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This exam has 17 questions:

- 15 multiple choice questions worth 5 points each.
- 2 hand graded questions worth 25 points total.

Important:

- No graphing calculators! Any non scientific calculator is fine.
- For the multiple choice questions, mark your answer on the answer card.
- Show all your work for the written problems. You will be graded on the ease of reading your solution.
- You are allowed both sides of 3×5 note “cheat card” for the exam.

1. Let

$$A = \{(x, y, z) | x^2 + 7y^2 \leq 1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

Which of the following statements are true?

- I. A is closed
 - II. A is open
 - III. A is bounded
 - IV. A is connected
- (a) I and II only
 - (b) I and III only
 - (c) I and IV only $\rightarrow$ **CORRECT**
 - (d) II and III only
 - (e) II and IV only
 - (f) I, II and III only
 - (g) I, II and IV only
 - (h) I, III and IV only
 - (i) II, III and IV only
 - (j) All are true
 - (k) None are true

Solution: A is a solid elliptical cylinder. You can view A by drawing the solid ellipse in $\mathbb{R}^2$ and then allowing the ellipse to slide in the z direction forming a solid cylinder.

A is a closed set since it contains all its boundary points. A is unbounded since it contains arbitrarily large z values (in fact, A contains the z -axis). A is connected since any two points can be connected by a curve (in fact, A is convex).

2. Compute the maximal rate of change of $f(x, y, z) = y^2 \cos z \sin x$ at the point (π, π, π) .

(a) $-\pi^2$

(b) -2π

(c) $-\pi$

(d) 0

(e) π

(f) 2π

(g) $\pi^2 \longrightarrow$ **CORRECT**

Solution: The maximal rate of change will be equal to the norm of the gradient vector.

$$\|\nabla f(\pi, \pi, \pi)\| = \|(\pi^2, 0, 0)\| = \pi^2$$

3. Suppose you know

$$f(-2, 3) = 7$$

$$f_x(-2, 3) = 5$$

$$f_y(-2, 3) = 1$$

At the point $(-2, 3)$, at what rate does the function increase in the direction of the vector $(1, -3)$?

(a) 0

(b) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$

(c) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{10}}$ → **CORRECT**

(d) $\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}$

(e) $\frac{4}{\sqrt{10}}$

(f) $\frac{5}{\sqrt{10}}$

(g) $\frac{6}{\sqrt{10}}$

(h) $\frac{7}{\sqrt{10}}$

(i) $\frac{8}{\sqrt{10}}$

(j) $\frac{9}{\sqrt{10}}$

(k) $\frac{10}{\sqrt{10}}$

Solution: This is asking for a directional derivative in the direction of $u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}(1, -3)$.

$$D_u f(-2, 3) = u \cdot \nabla f(-2, 3) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}(1, -3) \cdot (5, 1) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{10}}$$

4. Let $f(x, y) = (3x - y)^2$.

Use a linear approximation at the point $(1, 2)$ to approximate $f(2, 3)$.

(a) 3

(b) 4

(c) 5 $\longrightarrow$ **CORRECT**

(d) 6

(e) 7

(f) 8

(g) 9

(h) 10

(i) 11

(j) 12

(k) 13

Solution: The linearization is

$$L(x, y) = f(1, 2) + f_x(1, 2)(x - 1) + f_y(1, 2)(y - 2)$$

$$= 1 + 6(x - 1) - 2(y - 2)$$

$$L(2, 3) = 5$$

5. Consider the surface defined by the equation

$$x^2z + 3yz^2 + 3xyz = 7$$

The plane that is tangent to this surface at the point $(1, 1, 1)$ can be written in the form

$$5x + By + Cz = D$$

What is $B + C + D$?

- (a) 31
- (b) 32
- (c) 33
- (d) 34
- (e) 35
- (f) 36
- (g) 37 $\longrightarrow$ **CORRECT**
- (h) 38
- (i) 39
- (j) 40

Solution: The normal to the tangent plane is $\nabla F(1, 1, 1) = (5, 6, 10)$. Thus, the plane has equation

$$5x + 6y + 10z = 21$$

and $B + C + D = 37$.

6. Let

$$f(x, y) = xy^2 + x^5y^4 - \frac{x}{y^2}$$

Let $T_2(x, y)$ be the the second order Taylor polynomial centered at the point $(1, 1)$.

$$T_2(1, 1) =$$

- (a) 0
- (b) 1 → **CORRECT**
- (c) 2
- (d) 3
- (e) 4
- (f) 5
- (g) 6
- (h) 7
- (i) 8
- (j) 9
- (k) 10

Solution: Notice that while you can compute the Taylor polynomial it is much easier to notice that the Taylor polynomial will agree with the function at the point. Thus,

$$T_2(1, 1) = f(1, 1) = 1$$

7. Let

$$f(x, y) = x^3y$$

Let $T_2(x, y)$ be the the second order Taylor polynomial centered at the point $(1, 2)$.

$$T_2(0, 2) =$$

- (a) 0
- (b) 1
- (c) 2 $\longrightarrow$ **CORRECT**
- (d) 3
- (e) 4
- (f) 5
- (g) 6
- (h) 7
- (i) 8
- (j) 9
- (k) 10

Solution:

$$T_2(x, y) = 2 + 6(x - 1) + (y - 2) + \frac{1}{2} [12(x - 1)^2 + 2(3)(x - 1)(y - 2)]$$

$$T_2(0, 2) = 2$$

8. Suppose $f(x, y)$ attains a maximum value of 17 at the point $(3, 4)$.

Which of the following is guaranteed to be a tangent plane to the surface?

(a) $x = 3$

(b) $y = 4$

(c) $z = 17 \longrightarrow \text{CORRECT}$

(d) $z = (x - 3) + (y - 4) + 17$

(e) $(x - 3) + (y - 4) + 17z = 0$

(f) None of the above are guaranteed to be tangent to the surface. $\longrightarrow \text{CORRECT}$

Solution: Since there is a maximum of 17 there must be a horizontal tangent plane at that point, and this plane must have equation $z = 17$.

(f) can also be considered correct. If the function is not differentiable or if the maximum occurs on the boundary of the domain then there would not be a tangent plane.

9. Which of the following statements about a smooth function $f(x, y)$ must always be true?
- I. If the tangent plane to f at a point p is parallel to the plane $z = 0$, then f has either a local maximum or minimum at the point p .
 - II. If U is an open subset of the plane, and f has no critical points in U , then f has no maximum or minimum in U .
 - III. If C is a closed subset of the plane, and f has no critical points on C , then f attains a maximum or minimum on the boundary of C .
- (a) I only
 - (b) II only → **CORRECT**
 - (c) III only
 - (d) I and II only
 - (e) I and III only
 - (f) II and III only
 - (g) I, II, and III only
 - (h) None must be true

Solution:

- I. Cannot be true since the point p can be a saddle point.
- II. This is true—a maximum or minimum would have to occur at a critical point (note, there are no boundary points in U since U is open).
- III. May not be true, the set C can be unbounded and have no maximum or minimum.

10. Suppose you have a function $g(x, y)$ and you know the following

$$g(3, 7) = 12$$

$$g_x(3, 7) = 0$$

$$g_y(3, 7) = 0$$

$$g_{xx}(3, 7) = -8$$

$$g_{xy}(3, 7) = -6$$

$$g_{yy}(3, 7) = -6$$

Which must be true

- (a) g has a local maximum at $(3, 7)$ $\rightarrow$ **CORRECT**
- (b) g has a local minimum at $(3, 7)$
- (c) g has a saddle point at $(3, 7)$
- (d) The point $(3, 7)$ is neither a local max, local min nor saddle.
- (e) More than one of the above are true
- (f) None of the above are true

Solution: Since $g_x(3, 7) = 0$ and $g_y(3, 7) = 0$ the point $(3, 7)$ is a critical point. We use the second derivative test.

$$D = g_{xx}(P)g_{yy}(P) - (g_{xy}(P))^2 = (-8)(-6) - (-6)^2 = 12$$

Thus we either have a local max or a local min at $(0, 0)$. Since $g_{xx}(P) = -8$ we must have a local maximum.

11. Let

$$f(x, y) = y^4 - y^2 + x^2 - 2xy$$

The function f has how many local maxima, local minima, and saddle points?

- (a) 1 max, 2 min, 0 saddle
- (b) 2 max, 1 min, 0 saddle
- (c) 1 max, 1 min, 1 saddle
- (d) 0 max, 2 min, 1 saddle $\rightarrow$ **CORRECT**
- (e) 2 max, 0 min, 1 saddle
- (f) 2 max, 2 min, 1 saddle
- (g) 0 max, 4 min, 1 saddle
- (h) 4 max, 0 min, 1 saddle

Solution: The critical points are at $(0, 0)$, $(1, 1)$ and $(-1, -1)$. We can test these

P	$f(P)$	D	$f_{xx}(P)$	Conclusion
$(-1, -1)$	-1	16	2	Local Min
$(0, 0)$	0	-8	2	Saddle
$(1, 1)$	-1	16	2	Local Min

12. Find the minimal distance from the origin to the curve $3x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2 = 1$.

- (a) 0
- (b) $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$
- (c) $\frac{1}{4}$
- (d) $\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \text{CORRECT}$
- (e) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
- (f) 1
- (g) $\sqrt{2}$

Solution: Minimize $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ subject to $3x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2 = 1$. This is a good problem for Lagrange multipliers which gives you equations

$$\begin{aligned} 2x &= \lambda(6x + 2y) \\ 2y &= \lambda(2x + 6y) \\ 3x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Solving this system gives

λ	(x, y)	$f(x, y)$	Conclusion
$\frac{1}{2}$	$(-1/2, 1/2)$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Max, Dist = $1/\sqrt{2}$
$\frac{1}{2}$	$(1/2, -1/2)$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Max, Dist = $1/\sqrt{2}$
$\frac{1}{4}$	$\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)$	$\frac{1}{4}$	Min, Dist = $1/2$
$\frac{1}{4}$	$\left(-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)$	$\frac{1}{4}$	Min, Dist = $1/2$

13. Let F be the vector field.

$$F = (2x \cos y, e^y - x^2 \sin y)$$

Let ϕ be a potential function such that $\phi(0, 0) = 1$. Find $\phi(1, 0)$.

- (a) 0
- (b) 1
- (c) 2 $\longrightarrow$ **CORRECT**
- (d) 3
- (e) 4
- (f) 5
- (g) 6
- (h) 7
- (i) 8
- (j) 9
- (k) The vector field F has no potential function.

Solution: $\phi = x^2 \cos y + e^y$.

14. Let F be the vector field.

$$F = (3x^2y, x^3 + 2yz, y^2 + x)$$

Let ϕ be a potential function such that $\phi(0, 0) = 1$. Find $\phi(1, 1)$.

CORRECTION: Let ϕ be a potential function such that $\phi(0, 0, 0) = 1$. Find $\phi(1, 1, 1)$.

(a) 0

(b) 1

(c) 2

(d) 3

(e) 4

(f) 5

(g) 6

(h) 7

(i) 8

(j) 9

(k) The vector field F has no potential function. $\longrightarrow$ **CORRECT**

Solution: You can compute the curl of the vector field

$$\text{curl } F = (0, -1, 0) \neq (0, 0, 0)$$

and therefore there is not a potential function.

15. Let F be the vector field

$$F = \left(-\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}, \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$$

Which of the following are true?

- I. F has a potential function defined on the entire plane, $\mathbb{R}^2$.
- II. F has a potential function defined on the right half plane, $x > 0$.
- III. F has a potential function defined on the punctured plane, $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$.
- IV. F has no potential function.

- (a) I only
- (b) II only $\rightarrow$ **CORRECT**
- (c) III only
- (d) IV only
- (e) I and II only
- (f) I and III only
- (g) II and III only
- (h) I, II and III only
- (i) All are true
- (j) None are true

Solution: This is discussed in section 7.3 of the text. The point is that the potential function can only be defined on a rectangle and only answer II is a rectangle (albeit an infinite one).

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16. Find the maximum and minimum of the function $f(x, y) = xy$ on the domain $0 \leq y \leq 1 - x^2$? Be sure to state where the maximum and minimum occur.

Solution: First, we find critical points inside the boundary: $\nabla f = (y, x)$ which give the only critical point as $(0, 0)$.

Then, we look for maximum and minima on the boundary of the domain.

Along the parabola we have $r(t) = (t, 1 - t^2)$, $-1 \leq t \leq 1$. $f(r(t)) = t(1 - t^2)$ and gives the critical points at $t = \pm 1/\sqrt{3}$. Thus, we have critical points $(1/\sqrt{3}, 2/3)$ and $(-1/\sqrt{3}, 2/3)$.

Along the bottom of the region we have $y = 0$ and $-1 \leq x \leq 1$. $f(x, 0) = 0$ and thus the max and min along that portion of the boundary are both 0.

(x, y)	$f(x, y)$	Conclusion
$(0, 0)$	0	
$(x, 0)$	0	
$(-1/\sqrt{3}, 2/3)$	$-\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$	Min
$(1/\sqrt{3}, 2/3)$	$\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$	Max

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17. Let

$$f(x, y) = xy^2 - \frac{1}{2}y^4 - \frac{1}{3}x^3$$

- (a) Find all critical points of f .
- (b) For each critical point of f , determine everything the second derivative test tells you about that critical point.

Solution:

(x, y)	$f(x, y)$	D	$f_{xx}(x, y)$	Conclusion
$(0, 0)$	0	0	0	2nd deriv test says nothing about this point
$(1, -1)$	1/6	4	-2	Local max
$(1, 1)$	1/6	4	-2	Local max

Incidentally (but this wasn't part of the question), the point $(0, 0)$ is a saddle point which you can see by composing the function f with the curves $r_1(t) = (t, 0)$ and $r_2(t) = (0, t)$.