

Math 2263  
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Time Limit: 50 minutes

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TOTAL	100 pts	

1. (15 points) Find an equation for the **plane** passing through all three points  $\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 3, -2, -2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle 2, 0, 1 \rangle$  and  $\langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$ .

**SOLUTION:** A normal vector  $\vec{v}$  is the cross product of  $\langle 3, -2, -2 \rangle - \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$  and  $\langle 2, 0, 1 \rangle - \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$ . So

$$\vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & -2 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -2\vec{i} - 4\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}.$$

We can divide  $\vec{v}$  by  $-2$ , so an equation for the plane is  $(x - 1) + 2(y - 0) - (z - 0) = 0$ , equivalently

$$x + 2y - z = 1.$$

2. (15 points) Find an equation for the surface in  $(x, y, z)$ -space obtained by **rotating** the hyperbola  $x^2 - 4z^2 = 1$  of the  $(x, z)$ -plane **about the  $x$ -axis**.

**SOLUTION:**  $|z|$  is the distance from the  $x$ -axis in the  $(x, z)$ -plane; we want to replace it with the distance to the  $x$ -axis in space, namely  $\sqrt{y^2 + z^2}$ . The equation of the surface of revolution is

$$x^2 - 4y^2 - 4z^2 = 1.$$

3. (15 points) The lines given parametrically by

$$(x, y, z) = (7 + 2t, -1 - t, -2t), \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

and

$$(x, y, z) = (4 - s, -1 + 2s, 2 + 2s), \quad -\infty < s < \infty$$

intersect at the point  $\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 3, 1, 4 \rangle$ . Find an equation for the **plane** which contains both lines.

**SOLUTION:** A normal vector  $\vec{v}$  to the plane is the cross product of the vector multiplied by  $t$  in the first line and the vector multiplied by  $s$  in the other line:

$$\vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -6\vec{i} - 6\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}.$$

Divide  $\vec{v}$  by 3. So the plane is given by the equation  $-2(x - 3) - 2(y - 1) + (z - 4) = 0$ , or

$$-2x - 2y + z = -4.$$

4. (15 points) For the function  $f(x, y) = e^{-2y} \sin 2x$ , find the **second partial derivatives**

$$f_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$$

and

$$f_{yy} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$$

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**SOLUTION:**  $f_x = 2e^{-2y} \cos 2x$ , so  $f_{xx} = -4e^{-2y} \sin 2x$ . For the  $y$  ipartial derivatives,  $f_y = -2e^{-2y} \sin 2x$  and  $f_{yy} = +4e^{-2y} \sin 2x$ .

5. (10 points) Suppose  $z = f(x, y)$  is a function with partial derivatives  $f_x(3, 1) = 5$  and  $f_y(3, 1) = 2$ . If  $x$  and  $y$  are both functions of  $t$ :  $x = 5 - 2t$  and  $y = 2 + t - 2t^2$ , find

$$\frac{dz}{dt}$$

at  $t = 1$ .

**SOLUTION:**  $x = g(t) = 5 - 2t$  so  $x = g(1) = 3$  at  $t = 1$ , and  $\frac{dx}{dt} = g'(t) = -2$ . Meanwhile,  $y = h(t) = 2 + t - 2t^2$ , so  $y = h(1) = 1$  at  $t = 1$ .  $\frac{dy}{dt} = h'(t) = 1 - 4t$ , so  $h'(1) = -3$ . The **chain rule** says that

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = f_x(3, 1)g'(1) + f_y(3, 1)h'(1) = (5)(-2) + (2)(-3) = -16.$$

6. (15 points) The point  $\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 2, 1, 0 \rangle$  lies on the surface  $S$ :

$$x^2 - y^2 + xz + xy - 4z^2 = 5.$$

Find the equation of the **tangent plane** to the surface  $S$  at  $\langle 2, 1, 0 \rangle$ , in the form  $ax + by + cz = d$ .

**SOLUTION:** The normal vector to the tangent plane to the surface  $g(x, y, z) = 0$  is the gradient  $\vec{\nabla}g$ . But  $g_x = 2x + z + y = 2 + 0 + 1 = 3$ ;  $g_y = -2y + x = -2 + 2 = 0$ ; and  $g_z = x - 8z = 2 - 0 = 2$ . So  $\vec{\nabla}g(2, 1, 0) = \langle 3, 0, 2 \rangle$ . The equation of the tangent plane is  $3(x - 2) + 0(y - 1) + 2(z - 0) = 0$  or equivalently:

$$3x + 2z = 6.$$

7. (15 points) (a) Find the **gradient** of the function  $f(x, y, z) = e^z \ln(x + 2y)$  at the point  $\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle e, 0, 1 \rangle$ . (b) Find the **directional derivative** of  $f$  at the point  $\langle e, 0, 1 \rangle$  in the direction

$$\vec{u} = \frac{1}{3}(\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}).$$

(15 points) **SOLUTION:**  $f_x = \frac{e^z}{x+2y} = 1$ ;  $f_y = 2e^z x + 2y = 2$ ; and  $f_z = e^z \ln(x + 2y) = e$ . So the gradient is

$$\text{vec}\nabla f(e, 0, 1) = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + e\vec{k}.$$