

MAT 203 MIDTERM II

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11:00–12:20PM

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Instructions.

- (1) Fill in your name and Stony Brook ID number.
- (2) This exam is closed-book; no electronic devices. You are only allowed to have one (1) sheet of your own notes.
- (3) You have 80 minutes to complete this exam.
- (4) You must justify all your answers and show all your work. Even a correct answer without any justification will result in no credit.

1. (a) (5 pts) Compute the limit $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x - y}$.

Solution.

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x - y} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} x + y = 2.$$

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- (b) (5 pts) The function $f(x, y) = \ln(3x^2 + 7y^2 + 1)$ is differentiable. Find the equation for the tangent plane of its graph at the point $(x, y) = (1, 0)$.

Solution. We compute the partial derivatives at $(1, 0)$.

$$f_x(x, y) = \frac{6x}{3x^2 + 7y^2 + 1}, \quad f_y(x, y) = \frac{14y}{3x^2 + 7y^2 + 1},$$

so $f_x(1, 0) = \frac{3}{2}$ and $f_y(1, 0) = 0$. Therefore the equation for the tangent plane at $(x, y) = (1, 0)$ is given by

$$f_x(1, 0)(x - 1) - (z - f(1, 0)) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{3}{2}(x - 1) - (z - \ln(4)) = 0.$$

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2. Consider the function $f(x, y) = 2xy - x$.
 (a) (2 pts) Find all critical points for $f(x, y)$.

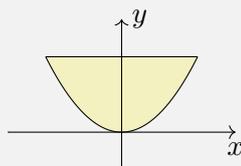
Solution. We first find the gradient:

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \langle 2y - 1, 2x \rangle.$$

The critical points are those point (x, y) such that $\nabla f(x, y) = \vec{0}$. So $\langle 2y - 1, 2x \rangle = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$ gives the only critical point $(x, y) = (0, \frac{1}{2})$. \square

- (b) (8 pts) Find the global maximum, and global minimum of $f(x, y)$ in the region of the xy -plane bounded by the line $y = 1$, and the parabola $y = x^2$.

Solution. We draw the region in the xy -plane:



First, from part (a), the only critical point is given by $(x, y) = (0, \frac{1}{2})$. This point belongs to the region above, and the value of the function at that point is $f(0, \frac{1}{2}) = 0$.

Next, we consider the boundary of the region. It consists of two parts: The first one is the straight line $y = 1$ between $-1 \leq x \leq 1$, and the other is $y = x^2$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 1$. Along the first part of the boundary, the function is given by

$$f_1(x) = 2x - x = x.$$

This function has no critical points in the interval $-1 \leq x \leq 1$, so we check the endpoints of the interval: $(x, y) = (-1, 1)$ and $(x, y) = (1, 1)$. The values at these points are

$$f(-1, 1) = -2 - (-1) = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad f(1, 1) = 2 - 1 = 1.$$

For the second boundary segment, we have $y = x^2$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 1$. The function along this boundary segment is

$$f_2(x) = 2x^3 - x.$$

We find the critical points of this function. First $f_2'(x) = 6x^2 - 1 = 0$ gives $x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$. Each of these points belong to the interval $-1 \leq x \leq 1$. The values at these critical points are

$$f_2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\right) = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{6}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \quad f_2\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\right) = -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{6}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}.$$

The potential values for global max/min of the function f are therefore $0, -1, 1, \frac{1}{3\sqrt{6}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$ and $-\frac{1}{3\sqrt{6}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$. The global max is 1, and the global min is -1 . \square

3. (10 pts) Let B be the rectangular box

$$B = [\pi, 2\pi] \times [0, \pi] \times [0, 1] = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \pi \leq x \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq y \leq \pi, 0 \leq z \leq 1\}.$$

Compute the following triple integral

$$\iiint_B e^z \cos(x + y) \, dx dy dz.$$

Solution. Since we integrate over a rectangular box, the integral is an iterated integral.

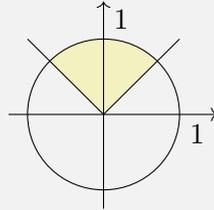
$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_B e^z \cos(x + y) \, dx dy dz &= \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^1 e^z \cos(x + y) \, dz dx dy \\ &= \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} [e^z]_0^1 \cos(x + y) \, dy dx \\ &= (e - 1) \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(x + y) \, dy dx \\ &= (e - 1) \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} [\sin(x + y)]_{y=0}^{y=\pi} \, dx \\ &= (e - 1) \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \sin(x + \pi) - \sin(x) \, dx \\ &= (e - 1) [-\cos(x + \pi) + \cos(x)]_{\pi}^{2\pi} \\ &= (e - 1) [(-\cos(3\pi) + \cos(2\pi)) + (\cos(2\pi) - \cos(\pi))] \\ &= (e - 1) [(-(-1) + 1) + (1 - (-1))] = 4(e - 1) \end{aligned}$$

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4. (10 pts) Let D be the domain in the xy -plane consisting of those points (x, y) satisfying the inequalities $y \geq |x|$ and $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$. Compute the double integral

$$\iint_D y \, dx \, dy.$$

Solution. We draw the region D :



In polar coordinates $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, the region D is described as the points (r, θ) such that $0 \leq r \leq 1$ and $\frac{\pi}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{3\pi}{4}$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D y \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^1 \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{3\pi}{4}} r \sin \theta \, r \, dr \, d\theta = \left(\int_0^1 r^2 \, dr \right) \left(\int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{3\pi}{4}} \sin \theta \, d\theta \right) \\ &= \left[\frac{r^3}{3} \right]_0^1 [-\cos \theta]_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{3\pi}{4}} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(-\cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

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