

# AMS261 Practice Midterm 2

## ANSWERS

1. Let  $f(x, y) = 4y^3 + 12y^2 + x^2$  and  $R = \{\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 \leq 1\}$ .
  - (a) Does  $f$  necessarily have an absolute maximum or an absolute minimum on  $R$ ? Explain. (Hint: Is  $f$  continuous on  $R$ ? Is  $R$  closed and bounded?)  
 $f$  is continuous, and  $R$  is a closed and bounded region. So by the Extreme Value Theorem,  $f$  attains a maximum and a minimum on  $R$ .
  - (b) Find the critical points of  $f$ . Which of the critical points are inside of the region  $R$ ?  
 $(0,0)$
  - (c) Let  $g$  denote the constraint function. What is  $g(x, y)$  in this problem?  
 $g(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{4} + y^2$
  - (d) Find the local max/min on the boundary of region  $R$ .  
 $(2, 0), (-2, 0), (0, 1), (0, -1)$
  - (e) Find the absolute max/min of  $f$  on region  $R$ .  
 $f(0, 0) = 0, f(0, 1) = 16$
  - (f) Let  $R' = \{\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 \leq 1.00001\}$ .
    - i. Should absolute max/min of  $f$  on  $R$  be different from the one on  $R'$ ?  
Absolute max changes. Absolute min shouldn't change.
    - ii. Estimate the absolute max/min of  $f$  on  $R'$ .  
Abs max  $\approx 16.00018$   
Abs min = 0
2. Consider the integral

$$\int_0^5 \int_{-z}^z \int_{-3\sqrt{z^2-y^2}}^{3\sqrt{z^2-y^2}} dx dy dz$$

- (a) Sketch the region on which the integration is being performed.  
It's a cone with a base in the shape of an ellipse. The ratio of the axes are 3:1, for  $x$  and  $y$ .

- (b) Evaluate the integral. (Hint: You may have to use at least one coordinate change.)  
 $125\pi$

3. One possible parameterization of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 25$  is:

$$\vec{r}(s, t) = \sqrt{25 - s^2} \sin(2\pi t) \hat{i} + \sqrt{25 - s^2} \cos(2\pi t) \hat{j} + s \hat{k}$$

- (a) Verify that  $\vec{r}(s, t)$  is actually a parametrization of the sphere.

- i. Show that the points of  $\vec{r}(s, t)$  actually lie on  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 25$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (\sqrt{25 - s^2} \sin(2\pi t))^2 + (\sqrt{25 - s^2} \cos(2\pi t))^2 + s^2 &= (25 - s^2) \sin^2(2\pi t) + (25 - s^2) \cos^2(2\pi t) \\ &= (25 - s^2)(1) + s^2 \\ &= 25 \end{aligned}$$

- ii. Explain why every point of  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 25$  can be reached by  $\vec{r}(s, t)$ . (Hint: Can you figure out which coordinate system this parametrization is based on?)

This parametrization comes from restricting the cylindrical coordinates onto the sphere.

- (b) The Tangent Plane at  $(3, 0, 4)$ .

- i. Find the values of  $s$  and  $t$  so that  $\vec{r}(s, t) = 3\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ .  
 $s = 4, t = 1/4 + n$ .

- ii. Fix  $t$  to be the value found in the previous part on  $\vec{r}(s, t)$ .  
Find the tangent vector of this curve at the value of  $s$  found

in the previous part.

$$\vec{v} = (-4/3, 0, 1)$$

- iii. Fix  $s$  to be the value found in part (i) on  $\vec{r}(s, t)$ . Find the tangent vector of this curve at the value of  $t$  found in part (i).

$$\vec{w} = (0, -6\pi, 0)$$

- iv. Find a parameterization of the tangent plane at the point  $(3, 0, 4)$ .

$$\vec{p}(s, t) = (3, 0, 4) + s(-4/3, 0, 1) + t(0, -6\pi, 0)$$

- (c) Set  $s = 4$ . This gives you a curve.

- i. Find the equation of the tangent line of this curve at  $(3, 0, 4)$ .

$$\vec{l}(t) = (3, 0, 4) + (0, -6\pi, 0)t$$

- ii. Find the length of the curve from the point  $(0, 3, 4)$  to the point  $(3, 0, 4)$

$$9\pi/2$$

4. A particle is moving along an ellipse parametrized by  $\vec{r}(t) = 2\cos(t)\hat{i} + 4\sin(t)\hat{j}$  through a force field  $\vec{F}(x, y) = x\hat{i} - y\hat{j}$

- (a) Sketch the curve and the vector field.

- (b) Find the curl of  $F$ .

$$0$$

- (c) Is  $\vec{F}$  a conservative force field? If so, find the potential function. If not, explain why.

$$\text{Yes. } f(x, y) = (x^2 - y^2)/2 + C.$$

- (d) Find the work done by the force on the particle starting from the point  $(2, 0)$  and ending at point  $(-2, 0)$ .

$$0$$

- (e) Find the work done by the force on the particle going around the ellipse exactly once.

$$0$$