

**MATH 2551-K MIDTERM 2**  
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**COVERS SECTIONS 14.2-14.8, 15.1-15.4**

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- You have 75 minutes to take the exam.
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Question	Points
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2	2
3	2
4	4
5	10
6	10
7	10
8	10
Total:	50



For problems 1-3 choose whether each statement is true or false. If the statement is *always* true, pick true. If the statement is *ever* false, pick false. Be sure to neatly fill in the bubble corresponding to your answer choice.

1. (2 points) Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y) = 2$  along the  $x$ -axis and  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y) = -2$  along the line  $y = 2x$ , then the overall limit  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y)$  does not exist.

TRUE

FALSE

2. (2 points) Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable at  $(a,b)$ . Then  $f$  is also continuous at  $(a,b)$ .

TRUE

FALSE

3. (2 points) Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose  $Df(1,1) = [0 \ 0.0000000001]$  and  $Hf(1,1) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $(1,1)$  is the location of a local minimum of  $f$ .

TRUE

FALSE

4. (4 points) Set up but do not solve the system of equations that results from applying the method of Lagrange multipliers to find the pair of numbers  $x$  and  $y$  whose sum is constrained to be 20 that have the largest product. Clearly indicate your objective function and the constraint equation.

**Solution:** Our objective function is  $f(x,y) = xy$  and our constraint is  $g(x,y) = x+y = 20$ . Applying the method of Lagrange multipliers results in

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \lambda \\x &= \lambda \\x + y &= 20\end{aligned}$$

5. In this problem, you will determine the largest and smallest temperatures attained on the region  $R$  bounded on the left by the  $y$ -axis and on the right by the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  if temperature  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $T(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 10$  degrees C.

- (a) (2 points) Find the critical points of  $T$  inside the region  $R$ .

**Solution:**  $DT = [2x - 2 \quad 2y] = [0 \quad 0]$

Solving this gives  $x = 1$  and  $y = 0$ , which is in the region  $R$ .

- (b) (6 points) Simplify the function on each boundary curve of  $R$  and find any critical points on the boundary segments. It may help to sketch  $R$ .

**Solution:** On  $x = 0$ :  $T(0, y) = y^2 + 10$  for  $-2 \leq y \leq 2$ . We have  $T'(y) = 2y = 0$ , so  $(0, 0)$  is a test point. We also include the endpoints  $(0, \pm 2)$

On  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ :  $T = 4 - 2x + 10 = 14 - 2x$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 2$ . We have  $T'(x) = -2 \neq 0$ , so there are no critical points on the semicircle. We do include the endpoints where  $x = 0$  or  $x = 2$ . The points with  $x = 0$  are  $(0, \pm 2)$  and the point with  $x = 2$  is  $(2, 0)$ .

- (c) (2 points) Use your work above to find the largest and smallest temperatures attained on the region. Be sure to include units.

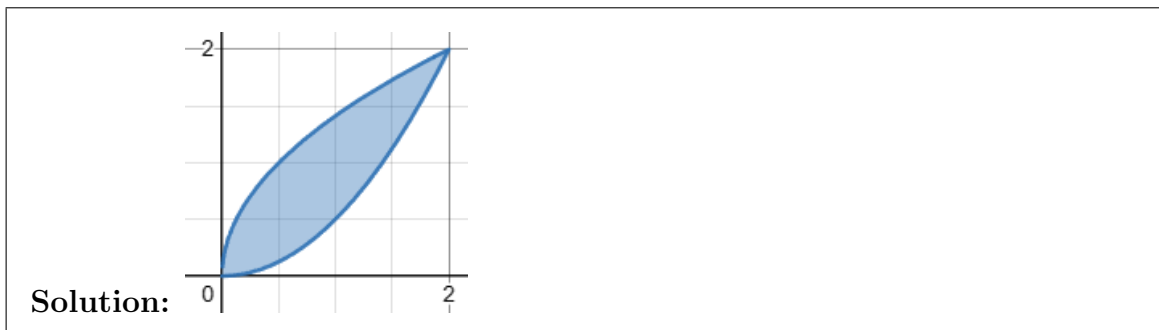
**Solution:** We evaluate  $T$  on the points found above:

$(x, y)$	$T(x, y)$
$(1, 0)$	9
$(0, 0)$	10
$(0, -2)$	14
$(0, 2)$	14
$(2, 0)$	10

So  $T_{min} = 9$  degrees C and  $T_{max} = 14$  degrees C.

6. In this problem, you will compute the volume of the solid bounded above by  $z = 3xy$ , below by the  $xy$ -plane, and lying above the region  $R$  contained between the curves  $2y = x^2$  and  $2x = y^2$ .

(a) (2 points) Sketch the region  $R$ . Label your axes and each curve.



(b) (2 points) Is  $R$  horizontally simple, vertically simple, both, or neither?

**Solution:**  $R$  is both horizontally and vertically simple.

(c) (6 points) Write a double iterated integral to find the volume of the solid, then evaluate it.

**Solution:** We can choose either order of integration, which results in one of the following two integrals.

$$\int_0^2 \int_{x^2/2}^{\sqrt{2x}} 3xy \, dy \, dx$$

or

$$\int_0^2 \int_{y^2/2}^{\sqrt{2y}} 3xy \, dx \, dy.$$

Evaluating, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^2 \int_{x^2/2}^{\sqrt{2x}} 3xy \, dy \, dx &= \int_0^2 \frac{3}{2} xy^2 \Big|_{y=x^2/2}^{y=\sqrt{2x}} \, dx \\ &= \int_0^2 3x^2 - \frac{3x^5}{8} \, dx \\ &= x^3 - \frac{x^6}{16} \Big|_0^2 \\ &= 8 - \frac{64}{16} - 0 + 0 = 4 \end{aligned}$$

7. In this problem, you will work with the function  $g : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g(x, y, z) = x^4 + y^3 + z^2$  and the point  $P = (-2, 1, 2)$  in the domain of  $g$ .

(a) (2 points) Suppose that you are only able to travel away from  $P$  in one of the following directions. Which direction (assuming you move with unit speed) will yield the greatest instantaneous increase in  $g$ ?

- (A) parallel to the  $x$ -axis, with  $x$  increasing
- (B) parallel to the  $y$ -axis, with  $y$  increasing
- (C) parallel to the  $z$ -axis, with  $z$  increasing
- (D) directly away from the origin

**Solution:** (D) is correct.

(b) (5 points) Justify your answer to part (a).

**Solution:** This problem is asking in which of the given directions is the directional derivative of  $g$  greatest. So we compute.

$$Dg(x, y, z) = [4x^3 \quad 3y^2 \quad 2z], \text{ so } Dg(P) = [-32 \quad 3 \quad 4].$$

We also need a unit vector in each direction; for (A)-(C) these are the standard unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$  and for (D) it is the vector  $\mathbf{u} = \vec{OP}/|\vec{OP}| = \frac{1}{3}\langle -2, 1, 2 \rangle$ .

We then have:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{i}}g(P) &= Dg(P)\mathbf{i} = -32 \\ D_{\mathbf{j}}g(P) &= Dg(P)\mathbf{j} = 3 \\ D_{\mathbf{k}}g(P) &= Dg(P)\mathbf{k} = 4 \\ D_{\mathbf{u}}g(P) &= Dg(P)\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{3}(-2(-32) + 1(3) + 2(4)) = 25 \end{aligned}$$

Of these, 25 is the largest value, so the direction (D) yields the greatest instantaneous increase in  $g$ .

(c) (3 points) The point  $P$  is on a level surface of  $g(x, y, z)$ . Find an equation for the tangent plane to this surface at  $P$ .

**Solution:** The normal vector to this plane is  $\nabla g(P) = \langle -32, 3, 4 \rangle$ . Thus the plane is:

$$-32(x + 2) + 3(y - 1) + 4(z - 2) = 0$$

or

$$-32x + 3y + 4z = 75$$

8. (a) (6 points) Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function  $f(x, y, z) = 2xy + z^2$  and  $\mathbf{r}(s, t) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the function

$$\mathbf{r}(s, t) = \begin{bmatrix} s + t \\ s - t \\ 2st \end{bmatrix}.$$

Use the Chain Rule to compute the derivative (either the total derivative or all relevant partial derivatives) of the composite function  $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $g(s, t) = f(\mathbf{r}(s, t))$  at the point  $(s, t) = (1, -1)$ .

**Solution:** To apply the Chain Rule, we need to compute the total derivatives of both functions.

$$Df = [2y \quad 2x \quad 2z] \quad D\mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 2t & 2s \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we evaluate  $Df$  at  $\mathbf{r}(1, -1)$  and  $D\mathbf{r}$  at  $(1, -1)$ .

$$\mathbf{r}(1, -1) = \langle 0, 2, -2 \rangle, \quad Df(\mathbf{r}(1, -1)) = [4 \quad 0 \quad -4] \quad D\mathbf{r}(1, -1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus

$$Dg(1, -1) = Df(\mathbf{r}(1, -1))D\mathbf{r}(1, -1) = [4 \quad 0 \quad -4] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = [12 \quad -4]$$

- (b) (4 points) Convert the integral  $\int_0^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} xy \, dy \, dx$  to an equivalent integral in polar coordinates.

**Solution:** We have  $-\sqrt{4-x^2} \leq y \leq \sqrt{4-x^2}$  and  $0 \leq x \leq 2$ , so this region of integration is the right half of a circle of radius 2 centered at the origin.

Thus the integral becomes

$$\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_0^2 (r \cos(\theta))(r \sin(\theta))r \, dr \, d\theta.$$

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## FORMULA SHEET

- Total Derivative: For  $\mathbf{f}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \langle f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n), \dots, f_m(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rangle$

$$D\mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} (f_1)_{x_1} & (f_1)_{x_2} & \cdots & (f_1)_{x_n} \\ (f_2)_{x_1} & (f_2)_{x_2} & \cdots & (f_2)_{x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \cdots & \vdots \\ (f_m)_{x_1} & (f_m)_{x_2} & \cdots & (f_m)_{x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Linearization: Near  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $L(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{a}) + Df(\mathbf{a})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})$
- Chain Rule: If  $h = g(f(\mathbf{x}))$  then  $Dh(\mathbf{x}) = Dg(f(\mathbf{x}))Df(\mathbf{x})$
- Implicit Differentiation:  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-F_x}{F_z}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{-F_y}{F_z}$ .
- Directional Derivative: If  $\mathbf{u}$  is a unit vector,  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(P) = Df(P)\mathbf{u} = \nabla f(P) \cdot \mathbf{u}$
- The tangent line to a level curve of  $f(x, y)$  at  $(a, b)$  is  $0 = \nabla f(a, b) \cdot \langle x - a, y - b \rangle$
- The tangent plane to a level surface of  $f(x, y, z)$  at  $(a, b, c)$  is

$$0 = \nabla f(a, b, c) \cdot \langle x - a, y - b, z - c \rangle.$$

- Hessian Matrix: For  $f(x, y)$ ,  $Hf(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{yx} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{bmatrix}$
- Second Derivative Test: If  $(a, b)$  is a critical point of  $f(x, y)$  then
  1. If  $\det(Hf(a, b)) > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0$  then  $f$  has a local maximum at  $(a, b)$
  2. If  $\det(Hf(a, b)) > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$  then  $f$  has a local minimum at  $(a, b)$
  3. If  $\det(Hf(a, b)) < 0$  then  $f$  has a saddle point at  $(a, b)$
  4. If  $\det(Hf(a, b)) = 0$  the test is inconclusive

- Area/volume:  $\text{area}(R) = \iint_R dA$ ,  $\text{volume}(D) = \iiint_D dV$

- Trig identities:  $\sin^2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(2x))$ ,  $\cos^2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(2x))$

- Average value:  $f_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\iint_R f(x, y) dA}{\text{area of } R}$

- Polar coordinates:  $x = r \cos(\theta)$ ,  $y = r \sin(\theta)$ ,  $dA = r dr d\theta$

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