b) A normal vector to the graph of  $z = f(x, y)$  at the point  $P$  is  $\mathbf{n} = \langle -25, -3, 1 \rangle$ .

(c)  $f(1.1, 1.8) \approx 9.9$ .

**12. Solution:** First find the critical points:

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= -3 \\ f_y &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

Since the first partials are never zero, there are no critical points.

Next find extrema on the boundary:

(a) One leg of the triangle is  $y = 0$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 4$ . Along this path the function values are

$$f(x, 0) = 5 - 3x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 4$$

Since this is a decreasing function, the absolute maximum is  $f(0, 0) = 5$  and the absolute minimum is  $f(4, 0) = -7$ .

(b) Another leg of the triangle is  $x = 4$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 5$ . Along this path the function values are

$$f(4, y) = -7 + 4y, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 5$$

Since this is an increasing function, the absolute maximum is  $f(4, 5) = 13$  and the absolute minimum is  $f(4, 0) = -7$ .

(c) Along the hypotenuse of the triangle,  $y = \frac{5}{4}x$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 4$ . Along this path, the function values are

$$f\left(x, \frac{5}{4}x\right) = 5 - 3x + 4\left(\frac{5}{4}x\right) = 5 + 2x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 4$$

Since this is an increasing function, the absolute maximum is  $f(4, 5) = 13$  and the absolute minimum is  $f(0, 0) = 5$ .

Therefore the absolute maximum is  $f(4, 5) = 13$  and the absolute minimum is  $f(4, 0) = -7$ .

**13. Solution:** We can minimize the square of the distance. The square of the distance to the origin is

$$\begin{aligned} d^2 &= x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \\ &= x^2 + y^2 + (xy + 1) \end{aligned}$$

To find critical points, set the first derivatives equal to zero:

$$\begin{aligned} (d^2)_x &= 2x + y = 0 \\ (d^2)_y &= 2y + x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $y = -2x$  and  $x = -2y$ . The only critical points occur at  $x = 0, y = 0$ . Now use the second derivative test to confirm this is a minimum:

$$(d^2)_{xx} = 2 > 0$$

$$(d^2)_{yy} = 2$$

$$(d^2)_{xy} = 1$$

$$D = 3 > 0$$

Therefore the points on the surface  $(0, 0, \pm 1)$  are closest to the origin.