

Problem 1) Consider the following lines:

$$l_1: x = y = z = t \quad \text{and} \quad l_2: x = t + 1, y = 2t, z = 3t$$

a.) (8 pts) Find the distance between l_1 and l_2

$$v_1 = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \quad v_2 = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \Rightarrow \vec{N} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle$$

$$q_1 = (0, 0, 0) \quad q_2 = (1, 0, 0)$$

$$P_1: 1 \cdot (x-0) - 2(y-0) + 1 \cdot (z-0) = 0 \Rightarrow x - 2y + z = 0 \quad l_1 \in P_1$$

$$P_2: 1 \cdot (x-1) - 2(y-0) + 1 \cdot (z-0) = 0 \Rightarrow x - 2y + z = 1 \quad l_2 \in P_2$$

$$\text{distance} = \frac{|d_1 - d_2|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \quad \checkmark$$

b.) (10 pts) Which points on l_1 and l_2 are closest to each other?

distance between (t, t, t) and $(s+1, 2s, 3s)$

$$d(t, s) = \sqrt{(t - (s+1))^2 + (t - 2s)^2 + (t - 3s)^2} \quad \text{minimize } d^2 = d'^2$$

$$\hat{d}(t, s) = t^2 - 2t(s+1) + (s+1)^2 + t^2 - 4st + 4s^2 + t^2 - 6ts + 9s^2$$

$$= 3t^2 + 14s^2 - 12st - 2t + 2s + 1 \quad 5$$

$$d_t = 0 = 6t - 12s - 2 \Rightarrow 3t - 6s = 1$$

$$d_s = 0 = 28s - 12t + 2 \Rightarrow 6t - 14s = 1$$

$$2s = 1 \Rightarrow s = 1/2$$

$$t = 4/3$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{3} \right) \in l_1 \quad \& \quad \left(\frac{3}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2} \right) \in l_2$$

$$d(\text{point}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \quad \checkmark$$

Problem 2. (12 pts) Consider the points $A = (1, 0, 2)$, $B = (3, 5, 4)$ and $C = (2, 3, 0)$.

2.a) What is the area of the triangle ABC ?



$$\text{Area} = |\vec{v} \times \vec{w}| \Rightarrow \vec{AB} = \langle 2, 5, 2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{AC} = \langle 1, 3, -2 \rangle$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}| \Rightarrow \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = \langle -16, 6, 1 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}| = \sqrt{(-16)^2 + 6^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{256 + 36 + 1} = \sqrt{293}$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{\sqrt{293}}{2}$$

2.b) Find an equation of the plane passing through the points A, B and C .

$$\vec{N} = \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \langle -16, 6, 1 \rangle \quad A \in \text{Plane}$$

$$\text{Plane equation: } -16(x-1) + 6(y-0) + 1(z-2) = 0$$

$$-16x + 16 + 6y + z - 2 = 0$$

$$-16x + 6y + z = -14$$

Problem 3.a) (7 pts) Find the following limit if it exists.

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

① along the line $x=0$, $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{e^y x^2 y}{x^4 + y^2} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{y^2} = \boxed{0}$

② along the curve $y=x^2$, $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{e^y x^2 y}{x^4 + y^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x^2} x^4}{x^4 + x^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x^2}}{2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$

Since on two different paths limit takes different values, the limit does not exist.

3.b) (7 pts) Determine all the points where the following function is continuous.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} & , \text{ if } (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0 & , \text{ if } (x,y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$$

The function is continuous on $\mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0,0)\}$, the only point we need to check is $(0,0)$.

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

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

(since $\cos \theta \sin \theta$ is a bounded function, limit is 0 independent of θ)

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y) = f(0,0) = 0 \Rightarrow f \text{ is continuous at } (0,0)$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is continuous on all \mathbb{R}^2 .

Problem 4) (12 pts) Find an equation of the tangent plane to the given surface at the given point in each part.

a) $z = \sqrt{xy}$, (1,1,1)

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{xy}} y \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Big|_{\substack{x=1 \\ y=1}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{xy}} x \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \Big|_{\substack{x=1 \\ y=1}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow z - z_0 = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \cdot (x - x_0) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) (y - y_0)$$

$$z - 1 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 1) + \frac{1}{2}(y - 1)$$

b) $z = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2}$
 $x^2 - 2y^2 + z^2 = 2 - yz$, (2,1,-1)

Let $f(x, y, z) = x^2 - 2y^2 + z^2 + yz - 2$

$$f_x = 2x, \quad f_y = -4y + z, \quad f_z = y + 2z$$

$$f_x(2, 1, -1) = 4, \quad f_y(2, 1, -1) = -5, \quad f_z(2, 1, -1) = -1$$

$$\rightarrow f_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y - y_0) + f_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)(z - z_0) = 0$$

$$4(x - 2) - 5(y - 1) - 1 \cdot (z + 1) = 0$$

$$4x - 5y - z = 4$$

Solution Problem 5.a) (7 points) Given $x - z = \arctan yz$ evaluate $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ at $(2, 0, 2)$.

By Implicit Differentiation:

$$1 - \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{1+(yz)^2} \cdot y \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}; \text{ then}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \left(1 + \frac{y}{1+(yz)^2}\right) = 1; \text{ so that}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1+y^2z^2}{1+y+y^2z^2}$$

$$0 - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \left(\frac{1}{1+(yz)^2}\right) \left(z + y \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)$$

then,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{z}{1+y^2z^2} + \frac{y}{1+y^2z^2} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$

so that

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + \frac{y}{1+y^2z^2} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{-z}{1+y^2z^2}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \left(1 + \frac{y}{1+y^2z^2}\right) = \frac{-z}{1+y^2z^2}$$

hence $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{-z/1+y^2z^2}{1+y+y^2z^2/1+y^2z^2}$

and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{-z}{1+y^2z^2+y}$

Then $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(2,0,2) = \frac{1+0^2 \cdot 2^2}{1+0+0^2 \cdot 2^2} = 1$ &

$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}(2,0,2) = \frac{-2}{1+0+0^2 \cdot 2^2} = -2$ □

Second

Method:

Using the formulas

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z}$$

where

$$F(x,y) = x - z - \arctan yz$$

then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{-1 - \frac{1}{1+y^2z^2} \cdot y}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(2,0,2) = -\frac{1}{-1 - \frac{1}{1+0^2 \cdot 2^2} \cdot 0} = 1$$

&

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{-\frac{1}{1+y^2z^2} \cdot z}{-1 - \frac{1}{1+y^2z^2} \cdot y}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}(2,0,2) = -\frac{-\frac{1}{1+0^2 \cdot 2^2} \cdot 2}{-1 - \frac{1}{1+0^2 \cdot 2^2} \cdot 0}$$

$$= -2 \quad \square$$

5.b) (8 points) Given $f(x,y) = 3xy^4 + x^3y^2$, find $f_{xyx}(x,y)$, $\nabla f(x,y)$. Find $D_u f$ at $(1,2)$ for the vector $u = \langle 3/\sqrt{13}, -2/\sqrt{13} \rangle$.

Solution

• $f_x(x,y) = 3y^4 + 3x^2y^2$, $f_y(x,y) = 12xy^3 + 2x^3y$

then $f_{xy}(x,y) = 12y^3 + 6x^2y$

then $f_{xyx}(x,y) = 12xy$.

• $\nabla f(x,y) = \langle f_x(x,y), f_y(x,y) \rangle$

$$= \langle 3y^4 + 3x^2y^2, 12xy^3 + 2x^3y \rangle$$

• $D_u f(1,2) = \nabla f(1,2) \cdot u$ → where u is a unit vector.
dot product.

$$\nabla f(1,2) = \langle 3 \cdot 16 + 3 \cdot 1^2 \cdot 2^2, 12 \cdot 1 \cdot 2^3 + 2 \cdot 1^3 \cdot 2 \rangle = \langle 60, 100 \rangle$$

Note that the vector $u = \langle \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{13}} \rangle$ is already a unit vector. Then;

$$D_u f(1,2) = \nabla f(1,2) \cdot u \xrightarrow{\text{dot products}} = \langle 60, 100 \rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{13}} \right\rangle = \frac{180}{\sqrt{13}} - \frac{200}{\sqrt{13}} = \frac{-20}{\sqrt{13}} \quad \square$$

Problem 6) Consider the function $f(x, y) = x^3 + 8y^3 - 12xy$.

(a) (6 pts) Find the critical points of this function.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_x &= 3x^2 - 12y = 0 \\ f_y &= 24y^2 - 12x = 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{x^2}{4} \\ x &= 2y^2 = 2 \frac{x^4}{16} \\ x^4 - 8x &= 0 \\ x &= 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 2 \\ \downarrow & \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ y &= 0 \qquad \qquad y = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$(0, 0)$ and $(2, 1)$ are the crit. pts.

(b) (8 pts) Determine the nature of each critical point (local maximum/minimum or saddle).

$$\begin{aligned} D(x, y) &= f_{xx} f_{yy} - f_{xy} f_{yx} = 6x \cdot 48y - (-12)^2 \\ &= 288xy - 144 \end{aligned}$$

$$D(0, 0) = -144 < 0 \quad \text{so } (0, 0) \text{ is a saddle point}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} D(2, 1) &= 288 \cdot 2 - 144 > 0 \\ f_{xx}(2, 1) &= 12 > 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ so } (2, 1) \text{ gives a local minimum.}$$

Problem 7) (20 points) Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum values of $f(x, y) = y^3 - x^2y - y$ on the region $\{(x, y) : x^2 + 4y^2 \leq 4\}$.

Critical pts: $f_x = -2xy = 0$
 $f_y = 3y^2 - x^2 - 1 = 0$

$x=0$ or $y=0$
 $y = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$x^2 = -1$ (crossed out)

$(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$ and $(0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$ are the crit. pts.

Boundary: $x^2 + 4y^2 = 4$

Lagrange multipliers method: $g(x, y) = x^2 + 4y^2$

$\nabla f(x, y) = \langle -2xy, 3y^2 - x^2 - 1 \rangle = \lambda \langle 2x, 8y \rangle = \lambda \cdot \nabla g(x, y)$

$$\begin{cases} -2xy = 2x\lambda \\ 3y^2 - x^2 - 1 = 8y\lambda \\ x^2 + 4y^2 = 4 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x=0 \text{ or } y=-\lambda \\ y=\mp 1 \end{cases}$$

$(0, \mp 1)$

$\lambda = \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$y = \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad x = \mp \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$

$(\mp \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}, \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$

$f(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}) = -\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \quad f(0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}) = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$

$f(0, \mp 1) = 0 \quad f(\mp \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}) = -\frac{10}{3\sqrt{3}}$

$f(\mp \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}) = \frac{10}{3\sqrt{3}}$

abs. min. (pointing to $-\frac{10}{3\sqrt{3}}$)
 abs. max. (pointing to $\frac{10}{3\sqrt{3}}$)