

Solutions to Math 105 Midterm 2 (Version I)  
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1. (a)  $\langle 3, -1, -c \rangle \cdot \langle 3, 1, -1 \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow 9 - 1 + c = 0 \Rightarrow c = -8$   
Answer:  $-8$

(b)  $5(x+3) - (y-2) - 2(z-1) = 0$   
Answer:  $5(x+3) - (y-2) - 2(z-1) = 0$   
or  
 $5x - y - 2z = -19$

(c)  $f_x(x,y) = 2xy^3$ ,  $f_{xy} = 6xy^2$ ,  $f_{yx}(3,2) = 6 \cdot 3 \cdot 2^2 = 72$

Answer:  $72$

(d)  $f_y(2.6, 1.8) \approx \frac{f_y(2.6, 1.7) - f_y(2.6, 1.8)}{1.7 - 1.8} = \frac{2.8905 - 2.9028}{-0.1}$

Answer:  $\frac{2.8905 - 2.9028}{-0.1}$

2. (a) (2) The domain of  $f(x, y)$  is given by

$$\left\{ (x, y) : x^2 + \frac{y^2}{2} \leq 3 \right\}$$

(b) (3) Any level curve of  $z = f(x, y)$  is given by  
 $f(x, y) = c$  for some constant  $c$ ,

$$\text{or } \sqrt{3 - x^2 - \frac{y^2}{2}} = c.$$

- If  $c < 0$  or  $c > \sqrt{3}$ , the level curve does not exist.
- If  $c = \sqrt{3}$ , the level curve is the point  $(0, 0)$ .
- If  $0 \leq c < \sqrt{3}$ , the level curve is an ellipse.

$$(c) (4) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 3 - x^2 - \frac{y^2}{2} \right)^{-1/2} (-y) = -\frac{y}{2} \left( 3 - x^2 - \frac{y^2}{2} \right)^{-1/2}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 1 \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \left( 3 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^{-1/2} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( 2 \right)^{-1/2}.$$

$$3. \text{ (a) } f_{xx} = (y^2 - 8y) [-e^{-x} + (1-x)e^{-x}(-1)] = (y^2 - 8y)e^{-x}(x-2).$$

$$f_{xy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(f_x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}((y^2 - 8y)(1-x)e^{-x}) \\ = (1-x)e^{-x} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y^2 - 8y) = (1-x)e^{-x}(2y - 8)$$

$$f_{yy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(f_y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}((2y - 8)xe^{-x}) = 2xe^{-x}$$

$$\text{(b) } D(x, y) = (y^2 - 8y)(2x)(x-2)e^{-2x} - (2y-8)^2(1-x)^2e^{-2x}$$

$$[5] \quad D(0, 0) = -(0-8)^2 \cdot 1^2 \cdot e^0 = -64 < 0$$

$$D(0, 8) = -(16-8)^2 \cdot 1^2 \cdot e^0 = -64 < 0$$

$$D(1, 4) = (16-32) \cdot 2(-1)e^{-2} - 0 > 0$$

$$f_{xx}(1, 4) = (16-32)e^{-1}(-1) > 0$$

Hence,  $f$  has a saddle point at  $(0, 0)$  and  $(0, 8)$ ,  
 $f$  has a local minimum at  $(1, 4)$ .

$$4. (a) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^3 - x + y^3 z + z^3) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (1) \quad (1)$$

(3)

$$3x^2 - 1 + y^3 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 3z^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$(y^3 + 3z^2) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 1 - 3x^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1 - 3x^2}{y^3 + 3z^2} \quad (2)$$

(b) If  $(x, y) = (1, 0)$ , then  $z^3 = 1$ . Hence,  $z = 1$ .

(2)

It follows from (2) that

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} (1, 0) = \frac{1 - 3 \cdot 1^2}{0^3 + 3 \cdot 1^2} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$(c) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^3 - x + y^3 z + z^3) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (1) \quad (1)$$

(4)

$$3y^2 z + y^3 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + 3z^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$(y^3 + 3z^2) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -3y^2 z \quad (3)$$

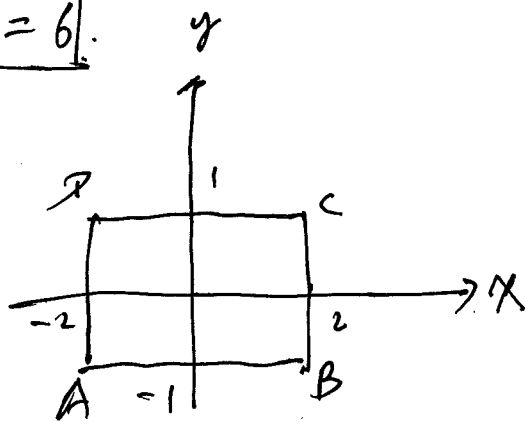
If  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$ , then (1) and (3) give

$$\begin{cases} 1 - 3x^2 = 0 & (4) \\ -3y^2 z = 0 & (5) \end{cases}$$

Since  $x^3 - x + y^3 z + z^3 = 1$  -- (6), we get that  $z \neq 0$  and  $(\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 0)$  are two critical points

5. First, we find the values of  $f$  at all critical points in the interior of  $R$ . We have  
 [8]  $f_x = -2x$ ,  $f_y = -8y$ , so  $(0, 0)$  is the only critical point in  $R$  and  $\boxed{f(0, 0) = 6}$ .

Next, find the minimum and maximum values of  $f$  on the boundary of  $R$ .



On the sides  $AB$  and  $DC$ ,  $y = \pm 1$ ,  $-2 \leq x \leq 2$ ,  
 we have  $f(x, \pm 1) = 6 - x^2 - 4 = 2 - x^2$ .  $\frac{df}{dx} = -2x = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x = 0$ .  $\boxed{f(0, \pm 1) = 2}$ ,  $\boxed{f(\pm 2, \pm 1) = -2}$

On the sides  $BC$  and  $DA$ ,  $x = \pm 2$ ,  $-1 \leq y \leq 1$ ,  
 we have  $f(\pm 2, y) = 6 - 4 - 4y^2 = 2 - 4y^2$ .

$\frac{df}{dy} = -8y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$ ,  $f(\pm 2, 0) = 2$ ,  $f(\pm 2, \pm 1) = -2$ .

Therefore, the maximum value of  $f$  on  $R$  is 6,  
 and the minimum value of  $f$  on  $R$  is -2.

$$6. (4) \quad f(x, y) = x^2 + ay^2 + bx + cy + b$$

$$f_{xx} = 2x + b$$

$$f_{xy} = 2ay + c$$

we have,  $f_{xx}(2, 1) = 0$   
 $f_{xy}(2, 1) = 0$  ✓

$$\begin{cases} 2 \cdot 2 + b = 0 \\ 2a + c = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b = -4 \\ c = -2a \end{cases}$$

thus,  $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + axy^2 - 2x^2 - 2axy + bx + y$  ✓

Since  $\frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^3 + a \cdot 2 \cdot 1^2 - 2 \cdot 2^2 - 2 \cdot a \cdot 2 \cdot 1 + b \cdot 2 + 1$   
 $= \frac{8}{3} - 2a - 8 + 12 + 1 = \frac{8}{3} + 5 - 2a$ , we

get  $2a = \frac{8}{3} - \frac{2}{3} + 5 = 2 + 5 = 7 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = 7/2 \\ c = -2a = -7 \end{cases}$