

MATH 251: Quiz 3
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Note: Questions 2 and 3 are on the back.

1. Find an equation for the tangent plane to the graph of

$$z = f(x, y) = y^3 + 2ye^x$$

at the point $(0, 3)$. [Hint: This plane must contain the vectors $\langle 1, 0, f_x \rangle$ and $\langle 0, 1, f_y \rangle$. Or you can use any other method to find this plane.]

$$f(0, 3) = 3^3 + 2(3)(1) = 27 + 6 = 33$$

$$f_x = 2ye^x$$

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

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$$f_y = 3y^2 + 2e^x$$

$$f_y(0, 3) = 27 + 2 = 29$$

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So $\langle 1, 0, 6 \rangle$ and $\langle 0, 1, 29 \rangle$ lie in the plane

$$\text{Therefore } \vec{n} = \langle 1, 0, 6 \rangle \times \langle 0, 1, 29 \rangle = \langle -6, -29, 1 \rangle$$

is a normal vector. Thus, we have

$$0 = 6(x-0) + 29(y-3) - (z-33)$$

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as an equation for the tangent plane.

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$$z = L(x, y) = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x-a) + f_y(a, b)(y-b)$$

$$6x + 29y - z = 54$$

2. Compute the gradient of the function

$$g(x, y, z) = 2z^2 e^{xy} + x^2 y^2.$$

$$g_x = 2yz^2 e^{xy} + 2xy^2 \quad (1)$$

$$g_y = 2xz^2 e^{xy} + 2x^2 y \quad (1)$$

$$g_z = 4ze^{xy} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{So } \nabla g = \langle 2yz^2 e^{xy} + 2xy^2, 2xz^2 e^{xy} + 2x^2 y, 4ze^{xy} \rangle$$

3. Given the function

$$h(x, y) = x^3 y^2 + 2xy$$

and the parametrizations

$$x(s, t) = 3s + 2t$$

$$y(s, t) = 4s - t$$

$$s = \frac{3}{11} \quad t = \frac{1}{11} \quad \text{ie } x=y = (1, 1)$$

use the Chain Rule to compute the derivatives $\frac{\partial h}{\partial s}$ and $\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}$.

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = 3x^2 y^2 + 2y$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial y} = 2x^3 y + 2x$$

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$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial s} = 3$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = 4 \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = -1$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = 3(3x^2 y^2 + 2y) + 4(2x^3 y + 2x)$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial s} \Big|_{(3/11, 1/11)} = (3(3+2) + 4(2+2)) = \boxed{31} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 2(3x^2 y^2 + 2y) - 1(2x^3 y + 2x)$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \Big|_{(3/11, 1/11)} = 2(3+2) - 1(2+2) = \boxed{6} \quad (1)$$