Math 32A, Lecture 1
Multivariable Calculus

Sample Final

Instructions: You have three hours to complete the exam. There are ten problems, worth a total of one hundred points. You may not use any books, notes, or calculators. Show all your work; partial credit will be given for progress toward correct solutions, but unsupported correct answers will not receive credit. Remember to make your drawings large and clear, and to label your axes.
Write your solutions in the space below the questions. If you need more space, use the back of the page. Do not turn in your scratch paper.

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Problem 1.

Either evaluate the limit, or prove that it does not exist.

(a) [3pts.] $\lim_{(x,y,z)\to(0,0,0)} \frac{x^2-y^2+z^2}{x^2+y^2+z^2}$

(b) [3pts.] $\lim_{(x,y)\to(1,2)} \frac{\ln|1-x|}{(y-2)^2}$

(c) [4pts.] $\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \frac{x^2-y^2}{x+y}$

Problem 2.

A particle travels along a path $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 3\sqrt{2}t^2, t - 3t^3, 2\sqrt{2}t \rangle$.

(a) [5pts.] What is the length of the path traced by the particle between time $t = 0$ and $t = 1$?

(b) [5pts.] A second particle travels along the path $\mathbf{r}_1(t) = \langle 3t, t^2 - 4, t^3 \rangle$. Find all the points at which the paths of the two particles intersect, and for each such point, determine whether the particles collide at that point.

Problem 3.

Let $x = s + t$ and $y = s - t$. For any differentiable function $f(x, y)$, verify that the following relationships are true.

(a) [5pts.]

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial s}\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$$

(b) [5pts.]

$$||\nabla f||^2 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial s}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}\right)^2\right)$$

Problem 4.

(a) [5pts.] Find a function $f(x, y, z)$ whose gradient vector is $\nabla f = \langle z, 2y, x \rangle$.

(b) [5pts.] Let $f(x, y)$ be a differentiable function of two variables whose level curves include the lines $y = mx$, for $m < 0$. Suppose you know that for $\mathbf{u} = \langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle$, $D_{\mathbf{u}}(1, -1) = 5$. Find $\nabla f_{(1,-1)}$.

Problem 5.

(a) [5pts.] What is the maximum value that $f(x, y) = (x^2 + 1)y$ takes on the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 5$?

(b) [5pts.] A plane P with equation $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1$, for $a, b, c > 0$, forms a tetrahedron with the coordinate planes of volume $V = \frac{1}{6}abc$. Assuming that P passes through the point $(1, 1, 1)$, find the smallest possible value of V.

Problem 6.

Let $f(x, y) = y^2x - yx^2 + xy$.

(a) [5pts.] Find all critical points of f, and determine whether each is a local maximum, local minimum, or saddle point.

(b) [5pts.] Find the global maximum and minimum of f on the domain $D = \{(x, y) : -1 \leq x \leq 0, 0 \leq y \leq x + 1\}$. (This is a triangular region in the second quadrant.)

Problem 7.

Estimate the following.

(a) [5pts.] $\sqrt{10.99 + 4.98^2 + 8.01^2}$

(b) [5pts.] The change in volume of a right circular cone of radius 5 and height 10 that results from increasing the radius by 2 and decreasing the height by 1. (Recall that $V = \frac{\pi}{3} r^2 h$.)

Problem 8.

(a) [5pts.] Sketch the surface $x^2 + y^2 + z^3 = 1$.

(b) [5pts.] Find the equation of the tangent plane to this surface at $(0, 3, -2)$. (Hint: There is a fast way to do this.)

Problem 9.

You are on walking on a mountain whose height is modelled by the function $f(x, y) = \frac{2y - y^2}{x^2}$.

(a) [3pts.] Draw a contour map of this mountain, using $c = -3, -1, 1,$ and 3 as your constants.

(b) [3pts.] Suppose you are standing at the point $(1, 1, 1)$. At what angle of inclination will you walk if you head directly northwest? (Feel free to have an inverse trigonometric function in your answer.)

(c) [4pts.] In which direction should you walk so that you encounter the steepest possible slope up the mountain, and what is this slope?

Problem 10.

(a) [3pts.] Parametrize the intersection of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and the plane $x + z = 1$.

(b) [7pts.] Find the point on this intersection which is farthest from the origin.