



Center for Academic Resources in Engineering (CARE) Peer Exam Review Session

Math 241 – Calculus III

Midterm 2 Worksheet Solutions

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1. Calculate the following derivatives:

(a) Find $\frac{df}{dt}$ for $f(x, y) = xe^{xy}$, $x(t) = t^2$, $y(t) = \frac{1}{t}$

(b) Find f_t for $f(x, y) = 2xy$, $x(s, t) = st$, $y(s, t) = s^2t^2$

(a) Applying the chain rule:

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = e^{xy} + x(ye^{xy})$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2t$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^2 e^{xy}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{1}{t^2}$$

$$\frac{df}{dt} = [e^{xy} + x(ye^{xy})](2t) + [x^2 e^{xy}] \left(-\frac{1}{t^2} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{df}{dt} = 2te^t + t^2 e^t}$$

(b) Applying Chain Rule:

$$f_t = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2y, \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = s, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2x, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 2ts^2$$

$$\boxed{f_t = 6s^3t^2}$$

2. Show that $f(x, y) = y^2 e^{xy}$ is differentiable at $(0, 2)$ and use linear approximation to find the value of $f(0.1, 2.1)$.

$$f_x = y^3 e^{xy}$$

$$f_y = 2ye^{xy} + xy^2 e^{xy}$$

$$f_x(0, 2) = 8$$

$$f_y(0, 2) = 4$$

Both f_x and f_y are continuous functions, so $f(x, y)$ is differentiable.

The linear approximation function of $f(x, y)$ near $(0, 2)$ is

$$L(x, y) = f(0, 2) + f_x(0, 2)(x - 0) + f_y(0, 2)(y - 2)$$

, so the approximated value of $f(0.1, 2.1)$ is

$$L(0.1, 2.1) = 4 + 8(0.1) + 4(0.1) = 5.2$$

$$f(0.1, 2.1) \approx 5.2$$

3. A tiny spaceship is orbiting a path given by $x^2 + y^2 = 4$. The solar radiation at a point (x, y) in the plane of the orbit is $f(x, y) = xy + 2y$.

Use the method of *Lagrange multipliers* to find the maximum value and minimum value of solar radiation experienced by the tiny spaceship in its orbit.

The function to be maximized/minimized is f , subject to the constraint $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, which we will call g .

$$\nabla f = \langle y, x + 2 \rangle \quad \nabla g = \langle 2x, 2y \rangle$$

We have 3 equations to work with. We know

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$$

gives the following system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \lambda(2x) \\ x + 2 &= \lambda(2y) \\ x^2 + y^2 &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

Where the last equation is the constraint. We solve for λ in the first two equations:

$$\frac{y}{2x} = \lambda \text{ and } \frac{x+2}{2y} = \lambda$$

Set them equal to each other to get an equation with just x and y :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{y}{2x} &= \frac{x+2}{2y} \\ 2y^2 &= 2x^2 + 4x \\ y^2 &= x^2 + 2x \end{aligned}$$

Plug this in to the constraint

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 &= 4 \\ x^2 + x^2 + 2x &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

We get $x = 1, -2$

Obtain the corresponding values for y :

For $x = 1$

$$y^2 = x^2 + 2x \quad y = -\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}$$

For $x = -2$

$$y^2 = x^2 + 2x \quad y = 0$$

Now we must test whether these are minimum or maximum points. We have three points to test in our radiation function $f(x, y) = xy + 2y$

$$f(1, \sqrt{3}) = 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$f(1, -\sqrt{3}) = -3\sqrt{3}$$

$$f(-2, 0) = 0$$

$$\boxed{\text{Max: } 3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Min: } -3\sqrt{3}}$$

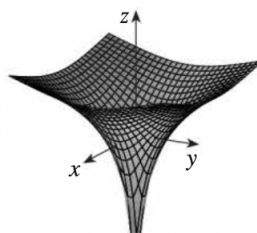
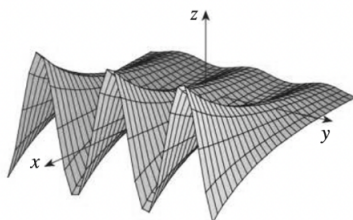
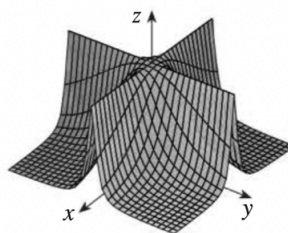
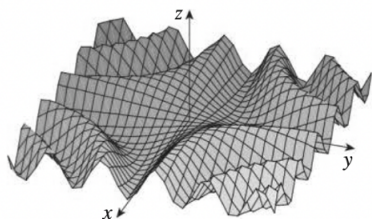
4. For each equation below, match it with the corresponding graph.

(A) $z = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$

(C) $z = e^x \cos(y)$

(B) $z = \sin(xy)$

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



For (A), $x^2 + y^2$ is a function for a circle on the xy -plane. Only the bottom right image has a circular cross-section.

For (B), the function should behave like $\sin x^2$ on the line $x = y$. Only the top left image has the sinusoidal behavior when $x = y$.

For (C), when x is a constant, the function should behave like a cosine wave. On the other hand, when y is a constant, the function should behave like an exponential curve. Only the bottom left image has both characteristics.

For (D), the function has its maximum value of 1 when $x = 0$ or $y = 0$. Therefore, we are looking for an image that has the absolute maximum along both x -axis and y -axis. The only image that fits this description is the top right one.

5. Let $f(x, y)$ be a differentiable function on the disk $\{D : x^2 + y^2 \leq 400\}$, where:
- (I) $f(x, y) = 19$ for every point on the boundary of the disk $x^2 + y^2 = 400$
 - (II) $f(0, 0) = 7$
 - (III) $f(x, y)$ has only one critical point which is at $(-1, 2)$

Decide which statement is true:

- A) $f(-1, 2) > 7$
- B) $f(-1, 2) < 7$
- C) $f(-1, 2) = 7$
- D) Not enough information is given

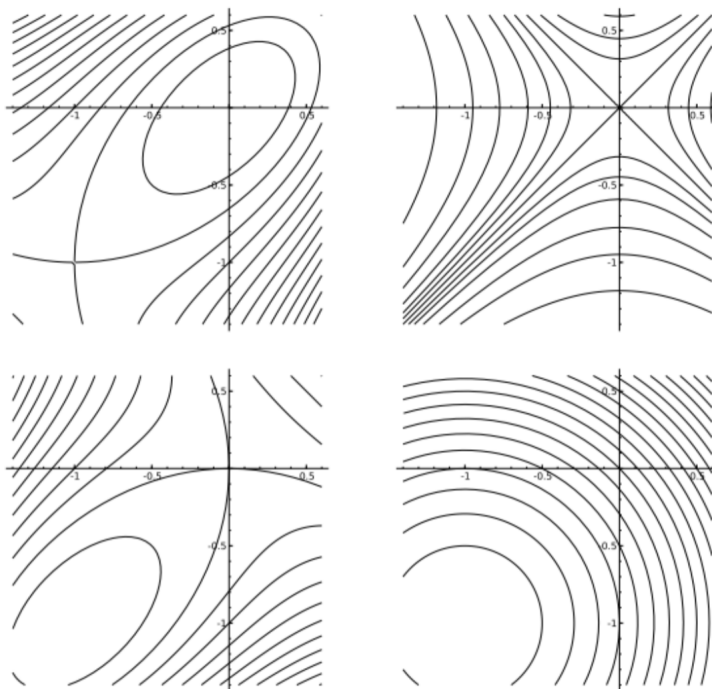
From the extreme value theorem we know that the maximum and minimum of the function in the domain D must (if they exist) be at the critical points or some points on the boundary.

Suppose $f(-1, 2) \geq 7$, then the minimum of the function is not at the point $(-1, 2)$ since $f(0, 0)$ has a smaller value. This would imply another critical point below $f(-1, 2)$, but the function only has one critical point.

The minimum is also not on the boundary since $f(x, y) = 19 > 7$ for every point on the boundary of the disk.

Lastly, suppose $f(-1, 2) = 7$, then this implies that $(0, 0)$ is also a critical point, which disagrees with the condition. So the only way to satisfy the condition that there is one critical point is make $f(-1, 2) < 7$. This means it is below the origin.

6. Consider the function $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 + 3xy$
- (a) The critical points of f are $(0, 0)$ and $(-1, -1)$. Classify them into local minima, local maxima and/or saddle points
- (b) Based on your answer in (a), identify the correct contour diagram of f



$$(a) \quad f_x = 3x^2 + 3y \\ f_{xx} = 6x$$

$$f_y = 3y^2 + 3x \\ f_{yy} = 6y$$

$$f_{xy} = f_{yx} = 3$$

$$\text{At } (0, 0) \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -9 < 0 \rightarrow \text{SADDLE}$$

$$\text{At } (-1, -1) \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 3 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} = 36 - 9 = 27$$

$$27 > 0 \text{ and } f_{xx} = -6 < 0 \rightarrow \text{LOCAL MAX}$$

- (b) Bottom left is correct (max/min values have no level curves within it, and saddle points have cross-over shapes)

7. What is the partial derivative of $f(x, y, z) = e^x \sin(yz)z^3 \ln(y)$ with respect to x .
It's the same function.

8. Consider a function $f(t) = f(x(t), y(t), z(t)) = xyz - z^2$, where $x(t)$, $y(t)$, $z(t)$ are defined as followed:

$$x(t) = 2t^2 + 1$$

$$y(t) = 3 - \frac{1}{t}$$

$$z(t) = 3$$

Find the following values:

(a) $f_z(3, 1, 2)$

(b) $\left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_{(t=0)}$

(c) $\left. \frac{df}{dt} \right|_{(t=1)}$

(a)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(xyz - z^2)$$

$$xy - 2z$$

$$f_z(3, 1, 2) = 3 - 4 = -1$$

(b)

$$\frac{d}{dt}x = 4t$$

$$\left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_{(t=0)} = 0$$

(c)

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} = yz(4t) + xz\left(\frac{1}{t^2}\right) + (xy - 2z)(0)$$

When $t = 1$:

$$x = 3$$

$$y = 2$$

$$z = 3$$

Plug into the equation:

$$\left. \frac{df}{dt} \right|_{(t=1)} = 24 + 9 + 0 = 33$$

9. Consider the limit

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

Does this limit exist? If so, what is its value? Justify your answer.

Along $x = 0$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y^4 \cos^2 x}{x^4 + y^4} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y^4}{y^4} = 1$$

Along $x = y$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y^4 \cos^2 x}{x^4 + y^4} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\cos^2 x}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Since $0 \neq 1/2$, the Limit DNE

10. If $f(x, y, z) = xye^z$, find the gradient of f and the directional derivative at $(2, 5, 0)$ in the direction of $\vec{v} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$.

$$f_x = ye^z$$

$$f_y = xe^z$$

$$f_z = xye^z$$

The gradient of f is $\nabla f(x, y, z) = \langle ye^z, xe^z, xye^z \rangle$

The unit vector of $\vec{v}$ is

$$\vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right\rangle$$

At $(2, 5, 0)$,

$$\nabla f(2, 5, 0) = \langle 5, 2, 10 \rangle$$

The directional derivative at $(2, 5, 0)$ in the direction of $\vec{v}$ is calculated to be

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(2, 5, 0) = \nabla f(2, 5, 0) \cdot \vec{u} = \langle 5, 2, 10 \rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{18}{\sqrt{6}} = \boxed{3\sqrt{6}}$$

11. Evaluate the following functions with $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)}$:

$$(a) f(x, y) = \frac{3xy - x^2y}{x^2 + y^2 + xy}$$

$$(b) f(x, y) = \frac{y \sin(x) + y^2 e^x}{y}$$

$$(c) f(x, y) = \frac{(x^2 + y^2)^5}{x^{10} + y^4}$$

(a) Use polar coordinates:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} f(r, \theta)$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{3r^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - r^3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta}{r^2 (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta + \cos \theta \sin \theta)}$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 \sin \theta \cos \theta - r \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta}{(1 + \cos \theta \sin \theta)}$$

Let $r \rightarrow 0$ (eliminating the $\cos(\theta)^2 \sin(\theta)$ term). We end up with

$$\frac{3 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{(1 + \cos \theta \sin \theta)}$$

Plug in $\theta = 0$ and $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= 0 \\ \frac{0}{1} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \frac{\pi}{4} \\ \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{1 + \frac{1}{2}} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

The limit has different values for different θ , thus the limit DOES NOT EXIST

(b) Divide out a y , and let $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \sin(x) + ye^x \rightarrow \boxed{0}$$

(c) Take the path $x = 0$ and you end up with $f(0, y) = y^6$, which has a limit of 0
 Take the path $y = 0$ and you end up with $f(x, 0) = \frac{x^{10}}{x^{10}}$ which has a limit of 1

Thus, the limit DOES NOT EXIST

12. Find min/max of $f(x, y, z) = 3x^2 + 8y^2 + z^2 - 2z$ defined on the domain $x^2 + 4y^2 + 2z \leq 8$ and $z \geq 0$

(a) The domain is (select all that apply)

- I) open
 - II) closed
 - III) bounded
 - IV) unbounded
- (b) Where are the critical points inside the domain? Evaluate the function value on these points.
- (c) What is the minimum and maximum on $x^2 + 4y^2 + 2z = 8$?
- (d) What is the minimum and maximum on $z = 0$?
- (e) What is the global minimum and maximum of the whole domain?

- (a) The region includes *all* of its boundary points, therefore it's closed and bounded (II and III).
- (b) The critical points inside the domain are where $\nabla f = 0$.

$$\nabla f = \langle 6x, 16y, 2z - 2 \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$$

Which gives us

$$x = 0, y = 0, z = 1$$

Critical Points: $f(0, 0, 1) = -1$

- (c) Since we're dealing with the boundary now, we must use Lagrange multipliers. Start by defining $g(x, y, z)$ as the boundary of the curve with $g(x, y, z) = 8$.

$$g(x, y, z) = x^2 + 4y^2 + 2z$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \rightarrow \langle 6x, 16y, 2z - 2 \rangle = \langle 2\lambda x, 8\lambda y, 2\lambda \rangle$$

Move ∇f and $\lambda \nabla g$ to the same side to solve for each variable.

$$\begin{aligned} 6x - 2\lambda x &= 0 \\ \lambda = 3 \text{ or } x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 16y - 8\lambda y &= 0 \\ \lambda = 2 \text{ or } y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2z - 2 - 2\lambda &= 0 \\ \lambda = z - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$g(x, y, z) = x^2 + 4y^2 + 3z = 12$$

Solving these four equations for four unknowns, we have three solutions:

$$\lambda = 3, x = 0, y = 0, z = 4$$

$$\lambda = 2, x = 0, y = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, z = 3$$

$f(0, 0, 4) = 8 \quad f\left(0, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 3\right) = 7$

(d) We are using a new boundary now, so we have to define a new $g(x, y, z)$.

$$g(x, y, z) = z$$

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \rightarrow \langle 6x, 16y, 2z - 2 \rangle = \langle 0, 0, \lambda \rangle$$

$$g(x, y, z) = 0$$

There is one solution $x = 0$, $y = 0$, $z = 0$, $\lambda = -2$

$$f(0, 0, 0) = 0$$

(e)

$$f(0, 0, 1) = -1 \quad f(0, 0, 4) = 8$$