

1. Let  $A = (0, -1, 1)$ ,  $B = (1, -1, 3)$ ,  $C = (2, 0, 0)$  be three points.

(a) Find  $\vec{v} = \overrightarrow{AB}$  and  $\vec{w} = \overrightarrow{BC}$ . (2 points)

$$\vec{v} = \langle 1, -1, 3 \rangle - \langle 0, -1, 1 \rangle = \langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{w} = \langle 2, 0, 0 \rangle - \langle 1, -1, 3 \rangle = \langle 1, 1, -3 \rangle.$$

$$\vec{v} = \langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{w} = \langle 1, 1, -3 \rangle$$

(b) Calculate the cross-product  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$ . (3 points)

The cross-product is given by

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$(0(-3) - 1(2))\mathbf{i} - (1(-3) - 1(2))\mathbf{j} + (1(1) - 1(0))\mathbf{k} =$$

$$= -2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \langle -2, 5, 1 \rangle$$

(c) Find the area of the triangle  $\triangle ABC$ . (2 points)

The magnitude of the cross product gives the area of the parallelogram determined by the vectors  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$ .

The magnitude of  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$  is given by  $\sqrt{(-2)^2 + (5)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 25 + 1} = \sqrt{30}$ .

The area of the triangle is half of this, which is  $\frac{\sqrt{30}}{2}$ .

$$\text{Area}(\triangle) = \frac{\sqrt{30}}{2}$$

2. Suppose that two planes have (non-zero) normal vectors  $\mathbf{n}_1$  and  $\mathbf{n}_2$  respectively, and that  $\mathbf{n}_1 \times \mathbf{n}_2 = \mathbf{0}$ . Which of the following could possibly be true? List the letters in the box. (4 points)

- A. The planes intersect in a line.
- B. The planes are orthogonal to each other.
- C. The planes are parallel to each other.
- D. The planes are equal to each other.

Having cross product 0 means the normal vectors for the planes are parallel. Having parallel normal vectors corresponds to having parallel planes or the same plane, so only C and D are possible.

The possibly true statements are

C and D

3. (a) Let  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle$ , and let  $\mathbf{w} = \langle -1, 3, 0 \rangle$ . Find  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{w}$ , the vector projection of  $\mathbf{w}$  onto  $\mathbf{v}$ . (3 points)

We have that  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = |\mathbf{v}|^2 = (\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2})^2 = 5$  and  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 1(-1) + 0 + 0 = -1$ .

$$\text{Thus, } \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{w} = \left( \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} \right) \mathbf{v} = \frac{-1}{5} \langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle = \left\langle -\frac{1}{5}, 0, -\frac{2}{5} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{w} = \left\langle -\frac{1}{5}, 0, -\frac{2}{5} \right\rangle$$

(b) Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be the plane with equation  $x + 2z = 0$ . Find the distance from the point  $(-1, 3, 0)$  to the plane  $\mathbf{P}$ . (2 points)

Note that  $\mathbf{v}$  from above is a normal vector to this plane. Additionally, the plane passes through the origin  $(0, 0, 0)$ . Finally, the vector  $\mathbf{w}$  gives the vector from  $(0, 0, 0)$  to  $(-1, 3, 0)$ . So,  $|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{w}|$  will give the distance from the point to the plane. It is  $|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{w}| = \sqrt{\frac{1}{25} + \frac{4}{25}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

The distance is

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

4. Find the angle  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$  between the planes  $z = x + \sqrt{2}y$  and  $x - z = 5$ .

Express your answer in radians. (4 points)

This is equivalent to finding the angle between normal vectors to the planes. Two such vectors are  $\langle 1, \sqrt{2}, -1 \rangle$  for the first one and  $\langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle$  for the second one. Recall that  $\cos \Theta = \frac{\langle 1, \sqrt{2}, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle}{|\langle 1, \sqrt{2}, -1 \rangle| |\langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ . Thus,  $\Theta = \pi/4$ .

$$\theta = \boxed{\pi/4}$$

5. Find the tangent plane to the surface  $z = x^2 e^y$  at the point  $(3, 0, 9)$ . (5 points)

Computing the following partial derivatives will complete this task:

$$f_x = 2xe^y$$

$$f_y = x^2 e^y$$

$$f_x(3, 0) = 6$$

$$f_y(3, 0) = 9$$

Thus, the equation is given by

$$z = 9 + 6(x-3) + 9(y-0) = 6x + 9y - 9$$

$$\text{Equation: } z = \boxed{6}x + \boxed{9}y + \boxed{-9}$$

6. Suppose  $f$  is a differentiable function of  $x$  and  $y$  with continuous second partial derivatives.

Let  $g(u, v) = f(e^u + (v+2)^2, e^{3u} + v^3)$ . You are given the following table of values.

	$g$	$f$	$f_x$	$f_y$	$f_{xx}$	$f_{xy}$
$(0, 0)$	5	1	4	6	4	5
$(5, 1)$	0	4	7	2	1	9

(a) Use the table to calculate  $g_u(0, 0)$ , if possible.

Otherwise, write "Insufficient information". (4 points)

$$\text{Let } x = e^u + (v+2)^2, y = e^{3u} + v^3.$$

Then, compute:

$$x_u = e^u, y_u = 3e^{3u}, x(0,0) = 5, y(0,0) = 1, x_u(0,0) = 1, \text{ and } y_u(0,0) = 3.$$

$$\text{Thus, } g_u(0,0) = f_x(5,1)x_u(0,0) + f_y(5,1)y_u(0,0) = (7)(1) + (2)(3) = 13$$

$$g_u(0,0) =$$

13

(b) Use the table to calculate  $f_{yx}(5, 1)$ , if possible.

Otherwise, write "Insufficient information". (1 point)

This will equal  $f_{xy}(5,1)$  by Clairaut's theorem, so it is 9.

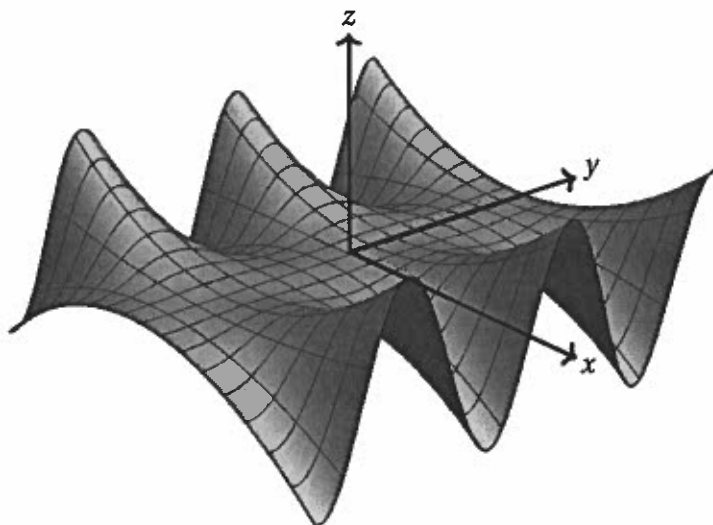
$$f_{yx}(5,1) =$$

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7. The picture below is the graph of a function  $z = f(x, y)$  illustrated relative to the coordinate axes.

Pick the correct function  $f$ . (2 points)

- A.  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2$
- B.  $f(x, y) = x^2 \cos(y)$
- C.  $f(x, y) = x^2 \sin(y)$
- D.  $f(x, y) = xy e^{xy}$
- E.  $f(x, y) = \sin(x) \cos(y)$

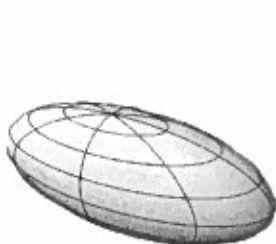


The way to solve this is to test points to see if they are on the graph. For instance, the function for A does not work because the point  $(0, 0, -2)$  is not on the graph. Thus, the answer is C by process of elimination.

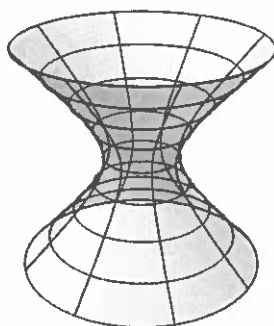
The correct function is

C

8. Let  $f(x, y, z) = ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2$  for some real numbers  $a, b,$  and  $c$ . Which of the following could not be a level set of  $f$ ? Circle the letter corresponding to your answer. (2 points)



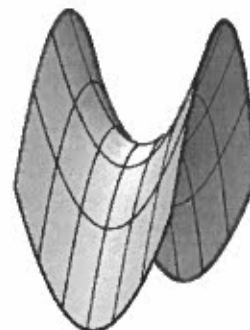
A. Ellipsoid



B. Hyperboloid of 1 sheet



C. Hyperboloid of 2 sheets



D. Hyperbolic paraboloid

The way to solve this is to look at the equations for each of these. The only one for which the equation does not match up is the hyperbolic paraboloid. D

9. Let  $f$  be a function of  $x$  and  $y$ . Consider the following statements.

- A.  $f(x, y) \rightarrow 0$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  along every straight line through  $(0, 0)$ , but  $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} f(x, y)$  does not exist.
- B.  $f(x, y) \rightarrow 0$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  along the lines  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ , but  $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} f(x, y)$  does not exist.
- C.  $f(x, y) \rightarrow 0$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  along the lines  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ , and  $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} f(x, y) = 1$ .

Which statements could *possibly* be true?

List the letter(s) for those statement(s) in the box, or write "none". (3 points)

The possibly true statements are

A and B

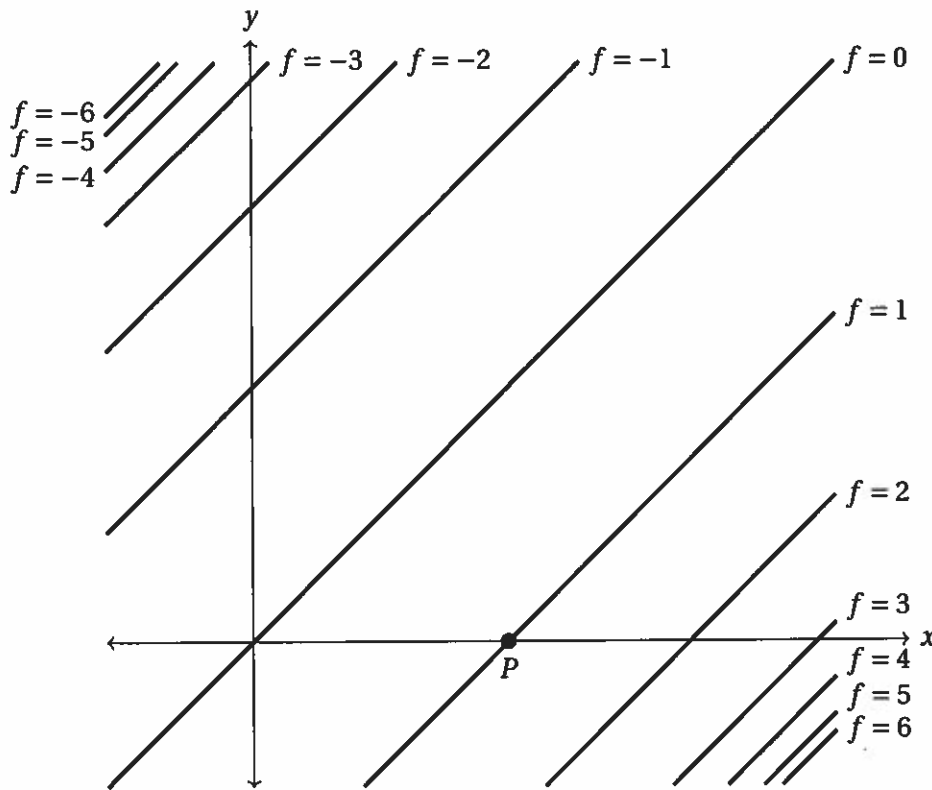
A is possible by using the function

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 y}{x^4 + y^2}. \text{ This also works for B.}$$

C is impossible by the definition of taking limits.

10. A contour map for a function  $f$  of  $x$  and  $y$  and a point  $P$  in the plane are given below.

Use the contour map to determine if the following quantities are negative, zero, or positive. (2 points each)



Note that  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  is the rate of change in the  $x$  direction. Imagine walking from  $P$  in the direction of the positive  $x$ -axis. Comparing the values of the level sets of  $f$  before and after travelling from  $P$  gives that  $f_x(P) > 0$ .

For  $f_{xx}(P)$ , note that the values of the level sets are increasing with the gaps between them decreasing, so  $f_{xx}(P) > 0$ .

For  $f_{xy}(P)$ , a similar analysis shows that  $f_{xy}(P) < 0$ . Think of how  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  changes as you move in the positive  $y$ -direction.

(a)  $f_x(P)$  is

negative      zero      positive

(b)  $f_{xx}(P)$  is

negative      zero      positive

(c)  $f_{xy}(P)$  is

negative      zero      positive