

- (20) 1. In this problem, suppose that $f(x, y, z) = \frac{x^3 - 2yz}{y^2 + xz}$. Notice that $f(-1, 1, 2) = 5$.*
- a) Find $\nabla f(x, y, z)$. Compute $\nabla f(-1, 1, 2)$ which you may wish to simplify.
Answer $f_x = \frac{3x^2(y^2 + xz) - z(x^3 - 2yz)}{(y^2 + xz)^2}$, $f_y = \frac{-2z(y^2 + xz) - 2y(x^3 - 2yz)}{(y^2 + xz)^2}$, $f_z = \frac{-2y(y^2 + xz) - x(x^3 - 2yz)}{(y^2 + xz)^2}$. $\nabla f(x, y, z) = \langle f_x, f_y, f_z \rangle$. At $(-1, 1, 2)$, the denominator of all the terms is $(-1)^2$, so things are not too horrible. ∇f is $\langle 7, 14, -3 \rangle$.
- b) Write the equation of a plane tangent to $\frac{x^3 - 2yz}{y^2 + xz} = 5$ $f(x, y, z) = 5$ at the point $(-1, 1, 2)$.
Answer $7(x - (-1)) + 14(y - 1) - 3(z - 2) = 0$.
- c) Write parametric equations for a line normal to $f(x, y, z) = 5$ at the point $(-1, 1, 2)$.
Answer $x = 7t - 1, y = 14t + 1, z = -3t + 2$.
- d) Find the directional derivative of f in the direction of the unit vector $\langle -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \rangle$ at the point $(-1, 1, 2)$.
Answer $7\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\right) + 14\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\right) - 3\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\right)$
- e) Find a unit vector in the direction of the largest directional derivative of f at the point $(-1, 1, 2)$.
Answer Since $7^2 + 14^2 + (-3)^2 = 49 + 196 + 9 = 254$, the answer is $\langle \frac{7}{\sqrt{254}}, \frac{14}{\sqrt{254}}, \frac{-3}{\sqrt{254}} \rangle$.
- f) What is the value of the largest directional derivative of f at the point $(-1, 1, 2)$?
Answer $\sqrt{254}$.

- (14) 2. Suppose that $x^2 + px + q$ has roots r and s . $x^2 + x - 6 = (x - 2)(x + 3)$
- a) Write formulas for r and s as functions of p and q . (Nothing more is asked here: only "high school algebra".)

Answer The roots are $-p \pm \sqrt{p^2 - 4q}$, so $r = \frac{-p + \sqrt{p^2 - 4q}}{2}$ and $s = \frac{-p - \sqrt{p^2 - 4q}}{2}$.

b) Verify that the functions found in a) give 2 and -3 for r and s if $p = 1$ and $q = -6$.

Answer $r = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1^2 - 4(-6)}}{2} = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{25}}{2} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$ and $s = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{1^2 - 4(-6)}}{2} = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{25}}{2} = \frac{-6}{2} = -3$.

c) Suppose p changes from 1 to 1.03 and q , from -6 to -6.04 . Use linear approximation applied to the functions found in a) to find the approximate changes in the roots r and s .

Answer $\Delta r = r_p \Delta p + r_q \Delta q$. Here $r_p = \frac{-1 + \frac{1}{2}(p^2 - 4q)^{-1/2} 2p}{2}$ and $r_q = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(p^2 - 4q)^{-1/2} (-4)}{2}$. When $p = 1$ and $q = -6$, $r_p = -\frac{1}{5}$ and $r_q = \frac{1}{5}$ so $\Delta r = -\frac{1}{5}(.03) + \frac{1}{5}(-.04) = -.004$. Maple tells me that one root of the modified quadratic is ≈ 1.99602 , so this Δr looks good.

$\Delta s = s_p \Delta p + s_q \Delta q$. Here $s_p = \frac{-1 - \frac{1}{2}(p^2 - 4q)^{-1/2} 2p}{2}$ and $s_q = -\frac{\frac{1}{2}(p^2 - 4q)^{-1/2} (-4)}{2}$. When $p = 1$ and $q = -6$, $r_p = -\frac{3}{5}$ and $r_q = \frac{1}{5}$ so $\Delta r = -\frac{3}{5}(.03) + \frac{1}{5}(-.04) = -.026$. Maple tells me that the other root is ≈ -3.02602 , so Δs is also good.

- (16) 3. a) Find an equation of the plane through $(4, 1, -2)$ which contains the line $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 4, 1, 6 \rangle + t\langle 1, 4, 1 \rangle$.
Answer The vector from $(4, 1, -2)$ to $(4, 1, 6)$ is $\langle 0, 0, 8 \rangle$ and $\langle 0, 0, 8 \rangle \times \langle 1, 4, 1 \rangle$ is $-32\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j}$, which is a vector perpendicular to the plane we want. So: $-32(x - 4) + 8(y - 1) = 0$.
- b) The plane found in a) and the line $\mathbf{s}(t) = \langle -2, 0, 3 \rangle + t\langle 3, 1, 1 \rangle$ intersect. Find the point of intersection.
Answer For the new line, $x = -2 + 3t$, $y = 0 + 1t$, and $z = 3 + t$. This is on the plane $-32(x - 4) + 8(y - 1) = 0$ when $-32((-2 + 3t) - 4) + 8(t - 1) = 0$ or $-88t + 56 = 0$ so $t = \frac{7}{11}$. The point is $(-2 + 3(\frac{7}{11}), \frac{7}{11}, 3 + (\frac{7}{11}))$.

- (12) 4. If $x = s^2 - t^2$, $y = 2st$, and $z = f(x, y)$, show that $(\frac{\partial z}{\partial s})^2 + (\frac{\partial z}{\partial t})^2 = 4\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \left((\frac{\partial z}{\partial x})^2 + (\frac{\partial z}{\partial y})^2 \right)$.
Answer The Chain Rule says that $z_s = z_x x_s + z_y y_s = z_x 2s + z_y 2t$ and $z_t = z_x x_t + z_y y_t = z_x (-2t) + z_y 2s$. Therefore $(z_s)^2 + (z_t)^2 = (z_x 2s + z_y 2t)^2 + (z_x (-2t) + z_y 2t)^2 = (z_x)^2 4s^2 + 8st + (z_y)^2 4t^2 + (z_x)^2 4t^2 - 8st + (z_y)^2 4s^2 = 4(s^2 + t^2) \left((z_x)^2 + (z_y)^2 \right)$. Since $x = s^2 - t^2$ and $y = 2st$, $x^2 + y^2 = s^4 - 2s^2t^2 + t^4 + 4(st)^2 = s^4 + 2s^2t^2 + t^4 = (s^2 + t^2)^2$, and $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = s^2 + t^2$.

- (8) 5. Find $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy \cos y}{3x^2 + y^2}$ or show that the limit does not exist.

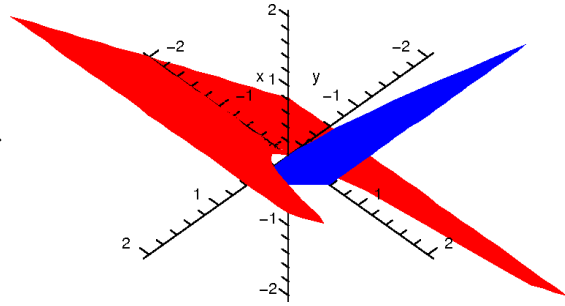
Answer When $x = 0$, $\frac{xy \cos y}{3x^2 + y^2}$ becomes 0. So if the limit exists, its value should be 0. When $y = 0$, the quotient is also 0. But if $x = y = t$, then the quotient becomes $\frac{t^2 \cos t}{4t^2}$ which is $\frac{\cos t}{4}$. As $t \rightarrow 0$, this $\rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$. The limit does not exist.

* Yes: $\frac{(-1)^3 - 2(1)(2)}{1^2 + (-1)^2} = \frac{-1 - 4}{1 - 2} = \frac{-5}{-1} = 5$.

- (12) 6. Suppose the function $f(x, y)$ with domain all of \mathbb{R}^2 is defined by $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} y & \text{if } y > x^2 \\ x & \text{if } y \leq x^2 \end{cases}$.

a) Sketch a graph of $z = f(x, y)$. (You may wish to sketch two graphs and assert that your answer is a combination of these two!)

Answer Here, with some effort, is a Maple graph of this function. Maple does allow functions defined “piecewise” (try `help(piecewise)`!). A direct `plot3d` command of the `piecewise` function gives a rather poor result (try it!) because Maple does not handle “discontinuous” surfaces well. (It has more success in two dimensions, where the option `discont=true` can be used). What’s shown is two different three-dimensional plots displayed together.



b) For which points (x, y) is $f(x, y)$ continuous? Consider all possible points in the domain, \mathbb{R}^2 . Give some explanations for your answers. **Answer** Certainly *inside* each region with the $y = x^2$ removed the function is continuous. Thus, if (x, y) satisfies $y < x^2$ or, respectively, $y > x^2$, then “locally” (in a small disc around the point) $f(x, y)$ is x , respectively y . Polynomials are continuous everywhere. Where else can this function be continuous? Of course, the needed equation is $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} f(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0)$. This is true at two points

on the curve $y = x^2$ because the values of y and x agree at these two points! Where are the equations $y = x$ and $y = x^2$ both true? The points are $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$. Everywhere else on the parabola the values of y and x disagree, and the limit itself does not exist. So the function is *not* continuous at $y = x^2$ for $x \neq 0$ and $x \neq 1$, but it *is* continuous at $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$.

- (10) 7. A particle has position vector given by $\mathbf{R}(t) = \frac{1}{t}\mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j} - 3t\mathbf{k}$.

a) What are the velocity and acceleration vectors of this particle when $t = 1$?

Answer $\mathbf{v}(t) = -\frac{1}{t^2}\mathbf{i} + 2t\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$ so $\mathbf{v}(1) = -\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$. Also, $\mathbf{a}(t) = \frac{2}{t^3}\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 0\mathbf{k}$ so $\mathbf{a}(1) = 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$.

b) Write the acceleration vector when $t = 1$ as a sum of two vectors, one parallel to the velocity vector when $t = 1$ and one perpendicular to the velocity vector when $t = 1$.

Answer $|\mathbf{v}(1)| = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 9} = \sqrt{14}$, and $\mathbf{a}(1) \cdot \mathbf{v}(1) = -2 + 4 = 2$ so that $\mathbf{a}_{\parallel} = \frac{\mathbf{a}(1) \cdot \mathbf{v}(1)}{|\mathbf{v}(1)|^2} \mathbf{v}(1) = \frac{2}{14}(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k})$. Normal component: $\mathbf{a}_{\perp} = \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a}_{\parallel} = 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \frac{2}{14}(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k})$. A check: $\mathbf{a}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{v}(1) = (\frac{15}{7}\mathbf{i} + \frac{12}{7}\mathbf{j} + \frac{3}{7}\mathbf{k}) \cdot (-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) = -\frac{15}{7} + \frac{24}{7} - \frac{9}{7} = 0$ so that the “normal” component is perpendicular to the velocity vector, as it’s supposed to be.

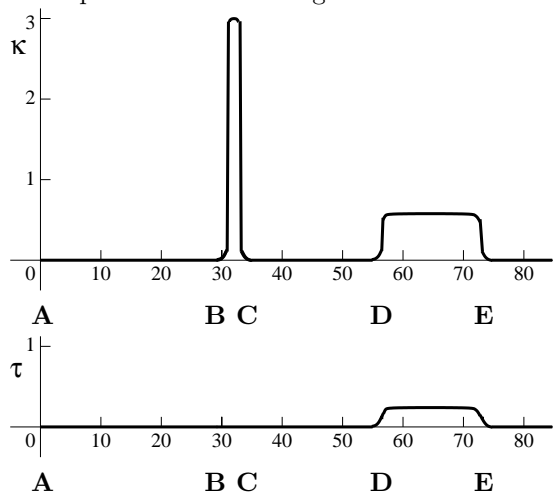
- (8) 8. The flight of an airplane is described in this paragraph:

A The plane flies straight north for 30 miles. **B** The plane then makes a level quarter circular turn of radius $\frac{1}{3}$ mile. There is no change in altitude. **C** The plane then flies straight east for 20 miles. **D** The plane then gains altitude, flying on a right circular helical curve which has base radius 2 miles. The plane flies one and half loops of the helix, and has a 5 mile increase in altitude. **E** The plane then flies straight west for 10 miles.

Early thoughts The length of **B** $\approx \frac{1}{4} \cdot 2\pi \cdot \frac{1}{3} \approx \frac{1}{2}$ and $\kappa = 3$. In **D** we have $x = 2 \cos t$, $y = 2 \sin t$, and $z = ?t$. “One and a half loops” means t goes from 0 to 3π . z goes from 0 to 5. When $t = 3\pi$, $z = 5$. Thus $?(3\pi) = 5$. Since $3\pi \approx 10$, $? \approx \frac{1}{2}$.

For the helix, $\kappa = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2}$ and $\tau = \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2}$. Since $a = 2$ and $b \approx .5$, $\kappa \approx .47$ and $\tau \approx .12$. Student graphs need *not* have such details! **D**’s length is a bit more than $1.5 \cdot 2\pi \cdot 2 \approx 20$.

a) Sketch a graph of the curvature, κ , of the plane flight as a function of the distance the plane has traveled. Write on the horizontal axis the letters **A**, **B**, **C**, **D**, and **E** when the plane is beginning the part of the flight corresponding to the description above. The graph should be *qualitatively* correct. Although exact numerical results are *not* needed, the vertical axis shown is probably sufficient to answer the question completely.



b) [SAME INSTRUCTIONS AS a) FOR torsion τ]