

ME 201 ADVANCED CALCULUS

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Midterm Examination

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- This is a two-hour, closed-book examination, where you are permitted to use:
 - Schaum's - Mathematical Handbook of Formulas and Tables
 - one 8.5 in. \times 11 in. crib sheet. (one side)
- There are 6 questions to be answered. Read the questions very carefully.
- Clearly state all assumptions.
- It is your responsibility to write clearly and legibly.
- reduce all equations to their simplest possible form.

Question 1 (11 marks)

For the curve given by

$$\vec{R}(t) = \hat{i}(2 \ln t) - \hat{j}\left(\frac{1}{t} + t\right) - \hat{k}$$

find:

- velocity and acceleration vectors
- the angle (**radians**) between the velocity and acceleration vectors at $t = 1$
- the unit tangent vector
- the principal unit normal vector
- the length of the curve over the interval $1 \leq t \leq 2$

Part i)

$$\vec{V} = \frac{d\vec{R}}{dt} = \hat{i}\left(\frac{2}{t}\right) + \hat{j}\left(\frac{1}{t^2} - 1\right) \Leftarrow$$

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d^2\vec{R}}{dt^2} = \hat{i}\left(-\frac{2}{t^2}\right) + \hat{j}\left(-\frac{2}{t^3}\right) \Leftarrow$$

Part ii) at $t = 1$

$$\vec{V}(1) = \hat{i}(2)$$

$$\vec{a}(1) = \hat{i}(-2) + \hat{j}(-2)$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{V}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{V}|} = -\frac{4}{(2)(2\sqrt{2})} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4} \text{ rad} \Leftarrow$$

Part iii)

$$\hat{T} = \frac{\vec{V}}{|\vec{V}|}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{V}| &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{t}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{t^2} - 1\right)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{4t^2 + 1 - 2t^2 + t^4}{t^4}} = \frac{t^2 + 1}{t^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\hat{T} = \hat{i} \left(\frac{2t}{1+t^2} \right) + \hat{j} \left(\frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2} \right) \Leftarrow$$

Part iv)

Noting that $\hat{T} \cdot \hat{N} = 0$ and that with 2D vectors we can obtain the normal by interchanging the coefficients of the unit tangent and taking the negative of the x coefficient

$$\hat{N} = -\hat{i} \left(\frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2} \right) + \hat{j} \left(\frac{2t}{1+t^2} \right) \Leftarrow$$

Part iv)

The length of the curve is

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_1^2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt \\ &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{t}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{t^2} - 1\right)^2} dt \\ &= \int_1^2 \frac{t^2 + 1}{t^2} dt \\ &= \left. t - \frac{1}{t} \right|_1^2 = \frac{3}{2} \Leftarrow \end{aligned}$$

Question 2 (7 marks)

Find the curvature of the path

$$\vec{R}(t) = \hat{i} (e^t \cos t) + \hat{j} (e^t \sin t) + \hat{k} (e^t)$$

when $t = 0$.

The velocity vector is given as

$$\vec{V}(t) = \frac{d\vec{R}(t)}{dt} = \hat{i} e^t (\cos t - \sin t) + \hat{j} e^t (\cos t + \sin t) + \hat{k} (e^t)$$

and the acceleration vector

$$\vec{a}(t) = \frac{d\vec{R}^2(t)}{dt^2} = -\hat{i} (2e^t \sin t) + \hat{j} (2e^t \cos t) + \hat{k} (e^t)$$

But when $t = 0$

$$\vec{V}(0) = \hat{i} (1) + \hat{j} (1) + \hat{k} (1)$$

$$\vec{a}(0) = \hat{j} (2) + \hat{k} (1)$$

$$\vec{V}(0) \times \vec{a}(0) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} (-1) + \hat{j} (-1) + \hat{k} (2)$$

$$|\vec{V}(0) \times \vec{a}(0)| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

and

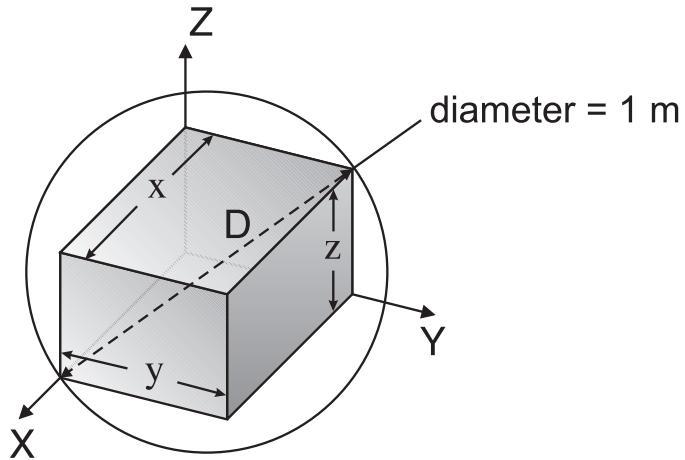
$$|\vec{V}(0)| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

The curvature is

$$\kappa = \frac{|\vec{V}(0) \times \vec{a}(0)|}{|\vec{V}(0)|^3} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \Leftarrow$$

Question 3 (11 marks)

Find the dimensions (x, y, z) of a rectangular box of maximum volume that can be contained within a sphere with a diameter of $D = 1 \text{ m}$, as shown below. Clearly demonstrate that this is the maximum volume. Note: the diagonal of the box will equal the diameter of the sphere.



Since we are attempting to maximize the volume of the box, let

$$V = x \cdot y \cdot z$$

Since the diagonal of the box cannot exceed the diameter of the sphere, the problem is constrained such that

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$$

We can then write z in terms of x and y , thereby reducing the dimensional dependence of the problem by one variable

$$z^2 = 1 - x^2 - y^2$$

For this problem, it is easier to minimize the function $f = V^2 = x^2 y^2 z^2$ and if we minimize the square of the volume we also minimize the volume itself. Therefore

$$f = x^2 y^2 (1 - x^2 - y^2) = x^2 y^2 - x^4 y^2 - x^2 y^4$$

Determine the derivative of f with respect to the two independent variables and set them equal to zero to find the critical points

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2xy^2 - 4x^3y^2 - 2xy^4 = 2xy^2(1 - 2x^2 - y^2) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2x^2y - 2x^4y - 4x^2y^3 = 2x^2y(1 - x^2 - 2y^2) = 0$$

Since $x > 0$ and $y > 0$ (we expect a value of volume that is none zero), the terms in the brackets must go to zero to satisfy the above equations.

$$1 - 2x^2 - y^2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$1 - x^2 - 2y^2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

With 2 equations and 2 unknowns, we find

$$x = +\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{and} \quad y = +\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

since $x, y > 0$. Substituting back into the equation for the sphere, we find z

$$z = \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3}} = +\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

since $z > 0$.

The critical point is $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$. Check for a relative maximum.

$$A = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{12}{9} - \frac{2}{9} = -0.8888$$

$$B = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} \Big|_{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{8}{9} - \frac{8}{9} = -0.4444$$

$$C = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \Big|_{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{9} - \frac{12}{9} = -0.8888$$

$$D = B^2 - AC = (-0.4444)^2 - (-0.8888)((-0.8888)) = -0.5925$$

Since $D < 0$ and $A < 0$, we have a relative maximum and the maximum box dimensions are

$$x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ m}, \quad y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ m}, \quad z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ m} \Leftrightarrow$$

and the maximum volume is

$$V = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = 0.19245 \text{ m}^3$$

Question 4 (9 marks)

Given the following two equations:

$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 + 2xy = 1$$

$$x^3 + y^3 - 5y = 4$$

use the chain rule to find $\frac{dz}{dx}$.

The first equation can be written in terms of $z = f(x, y)$

$$z^2 = (x^2 + 2xy + y^2) - 1 = (x + y)^2 - 1$$

or

$$z = [(x + y)^2 - 1]^{1/2}$$

The second equation can be written in terms of $y = g(x)$

$$y^3 - 5y = 4 - x^3$$

Using the chain rule structure

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \begin{array}{c} z \\ / \quad \backslash \\ y \\ \backslash \\ x \end{array} & \Rightarrow & \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} \\
 & & & \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} [(x + y)^2 - 1]^{-1/2} \cdot 2(x + y) \\
 & & & = z^{-1/2} \cdot (x + y) = \frac{x + y}{z}
 \end{array}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= [(x + y)^2 - 1]^{-1/2} \cdot (x + y) \\
 &= z^{-1/2} \cdot (x + y) = \frac{x + y}{z}
 \end{aligned}$$

and finally

$$3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 5 \frac{dy}{dx} = -3x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (5 - 3y^2) = 3x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2}{5 - 3y^2}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{dx} &= \left(\frac{x+y}{z} \right) + \left(\frac{x+y}{z} \right) \left(\frac{3x^2}{5 - 3y^2} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{x+y}{z} \right) \left[1 + \frac{3x^2}{5 - 3y^2} \right] \Leftarrow \end{aligned}$$

Question 5 (6 marks)

Find the distance between the planes:

$$x - 2y + 2z = 5$$

$$3x - 6y + 6z = 30$$

The first thing to note is that the two planes are parallel, since the second equation can be written as

$$x - 2y + 2z = 10$$

and we see that the unit normal vector for each plane is

$$\hat{n} = \hat{i}n_x + \hat{j}n_y + \hat{k}n_z = \hat{i}(1) + \hat{j}(-2) + \hat{k}(2)$$

Since both normal vectors are parallel, then both planes are parallel.

The distance between the planes can be determined by finding a point on one plane and then finding the distance between a point and a plane.

Select, $\mathbf{P}(3, 1, 2)$ as a point on the first plane. The second plane can be written as

$$Ax + By + Cz + D = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad 3x - 6y + 6z - 30 = 0$$

The distance between \mathbf{P} and the second plane is given as

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 + D|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}} \\ &= \frac{|3(3) - 6(1) + 6(2) - 30|}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-6)^2 + 6^2}} \\ &= \frac{15}{9} = \frac{5}{3} \approx 1.666 \Leftarrow \end{aligned}$$

Question 6 (11 marks)

Given the density function

$$f(x, y) = 6 - x^2y - 3xy^2$$

- i) Find the maximum rate of density change at $(2, -1)$.
- ii) Find the direction(s) of no density change at $(2, -1)$.
- iii) Find the rate of density change at $(2, -1)$ away from the origin.
- iv) Find the equation of the tangent to the graph $z = f(x, y)$ at the point $x = 2, y = -1$.

Part i)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -2xy - 3y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -x^2 - 6xy$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f &= \hat{i}(-2xy - 3y^2) \Big|_{x=2, y=-1} + \hat{j}(-x^2 - 6xy) \Big|_{x=2, y=-1} \\ &= \hat{i}(1) + \hat{j}(8)\end{aligned}$$

$$|\nabla f| = \sqrt{1^2 + 8^2} = \sqrt{65} \approx 8.062 \Leftarrow$$

Part ii)

The direction of no change in density at $(2, -1)$ is perpendicular or normal to the gradient vector

$$\vec{N} = \hat{i}(-8) + \hat{j}(1)$$

or

$$\vec{N} = \hat{i}(8) + \hat{j}(-1)$$

Part iii)

The vector at $(2, -1)$ away from the origin is given as

$$\vec{V} = \hat{i}(2 - 0) + \hat{j}(-1 - 0) = \hat{i}(2) + \hat{j}(-1)$$

The unit vector in this direction is given as

$$\hat{V} = \hat{i}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right) + \hat{j}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$$

The directional derivative is

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_V f = \nabla f \cdot \hat{V} &= [\hat{i}(1) + \hat{j}(8)] \cdot \left[\hat{i} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \right) + \hat{j} \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \right] \\
 &= -\frac{6}{\sqrt{5}} \approx -2.683
 \end{aligned}$$

Part iv)

First write the equation of the curve as a function of (x, y, z)

$$F = f(x, y) - z = 6 - x^2y - 3xy^2 - z = 0$$

At $(2, -1)$

$$z = 6 - x^2y - 3xy^2 = 6 - (2)^2(-1) - 3(2)(-1)^2 = 4$$

$$\nabla F|_{x=2, y=-1} = \hat{i}(1) + \hat{j}(8) + \hat{k}(-1)$$

The equation of the plane is given as

$$N_x(x - x_1) + N_y(y - y_1) + N_z(z - z_1) = 0$$

$$1 \cdot (x - 2) + 8 \cdot (y + 1) - 1 \cdot (z - 4) = 0$$

$$x + 8y - z = -10 \Leftarrow$$