

# SOLUTIONS

## Math 264 — Spring 2010 — Test 2

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Remember to show your work. Take your time and relax.

1. Compute the  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$  for

(a)  $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$

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

(a)  $f_x = ye^{xy}$ ,  $f_y = xe^{xy}$ ,  $f_{xx} = y^2 e^{xy}$ ,  $f_{yy} = x^2 e^{xy}$   
 $f_{xy} = (xy + 1)e^{xy}$

(b)  $f_x = 3x^2 + 4y$ ,  $f_{xx} = 6x$ ,  $f_{xy} = 4$   
 $f_y = 4x + 2y$ ,  $f_{yy} = 2$

2. Find the plane tangent to the graph of  $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2x - y^2 + 6xy$  at the point  $(1, 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} z &= f(1, 1) + \nabla f(1, 1) \cdot (x-1, y-1) + 5 \\ &= 2 + (2x+2, -2y) \cdot (x-1, y-1) \\ &= 2 + (10, 2) \cdot (x-1, y-1) \\ &= 2 + 10(x-1) + 2(y-1) + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Common mistakes

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + (2x-1) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$$

3. Compute  $D_{\vec{u}}f(x_0, y_0)$  in the following cases. If  $\vec{u}$  is not initially given as a unit vector, please normalize it.

(a)  $f(x, y) = e^{x+y}$ ,  $(x_0, y_0) = (1, 2)$ ,  $\vec{u} = (1, 0)$ .

(b)  $f(x, y) = e^{x^2y}$ ,  $(x_0, y_0) = (1, 3)$ ,  $\vec{u} = (1, 3)$

(a)  $(D_{\vec{u}}f)(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1, 2) = e^{1+2} = e^3$  +5

(b)  $\nabla f = (2xye^{x^2y}, x^2e^{x^2y})$ ,  $\nabla f(1, 3) = (6e^3, 9e^3)$ ,  $\vec{u} = \frac{(1, 3)}{\sqrt{1+9}}$  +5

$\nabla f(1, 3) \cdot \frac{\vec{u}}{|\vec{u}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} (6e^3 + 27e^3) = \frac{33e^3}{10}$

4. (a) What unit vector  $\vec{u}$  maximizes  $(D_{\vec{u}}f)(x_0, y_0)$ ?

(b) Explain/Prove this is true that the statement you gave above is true.

(c) Find the direction of maximum increase of the function  $x^2 + 2xy - 1$  at the point  $(-1, 1)$ .

(a) +3  $\frac{\nabla f(x_0, y_0)}{|\nabla f(x_0, y_0)|}$

(b) +4  $D_{\vec{u}}f(x_0, y_0) = \nabla f(x_0, y_0) \cdot \vec{u} = |\nabla f(x_0, y_0)| |\vec{u}| \cos \theta$

$\theta = 0$  maximizes the result  
 $\Rightarrow \vec{u} \cdot \nabla f(x_0, y_0)$  should be  $|\nabla f(x_0, y_0)|$ .  
 Since  $\vec{u}$  needs to be a unit vector  
 $\vec{u} = \frac{\nabla f}{|\nabla f|}$

(c)  $\nabla f = (2x+2y, 2x)$   
 $\nabla f(-1, 1) = (0, -2)$  +3

$\vec{u} = (0, -1)$

5. If  $z = y + f(x^2 - y^2)$  where  $f$  is differentiable. show that

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

$$y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = y (f'(x^2 - y^2) (2x)) + x (1 + f'(x^2 - y^2) (-2y))$$

$= x$

problem assuming the conclusion.

only term left over

6. Evaluate the limit or show it does not exist

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

(b)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x - y}$

(a) Approach along  $(t, t)$ :  $\frac{t^2 t}{t^3 + 4t^3} = \frac{1}{5} \rightarrow \frac{1}{5}$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$

Approach along  $(t, 0)$ :  $\frac{0}{t^3 + 4(0)} = 0 \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$

Since we approached along two different directions & got two diff values the limit does not exist. +5

(b)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x - y} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} \frac{(x-y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)}{x - y} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} x^2 + xy + y^2 = 3$  +5

7. Compute  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial s}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$  using the chain rule.

(a)  $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$ ,  $x = s \cos t$ ,  $y = s \sin t$  +5

(b)  $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$ ,  $x = e^{st}$ ,  $y = e^{-t^2}$

(a)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial s} = \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \right] = (y e^{xy})(\cos t) + (x e^{xy}) \sin t$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = (y e^{xy})(-s \sin t) + (x e^{xy})(s \cos t)$

replace x & y w/ fns of s & t

(b)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = (2x)(t e^{st}) + (-2y)(0) = 2x(t e^{st})$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = (2x)(s e^{st}) + (-2y)(-2t e^{-t^2})$

8. Find the critical points of  $x^2 - 4y + 2$  and determine if they are maxima, minima or saddles.

(a) There are no critical points! +5

(b)  $x^2 - y^2 - 2x - 2y$ ,  $(1, -1)$  saddle pt. +5

9. Find the points on the surface  $xy^2z^3 = 2$  that are closest to the origin. (Hint: that surface is a constraint and you want to optimize the distance to the origin. Tip: Optimize the distance squared rather than the straight up distance.)

$$\begin{cases} f(x,y,z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \\ g(x,y,z) = xy^2z^3 - 2 \end{cases}, \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla f &= 2x\hat{i} + 2y\hat{j} + 2z\hat{k} \\ \nabla g &= y^2z^3\hat{i} + 2xy^2z^3\hat{j} + 3xy^2z^2\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x = \lambda y^2 z^3 \\ 2y = \lambda 2xy z^3 \\ 2z = \lambda 3xy^2 z^2 \\ xy^2 z^3 = 2 \end{cases} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{cases} 2x = \lambda y^2 z^3 \\ 2y = \lambda 2xy z^3 \\ 2z = \lambda 3xy^2 z^2 \\ xy^2 z^3 = 2 \end{cases}} \right\} +10$$

SOLVE THIS SYSTEM  
(on attached)

10. Suppose  $f$  is differentiable. Prove that vectors tangent to the level sets  $L_C = \{(x,y) : f(x,y) = C\}$  are perpendicular to  $\nabla f$ . (Hint: suppose that  $\vec{r}(t) = (x(t), y(t))$  parametrizes  $L_C$ .)

$$f(x(t), y(t)) = C \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} [f(x(t), y(t))] = 0$$

By the chain rule

$$\nabla f(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \nabla f(\vec{r}(t))$  &  $\vec{r}'(t)$  are perpendicular.

Extra Credit: Prove that if  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are both continuous at the point  $r_0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$  then function  $(f+g): \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous at  $r_0$ . (Using the  $\epsilon$ - $\delta$  definition of continuity.)

$$\begin{aligned} |f(r) + g(r) - f(r_0) - g(r_0)| &= |f(r) - f(r_0) + g(r) - g(r_0)| \\ &\leq |f(r) - f(r_0)| + |g(r) - g(r_0)| \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f$  &  $g$  are continuous there exists some  $\delta_1$  &  $\delta_2$  such that

$$\|r - r_0\| < \delta_1 \Rightarrow |f(r) - f(r_0)| < \epsilon/2$$

$$\& \quad \|r - r_0\| < \delta_2 \Rightarrow |g(r) - g(r_0)| < \epsilon/2$$

Let  $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$  so that

$$\|r - r_0\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|f(r) - f(r_0)\| + \|g(r) - g(r_0)\| < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x = \lambda y^2 z^3 \\ 2y = 2\lambda x y z^3 \\ 2z = 3\lambda x y^2 z^2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x^2 = \lambda x y^2 z^3 = \lambda 2 \\ 2y^2 = 2\lambda x y^2 z^3 = 2\lambda \\ 2z^2 = 3\lambda x y^2 z^3 = 3\lambda \end{cases}$$

$$x^2 y^2 z^3 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 = \frac{1}{2} \lambda \\ y^2 = \lambda \\ z^2 = \frac{3}{2} \lambda \end{cases}$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2}} = \pm \mu$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{\lambda} = \pm \mu / \sqrt{2}$$

$$z = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} \lambda} = \pm \sqrt{3} \mu$$

Let  $\sqrt{\lambda} = \mu$ .

$$\Rightarrow x y^2 z^3 = 2$$

$$(\pm \mu) \lambda / 2 (\pm \mu^3 / (\sqrt{3})^3) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \pm \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{3} \lambda^3 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 = \pm \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm \left( \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^{1/3}$$

If  $\lambda = \pm \left( \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^{1/3}$  then

$\lambda$  must be positive since  $y$  needs to be a real number.

$$\begin{cases} x = \pm \left( \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^{1/6} \\ y = \pm \left( \left( \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^{1/3} / 2 \right)^{1/2} \\ z = \pm \sqrt{3} \left( \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^{1/6} \end{cases}$$

6 possible points.