

# SOLUTIONS

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1. (20 points) The position of an object is given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle e^{t^2-2t+1}, \cos(\pi t), 3t^2 - 6t \rangle.$$

- (a) Compute  $\mathbf{v}(t)$ , the velocity of the object.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) &= \langle (e^{t^2-2t+1})', (\cos(\pi t))', (3t^2-6t)' \rangle \\ &= \langle e^{t^2-2t+1} (2t-2), -\sin(\pi t)\pi, 6t-6 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Determine the time  $t_0 > 0$  at which  $\mathbf{v}(t_0) = \vec{0}$ .

Write  $\vec{v}(t) = \vec{0}$  componentwise

$$\begin{cases} e^{t^2-2t+1} (2t-2) = 0 \\ -\sin(\pi t)\pi = 0 \\ 6t-6 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{This system has a unique solution} \\ t_0 = 1 \end{array}$$

- (c) Determine the position of the object at time  $t_0$  (when the object's speed is zero).

The object's speed is zero only at time  $t_0 = 1$ .

The position of the object at  $t_0 = 1$  is

$$\vec{r}(1) = \langle e^{1^2-2\cdot 1+1}, \cos(\pi \cdot 1), 3 \cdot 1^2 - 6 \cdot 1 \rangle = \langle 1, -1, -3 \rangle$$

2. (20 points) Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface determined by the function

$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{xy^2 + x + y}$$

at the point  $(1, 0)$ .

The equation of the tangent plane at point  $(x_0, y_0)$  is given by  $z = f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$ .

$$f(1, 0) = \sqrt{1 \cdot 0^2 + 1 + 0} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$f_x = \frac{y^2 + 1}{2\sqrt{xy^2 + x + y}}, \quad f_x(1, 0) = \frac{0^2 + 1}{2\sqrt{1 \cdot 0^2 + 1 + 0}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f_y = \frac{2xy + 1}{2\sqrt{xy^2 + x + y}}, \quad f_y(1, 0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

The equation of the tangent plane to  $f$  at  $(1, 0)$  is

$$z = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x - 1) + \frac{1}{2}(y - 0)$$

$$z = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}y$$

3. (20 points) Let

$$f(x, y) = (x + y)e^{xy^2}.$$

- (a) Find the gradient of the function  $f$  at the point  $(0, 0)$ . Find the directional derivative of the function  $f$  at the point  $(0, 0)$  in the direction  $\vec{v} = \langle 1, -1 \rangle$ . (Hint. Do not forget to normalize  $\vec{v}$ .)

By definition  $\nabla f(0, 0) = \langle f_x(0, 0), f_y(0, 0) \rangle$

$$f_x = e^{xy^2} + (x+y)e^{xy^2}y^2, \quad f_x(0, 0) = e^{0 \cdot 0^2} + (0+0)e^{0 \cdot 0^2} \cdot 0^2 = 1$$

$$f_y = e^{xy^2} + (x+y)e^{xy^2} \cdot 2xy, \quad f_y(0, 0) = 1, \quad \text{so } \nabla f(0, 0) = \langle 1, 1 \rangle$$

Now compute the directional derivative in the direction  $\vec{v}$ .

First divide  $\vec{v}$  by its magnitude

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{2}. \quad \text{Define } \vec{u} = \vec{v} / \|\vec{v}\| = \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\rangle$$

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

- (b) Find the unit vector in the direction of the maximal rate of increase for the function  $f$  at the point  $(0, 0)$ . What is the value of the directional derivative in this direction?

The direction of the maximal rate of increase of  $f$  at  $(0, 0)$  is given by  $\nabla f(0, 0) = \langle 1, 1 \rangle$ .

The value of the directional derivative in this direction is equal to  $\|\nabla f(0, 0)\| = \|\langle 1, 1 \rangle\| = \sqrt{2}$

4. (20 points) Use the chain rule to find the partial derivative  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}$  for

$$z = x^2(1 + y^2)^2,$$

where

$$x = u + 2v, \quad y = uv.$$

You may leave your answer as a product of terms, but your answer should not have any derivative operations remaining to be performed. Your final answer should only be a function of  $u$  and  $v$ .

Using the chain rule we have

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$$

Now compute each term:

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial u} = 1 \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} = v$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x(1+y^2)^2 \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x^2 \cdot 2(1+y^2) \cdot 2y = 2x^2y(1+y^2)$$

Plug the above expressions into the chain rule formula

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = 2x(1+y^2)^2 \cdot 1 + 2x^2y(1+y^2) \cdot v$$

$$= 2x(1+y^2) \left( 1+y^2 + 2xyv \right)$$

$$= 2(u+2v)(1+u^2v^2) \left( 1+u^2v^2 + 2(u+2v)uv^2 \right)$$

$$= 2(u+2v)(1+u^2v^2)(1+3u^2v^2+4uv^3)$$