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MAT 226
Midterm Exam
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Problem 1 (15 pts): Consider the vectors $\vec{v} = (2, 1, 5)$ and $\vec{w} = (-1, 0, 1)$.
Compute the following quantities:

a) (5 pts) $2\vec{v} + 4\vec{w}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2(2, 1, 5) + 4(-1, 0, 1) \\ &= (4, 2, 10) + (-4, 0, 4) \\ &= \boxed{(0, 2, 14)} \end{aligned}$$

b) (5 pts) $\langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \langle (2, 1, 5), (-1, 0, 1) \rangle \\ &= -2 + 0 + 5 = \boxed{3} \end{aligned}$$

c) (5 pts) $\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1, -2 - 5, 1) = \boxed{(1, -7, 1)}$$

Problem 2 (15 pts): Consider the curve $\vec{r}(t) = t^4 \mathbf{i} + t^3 \mathbf{j} + t^2 \mathbf{k}$

a) (5 pts) Compute the velocity vector of this curve, that is, the derivative $\vec{r}'(t)$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = 4t^3 \hat{i} + 3t^2 \hat{j} + 2t \hat{k}$$

b) (5 pts) What is the equation of the **tangent line** to this curve at $t = 1$?

$$\begin{aligned} (x(t), y(t), z(t)) &= \vec{r}(1) + t \vec{r}'(1) \\ &= (1, 1, 1) + t(4, 3, 2) \\ &= (4t + 1, 3t + 1, 2t + 1) \end{aligned}$$

c) (5 pts) What is the equation of the **normal plane** to this curve at $t = 1$?

$$\langle (x-1, y-1, z-1), \vec{r}'(1) \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle (x-1, y-1, z-1), (4, 3, 2) \rangle = 0$$

$$4x - 4 + 3y - 3 + 2z - 2 = 0$$

$$4x + 3y + 2z - 9 = 0$$

Problem 3 (10 pts): Consider $\gamma(t) = (t \sin t + \cos t, \sin t - t \cos t, \sqrt{6}t^2)$, $t \geq 0$.

a) (5 pts) Compute (and simplify!) the length $\|\gamma'(t)\|$ of the tangent vector of $\gamma(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma'(t) &= (\sin t + t \cos t - \sin t, \cos t - \cos t + t \sin t, 2\sqrt{6}t) \\ &= (t \cos t, t \sin t, 2\sqrt{6}t)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\gamma'(t)\| &= \sqrt{(t \cos t)^2 + (t \sin t)^2 + (2\sqrt{6}t)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{t^2 (\underbrace{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t}_1) + 4 \cdot 6 t^2} \\ &= \sqrt{t^2 + 24t^2} \\ &= \boxed{5t} \quad (t \geq 0)\end{aligned}$$

b) (5 pts) Use the above to compute the arclength of $\gamma(t)$ from $t = 0$ to $t = \pi$.

$$L = \int_0^\pi \|\gamma'(t)\| dt = \int_0^\pi 5t dt = 5 \frac{t^2}{2} \Big|_0^\pi = \boxed{\frac{5\pi^2}{2}}$$

Problem 4 (15 pts): Consider the function $f(x, y, z) = z^2y + 3 \cos(xz) - xe^{2y}$.

a) (5 pts) Compute the partial derivatives $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$, and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y, z) = -3 \sin(xz)z - e^{2y}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y, z) = z^2 - 2xe^{2y}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(x, y, z) = 2zy - 3 \sin(xz)x$$

b) (5 pts) Compute the second partial derivatives $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$, $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial z}$, and $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}$.

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(x, y, z) = -4xe^{2y}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial z}(x, y, z) = 2z$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}(x, y, z) = 2y - 3x^2 \cos(xz)$$

c) (5 pts) Compute the directional derivative $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{v}}(0, 0, 0)$ in the direction of $\vec{v} = \left(\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{v}}(0, 0, 0) &= \left\langle \nabla f(0, 0, 0), \left(\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle (-1, 0, 0), \left(\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Problem 5 (10 pts): A foundational result in telecommunications is the *Shannon-Hartley Law*, which determines the maximum rate at which information can be sent through a communication channel in presence of noise. It states that:

$$C = B \ln\left(1 + \frac{S}{N}\right),$$

where C is the channel capacity, B is the bandwidth of the channel, S is the (average) received signal power, and N is the (average) power of the noise and interference. Assume that the bandwidth and received signal power of a Wi-Fi router are functions of time t and distance d to the router's antenna, that is, $B = B(t, d)$ and $S = S(t, d)$, while the noise N is constant.

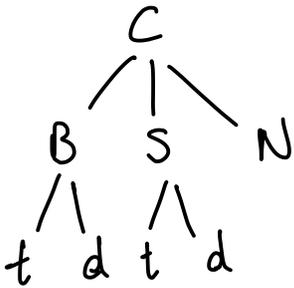
(In reality, \log_2 should be used instead of \ln , but here we are using \ln to simplify the computations.)

- a) (5 pts) Compute the rate of change of channel capacity over time for this router. Your answer **must only involve** B , S , and their partial derivatives, and N .

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial B} \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial C}{\partial S} \frac{\partial S}{\partial t}$$

$$= \ln\left(1 + \frac{S}{N}\right) \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} + B \frac{1}{1 + \frac{S}{N}} \cdot \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial S}{\partial t}$$

$$= \ln\left(1 + \frac{S}{N}\right) \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} + \frac{B}{N + S} \frac{\partial S}{\partial t}$$



- b) (5 pts) Compute the rate of change of channel capacity over distance for this router. Your answer **must only involve** B , S , and their partial derivatives, and N .

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial d} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial B} \frac{\partial B}{\partial d} + \frac{\partial C}{\partial S} \frac{\partial S}{\partial d}$$

$$= \ln\left(1 + \frac{S}{N}\right) \frac{\partial B}{\partial d} + \frac{B}{N + S} \frac{\partial S}{\partial d}$$

Problem 6 (10 pts): Consider the function $f(x, y) = x^3 - 3xy + y^3 + 1$

a) (5 pts) Find all the critical points of $f(x, y)$.

$$\nabla f(x, y) = (3x^2 - 3y, -3x - 3y^2) = (0, 0) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 - y = 0 \\ x + y^2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow y = x^2 \xrightarrow{\quad} x + x^4 = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \boxed{x=0} \\ \text{or} \\ 1 + x^3 = 0 \\ x^3 = -1 \\ \boxed{x = -1} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{If } x=0: y = 0^2 = 0.$$

$$\text{If } x=1: y = 1^2 = 1$$

So the critical points are: $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$

b) (5 pts) Classify these critical points into local minima, local maxima, and saddles.

$$\text{Hess } f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 6x & -3 \\ -3 & -6y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hess } f(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det \text{Hess } f(0, 0) = -9 < 0$$

$\Rightarrow (0, 0)$ is a saddle

$$\text{Hess } f(1, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det \text{Hess } f(1, 1) = 36 - 9 > 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(1, 1) = 6 > 0$$

$\Rightarrow (1, 1)$ is a local minimum

Problem 7 (10 pts): Consider the paraboloid given by $z = 3x^2 + y^2$. Find the equation of the **tangent plane** to this paraboloid at the following points (x_0, y_0, z_0) :

a) (5 pts) $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (1, 0, 3)$

$$F(x, y, z) = 3x^2 + y^2 - z \Rightarrow \nabla F(x, y, z) = (6x, 2y, -1)$$

$$\nabla F(1, 0, 3) = (6, 0, -1)$$

Tangent plane at $(1, 0, 3)$: $\langle (x-1, y, z-3), (6, 0, -1) \rangle = 0$

$$6(x-1) - z + 3 = 0$$

$$\boxed{6x - z - 3 = 0}$$

b) (5 pts) $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (2, -1, 13)$

$$\nabla F(2, -1, 13) = (12, -2, -1)$$

Tangent plane at $(2, -1, 13)$:

$$\langle (x-2, y+1, z-13), (12, -2, -1) \rangle = 0$$

$$12(x-2) - 2(y+1) - z + 13 = 0$$

$$12x - 24 - 2y - 2 - z + 13 = 0$$

$$\boxed{12x - 2y - z - 13 = 0}$$

Problem 8 (5 pts): Compute the following limit, or explain why it does not exist:
(Remember you must justify your answer!)

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

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3}{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{y^3}{x^2 + y^2} \\ &= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \underbrace{x \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2}}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ 0 \quad \text{bounded}}} - \underbrace{y \frac{y^2}{x^2 + y^2}}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ 0 \quad \text{bounded}}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Squeeze Theorem

Problem 9 (10 pts): Find the equation in polar coordinates, that is, in the form $r = r(\theta)$, for the curve given in Euclidean coordinates by

$$(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} = 3(x^2 - y^2).$$

For 2 extra points: sketch a plot of this curve!

Substitute $\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \end{cases}$

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2 \underbrace{(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)}_1 = r^2$$

$$x^2 - y^2 = r^2 \underbrace{(\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)}_{\cos 2\theta} = r^2 \cos 2\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow (r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} = 3(r^2 \cos 2\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow r^3 = 3r^2 \cos 2\theta$$

$(r \neq 0)$
 \Rightarrow

$$\boxed{r = 3 \cos 2\theta}$$

