

**Written assignment 4. Due Wednesday November 25.**  
**Review of gradients, Jacobians, Chain Rule, and the Implicit Function Theorem.**

- (1) Suppose it is given that the direction of the steepest increase of a function  $f(x, y)$  at the origin is  $\langle 1, 2 \rangle$ . Find a unit vector  $\mathbf{u}$  that is tangent to the level curve of  $f(x, y)$  that passes through the origin.
- (2) (From an old final exam) The shape of the hill is given by  $z = 1000 - 0.1x^2 - y^2$ . Assume that the  $x$ -axis is pointing East, and the  $y$ -axis is pointing North, and all distances are in metres.
  - (a) What is the direction of the steepest ascent at the point  $(0, 20, 600)$ ? (The answer should be in terms of directions of the compass).
  - (b) What is the slope of the hill in the direction from (a)?
  - (c) If you ride a bicycle on this hill in the direction of the steepest descent at 5 m/s, what is the rate of change of your altitude (with respect to time) as you pass through the point  $(0, 20, 600)$ ?
- (3) Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be defined by  $f(r, \theta, z) = (x, y, z)$ , where  $x = r \cos(\theta)$ ,  $y = r \sin(\theta)$ ,  $z = z$  (the *cylindrical coordinates* transformation, which we will use for computing integrals later). Find its Jacobian matrix (it should be a  $3 \times 3$ -matrix).
- (4) Let  $g(x, y, z) = (x^2 + y^2, x/y, 3z)$ . Let  $f(r, \theta, z)$  be the transformation from the previous problem. Find the Jacobian matrix of the transformation  $g(f(r, \theta, z))$  in two ways: directly by finding the formula for this composition of transformations, and also by multiplying the Jacobian matrices of  $f$  and of  $g$  (i.e., by using the Chain Rule). (Hint: it should be diagonal).
- (5) (Problem 14 on p.744) The equations  $F(x, y, z) = 0$  and  $G(x, y, z) = 0$  together can define any two of the variables  $x, y$  and  $z$  as functions of the remaining variable. Show that

$$\frac{dx}{dy} \frac{dy}{dz} \frac{dz}{dx} = 1.$$

- (6) (modified Problem 15 on p.744) The equations

$$\begin{cases} x = u^3 - uv \\ y = 3uv + 2v^2 \end{cases}$$

define  $u$  and  $v$  implicitly as functions of  $x$  and  $y$  near the point  $P$  where  $(u, v, x, y) = (-1, 2, 1, 2)$ .

- (a) Let  $F(x, y, u, v) = u^3 - uv - x$ , and  $G(x, y, u, v) = 3uv + 2v^2 - y$  (the functions defining the two equations above). Write down the Jacobian matrix (differentiating the equations with respect to the dependent variables  $u$  and  $v$ ):  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial F}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial G}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial G}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (b) Find  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$  at  $P$  (hint: use the answer from (a): you should see the inverse of this matrix).

(c) Find the approximate value of  $u$  when  $x = 1.02$  and  $y = 1.97$ .

(7) (modified Problem 16 on p.744) The equations

$$\begin{cases} u + v = x^2 + y^2 \\ u - v = x^2 - 2xy^2 \end{cases}$$

define  $x$  and  $y$  implicitly as functions of  $u$  and  $v$  for values of  $(x, y)$  near  $(1, 2)$ , and values of  $(u, v)$  near  $(-1, 6)$ .

(a) Find  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}$  and  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$  at  $(u, v) = (-1, 6)$ .

Hint: write down the Jacobian matrix, differentiating the equations with respect to the dependent variables  $x$  and  $y$  in this case, as in the previous problem.

(b) If  $z = \ln(y^2 - x^2)$ , find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}$  at  $(u, v) = (-1, 6)$ .

Hint: use chain rule.