

Solutions multivariable calculus, 2005-10-27.

1. Find an equation of the plane tangent to the surface $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - z = 1$ at the point $(3, -4, 4)$. (2p)

Answer:

Set: $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - 1$. The equation of the plane tangent is then given by:
 $z = f(3, -4) + f_x(3, -4)(x - 3) + f_y(3, -4)(y - (-4)) =$
 $4 + \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}\right)_{(3, -4)}(x - 3) + \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}\right)_{(3, -4)}(y + 4) = 4 + \frac{3}{5}(x + 3) + \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)(y + 4) \Leftrightarrow$
 $3x - 4y - 5z - 5 = 0.$

2. Find the following limit or show that it does not exist $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$. (2p)

Answer:

Compare the results of the following 'routes' towards $(0, 0)$:

$$(x, y) = (t, 0) \text{ gives : } \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{t^2}{t^2} = 1 \quad (t \neq 0),$$

$$\text{while } (x, y) = (0, t) \text{ gives : } \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{-t^2}{t^2} = -1 \quad (t \neq 0).$$

These two different results indicate that the limit does not exist.

3. Calculate the directional derivative of $f(x, y, z) = \ln(x^2 - y) + ye^{-z}$ at the point $P = (3, 1, 0)$ and in the direction $\mathbf{v} = (2, 2, 1)$. (2p)

Answer:

$$f'_{\mathbf{v}}(3, 1, 0) = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} \cdot \nabla f(3, 1, 0) = \frac{1}{3}(2, 2, 1) \cdot \left(\frac{2x}{x^2 - y}, -\frac{1}{x^2 - y} + e^{-z}, -ye^{-z}\right)_{(3, 1, 0)} =$$
$$\frac{1}{3}(2, 2, 1) \cdot \left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{7}{8}, -1\right) = \frac{3}{4}.$$

4. Find the (absolute) maximum and minimum values of $f(x, y) = 2x^2 + y^2 - 8x$ subject to the constraint $x^2 + y^2 = 6x$. (3p)

Answer:

Alt. 1: Using the method of Lagrange multipliers (let $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 6x = 0$ represent the constraint):

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= \lambda g_x &\Leftrightarrow 4x - 8 &= \lambda(2x - 6) &\Leftrightarrow 4x - 8 &= \lambda(2x - 6) \\ f_y &= \lambda g_y &\Leftrightarrow 2y &= 2\lambda y &\Leftrightarrow y &= 0 \vee \lambda = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$y = 0$ into the constraint gives: $x^2 - 6x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 6 \vee x = 0 \Rightarrow (x, y) = (0, 0) \vee (x, y) = (6, 0)$.

$\lambda = 1$ gives $4x - 8 = 2x - 6 \Leftrightarrow x = 1$, which, when inserted into the constraint gives $y^2 = 5 \Leftrightarrow y = \pm\sqrt{5} \Rightarrow (x, y) = (1, \pm\sqrt{5})$.

We then calculate the function values: $f(0, 0) = 0$, $f(6, 0) = 24$, $f(1, \pm\sqrt{5}) = -1$.

Conclusion : $f_{min} = -1$, $f_{max} = 24$.

Alt. 2: Use the constraint to eliminate y^2 from the function.

This gives : $f(x, \pm\sqrt{6x-x^2}) = x^2 - 2x = h(x)$. Note that h is only defined on the interval $0 \leq x \leq 6$. Min/max - values of the single-variable function h are then obtained either at the endpoints $x = 0, x = 6$ or at solutions of $h'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 1$. This gives $h(0) = f(0, 0) = 0$, $h(6) = f(6, 0) = 24$, $h(1) = f(1, \pm\sqrt{5}) = -1$.

(A third alternative would be to parametrize the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 6x = 0$).

5. Calculate $\iint_A \frac{\sin x}{x} dx dy$, where the region A is a triangle with corners at the points $(0, 0)$, $(\pi, 0)$, and (π, π) . (3p)

Answer:

Note that the integral can be performed analytically only by an initial integration in y followed by integration in x (reversing the order of integration will require a numerical computation):

$$\iint_A \frac{\sin x}{x} dx dy = \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin x}{x} \left(\int_0^x dy \right) dx = \int_0^\pi \sin x dx = \left[-\cos x \right]_0^\pi = 2.$$

6. Calculate $\iint_D xy dx dy$, where $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 2 \leq xy \leq 4, 1 \leq \frac{y}{x} \leq 2, x > 0\}$. (3p)

Answer:

The region D in the xy -plane can be transformed into a rectangle D_{uv} by the following transformation:

$$u = xy, v = \frac{y}{x}, \text{ which gives } 2 \leq u \leq 4, 1 \leq v \leq 2 \text{ and } \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} = \left(\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} \right)^{-1} = \frac{x}{2y} = \frac{1}{2v}.$$

Inserted into the integral:

$$\iint_D xy dx dy = \frac{1}{2} \int_2^4 \int_1^2 u \frac{1}{v} dv du = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2} u^2 \right]_2^4 \left[\ln v \right]_1^2 = 3 \ln 2.$$

7. Find the (absolute) minimum and maximum values of $g(x, y) = xy + x + 2y$ on the set $\Delta = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 \leq y \leq 2 - x\}$. (5p)

Answer:

Interior critical points:

$$\begin{aligned} f_x = 0 &\Leftrightarrow y + 1 = 0 \\ f_y = 0 &\Leftrightarrow x + 2 = 0 \end{aligned} \Leftrightarrow (x, y) = (-2, -1).$$

This point clearly lies outside Δ .

Next we investigate the boundary which, in this case, can be seen to consist of two curve segments with common endpoints at the solutions of $x^2 = 2 - x \Leftrightarrow x = -2 \vee x = 1$.

(a) $y = x^2, -2 \leq x \leq 1 : f(x, x^2) = x^3 + 2x^2 + x = h_1(x) \Rightarrow h_1'(x) = 3x^2 + 4x + 1$.
 $h_1'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1 \vee x = -\frac{1}{3}$.

This gives the following interesting points: $(-2, 4), (-1, 1), (-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}), (1, 1)$ (the first and last points are endpoints).

(b) $y = 2 - x, -2 \leq x \leq 1:$

$f(x, 2 - x) = -x^2 + x + 4 = h_2(x) \Rightarrow h_2'(x) = -2x + 1$.
 $h_2'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$.

This gives a single additional interesting points (the endpoints of the segment are already accounted for) : $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$.

Finally, we compare the function values at these 5 points:

$f(-2, 4) = -2, f(-1, 1) = 0, f(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}) = -\frac{4}{27}, f(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}) = \frac{17}{4}, f(1, 1) = 4$.

Conclusion: $f_{min} = -2, f_{max} = \frac{17}{4}$.

8. Calculate $\iiint_K (x^2 + y^2) dx dy dz$,

where $K = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + y^2}{3}} \leq z \leq \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}\}$. (5p)

Answer:

Using spherical coordinates the condition $z \geq \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + y^2}{3}}$ translates to

$\rho \cos \phi \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \rho \sin \phi \Rightarrow 0 \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$. Furthermore $z \leq \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}$ means that $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$.

Inserted:

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_K (x^2 + y^2) dx dy dz &= \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \int_{\rho=0}^1 \rho^2 \sin^2 \phi \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\phi d\theta = \\ 2\pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} (1 - \cos^2 \phi) \sin \phi d\phi \int_0^1 \rho^4 d\rho &= [u = \cos \phi] = 2\pi \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (1 - u^2) du \cdot \left[\frac{1}{5}\rho^5\right]_0^1 = 2\pi \cdot \frac{5}{24} \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{\pi}{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, using plane polar coordinates:

Note that the projection K_{xy} on to the xy -plane is given by $\sqrt{\frac{x^2 + y^2}{3}} \leq \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2} \Leftrightarrow$

$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$. This gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_K (x^2 + y^2) dx dy dz &= \iint_{K_{xy}} (x^2 + y^2) \left(\int_{\sqrt{\frac{x^2+y^2}{3}}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}} dz \right) dx dy = 2\pi \int_0^{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \left(\sqrt{1-r^2} - \frac{r}{\sqrt{3}} \right) r^2 r dr = \\ [u = 1 - r^2] &= \pi \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^1 \sqrt{u}(1-u) du - \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}} \int_0^{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} r^4 dr = \frac{47\pi}{240} - \frac{9\pi}{80} = \frac{\pi}{12}. \end{aligned}$$

9. Calculate $\iint_S xy\sqrt{5-4z} dS$,

where $S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid z = 1 - x^2 - y^2, x \geq 0, y \geq 0, z \geq 0\}$. (5p)

Answer:

Note that when $z = 1 - x^2 - y^2$ the integrand will be $xy\sqrt{5-4z} = xy\sqrt{1+4x^2+4y^2}$. The angular and radial limits for the integration over S_{xy} will then be $0 \leq r \leq 1$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

This gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_S xy\sqrt{5-4z} dS &= \iint_{S_{xy}} xy(1+4x^2+4y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx dy = \\ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^1 r \cos \theta r \sin \theta (1+4r^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1+4r^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} r dr d\theta &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos \theta \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^1 r^3(1+4r^2) dr = \\ \left[-\frac{1}{2} \cos^2 \theta\right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left[\frac{1}{4}r^4 + \frac{4}{6}r^6\right]_0^1 &= \frac{11}{24}. \end{aligned}$$