Math 2163, Exam I, Sept. 23, 2010

Please read the instructions on each problem carefully, and indicate answers as directed. Show details in your work. If you simply give a solution without steps of how you derive this solution, you may not get credit for it.

The total is 50 points

1. (6 points) Calculate the following:

(a)
$$(i - j + 3k) \cdot (2i - 3k)$$

(b)
$$< 1, -2, 4 > \times < -3, 2, -1 >$$

(c)
$$|2 < 1, 4, -1 > |$$

Solution

(a)
$$(\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) \cdot (2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{k}) = (1)(2) + (-1)(0) + (3)(-3) = 2 - 9 = -7$$

(b)

(c)
$$|2 < 1, 4, -1 > | = | < 2, 8, -2 > | = \sqrt{4 + 64 + 4} = \sqrt{72} = 6\sqrt{2}$$

2. (5 points) Find an equation for the line that passes through the point (2, -1, 3) and is parallel to the line $\frac{2x-3}{4} = \frac{4-y}{3} = \frac{z+2}{5}$.

Solution Notice that

$$\frac{2x-3}{4} = \frac{4-y}{3} = \frac{z+2}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-3/2}{2} = \frac{y-4}{-3} = \frac{z+2}{5}$$

The given line has direction vector <2, -3, 5>. Hence the line parallel to it and passing through (2, -1, 3) is

$$\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y+1}{-3} = \frac{z-3}{5}$$

It can also be written in the parametric form

$$\begin{cases} x = 2 + 2t \\ y = -1 - 3t \\ z = 3 + 5t \end{cases}$$

3. (5 points) Find an equation for the plane that passes through the point (2, -1, 3) and is parallel to the plane z = 3x + 4y - 5.

Solution The give plane is

$$z = 3x + 4y - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + 4y - z = 5$$

It has normal vector $<3,\,4,\,-1>$. The plane parallel to it should also have normal vector $<3,\,4,\,-1>$. Therefore, we have

$$3(x-2) + 4(y+1) - (z-3) = 0$$

which can also be written into

$$3x + 4y - z = -1$$

4. (5 points) Find the length of the curve $x=1+\sqrt{8}t, y=t^2, z=\frac{t^3}{3}+t$, for $0 \le t \le 1$.

Solution

$$L = \int_0^1 |\mathbf{r}'(t)| dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 \sqrt{(\sqrt{8})^2 + (2t)^2 + (t^2 + 1)^2} dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 \sqrt{8 + 4t^2 + t^4 + 2t^2 + 1} dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 \sqrt{t^4 + 6t^2 + 9} dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 (t^2 + 3) dt$$

$$= \left(\frac{t^3}{3} + 3t\right)|_0^1$$

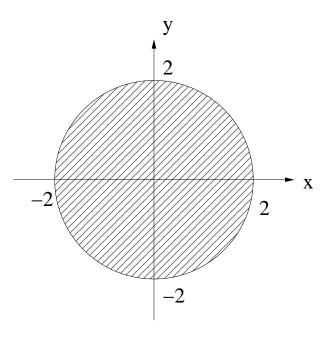
$$= \frac{1}{3} + 3$$

5. (4 points) Find the domain of $f(x,y)=\sqrt{16-4x^2-4y^2}$. Sketch the graph of the domain in the xy-plane.

Solution The domain is

$$D = \{(x, y) | 16 - 4x^2 - 4y^2 \ge 0\}$$

= \{(x, y) | 4x^2 + 4y^2 \le 16\}
= \{(x, y) | x^2 + y^2 \le 4\}



6. (5 points) Use polar coordinates to compute

$$\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \frac{e^{-x^2-y^2}-1}{x^2+y^2}$$

Solution By using the polar coordinate, we have $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$. Therefore

$$\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \frac{e^{-x^2-y^2}-1}{x^2+y^2}$$

$$= \lim_{r\to 0} \frac{e^{-r^2}-1}{r^2}$$

$$(L'Hospital) = \lim_{r\to 0} \frac{-2re^{-r^2}}{2r}$$

$$= \lim_{r\to 0} (-e^{-r^2})$$

$$= -1$$

7. (5 points) Find all first order derivative of $f(x,y) = \ln(x^2 - 2y)$.

Solution

$$f_x = \frac{2x}{x^2 - 2y}$$

$$f_x = \frac{-2}{x^2 - 2y}$$

8. (5 points) Calculate $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$, where z is defined implicitly by

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3xyz$$

Solution For $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$, we first take derivative of both side of the equation with respect to x,

$$\frac{\partial(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial(3xyz)}{\partial x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 2z\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 3yz + 3xy\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{2x - 3yz}{3xy - 2z}$$

For $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$, similarly we have

$$\frac{\partial(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(3xyz)}{\partial y}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y + 2z\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 3xz + 3xy\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{2y - 3xz}{3xy - 2z}$$

9. (5 points) Find an equation of the tangent plane to the surface $z = y \cos(x - y)$ at point (2, 2, 2).

Solution The normal vector is defined by

$$\mathbf{n} = \langle f_x, f_y, -1 \rangle = \langle -y \sin(x - y), \cos(x - y) + y \sin(x - y), -1 \rangle$$

At point (2, 2, 2), the normal vector is

$$\mathbf{n} = <-2\sin(2-2), \cos(2-2) + 2\sin(2-2), -1> = <0, 1, -1>$$

Therefore, the tangent plane is

$$0 \times (x-2) + 1 \times (y-2) - 1 \times (z-2) = 0$$

which can be simplified into

$$y - z = 0$$

10. (5 points) Given $z = u\sqrt{v - w}$, find $\frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial u \partial v \partial w}$.

Solution

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \sqrt{v - w}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial u \partial v} = \frac{\partial \sqrt{v - w}}{\partial v} = \frac{1}{2} (v - w)^{-1/2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial u \partial v \partial w} = \frac{\partial \frac{1}{2} (v - w)^{-1/2}}{\partial w} = \frac{1}{4} (v - w)^{-3/2}$$