

Exercise 1 (10 marks). Let $f(x, y, z) = xye^z$.

a) Compute the directional derivative $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, 1, 0)$, where

$$\mathbf{u} = \langle 2, -2, -1 \rangle.$$

Answer: $\nabla f(x, y, z) = \langle ye^z, xe^z, xye^z \rangle$, thus $\nabla f(1, 1, 0) = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$. Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, 1, 0) &= \frac{1}{|\mathbf{u}|} \nabla f(1, 1, 0) \cdot \mathbf{u} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, -2, -1 \rangle \\ &= -\frac{1}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

b) Find the unit vector \mathbf{v}_1 for which $D_{\mathbf{v}_1}f(1, 1, 0)$ attains its maximum value and the unit vector \mathbf{v}_2 for which $D_{\mathbf{v}_2}f(1, 1, 0)$ attains its minimum value (you don't need to give any justification).

Answer:

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{\nabla f(1, 1, 0)}{|\nabla f(1, 1, 0)|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle;$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = -\mathbf{v}_1 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle.$$

Exercise 2 (10 marks). Find the following limits. You should explain your answer. In case the limit does not exist, provide the reason:

$$\text{a) } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\text{b) } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3y^3}{x^4 + y^6}$$

Answer: a) The limit doesn't exist: Limit along the line $y = x$ is:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + x^2} = \frac{1}{2},$$

whereas the limit along the line $y = -x$ is:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x^2}{x^2 + x^2} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

b) The limit exists: From the well-known inequality

$$|ab| \leq \frac{1}{2}(a^2 + b^2), \text{ for all real numbers } a \text{ and } b$$

it follows (with $a = x^2$ and $b = x^3$):

$$|x^2y^3| \leq \frac{1}{2}(x^4 + y^6).$$

Hence:

$$|x^3y^3| \leq \frac{|x|}{2}(x^4 + y^6)$$

and

$$\frac{|x^3y^3|}{x^4 + y^6} \leq \frac{|x|}{2} \xrightarrow{(x,y) \rightarrow 0} 0.$$

Thus:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3y^3}{x^4 + y^6} = 0.$$

Exercise 3 (10 marks). Find the linear approximation of the function $f(x, y) = \sqrt{20 - x^2 - 7y^2}$ at $(2, 1)$ and use it to approximate $f(1.95, 1.09)$.

Answer: At the point $(2, 1)$, the linear approximation of f is:

$$f(x, y) \simeq f(2, 1) + (x - 2) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(2, 1) + (y - 1) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(2, 1).$$

The partial derivatives of f at (x, y) are given by:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{20 - x^2 - 7y^2}}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) = -\frac{7y}{\sqrt{20 - x^2 - 7y^2}},$$

hence:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(2, 1) = -\frac{2}{3}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(2, 1) = -\frac{7}{3}.$$

Hence the linear approximation of f at $(2, 1)$ is:

$$f(x, y) \simeq 3 - \frac{2}{3}(x - 2) - \frac{7}{3}(y - 1).$$

An approximation of $f(1.95, 1.09)$ is thus:

$$f(1.95, 1.09) \simeq 3 + \frac{0.1}{3} - 7 \times 0.03 \simeq 3 + 0.03 - 0.21 \simeq 2.82.$$

Exercise 4 (10 marks). Find equations of the tangent plane and the normal line to the given surface at the specified point:

$$x^2 - 2y^2 + z^2 + yz = 2, \text{ at the point } (2, 1, -1).$$

Answer: We differentiate the relation $x^2 - 2y^2 + z^2 + yz = 2$ with respect to x and y (where z is considered as a function of x and y):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} : \quad & 2x + 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0; \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} : \quad & -4y + 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + z + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, at a point (x, y) :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(x, y) &= -\frac{2x}{y + 2z} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}(x, y) &= -\frac{4y - z}{y + 2z} \end{aligned}$$

and at the point $(2, 1)$ when $z = -1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(2, 1) &= 4 \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}(2, 1) &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

The equation of the tangent plane at $(2, 1, -1)$ is:

$$(z + 1) = 4(x - 2) - 5(y - 1), \text{ or } 4x - 5y - z = 4.$$

Equation of the normal line at $(2, 1, -1)$:

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = t\langle 4, -5, -1 \rangle + \langle 2, 1, -1 \rangle \quad (\text{parametric});$$

$$\frac{x - 2}{4} = \frac{1 - y}{-5} = -z - 1 \quad (\text{symmetric}).$$

Exercise 5 (20 marks). Let $f(x, y) = xy - e^x y^2$.

a) Compute the differential of the function f .

Answer: The partial derivatives of f at a point (x, y) are:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = y - e^x y^2, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x - 2ye^x.$$

Hence the differential of f is:

$$df = y(1 - ye^x) dx + (x - 2ye^x) dy.$$

b) Show that the critical points of the function f are $(0, 0)$ and $(2, e^{-2})$.

Answer: (x, y) is a critical point of f if and only if $df = 0$. Now,

$$df = 0 \iff \begin{cases} y(1 - ye^x) = 0 \\ x - 2ye^x = 0 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} y = 0 \text{ or } y = e^{-x} \\ y = \frac{1}{2}xe^{-x} \end{cases} \iff x = y = 0 \text{ or } x = 2 \text{ and } y = e^{-2}$$

Hence the 2 critical points of f are $(0, 0)$ and $(2, e^{-2})$.

c) What is the nature of the critical points of f (local minimum, local maximum or saddle point)?

Answer: We first compute the second-order partial derivatives of f at a point (x, y) :

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x, y) = -y^2 e^x; \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(x, y) = 1 - 2ye^x; \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(x, y) = -2e^x.$$

At $(0, 0)$ and $(2, e^{-2})$ respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(0, 0) &= 0; & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(0, 0) &= 1; & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(0, 0) &= -2; \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(2, 1) &= -e^{-2}; & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(2, 1) &= -1; & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(2, 1) &= -2e^2. \end{aligned}$$

We compute the determinants for the second derivative test:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -1 < 0 \quad \begin{vmatrix} -e^{-2} & -1 \\ -1 & -2e^2 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

Hence the point $(0, 0)$ is a saddle point, and the point $(2, e^{-2})$ is a local maximum.

d) Use the method of Lagrange multipliers to find the minimum and the maximum value of f on the set

$$S = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1, e^x y^2 = 1\}.$$

Answer: We need to find the minimum and maximum of f under the constraint $g(x, y) = e^x y^2 - 1$ (with $0 \leq x \leq 1$). The partial derivatives of g are:

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = y^2 e^x, \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 2ye^x.$$

Let λ be the Lagrange multiplier. We need to solve the system:

$$\begin{cases} e^x y^2 = 1 \\ y - e^x y^2 = \lambda y^2 e^x \\ x - 2ye^x = 2\lambda ye^x \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} e^x y^2 = 1 \\ 1 - ye^x = \lambda ye^x \\ x - 2ye^x = 2\lambda ye^x \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} e^x y^2 = 1 \\ 1 = (1 + \lambda)ye^x \\ x = 2(1 + \lambda)ye^x = 2 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} x = 2 \\ y = \pm 1/e \end{cases}$$

But $x = 2$ is outside the x -range. Hence, the minimum and maximum values of f on S are on the end points of S . There are 4 such points:

$$(0, 1), (0, -1), \left(1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}\right), \left(1, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}\right).$$

The values of f at these points are:

$$f(0, 1) = 1 \quad f(0, -1) = -1 \quad f\left(1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} - 1 \quad f\left(1, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} - 1$$

Hence f attains its minimum value on S at the point $\left(1, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}\right)$ and its minimum value is $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} - 1$;

and f attains its maximum value on S at the point $\left(1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}\right)$ and its maximum value is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} - 1$

Exercise 6 (10 marks). Evaluate the following integral by reversing the order of integration:

$$\int_0^1 \int_{3y}^3 e^{x^2} dx dy.$$

Answer: Let D be the domain of integration:

$$D = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq y \leq 1 \text{ and } 3y \leq x \leq 3\}.$$

As we need to change the order of integration, we write D as:

$$D = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 3 \text{ and } 0 \leq y \leq x/3\}.$$

Hence:

$$\int_0^1 \int_{3y}^3 e^{x^2} dx dy = \int_0^3 \int_0^{x/3} e^{x^2} dy dx = \int_0^3 \frac{x}{3} e^{x^2} dx = \frac{1}{6} [e^{x^2}]_0^3 = \frac{e^9 - 1}{6}.$$

Exercise 7 (10 marks). Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ if $z^3 - ze^x = y^2$.

Answer:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}: \quad 3z^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - e^x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - ze^x = 0.$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}: \quad 3z^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} - e^x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2y.$$

Hence:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{ze^x}{3z^2 - e^x}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{2y}{3z^2 - e^x}$$

Exercise 8 (10 marks). Compute

$$\iint_D x^2 y \, dA$$

where D is the bounded set bounded by the parabolas $y = 1 - x^2$ and $y = 2x^2 - 2$.

Answer: The set D has the form:

$$D = \{(x, y) \mid -1 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } 2x^2 - 2 \leq y \leq 1 - x^2\}$$

(it is a “type I” set). Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D x^2 y \, dA &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{2x^2-2}^{1-x^2} x^2 y \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2} x^2 [(1-x^2)^2 - (2x^2-2)^2] \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x^2 [-3x^4 + 6x^2 - 3] \, dx \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \int_{-1}^1 [-x^6 + 2x^4 - x^2] \, dx \\ &= 3 \int_0^1 [-x^6 + 2x^4 - x^2] \, dx \quad (\text{since the function we're integrating is even}) \\ &= 3 \left(-\frac{1}{7} + \frac{2}{5} - \frac{1}{3} \right) \\ &= -\frac{3}{7} + \frac{6}{5} - 1 \\ &= \frac{-15 + 42 - 35}{35} \\ &= -\frac{8}{35}. \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 9 (10 marks). Let $0 \leq a < 1$ and define

$$S_a = \{ (x, y) \mid y \geq 0, a^2 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \}.$$

Compute the position (\bar{x}_a, \bar{y}_a) of the center of mass of S_a (with constant density function), and the limit

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 1} \bar{y}_a.$$

Answer: We express S_a in polar coordinates:

$$S_a = \{ (r, \theta) \mid a \leq r \leq 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi \}.$$

Let ρ be the density.

The total mass is:

$$m = \rho A(S_a) = \rho \frac{\pi}{2} (1 - a^2).$$

From the symmetry of the problem, $\bar{x}_a = 0$.

We now compute \bar{y}_a , the y -coordinate of the center of mass:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y}_a &= \frac{1}{m} \iint_{S_a} y \rho \, dA = \frac{\rho}{m} \int_0^\pi \int_a^1 r \sin \theta \, r \, dr \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{\rho}{m} \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{3} (1 - a^3) \sin \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{2\rho}{3m} (1 - a^3) \\ &= \frac{4\rho(1 - a^3)}{3\rho\pi(1 - a^2)} = \frac{4(1 - a^3)}{3\pi(1 - a^2)} \\ &= \frac{4}{3\pi} \frac{1 + a + a^2}{1 + a}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 1} \bar{y}_a = \frac{2}{\pi}.$$

Alternatively you can use l'Hospital's rule to compute this last limit:

From

$$\bar{y}_a = \frac{4(1 - a^3)}{3\pi(1 - a^2)}$$

we get:

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 1} \bar{y}_a = \lim_{a \rightarrow 1} \frac{4(-3a^2)}{3\pi(-2a)} = \frac{2}{\pi}.$$