

1. A function  $u(x, y)$  is *harmonic* if it satisfies the partial differential equation  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ . Determine if the function  $u(x, y) = x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + y^4$  is harmonic.

► **Solution.**  $u_x = 4x^3 - 12xy^2$ ,  $u_{xx} = 12x^2 - 12y^2$ ,  $u_y = -12x^2y + 4y^3$ ,  $u_{yy} = -12x^2 + 12y^2$ . Hence,  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 12x^2 - 12y^2 - 12x^2 + 12y^2 = 0$ , so  $u$  is harmonic. ◀

2. Let  $w = u^2v + 2v^3 - u + 1$ , where  $u = (x - y^2)^3$  and  $v = x^2 - y + 1$ . Compute the partial derivatives  $w_x$  and  $w_y$ .

► **Solution.** Use the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} w_x &= w_u u_x + w_v v_x = (2uv - 1)3(x - y^2)^2 + (u^2 + 6v^2)2x \\ &= (2(x - y^2)^3(x^2 - y - 1) - 1)3(x - y^2)^2 + 2x((x - y^2)^6 + 6(x^2 - y + 1)^2) \\ w_y &= w_u u_y + w_v v_y = (2uv - 1)3(x - y^2)^2(-2y) + (u^2 + 6v^2)(-1) \\ &= (2(x - y^2)^3(x^2 - y - 1) - 1)3(x - y^2)^2(-2y) - ((x - y^2)^6 + 6(x^2 - y + 1)^2) \end{aligned}$$

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3. Find the rate of change of  $f(x, y) = 3x^4 - xy + y^3$  at the point  $P(1, 2)$  in the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$ .

► **Solution.** A unit vector in the direction of  $\mathbf{a}$  is

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{a}|} = \frac{2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{5}}.$$

Thus, the rate of change of  $f$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{a}$  is the directional derivative  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(P) = \nabla f(P) \cdot \mathbf{u}$ . Since  $\nabla f = (12x^3 - y)\mathbf{i} + (-x + 3y^2)\mathbf{j}$ ,  $\nabla f(P) = 10\mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j}$  so

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}f(P) = \nabla f(P) \cdot \mathbf{u} = (10\mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j}) \cdot \frac{2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{5}}.$$

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4. Let  $S$  be the surface defined by the equation

$$z = x^2y + xy^2 - 3y^2.$$

- (a) Find the equation of the tangent plane to  $S$  at the point  $P = (2, 1, 3)$ .

► **Solution.** Let  $f(x, y) = x^2y + xy^2 - 3y^2$ . Then

$$f_x = 2xy + y^2 \quad \text{and} \quad f_y = x^2 + y^2 - 6y.$$

The equation of the tangent plane is

$$(z - 3) = f_x(x - 2) + f_y(y - 1) = 5(x - 2) + 2(y - 1).$$

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- (b) Give a formula approximating the change  $\Delta z$  in  $z$  if  $x$  and  $y$  change by small amounts  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta y$ .

► **Solution.**

$$\Delta z \approx 5\Delta x + 2\Delta y.$$

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- (c) Approximate the value of  $z$  at the point  $(2.01, 1.01)$ .

► **Solution.**

$$z = f(2.01, 1.01) = f(2, 1) + \Delta z \approx 3 + 7(.01) = 3.07.$$

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5. Let  $S$  be the surface

$$\frac{x^2}{1} + \frac{y^2}{4} + \frac{z^2}{9} = 1.$$

- (a) Find a normal vector to the surface  $S$  at  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}, \sqrt{3}\right)$  on  $S$ .

► **Solution.** Let  $f(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2}{1} + \frac{y^2}{4} + \frac{z^2}{9}$ . Then  $S$  is the level surface  $f(x, y, z) = 1$  and thus a normal vector at any point  $P$  is given by the gradient vector  $\nabla f(P)$  at the point  $P$ . Thus, a normal vector to  $S$  at  $P = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}, \sqrt{3}\right)$  is

$$\nabla f = \frac{2x}{1}\mathbf{i} + \frac{2y}{4}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2z}{9}\mathbf{k} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}\mathbf{k}.$$

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- (b) At which point(s) on  $S$  is the vector  $\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$  normal to  $S$ ?

► **Solution.** Set  $\nabla f = k\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$  to ensure that the gradient is parallel to  $\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$ . Substitute  $x = k/2$ ,  $y = 2k$ ,  $z = 9k/2$  into the equation  $f(x, y, z) = 1$ , i.e.,

$$\frac{k^2}{2^2} + \frac{(2k)^2}{4} + \frac{(9k/2)^2}{9} = 1$$

and solve for  $k = \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}$ . Thus, the two points are

$$(x, y, z) = \pm 1\sqrt{14}(1, 4, 9).$$

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6. Find *all* critical points of  $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^4 - 6x - 2y^2$ . Apply the second derivative test to each point and determine whether it is a local maximum, local minimum, or saddle point, or that the test fails.

► **Solution.** First compute the critical points.  $f_x = 3x^2 - 6$  and  $f_y = 4y^3 - 4y$ , so setting  $f_x = 0$  and  $f_y = 0$  simultaneously, we find that  $x = \pm\sqrt{2}$  and  $y = 0, \pm 1$ . Thus, there are a total of 6 critical points. To apply the second derivative test compute the discriminant  $D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 = 24x(3y^2 - 1)$ . The second derivative test then gives the following results: local maximum at  $(-\sqrt{2}, 0)$ , local minima at  $(\sqrt{2}, 1)$  and  $(\sqrt{2}, -1)$ , and saddle points at  $(\sqrt{2}, 0)$ ,  $(-\sqrt{2}, 1)$  and  $(-\sqrt{2}, -1)$ . ◀

7. Use Lagrange multipliers to find the global maximum value and global minimum value of the function  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$  subject to the constraint  $g(x, y, z) = 1$  where  $g(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2}{1} + \frac{y^2}{4} + \frac{z^2}{9}$ .

► **Solution.** We set  $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$ , noting that since  $f$  achieves both positive and negative values on the ellipsoid  $g(x, y, z) = 1$ , we must have  $xyz \neq 0$  at a global extreme point. Global extrema must exist since  $f$  is continuous on a closed bounded domain. The vector equation  $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$  gives the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned} yz &= \lambda 2x \\ xz &= \lambda \frac{2y}{4} \\ xy &= \lambda \frac{2z}{9} \end{aligned}$$

By taking ratios of pairs of equations, we see that  $y^2 = 4x^2$  and  $z^2 = 9x^2$ . Then we substitute for  $y$  and  $z$  in terms of  $x$  into the equation  $g(x, y, z) = 1$  to get  $3x^2 = 1$  so that  $x = \pm\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  and hence  $y = \pm\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$  and  $z = \pm\frac{3}{\sqrt{3}}$ . Thus the global maximum and minimum values are  $\pm\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$  respectively. ◀

8. Evaluate:

(a)  $\int_0^1 \int_1^{e^y} \frac{y}{x} dx dy$

► **Solution.**

$$\int_0^1 \int_1^{e^y} \frac{y}{x} dx dy = \int_0^1 y \ln x|_1^{e^y} dy = \int_0^1 y^2 dy = \frac{1}{3}.$$

(b)  $\int_0^4 \int_{\sqrt{y}}^2 \sqrt{x^3 + 1} dx dy$ . (*Hint:* Sketch the domain and reverse the order of integration.)

► **Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^4 \int_{\sqrt{y}}^2 \sqrt{x^3+1} \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^2 \int_0^{x^2} \sqrt{x^3+1} \, dy \, dx = \int_0^2 x^2 \sqrt{x^3+1} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \int_1^9 \sqrt{u} \, du = 6 - \frac{2}{9} = \frac{52}{9}.\end{aligned}$$

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9. Evaluate  $\iiint_E z \, dV$  if  $E$  is the region defined by the inequalities  $y \leq z \leq x$ ;  $0 \leq y \leq x$ ;  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .

► **Solution.**

$$\iiint_E z \, dV = \int_0^1 \int_0^x \int_y^x z \, dz \, dy \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \int_0^x (x^2 - y^2) \, dy \, dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 x^3 \, dx = \frac{1}{12}.$$

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10. Use spherical coordinates to evaluate  $\iiint_E x \, dV$  if  $E$  is the region defined by the inequalities  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1$ ;  $x \geq 0$ ;  $y \geq 0$ ;  $z \geq 0$ .

► **Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned}\iint_E x \, dV &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^1 \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \cdot \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 \phi \cos \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\pi/4} \sin^2 \phi \, d\phi \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1 - \cos 2\phi}{2} \, d\phi = \frac{\pi}{16}.\end{aligned}$$

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11. Let  $C_1$  be the line segment from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(1, 0)$ ,  $C_2$  the arc of the unit circle running from  $(1, 0)$  to  $(0, 1)$  and let  $C_3$  be the line segment from  $(0, 1)$  to  $(0, 0)$ . Let  $C$  be the simple closed curve formed by  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $C_3$ , and let  $\mathbf{F} = x^3\mathbf{i} + y^2x\mathbf{j}$ . Calculate

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

in two ways:

(a) Directly,

► **Solution.** Parametrize  $C_1$  by  $x = t$ ,  $y = 0$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  so that  $dx = dt$  and  $dy = 0$ . Then

$$\int_{C_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{C_1} x^3 dx + x^2 y dy = \int_0^1 t^3 dt = \left. \frac{t^4}{4} \right|_0^1 = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Parametrize  $C_2$  by  $x = \cos t$ ,  $y = \sin t$  for  $0 \leq t \leq \pi/2$ , so that  $dx = -\sin t dt$  and  $dy = \cos t dt$ . Then

$$\int_{C_2} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_0^{\pi/2} (\cos^3 t(-\sin t) + \cos^2 t \sin t \cos t) dt = \int_0^{\pi/2} 0 dt = 0.$$

Parametrize  $C_3$  by  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 1 - t$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ , so that  $dx = 0$ ,  $dy = -dt$ . Then

$$\int_{C_3} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_0^1 0 dt.$$

Therefore,

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{C_1} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} + \int_{C_2} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} + \int_{C_3} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

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(b) using Green's theorem.

► **Solution.** Let  $R$  be the region bounded by  $C$ . Then  $Q_x - P_y = 2xy$ . Then Green's theorem gives

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_R (Q_x - P_y) dA = \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^1 2r^3 \cos \theta \sin \theta dr d\theta.$$

The inner integral is

$$\int_0^1 2r^3 \cos \theta \sin \theta dr = \left. \frac{r^4}{2} \cos \theta \sin \theta \right|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta \sin \theta.$$

The outer integral is then

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta \sin \theta d\theta = \left. \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 \theta \right|_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

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12. Let  $\mathbf{F} = (6x + y + z)\mathbf{i} + (x - z + 7)\mathbf{j} + (x - y - 3z^2)\mathbf{k}$ . Show that  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative and find a potential function for  $\mathbf{F}$ .

► **Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{F} &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 6x + y + z & x - z + 7 & x - y - 3z^2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-1 - (-1))\mathbf{i} + (1 - 1)\mathbf{j} + (1 - 1)\mathbf{k} \\ &= \mathbf{0}\end{aligned}$$

so  $\mathbf{F}$  is conservative. To find a potential function, we look for a function  $f$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}f_x &= 6x + y + z \\ f_y &= x - z + 7 \\ f_z &= x - y + 3z^2\end{aligned}$$

simultaneously. Integrating the first equation with respect to  $x$  gives

$$f(x, y, z) = 3x^2 + xy + xz + g(y, z)$$

for some function  $g(y, z)$ . Differentiating with respect to  $y$  yields

$$f_y = x + g_y$$

and comparing with the second of the three equations gives  $g_y = -z + 7$ , so integrating with respect to  $y$  gives

$$g(y, z) = -yz + 7y + h(z)$$

for some function  $h(z)$ . Substituting gives

$$f(x, y, z) = 3x^2 + xy + xz - yz + 7y + h(z).$$

Differentiating with respect to  $z$  gives  $f_z = x - y + h_z$ , and comparing with the third of the three equations gives  $h_z = 3z^2$ , so  $h(z) = z^3 + K$  for some constant  $K$ . Substituting gives

$$f(x, y, z) = 3x^2 + xy + xz - yz + 7y + z^3 + K.$$

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13. Let  $E$  be the 3-dimensional region described by the inequalities  $x \geq 0$ ,  $y \geq 0$ ,  $x + y \leq 2$ , and  $0 \leq z \leq 3$ . Let  $S$  be the entire boundary of  $E$  (all five faces) and let

$$\mathbf{F} = e^{-y^2}\mathbf{i} + \sin(e^x)\mathbf{j} + z^2\mathbf{k}.$$

Compute  $\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS$ , where the normal  $\mathbf{n}$  is oriented outward.

*Hint:* Use a theorem instead of trying to compute it directly.

► **Solution.** Apply the divergence theorem. First compute the divergence of  $\mathbf{F}$ :

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} e^{-y^2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \sin(e^x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} z^2 = 2z,$$

so the divergence theorem gives

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS = \iiint_E \operatorname{div} \mathbf{F} \, dV = \iiint_E 2z \, dV.$$

The cross section of  $E$  at height  $z$  is an isosceles right triangle  $R$  of side length 2 and area  $\frac{1}{2}2^2 = 2$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_E 2z \, dV &= \int_{z=0}^3 \iint_R 2z \, dA \, dz \\ &= \int_{z=0}^3 2z \operatorname{Area}(R) \, dz \\ &= \int_{z=0}^3 4z \, dz \\ &= 2z^2 \Big|_0^3 \\ &= 18. \end{aligned}$$

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