

**Math/MTHE 280, Advanced Calculus, Fall 2014**  
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Do all five questions, marks are indicated. Total marks are 54.

**1a) . [5 marks]** Is the function  $f(x,y)$  continuous for all values of  $(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ? Explain your answer.

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x+y)^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^4}} & \text{if } (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x,y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$$

The function is continuous at every point where the denominator is nonzero, due to the standard algebraic properties of continuous functions. This leaves only the point  $(0,0)$  to investigate. This can be done by directly examining the limiting case  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y)$  which can be done in different ways. If polar coordinates are considered then we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y) &= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{r^2(\cos(\theta) + \sin(\theta))^2}{r\sqrt{\cos(\theta)^2 + r^2 \sin(\theta)^4}} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r \frac{(\cos(\theta) + \sin(\theta))^2}{\sqrt{\cos(\theta)^2 + r^2 \sin(\theta)^4}} \end{aligned}$$

The problem is that the fraction might not have a limit when  $\cos(\theta) = 0$ , and indeed it is a simple matter to check that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{(x,0) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,0) &= \lim_{(x,0) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2}{|x|} \\ &= 0 \\ \lim_{(0,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(0,y) &= \frac{y^2}{y^2} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since the limit at  $(0,0)$  does not exist, the function is not continuous at  $(0,0)$ .

**1b) . [5 marks]** Is the function  $f(x,y)$  from part a) differentiable at  $(0,0)$ ? Explain your answer.

Since the function is not continuous at  $(0,0)$ , it cannot be differentiable there. This can also be seen directly by examining the difference quotients for the partial derivatives

$$\lim_{(h,0) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{f(h,0) - f(0,0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2}{h|h|} = \text{undefined}$$

$$\lim_{(0,h) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{f(0,h) - f(0,0)}{h} = \frac{h^2}{h^3} = \text{undefined}$$

2. For the vector field  $\vec{F}(x, y) = y\vec{i} + x\vec{j}$

a) [4 marks] Sketch the vector field  $\vec{F}$  along the parabola  $y = 4 - x^2$ , between the points (3,-5) to (-2,0). Show that the gradient of the function  $f(x,y)=xy$  matches the vector field  $\vec{F}$ .

The parabola opens downward, and has vertex at  $x=0, y=4$ . The intercepts with the x-axis occur at  $x = \pm 2, y = 0$ . The vector field  $\vec{F}(x, y) = y\vec{i} + x\vec{j}$  may be sketched at the endpoints  $F(3,-5) = -5\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}$ ,  $F(-2,0) = -2\vec{j}$  and at the intercepts with the x and y axes,  $F(2,0) = 2\vec{j}$ ,  $F(0,4) = 4\vec{i}$ .

The gradient field of the function  $f(x,y) = xy$ , is  $\nabla f(x, y) = yi + xj = \vec{F}(x, y)$ .

b) [6marks] Calculate the tangent vector  $\mathbf{v}$  to the parabolic curve  $y = 4 - x^2$  (in the direction of increasing values of  $x$ ), and calculate the directional derivative of  $f(x,y)=xy$  along the parabolic arc, in the direction of the tangent vector to the parabolic curve, between the points (3,-5) and (-2,0). Find the interval of  $x$ -values for which  $D_{\mathbf{v}}f(x, y) > 0$ , for the tangent vector  $\mathbf{v}$ .

The tangent vector may be found in several ways. The easiest is to parameterize the parabola,  $x = t, y = 4 - t^2$  then  $\mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}\right) = (1, -2t) = i - 2xj$ . An alternative way is to use the gradient vector of the function  $F(x, y) = y + x^2$  which is  $\nabla F = (2x, 1)$  and find a vector  $\mathbf{v} = (1, -2x)$  which is orthogonal to the gradient vector. The length of the tangent vector, the speed, is  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{1 + 4x^2}$ . The directional derivative of  $f(x,y)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{v}}f(x, y) &= \nabla f(x, y) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \\ &= (y, x) \cdot \frac{(1, -2x)}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}} \\ &= \frac{y - 2x^2}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}} = \frac{4 - 3x^2}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

From this we can immediately deduce that  $D_{\mathbf{v}}f(x, y) > 0$  exactly when  $4 - 3x^2 > 0$  or  $|x| < \sqrt{\frac{4}{3}}$ .

**3a).[4 marks]** Consider the hyper surface  $\mathbf{S} = \{(x, y, z, w) \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2 = 6\}$ . Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface  $\mathbf{S}$  at the point  $(\sqrt{2}, -1, -\sqrt{2}, +1)$

The tangent plane can be found once we have a normal direction. This is provided by the gradient vector for the function whose level set describes the surface  $\mathbf{S}$ . If  $f(x, y, z, w) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2$  then  $\mathbf{S}$  is the level set  $f=6$ . The normal direction to this level set at the point  $(\sqrt{2}, -1, -\sqrt{2}, +1)$  is  $\nabla f((\sqrt{2}, -1, -\sqrt{2}, +1)) = (2\sqrt{2}, -2, -2\sqrt{2}, +2)$ . The equation of the tangent plane at the point  $(\sqrt{2}, -1, -\sqrt{2}, +1)$  is  $\nabla f \cdot (x - \sqrt{2}, y + 1, z + \sqrt{2}, w - 1) = 0$ , or  $2\sqrt{2}x - 2y - 2\sqrt{2}z + 2w = 12$

**b).[3 marks]** Show that the parameterized circle  $\vec{\mathbf{r}}(t) = (2 \cos(t), -1, -2 \sin(t), +1)$  is tangent to the surface  $\mathbf{S}$  at the parameter value  $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

The curve with parameterization  $\vec{\mathbf{r}}(t) = (2 \cos(t), -1, -2 \sin(t), +1)$  intersects the tangent plane at  $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , since  $\vec{\mathbf{r}}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}, -1, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{2}}, +1\right)$  whose components satisfy the equation for the tangent plane.

The condition for tangency of this curve amounts to showing that  $\vec{\mathbf{r}}'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cdot \nabla f((\sqrt{2}, -1, -\sqrt{2}, +1)) = 0$ . We calculate this as follows

$$\left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right) \cdot (2\sqrt{2}, -2, -2\sqrt{2}, +2) = -4 + 4 = 0.$$

**c).[3 marks]** Calculate the derivative of the composite function  $f(\vec{\mathbf{r}}(t))$  at  $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$  where  $f(x, y, z, w) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2$ .

The composite function can be calculated at general  $t$ ,  
 $f(\vec{\mathbf{r}}(t)) = 4 \cos^2(t) + 1 + 4 \sin^2(t) + 1 = 6$ . The composite is constant for all  $t$ , therefore  $D(f(\vec{\mathbf{r}}(t))) = \nabla f(\vec{\mathbf{r}}(t)) \cdot \vec{\mathbf{r}}'(t) = 0$ . This last equation can also be checked directly at the point  $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

**4a).** [4 marks] Let  $\vec{F} = F_1\vec{i} + F_2\vec{j} = xy\vec{i} + x^2e^y\vec{j}$ , and let  $\mathbf{g}(s, t) = ((s + t), s^2 - t^2)$  denote a change of coordinates in an open domain of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ . Using the chain rule calculate  $\frac{\partial F_2}{\partial s}$  and  $\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial t}$  at the point  $(s_0, t_0) = (2, 1)$ .

We calculate that  $\mathbf{g}(2,1) = (3,3)$ . Using the chain rule evaluated at this point, we find that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial F_2}{\partial s} &= \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \\ &= 2xe^y(1) + x^2e^y(4) = 42e^3 \\ \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \\ &= y(1) + x(-2) = -3\end{aligned}$$

**4b).** [6 marks] Calculate the derivative of the composite function  $D(\vec{F} \circ \mathbf{g})(s_0, t_0)$  at the point  $(s_0, t_0) = (2, 1)$ .

Using the chain rule again, we find that

$$\begin{aligned}D(\vec{F} \circ \mathbf{g})(2, 1) &= D(\vec{F}(3, 3)) \cdot D\mathbf{g}(2, 1) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} y & x \\ 2xe^y & x^2e^y \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 6e^3 & 9e^3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -3 \\ 42e^3 & -12e^3 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

**5.a)[4 marks]** Using spherical coordinates in three dimensional space, find the polar (azimuth) angle  $\phi$ , and the resulting equation in spherical coordinates of the cone surface  $z = 3\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ .

We can use trigonometry to find the polar (azimuth) angle for the cone  $z=3r$ . This angle is constant for all points on the cone. For example when  $r = 1$ ,  $z=3$  and we can use a right angle triangle with hypotenuse  $\sqrt{10}$  and polar angle  $\phi$  to determine the value of this angle. In particular slope of the hypotenuse is 3, so

$$\tan(\phi) = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \phi = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \arccos\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}\right)$$

**b) [6 marks]** Consider surface  $\mathbf{S}$  given by the implicit equation  $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - xyz = 0$ . Show that  $(1,0,-1)$  satisfies this equation, and that we can locally uniquely determine functions  $y=f(x,z)$ , and  $z=g(x,y)$  in a neighborhood of this point, by solving the implicit equation for  $y$  or  $z$ . Calculate  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial z}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  at the point  $(1,0,-1)$ .

We cannot solve this equation directly for  $y$  or  $z$ , so must resort to information supplied by the Implicit function theorem. First, the calculation to show that  $(1,0,-1)$  satisfies this equation. This amounts to substitution into the cubic equation and we find  $1 - 1 = 0$  as required. Next we need to verify that we can locally solve this cubic as functions  $y=f(x,z)$ , and  $z=g(x,y)$  in a neighborhood of this point.

This is accomplished using the implicit function theorem together with the calculations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(1, 0, -1) &= 3y^2 - xz \\ &= +1 \neq 0 \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(1, 0, -1) &= 3z^2 - xy \\ &= 3 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since these partial derivatives are nonzero the implicit function theorem guarantees the local existence of functions  $y=f(x,z)$ , and  $z=g(x,y)$  in a neighborhood of the point  $(1,0,-1)$ .

Given this crucial information we can now use implicit differentiation to determine the required partial derivatives.

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}} = -\frac{3}{1}, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}} = -\frac{3}{3}$$

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