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MATH 251H (Fall 2006) Exam 2, Oct 27th

No calculators, books or notes!

Show all work and give **complete explanations** for all your answers.

This is a 75 minute exam. It is worth a total of 75 points.

(1) [15 pts] Either compute the following limits or show they do not exist.

(a)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 - 3y^2}{4x^2 + 5y^2}$

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

(2) [20 pts] Let  $f$  be the function  $z = f(x, y) = x^2 - xy + y^2 + 3x$ .

(a) Calculate an equation of the form  $z = ax + by + c$  for the tangent plane to the surface  $z = f(x, y)$  at the point  $(x, y, z) = (2, 3, 13)$ .

(b) Find and classify all critical points of  $f$ .

(c) Find the absolute maximum and minimum of  $f$  on the region in the  $xy$ -plane bounded by the lines  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 1$ , and  $x + y = -4$ .

(3) [15 pts]

- (a) Use equations to explain why  $\mathbf{r}(u, v) = (u \cos v, u \sin v, u)$ , where  $u \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq v \leq 2\pi$ , is a parametrization of a cone.
- (b) Plot the  $u = \text{constant}$  and  $v = \text{constant}$  grid curves on a picture of the cone and label them.
- (c) Carefully describe what happens to the parametrization and the surface when  $u = 0$ .
- (d) Using the parametrization in (a), calculate a parametrization of the tangent plane to the cone at  $(u, v) = (2, \pi/6)$ .

(4) [8 pts] Suppose that the directional derivative of a function  $w = f(x, y, z)$  at a point  $P$  is greatest in the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 1, -1)$ , and that in this direction the value of the directional derivative is  $2\sqrt{3}$ .

(a) What is  $\nabla f$  at  $P$ , and why?

(b) What is the directional derivative of  $f$  in the direction of the vector  $(1, 1, 0)$ ?

(5) [10 pts] Suppose that  $g(t) = f(\mathbf{r}(t))$ , where  $\mathbf{r}$  is the curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, t)$  and

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = x \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = y \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = z - 2.$$

Find any local maxima and minima of  $g$ . (Do *not* find a formula for  $f$ .)

(6) [7 pts] If  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ , use the Chain Rule to prove that

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} = x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

and

$$r \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} = x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$

Pledge: *I have neither given nor received aid on this exam*

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