

# Practice Final Exam, Math 291 Fall 2013

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## Material from Part 1 of the Course:

**1:** (a) Let  $\mathbf{a} = (2, 1, 2)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (1, 2, -2)$ . The set of points  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  satisfying

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

is a line.

(a) Find a parameterization of this line.

(b) Find the distance between this line and the origin  $(0, 0, 0)$ .

(c) Find the distance between this line and the  $z$ -axis.

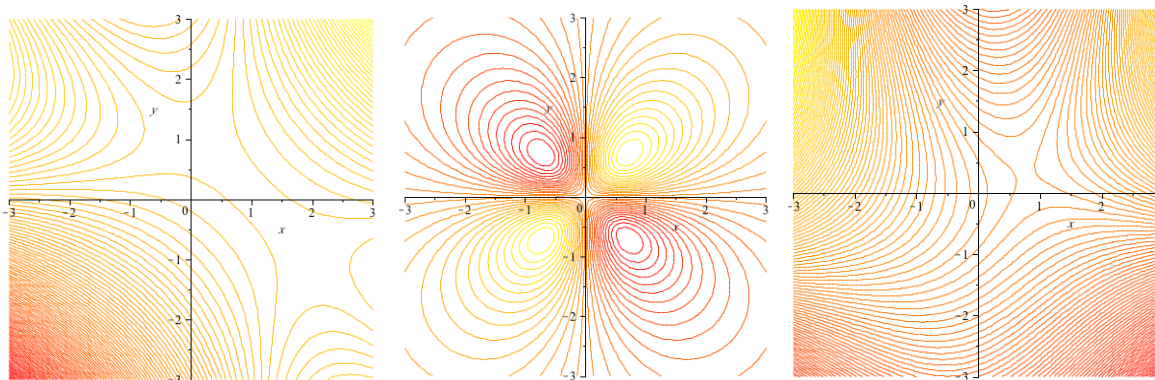
**2:** Let  $f(x, y) = \frac{xy}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^2}$ .

(a) Find all of the critical points of  $f$ , and find the value of  $f$  at each of the critical points.

(b) Does  $f$  have a maximum value? Explain why or why not. If it does, find all points at which the value of  $f$  is maximal; i.e, find all maximizers.

(c) Does  $f$  have a minimum value? Explain why or why not. If it does, find all points at which the value of  $f$  is minimal; i.e, find all minimizers.

(d) One of the following is a contour plot for  $f$ . Which one is it? Explain your answer to receive credit.



**3:** Let  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  be the curve given by  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (\ln(t), 2t, t^2/2)$  for  $t > 0$ .

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(a) Compute the arc length  $s(t)$  as a function of  $t$ , measured from the starting point  $\mathbf{x}(1)$ , and find an arc-length parameterization of this curve

(b) Compute curvature  $\kappa(t)$  and torsion  $\tau(t)$  as a function of  $t$ .

(c) Find an equation for the osculating plane at time  $t = 1$ , and compute the distance from the origin to the osculating plane at  $t = 1$ .

4: Let  $f(x, y) = x^2y + (x - 1)(y - 1)^2$ .

(a) Find the equations for the tangent planes to the graph of  $z = f(x, y)$  at  $\mathbf{x}_1 = (2, -1)$  and at  $\mathbf{x}_2 = (-1, 1)$ .

(b) Parameterize the line that is the intersection of the two planes found in (a).

(c) Parameterize the line that is the tangent to the contour curve of  $f$  passing through  $(1, 1)$ . (Note that this is a line in the plane,  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .)  
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### Material from Part 2 of the Course:

5: Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by  $f(x, y) = 4xy - x^4 - y^4$ .

(a) Let  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  be given by  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (t + t^2, t^2 + t^3)$ . Compute  $\left. \frac{d}{dt} f(\mathbf{x}(t)) \right|_{t=1}$ .

(b) Find all of the critical points of  $f$ , and find the value of  $f$  at each of the critical points.

(c) Compute the Hessian of  $f$  at each critical point and determine whether each critical point is a local minimum, a local maximum, a saddle point, or if it cannot be classified through a computation of the Hessian.

(d) Sketch a contour plot of  $f$  near each critical point.

6: Let  $f(x, y) = \frac{xy}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^2}$ , as in problem 2. Find the minimum and maximum values of  $f$  in the set where

$$|x| + |y| \leq 1 .$$

Also, find all of the minimizers and maximizers.

7: (a) Let  $D$  be the set in the positive quadrant of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} y &= x \\ y &= \sqrt{3}x \\ y &= x^2 + y^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{1 + x^2 + y^2}$ . Compute  $\int_D f(x, y) dA$ .

(b) Let  $D$  be the set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that is given by

$$x^2 \leq y \leq 2x^2 \quad \text{and} \quad x^3 \leq y \leq 2x^3 .$$

Let  $f(x, y) = \frac{x}{y}$ . Compute  $\int_D f(x, y) dA$ .

8: Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the region in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that lies inside the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ , and above the graph of  $z = 1/\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ . Compute the volume of  $\mathcal{V}$  **and** the total surface area of its boundary. (There are two pieces to the boundary.)

**Material from Part 3 of the Course:**

**9:** Consider the two vector fields

$$\mathbf{F} = (y + z^2, x + z^2, 2zx + 2zy) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{G} = (y + z^2, x + z^2, 2x + 2y) .$$

(a) Compute the divergence and curl of  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$ .

(b) Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the unit sphere, and  $\mathbf{N}$  its outward normal. Compute **either**

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{N} dS \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{\mathcal{S}} \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{N} dS .$$

The choice is yours. Do whichever one you find easier, and justify your answer to receive credit.

(c) One of the vector fields  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$  is equal to  $\nabla\varphi$  for some potential function  $\varphi$ . Which one is it? Find such a potential function.

(d) Let  $C$  be the curve that is given by

$$x^2 + y^2 + y^2 = 4 \quad \text{and} \quad x + y + z = 1 .$$

Orient  $C$  so that it is traversed in the counter-clockwise direction when viewed from above. Compute **either**

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{T} ds \quad \text{or} \quad \int_C \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{T} ds .$$

The choice is yours. Do whichever one you find easier, and justify your answer to receive credit.

**10:** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the region in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that lies inside the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ , and above the graph of  $z = 1/\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , as in problem 8. Let  $\mathbf{F} = (xz, x^2y + z^2, y^3 - zx^2)$  and let  $\mathbf{N}$  be the outward normal to  $\mathcal{S}$ , the boundary of  $\mathcal{V}$ . Compute the total flux

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{N} dS .$$

**11:** Let  $C$  be the (open) curve that runs along the line segment from  $(1, 0, 0)$  to  $(0, 1, 0)$ , and then along the line segment from there to  $(0, 0, 1)$ . Let  $\mathbf{G} = (y + z^2, x + z^2, 2x + 2y)$ . Compute

$$\int_C \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{T} ds .$$