

Final Exam Material

Note: This is not an exhaustive list of problems. Please do not restrict your studying to this review sheet.

1. Consider the parallelogram whose vertices are at $(0, 0, 0)$, $(1, \sqrt{3}, 0)$, $(1 + \sqrt{3}, 1 + \sqrt{3}, 0)$, and $(\sqrt{3}, 1, 0)$.

[i] Find all the interior angles in this parallelogram.

Soln Use $u \cdot v = \|u\| \|v\| \cos(\theta)$, to get $2\sqrt{3} = 4 \cos(\theta)$, or $\theta = \pi/6$. This gives the two smaller angles in the parallelogram. The other two angles can be found either by knowing that the angles in a parallelogram add to 2π , or by drawing parallel lines. In either case the larger angles have $\theta = 5\pi/6$.

[ii] Find the area of this parallelogram, first using vector arithmetic, then using a double integral.

Soln Area of a parallelogram = $\|u \times v\|$. Or we can write three double integrals

$$\int_0^1 \int_{x/\sqrt{3}}^{\sqrt{3}x} dy dx + \int_1^{\sqrt{3}} \int_{x/\sqrt{3}}^{x/\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{3}/2} dy dx + \int_{\sqrt{3}}^{1+\sqrt{3}} \int_{\sqrt{3}x-2}^{x/\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{3}/2} dy dx$$

In both cases the area is 2.

2. Find a vector perpendicular to both $u = (1, 2, 1)$ and $v = (1, 4, 0)$.

Soln $n = u \times v = (-4, 1, 2)$.

3. Find the equation of the plane which contains the the origin and the points $(1, 2, 1)$ and $(1, 4, 0)$.

Soln Recall that any vector in a plane is perpendicular to the normal vector of the plane. The normal vector is $n = (-4, 1, 2)$. A vector in the plane is $(x - a, y - b, z - c)$ where (a, b, c) is a point in the plane. Choosing $(a, b, c) = (1, 2, 1)$ the equation for the plane is

$$(-4, 1, 2) \cdot (x - 1, y - 2, z - 3) = 0$$

4. Find the equation of the plane $z = x$ in cylindrical, and also, in spherical coordinates.

Soln Simply plug in the definition $x = r \cos(\theta)$ to get the plane in cylindrical coordinates is $z = r \cos(\theta)$. For spherical, $\rho \cos(\phi) = \rho \cos(\theta) \sin(\phi)$ can be simplified to $1 = \cos(\theta) \tan(\phi)$.

5. Explain why $\mathbf{r}(t) = (t^2 + 1, t^2, t^4 + 1)$ is not the same curve as $\mathbf{r}(s) = (s + 1, s, s^2 + 1)$.

Soln Although the substitution $s = t^2$ in the second equation gives the first equation, the range of, for example, x in the first equation is only $x \geq 1$, where in the second x can be all real numbers. Thus the first curve is only a section of the second curve.

6. Show that $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{r}(t) \times \mathbf{r}'(t)) = \mathbf{r}(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)$ for all twice differentiable $\mathbf{r}(t)$.

Soln Apply the product rule for the cross product, $(a \times b)' = (a' \times b + a \times b')$, to get $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{r}(t) \times \mathbf{r}'(t)) = (\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}'(t) + (\mathbf{r}(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)))$. Since the cross product of a vector with itself is zero, this gives the desired result.

7. Find the tangent vector to $\mathbf{r}(t) = (R \cos(t), R \sin(t), 0)$. Verify that the circumference of a circle is $2\pi R$, by finding the arclength of $\mathbf{r}(t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$.

Soln The tangent vector is $\mathbf{r}'(t) = (-R \sin(t), R \cos(t), 0)$, which has magnitude $\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| = R$, so

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt = 2\pi R$$

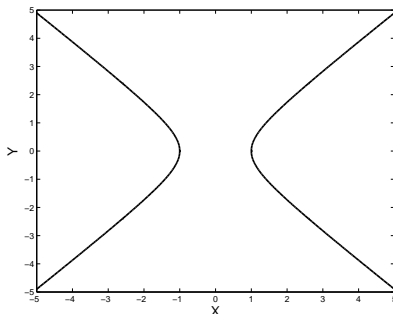
8. Find the curvature of a circle of radius R , using the above parameterization.

Soln The curvature expressed only in terms of r is

$$\kappa = \frac{\|\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^3} = \frac{R^2}{R^3} = \frac{1}{R}$$

9. What is the domain of the function $f(x, y) = \ln(x^2 - y^2)$. Find the level curve(s) corresponding to $f(x, y) = 0$.

Soln The domain is the set where the argument of the natural log is positive, or the set of (x, y) with $x^2 > y^2$. The level curve for $f(x, y) = 0$ is $x^2 - y^2 = 1$ is a hyperbola - see below.



10. Is the function $f(x, y) = \arctan(y/x)$ continuous at $(1, 0)$? What about $g(x, y) = \frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}{x+y}$ at $(0, 0)$? And $h(x, y) = \frac{x^2y}{x^2+y^2}$ at $(0, 0)$?

Soln $f(x, y) = \theta$ has a jump from 0 to 2π on the positive x-axis, so f is not continuous. For $g(x, y)$, considering lines $y = mx$, we see that the limit must equal $\frac{\sqrt{1+m^2}}{1+m}$. Since the limit depends on direction, it does not exist. For $h(x, y)$ notice that $0 \leq x^2/(x^2 + y^2) \leq 1$, so $0 < h(x, y) < y$. Taking the limit of the inequality, by the squeeze theorem, gives that the $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} h(x, y) = 0$.

11. Show that $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ is differentiable near $(1, 0)$ but not near $(0, 0)$.

Soln The gradient is $\nabla f = (\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}})$. For f to be differentiable near a point the gradient must be continuous at that point. To check continuity of a function $g(x, y)$ we require that $g(a, b) = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} g(x, y)$. Checking lines we can see that neither f_x nor f_y is continuous at $(0, 0)$, so the function is not differentiable. Near $(1, 0)$, f_x and f_y are quotients of non-zero continuous functions, therefore are themselves continuous.

12. Find the tangent plane to $f(x, y) = \exp(-x^2 - y^2)$ at $(0, 0)$.

Soln For $z = f(x, y)$ we can write the tangent plane as $z = \nabla f(a, b) \cdot (x - a, y - b) + f(a, b)$. Here $\nabla f(0, 0) = (0, 0)$ so the tangent plane is $z = 1$.

13. Given a surface $z = f(x, y)$, how is the vector (2 components) ∇f related to the normal vector to the surface (3 components)?

Soln The normal vector to the surface $S(x, y, z) = 0$ is $n = \nabla S = (S_x, S_y, S_z)$. Writing $S = z - f(x, y)$ we get $n = (-f_x, -f_y, 1)$, so the gradient of $f(x, y)$ is proportionate to the first two components of the normal vector to the surface. (Notice we could have written $S = 2z - 2f(x, y) = 0$, so the normal vector is only determined up to a multiplicative constant.

14. In which direction is the function $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{4}x^3 + y^3$ at the point $(x, y) = (1, 2)$ increasing the fastest? decreasing the fastest?

Soln The directional derivative of differentiable function $f(x, y)$ in the direction of a unit vector u is $D_u f = \nabla f \cdot u$. The dot product of two vectors $u \cdot v = \|u\| \|v\| \cos(\theta)$, where θ is the angle between the vectors. Using this formula with u a unit vector and $v = \nabla f$ we see that $D_u f = \|\nabla f\| \cos(\theta)$. In choosing a direction, the only thing we can change is θ so the largest increase occurs when $\theta = 0$, $u = \frac{\nabla f}{\|\nabla f\|}$, and the largest decrease when $\theta = \pi$, $u = -\frac{\nabla f}{\|\nabla f\|}$. The directions are $u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9/16+144}}(3/4, 12)$ and $u = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{9/16+144}}(3/4, 12)$.

15. Consider a coordinate system $u(x, y) = 2x - y$ and $v(x, y) = 5x + 6y$, and the function $f(u, v) = u^2 - v^2$. Find $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ at $x = 1, y = 2$.

Soln Using the chain rule we get $f_x = f_u u_x + f_v v_x$. Here $f_u = 2u$, $f_v = -2v$, $u_x = 2$, $v_x = 5$. Since $u(1, 2) = 0$ and $v(1, 2) = 17$, we get $f_x = (0)(2) + (5)(17) = 85$.

16. Find the global maximum and minimum of $f(x, y) = x^4 - yx + \frac{1}{2}y$ in the domain bounded by $y = x^2, x = 0$, and $y = 1$.

Soln First find interior critical points, $\nabla f = 0$, yielding $(4x^3 - y, -x + 1/2) = 0$, so there is one interior critical point at $(1/2, 1/2)$. Next check the boundaries, on $y = x^2$, $f(x, x^2) = x^4 - x^3 + 1/2x^2$, so $f'(x) = 4x^3 - 3x^2 + x = 0$ gives the critical points in this boundary. This cubic has only one real solution, $x = 0$. Similarly checking the boundary $x = 0$, $f(0, y) = 1/2y$, which has no critical points. Finally, checking $y = 1$, $f(x, 1) = x^4 - x + 1/2$, and here $f'(x) = 4x^3 - 1$, which has a critical point at $x = 1/4^{1/3}$. The points we need to check for the max/min are the intersections of the boundary curves, $(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1)$, the interior critical point at $(1/2, 1/2)$ and the boundary critical point at $(1/4^{1/3}, 1)$. The global max is achieved at both $(0, 1)$ and $(1, 1)$, the global min is at $(0, 0)$.

17. Find the closest point to the origin which is on the hyperbola $xy = 2$.

Soln Use Lagrange multipliers, $H(x, y, \lambda) = x^2 + y^2 + \lambda(xy - 2)$, find where $\nabla H = 0$, or $(2x + \lambda y, 2y + \lambda x, xy - 2) = 0$. Solving for λ in the first equation and substituting into the second we get $y^2 = x^2$ so $y = \pm x$. Substituting this into $xy = 2$, we get $x^2 = 2$ and $-x^2 = 2$. The first gives $x = \pm\sqrt{2}$, the second has no solution, from which we can recover y and get two points $(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$ and $(-\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2})$ both of which are a distance 2 from the origin.

18. Calculate $\int \int yx^2\sqrt{1+x^3}dA$ over the region bounded between $y = x^2 - 1$ and $y = 1 - x^2$.

Soln Observe that this region is even in y , but the integrand is odd in y , so the answer is zero. One may also set it up as $dydx$ and get zero after evaluating the first integral.

19. Calculate $\int_0^1 \int_x^1 e^{-y^2} dydx$.

Soln Change the order of integration, to get $\int_0^1 \int_0^y e^{-y^2} dx dy = \int_0^1 ye^{-y^2} dy = 1/2(1 - e^{-1})$

20. Find the volume of the solid bounded by $z = 0$, $z = 2x + y + 3$, $0 < x < y$, and $0 < y < 1$.

Soln It is natural to write this integral as $dzdx dy$ where it becomes $\int_0^1 \int_0^y \int_0^{2x+y+3} dz dx dy$ or $13/6$.

21. Find the center of mass of the solid in the previous problem.

Soln Use the formula

$$x_c = \frac{\int \int \int x \rho(x, y, z) dV}{\int \int \int \rho(x, y, z) dV},$$

and similar for y and z , with $\rho = 1$. The denominator is the solution to the previous problem. $x_c = \frac{3/8}{13/6} = \frac{18}{104}$. The process for y_c and z_c is similar.

22. Find the volume of the region inside bounded by $x^2 + y^2 < 1$, $z < 1 - x^2 - y^2$ and $z > 0$. *Hint, use cylindrical coordinates.*

Soln The volume can be written $\int_0^1 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{1-r^2} r dz d\theta dr = 2\pi \int_0^1 r - r^3 dr = 2\pi(1/2 - 1/4) = \pi/2$

23. Find the volume of the region bounded by $x^2 + y^2 > z^2$, $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 < 1$, and within the first octant.

Soln Use spherical coordinates to get the integral

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \int_0^1 \rho^2 \sin(\phi) d\rho d\phi d\theta = \frac{\pi}{6} \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \sin(\phi) d\phi = \frac{\pi}{6} (-\cos(\pi/2) + \cos(\pi/4)) = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{12}$$

24. Find the Jacobian of the change of variables $x = u^2 + v^2$, and $y = u^2 - v^2$.

Soln $Jac(\Phi) = x_u y_v - x_v y_u = (2u)(-2v) - (2v)(2u) = -4uv$

25. Evaluate the $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot ds$ for $\mathbf{F} = (x, y^2 x)$ with C the lines which connect $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 0)$ then $(1, 0)$ to $(1, 3)$.

Soln Since F is not conservative we have to do the line integral via parameterizing the curve(s). I use $c_1(t) = (t, 0)$, $c_2(t) = (1, 3t)$, so that the line integral is

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot ds = \int_0^1 (t, 0) \cdot (1, 0) dt + \int_0^1 (1, 9t^2) \cdot (0, 3) dt = 1/2 + 9 = \frac{19}{2}$$

26. Show that $\mathbf{F} = (x^3, y^3, z^3)$ is a conservative vector field.

Soln Take the curl of F ,

$$\nabla \times F = \begin{pmatrix} i & j & k \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ x^3 & y^3 & z^3 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

Since the curl of \mathbf{F} is zero everywhere \mathbf{F} is conservative. Alternatively one can find a potential, $\phi = \frac{1}{4}(x^4 + y^4 + z^4) + C$. Since \mathbf{F} has a potential \mathbf{F} is conservative.

27. Find a potential for $\mathbf{F} = (x^3, y^2, z)$, then evaluate $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$, where C connects $(1, 2, 4)$ to $(3, 1, -1)$.

Soln To find the potential solve the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_x &= x^3 \\ \phi_y &= y^2 \\ \phi_z &= z\end{aligned}$$

Integrating the first gives $\phi = x^4/4 + f(y, z)$, plugging this into the second gives $f(y, z) = y^3/3 + g(z)$. Plugging this into the third gives $g(z) = z^2/2 + C$, so $\phi = x^4/4 + y^3/3 + z^2/2 + C$.

28. Find the surface area of the cone $z = 1 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, above $z = 0$.

Soln Since $z = f(x, y)$, we can skip the normal vector stuff, and go straight to $SurfaceArea = \iint \sqrt{1 + f_x^2 + f_y^2} dA$. The bounds we can recover from observing that the cone is above the z plane only when $x^2 + y^2 < 1$, which inspires us to write this problem in polar coordinates

$$\iint \sqrt{1 + 4x^2 + 4y^2} dA = \int_0^1 \int_0^{2\pi} r\sqrt{1 + 4r^2} dr d\theta = 2\pi \int_0^1 r\sqrt{1 + 4r^2} dr = \frac{1}{12}(5\sqrt{5} - 1)$$

29. Evaluate the line integral of $\mathbf{F} = (y, -x)$ over the ellipse parameterized $x(t) = 2\cos(t)$ $y(t) = -4\sin(t)$, with $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$.

Soln Use Green's Theorem, $\int_C Pdx + Qdy = \iint (Q_x - P_y) dA$. Here $P = y$ and $Q = -x$, $Q_x - P_y = -2$, but our curve is going clockwise, so the answer will be twice the area of the ellipse. Recall ellipses have equation $x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 = 1$. Here $a = 2$ and $b = 4$, in which case the area is πab , so the answer is 8π . One could also derive the area of the ellipse with an integral, or just evaluate the line integral without using Green's theorem.