

MATH 120 - 2021-2 RECITATION PROBLEMS - WEEK 3

① Find the directional derivative of the function $f(x,y,z) = x^2yz + yz^2$ at the point $(1,1,1)$ in the direction normal to the surface $x^2 - xyz + z^2 - 1 = 0$.

Soln:

A normal vector to the surface $x^2 - xyz + z^2 - 1 = 0$

$$\text{is } \vec{n} = \vec{\nabla} g(1,1,1) = \left\langle \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \Big|_{(1,1,1)}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \Big|_{(1,1,1)}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \Big|_{(1,1,1)} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{where } g(x,y,z) = x^2 - xyz + z^2 - 1$$

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{n} = \left\langle 2x - yz \Big|_{(1,1,1)}, -xz \Big|_{(1,1,1)}, -xy + 2z \Big|_{(1,1,1)} \right\rangle$$

$$= \langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle.$$

The directional derivative of the function $f(x,y,z) = x^2yz + yz^2$ at $(1,1,1)$ in the direction

$$\vec{n} = \langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle \text{ is } D_{\vec{n}} f(1,1,1) = \vec{\nabla} f(1,1,1) \cdot \frac{\vec{n}}{\|\vec{n}\|}$$

since f is differentiable function everywhere

$\Rightarrow (f, f_x \text{ and } f_y \text{ are polynomials which are cont. everywhere})$

$$D_{\vec{n}} f(1,1,1) = \nabla f(1,1,1) \cdot \frac{\vec{n}}{\|\vec{n}\|}$$

$$= \left\langle \left. \begin{array}{l} 2xyz \\ (1,1,1) \end{array} \right|, \left. \begin{array}{l} x^2z + z^2 \\ (1,1,1) \end{array} \right|, \left. \begin{array}{l} x^2y + 2yz \\ (1,1,1) \end{array} \right| \right\rangle \cdot \frac{\langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \langle 2, 2, 3 \rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3}$$

! "The Fundamental Lemma"

Suppose f_x, f_y are cont. at (x_0, y_0) . Then,

f is diff'ble at (x_0, y_0) .

Remark: If f_x or f_y are not cont. at (x_0, y_0) then

we cannot say f is not diff'ble at (x_0, y_0) .

(2) Find the directional derivative of the function $f(x,y,z) = \frac{y}{x+2}$ at $(1,1,0)$ in the direction for which the function $g(x,y,z) = \ln(x^2+y^2+z^2)$ increases most rapidly at the same point.

Soln:

Note that if f is diff'ble, then the maximum value of the directional derivative $D_{\vec{u}} f(x)$ is $|\vec{\nabla} f(x)|$.

$$D_{\vec{u}} f(x) = \vec{\nabla} f(x) \cdot \vec{u} = |\vec{\nabla} f(x)| \cdot \underbrace{|\vec{u}|}_{=1} \cdot \overbrace{(\cos \alpha)}^{\max=1 \Rightarrow \alpha=0}$$

where α is the angle between $\vec{\nabla} f$ and \vec{u} (since \vec{u} is unit vector)

This occurs if \vec{u} and $\vec{\nabla} f(x)$ have the same direction

The direction for which g increases most rapidly at $(1,1,0)$ is $\vec{u} = \vec{\nabla} g(1,1,0)$:

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{u} = \vec{\nabla} g(1,1,0) = \left\langle \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \Big|_{(1,1,0)}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \Big|_{(1,1,0)}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \Big|_{(1,1,0)} \right\rangle = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle$$

Since rational functions are continuous on their domains,
 f_x, f_y, f_z are cont. on their domains. So, f is diff'ble.

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

$$= \left\langle \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(1,1,1,0)}, \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(1,1,1,0)}, \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right|_{(1,1,1,0)} \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \left. -\frac{y}{(x+z)^2} \right|_{(1,1,1,0)}, \left. \frac{1}{x+z} \right|_{(1,1,1,0)}, \left. -\frac{y}{(x+z)^2} \right|_{(1,1,1,0)} \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right\rangle$$

$$= \boxed{\langle -1, 1, -1 \rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right\rangle}$$

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right\rangle$$

$$= \cancel{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + 0} = \cancel{0}$$

$$\parallel$$

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + 0 = 0$$

So, $\vec{\nabla} f(1,1,0) \perp \vec{\nabla} g(1,1,0)$

③ Consider the function $f(x,y) = xe^{xy}$ at the point $(\sqrt{2}, 0)$. Find all direction vectors u so that $D_{\vec{u}}f(\sqrt{2}, 0) = 2$.

soln:

The function is the composition of polynomials and exponential function, so f, f_x, f_y are cont. everywhere. So, f is diff'ble everywhere.

$$2 = D_{\vec{u}}f(\sqrt{2}, 0) = \vec{\nabla}f(\sqrt{2}, 0) \cdot \vec{u} \quad \text{where } \vec{u} = \langle a, b \rangle$$

$$\text{and } |\vec{u}| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = 1$$

$$\text{Then, } 2 = \left\langle \left. \begin{matrix} e^{xy} + xye^{xy} \\ x^2e^{xy} \end{matrix} \right|_{(\sqrt{2}, 0)}, \left. \begin{matrix} a \\ b \end{matrix} \right\rangle \cdot \langle a, b \rangle$$

$$= \langle 1, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle a, b \rangle$$

$$= a + 2b$$

$$\text{So, we have } \begin{matrix} a + 2b = 2 & \text{and} & a^2 + b^2 = 1 \\ \textcircled{1} & & \textcircled{2} \end{matrix}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow a = 2 - 2b \quad \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow 4(1-b)^2 + b^2 = 1 \Rightarrow 4(1-2b+b^2) + b^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 - 8b + 5b^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 5b^2 - 8b + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (5b-3)(b-1) = 0$$

$$\begin{matrix} b \neq \frac{3}{5} \\ \text{OR} \\ b = 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$b = \frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow a = 2 - \frac{6}{5} = \frac{4}{5} \Rightarrow \vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{4}{5}, \frac{3}{5} \right\rangle$$

(4) Compute the directional derivative of the function

$$f(x,y) = \frac{1}{1+x^2+5y^2} \text{ at the point } (2,1) \text{ in the direction}$$

$u = 5i + 12j$. Determine the direction at the point $(3,0)$

in which the rate of change of f is the largest

and compute this rate of change.

Soln:

Since f is a rational function, f, f_x, f_y are cont. on their domains, so f is diff'ble. or $D_{\vec{u}} f$

$$D_{\vec{u}} f(2,1) = \nabla f(2,1) \cdot \frac{\langle 5, 12 \rangle}{13}$$

$$= \left\langle \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(2,1)}, \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(2,1)} \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{5}{13}, \frac{12}{13} \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \left. \frac{-2x}{(1+x^2+5y^2)^2} \right|_{(2,1)}, \left. \frac{-10y}{(1+x^2+5y^2)^2} \right|_{(2,1)} \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{5}{13}, \frac{12}{13} \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{-4}{100}, \frac{-12}{100} \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{5}{13}, \frac{12}{13} \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{-20 - 120}{1300} = \frac{-140}{1300} = \frac{-14}{130}$$

Now, we'll determine the direction \vec{v} at $(3,0)$ in which the rate of change of f is the largest

So, \vec{v} and $\vec{\nabla}f(3,0)$ have the same direction.

$$\vec{\nabla}f(3,0) = \left\langle \frac{-2 \cdot 3}{(1+9+0)^2}, \frac{-10 \cdot 0}{(1+9+0)^2} \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle -\frac{6}{100}, 0 \right\rangle \quad \underline{\text{(not unit vector)}}$$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{\vec{\nabla}f(3,0)}{\|\vec{\nabla}f(3,0)\|} = \langle -1, 0 \rangle \quad \text{(Now, it is a unit vector)}$$

The largest rate of change of f is

$$D_{\vec{v}}f(3,0) = \left\langle -\frac{6}{100}, 0 \right\rangle \cdot \langle -1, 0 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{6}{100}$$

⑤ Calculate $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x \partial z}$ if x, y, z satisfy the equation

$$x^3 y + y^3 z + z^3 x = 1.$$

Soln: So let $F(x, y, z) = x^3 y + y^3 z + z^3 x - 1$.

If $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = x^3 + 3y^2 z \neq 0$, then y can be considered as a function of x and z by the implicit func. thm.

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x \partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial (x^3 y + y^3 z + z^3 x)}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial (1)}{\partial z}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} + 3 \cdot y^2 \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \cdot z + y^3 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot z^2 \cdot x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} [x^3 + 3zy^2] = -3xz^2 - y^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = \frac{-3xz^2 - y^3}{x^3 + 3zy^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{-3xz^2 - y^3}{x^3 + 3zy^2} \right)$$

$$(-3xz^2 - y^3) \cdot (3x^2 + 6zy \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial x})$$

(b) If $e^{yz} - x^2z \ln y = \pi$, calculate $\frac{\partial y}{\partial z}$ and provide

the condition which guarantees the existence of solution.

Soln:

$$\frac{\partial (e^{yz} - x^2z \ln y)}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial (\pi)}{\partial z}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{yz} \left(z \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} + y \right) - \left(x^2 \ln y + x^2 z \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \left[z e^{yz} - \frac{x^2 z}{y} \right] = x^2 \ln y - y e^{yz}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = \frac{x^2 \ln y - y e^{yz}}{z e^{yz} - \frac{x^2 z}{y}}$$

$$\text{So, } F(x, y, z) = e^{yz} - x^2z \ln y - \pi.$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = z e^{yz} - \frac{x^2 z}{y} \neq 0 \text{ is the condition which}$$

guarantees the existence of solution by the implicit function theorem

7) Show that the equation $xy + z^3x - 2yz = 0$

defines z as a function of x and y , (i.e., $z = z(x, y)$) near the point $(0, 1)$ with $z(0, 1) = 0$. Calculate

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \text{ at } (0, 1).$$

Soln: Say $F(x, y, z) = xy + z^3x - 2yz$.

$$\left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \right|_{(0, 1)} = 3z^2x - 2y \Big|_{(0, 1)} = -2 \neq 0. \text{ By the implicit function}$$

theorem, z can be considered as a function of x and y

near $(0, 1)$. Also, put $x=0, y=1$. $0 + z^3 \cdot 0 - 2 \cdot 1 \cdot z = 0$

$$\Rightarrow z = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow z(0, 1) = 0.$$

$$\frac{\partial (xy + z^3x - 2yz)}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$y + 3z^2x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + z^3 - 2y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} [3z^2x - 2y] = -z^3 - y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-z^3 - y}{3z^2x - 2y} \cdot \left. \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right|_{(0, 1)} = \frac{-(z(0, 1))^3 - 1}{3(z(0, 1))^2 \cdot 0 - 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{-1}{-2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

⑧ Find and classify the critical points of the function $f(x,y) = x^4 + y^4 + 4xy$.

Soln:

Defn: (critical pts)

A point (a,b) is called a critical pt of f if

$$f_x(a,b) = f_y(a,b) = 0$$

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$$\text{Dom } f = \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$f_x = 4x^3 + 4y$$

$$f_y = 4y^3 + 4x$$

If (a,b) is a critical pt, then

$$f_x(a,b) = 4a^3 + 4b = 0 \quad \& \quad f_y(a,b) = 4b^3 + 4a = 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$b = -a^3 \Rightarrow 4(-a^3)^3 + 4a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -a^9 + a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a(-a^8 + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0 \quad \underline{\text{or}} \quad a = \pm 1$$

Recall The second derivative test

Let $f_{xx}, f_{xy}, f_{yx}, f_{yy}$ be continuous on a disk with center (a,b) . Let (a,b) be a critical pt of f

ord

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx}(a,b) & f_{xy}(a,b) \\ f_{yx}(a,b) & f_{yy}(a,b) \end{vmatrix} = f_{xx}(a,b)f_{yy}(a,b) - [f_{xy}(a,b)]^2$$

(by mixed partial derivative thm, $f_{xy}(a,b) = f_{yx}(a,b)$)

a) If $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a,b) > 0$, then $f(a,b)$ is local minimum.

b) If $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(a,b) < 0$, then $f(a,b)$ is local maximum

c) If $D < 0$, then f has a saddle pt at (a,b)

d) If $D = 0$ then test gives no information.

(i.e. $f(a,b)$ can be local min, local max or (a,b)

is a saddle pt.)

$$f_{xx} = 12x^2, \quad f_{xy} = 4, \quad f_{yy} = 12y^2$$

For the critical pt $(0,0)$,

$$f_{xx}(0,0) = 0, \quad f_{xy}(0,0) = 4, \quad f_{yy}(0,0) = 0$$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \cdot 0 - (4)^2 = -16 < 0$$

So, f has a saddle pt at $(0,0)$.

For the critical pt $(1,1)$,

$$f_{xx}(1,1) = 12, \quad f_{xy} = 4, \quad f_{yy} = 12$$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 12 & 4 \\ 4 & 12 \end{vmatrix} = 144 - 16 = 128 > 0.$$

Since $D = 128 > 0$ and $f_{xx}(1,1) = 12 > 0$, f

has a local min. at $(1,1)$. $f(1,1) = 1 + 1 - 4 = -2$
is the local min. value.

For the critical pt $(-1,1)$,

$$f_{xx}(-1,1) = 12, \quad f_{xy}(-1,1) = 4, \quad f_{yy}(-1,1) = 12$$

$$D = 12 \cdot 12 - 4^2 = 128 > 0$$

Since $D = 128 > 0$ and $f_{xx}(-1,1) = 12 > 0$, f

has a local min. at $(-1,1)$. $f(-1,1) = -2$ is the

local min. value.