

SOLUTIONS

1. (8 pts) Consider the the function $f(x, y) = x^2 + xy + y^2$.
- (a) Find the directions in which $f(x, y)$ increases and decreases most rapidly at $P_0(-1, 1)$.

Solution. $f(x, y)$ increases most rapidly at $P_0(-1, 1)$ in the direction of $\nabla f(-1, 1)$ and decreases most rapidly at $P_0(-1, 1)$ in the direction of $-\nabla f(-1, 1)$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(-1, 1) &= (2x + y)\Big|_{(x,y)=(-1,1)} = 2(-1) + 1 = -1, \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(-1, 1) &= (x + 2y)\Big|_{(x,y)=(-1,1)} = -1 + 2 = 1.\end{aligned}$$

Hence $\nabla f(-1, 1) = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ and $-\nabla f(-1, 1) = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$.

- (b) Find the derivatives of $f(x, y)$ in these directions.

Solution. Consider the unit vector

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{\nabla f(-1, 1)}{|\nabla f(-1, 1)|} = \frac{-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}}{|-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}|} = \frac{-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

The derivative of f in the direction of $\nabla f(-1, 1)$ is

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}f(-1, 1) = \nabla f(-1, 1) \cdot \mathbf{u} = (-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \cdot \frac{-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}}{|-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}|} = |-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}| = \sqrt{2},$$

while the derivative of f in the direction of $-\nabla f(-1, 1)$ is

$$D_{-\mathbf{u}}f(-1, 1) = \nabla f(-1, 1) \cdot (-\mathbf{u}) = (-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \cdot \left(-\frac{-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}}{|-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}|}\right) = -|-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}| = -\sqrt{2}.$$

2. (7 pts) Find the linearization $L(x, y, z)$ of $f(x, y, z) = \frac{\sin(xy)}{z}$ at $(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1, 1)$.

Solution. We have

$$\begin{aligned}f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1, 1\right) &= \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cdot 1}{1} = 1 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1, 1\right) &= \frac{y \cos(xy)}{z}\Big|_{(x,y,z)=\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1, 1\right)} = \frac{1 \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{1} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1, 1\right) &= \frac{x \cos(xy)}{z}\Big|_{(x,y,z)=\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1, 1\right)} = \frac{\frac{\pi}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{1} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1, 1\right) &= \frac{-\sin(xy)}{z^2}\Big|_{(x,y,z)=\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1, 1\right)} = \frac{-\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{1^2} = -1\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the linearization of $f(x, y, z) = \frac{\sin(xy)}{z}$ at $(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1, 1)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, y, z) &= f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1, 1\right) + \frac{\partial f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1, 1\right)}{\partial x}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{\partial f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1, 1\right)}{\partial y}(y - 1) + \frac{\partial f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1, 1\right)}{\partial z}(z - 1) \\ &= 1 + 0 \cdot \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 0 \cdot (y - 1) + (-1) \cdot (z - 1) \\ &= 1 - (z - 1) \\ &= \boxed{2 - z} \end{aligned}$$

3. (7 pts) Find the critical point(s) of $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + xy + 1$ and determine their nature. Justify your answer.

Solution. We have

$$\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} = 2x + y \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} = 2y + x,$$

for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Since the partial derivatives exist everywhere, in order to find the critical points of f we need only solve the system

$$2x + y = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 2y + x = 0.$$

It is easy to see that the only solution to this system is the pair $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ (check that!). The Hessian of f is equal to

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial y^2} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 3 > 0,$$

for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Since

$$\frac{\partial^2 f(0, 0)}{\partial x^2} = 2 > 0,$$

$f(0, 0) = 1$ is a local minimum value of f on \mathbb{R}^2 . Since \mathbb{R}^2 is open and $(0, 0)$ is the only critical point of f , $f(0, 0) = 1$ is the *absolute* minimum value of f on \mathbb{R}^2 .

4. (8 pts) Find the extrema of $x^2 y^2 z^2$ on the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3$.

Solution. Consider the function $f(x, y, z) = x^2 y^2 z^2$. In order to find the extrema of f on the given sphere, we find the values of x, y, z and λ that simultaneously satisfy the equations

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f(x, y, z) &= \lambda \nabla g(x, y, z), \\ g(x, y, z) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $g(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 3$. Since

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = 2xy^2z^2\mathbf{i} + 2x^2yz^2\mathbf{j} + 2x^2y^2z\mathbf{k}$$

and

$$\nabla g(x, y, z) = 2x\mathbf{i} + 2y\mathbf{j} + 2z\mathbf{k},$$

we must solve the following system

$$xy^2z^2 = \lambda x, \quad (1)$$

$$x^2yz^2 = \lambda y, \quad (2)$$

$$x^2y^2z = \lambda z, \quad (3)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3. \quad (4)$$

We examine the following two cases

Case 1. $xyz = 0$.

If $x = 0$, then (2) and (3) imply that $\lambda y = \lambda z = 0$. This can only happen if $\lambda = 0$, for otherwise we would have $y = z = 0$ contradicting (4). Then y and z satisfy the equation $y^2 + z^2 = 3$. Similarly, if $y = 0$, then $\lambda = 0$ and $x^2 + z^2 = 3$, while if $z = 0$, then $\lambda = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 3$.

Case 2. $xyz \neq 0$.

In this case $\lambda \neq 0$, and so we may divide (1) by (2) and (2) by (3) to obtain

$$\frac{y}{x} = \frac{x}{y} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{z}{y} = \frac{y}{z},$$

respectively. From these two equations along with (4), it follows that

$$x^2 = y^2 = z^2 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda = 1.$$

The value of f at any point of the sets

$$\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x = 0, y^2 + z^2 = 3\}$$

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is 0, while the value of f at any point of the set

$$\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 = y^2 = z^2 = 1\}.$$

is 1. Since f is continuous on the given sphere, which is a closed and bounded set, f has a minimum and a maximum value on the sphere. Consequently, the extrema of f are 0 and 1.

Remark. 1. The solution set to the above system is the union of the following sets

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \{(x, y, z, \lambda) \mid x = 0, y^2 + z^2 = 3, \lambda = 0\} \\ S_2 &= \{(x, y, z, \lambda) \mid y = 0, x^2 + z^2 = 3, \lambda = 0\} \\ S_3 &= \{(x, y, z, \lambda) \mid z = 0, x^2 + y^2 = 3, \lambda = 0\} \\ S_4 &= \{(x, y, z, \lambda) \mid x^2 = y^2 = z^2 = 1, \lambda = 1\} \end{aligned}$$

2. For the minimum value of f we could just argue as follows: Since $f(x, y, z) \geq 0$ for all $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and $f(\sqrt{3}, 0, 0) = 0$, the minimum value of f on the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3$ is 0. In this way, we could only examine the second case where $xyz \neq 0$.

5. (7 pts) Evaluate the double integral $\int_0^{\pi/2} \int_x^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin(y)}{x+y} dy dx$.

Hint: $\ln(a) - \ln(b) = \ln(a/b)$ ($a, b > 0$).

Solution. In order to compute the integral in question, with the given order of integration, we must find

$$\int \frac{\sin(y)}{x+y} dy.$$

This cannot be computed by an elementary method, so we change the order of integration. To do this, we first rewrite the region of integration

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad x \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}\} \\ &= \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq y\} \end{aligned}$$

By changing the order of integration, the integral in question becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^y \frac{\sin(y)}{x+y} dx dy &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(y) \left[\ln(x+y) \right]_{x=0}^{x=y} dy \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(y) (\ln(2y) - \ln(y)) dy \\ &= \ln(2) \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(y) dy \\ &= \ln(2) \left[-\cos(y) \right]_{y=0}^{y=\pi/2} \\ &= \ln(2) (0 - (-1)) \\ &= \boxed{\ln(2)}. \end{aligned}$$

6. (7 pts) Evaluate the double integral

$$\iint_R \sqrt{1-x^2-y^2} dA,$$

where R is the unit disk centered at the origin.

Solution. The polar form of the unit disk centered at the origin is

$$R = \{(r, \theta) | 0 \leq r \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\}.$$

Since $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$, the integral in question is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \sqrt{1-r^2} r dr d\theta &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^0 \frac{-\sqrt{u}}{2} du d\theta \quad (u = 1 - r^2, du = -2r dr) \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{-u^{3/2}}{3} \right]_{u=1}^{u=0} d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{3} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(2\pi - 0) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{2\pi}{3}}. \end{aligned}$$

7. (7 pts) Express the volume of the pyramid D with vertices $O(0, 0, 0)$, $A(1, 0, 0)$, $B(1, 1, 0)$ and $C(0, 0, 1)$ as a **triple** integral. Set up the limits of integration but **do not evaluate** the integral.

Solution. The “lower” bounding surface of D lies in the xy -plane. Indeed, the “shadow” R of the pyramid D on the xy -plane is the triangle AOB . The line OB has equation $y = x$, and so we have

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \{(x, y) | 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq y \leq x\} \\ &= \{(x, y) | 0 \leq y \leq 1, \quad y \leq x \leq 1\} \end{aligned}$$

The “upper” bounding surface of D lies in the plane $x + z = 1$ (check that!). Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int_0^1 \int_0^x \int_0^{1-x} dz dy dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_y^1 \int_0^{1-x} dz dx dy \end{aligned}$$

Remarks. 1. The first integral expression for V seems easier to compute.

2. We obtain more formulas for V by considering the “shadow” of the pyramid D on the xz -plane, that is, the triangle AOC .

8. (7 pts) Evaluate the triple integral

$$\iiint_D \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} dV,$$

where D is the unit sphere centered at the origin.

Solution. In spherical coordinates, the unit sphere centered at the origin is

$$D = \{(\rho, \varphi, \theta) \mid 0 \leq \rho \leq 1, 0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\}.$$

Since $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \rho^2$, the integral in question is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_0^1 \rho \rho^2 \sin(\varphi) d\rho d\varphi d\theta &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin(\varphi)}{4} d\varphi d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{-\cos(\varphi)}{4} \right]_{\varphi=0}^{\varphi=\pi} d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{2}{4} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(2\pi - 0) \\ &= \boxed{\pi}. \end{aligned}$$

9. (7 pts) Evaluate $\int_C (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) ds$, where C is the straight line segment from $(1, 0, 0)$ to $(1, 3, 0)$.

Solution. Consider the continuous function $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ over C . The given straight line segment passes through the point $(1, 0, 0)$ and is parallel to the vector $3\mathbf{j}$. The parametric equations of C are

$$x = 1, \quad y = 3t, \quad z = 0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

Thus, a parametrization of C is

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{i} + 3t\mathbf{j}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1,$$

which is smooth since $|\mathbf{r}'(t)| = 3 \neq 0$ for all $0 \leq t \leq 1$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) ds &= \int_C f(1, 3t, 0) |\mathbf{r}'(t)| dt \\ &= \int_0^1 3(1 + 9t^2) dt \\ &= 3 \left[t + 3t^3 \right]_{t=0}^{t=1} \\ &= 3(4 - 0) \\ &= \boxed{12}. \end{aligned}$$