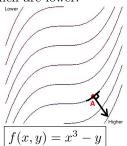
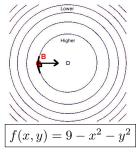
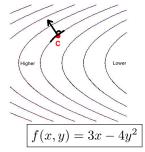
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Be sure to show your work!

1. (11 points) Three level curve plots are shown below. I have labeled the levels so you know which curves are higher and which are lower.







(a) The plots above correspond to 3 of the functions listed here:  $f(x,y) = 9 - x^2 - y^2$ ,  $f(x,y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ ,  $f(x,y) = 3x^2 - 4y$ ,  $f(x,y) = 3x - 4y^2$ , and  $f(x,y) = x^3 - y$ . Write the correct formula below each plot.

Notice that  $9-x^2-y^2=C$  and  $\sqrt{x^2+y^2}=C$  are circles.  $3x^2-4y=C$  and  $3x-4y^2=C$  are parabolas. However,  $x^3-y=C$  gives  $y=x^3-C$  which are cubics. This must be the first plot's function's formula. To figure out the middle one, notice that  $x^2+y^2=9-C$  are smaller circles as C (the level) gets larger. On the other hand,  $x^2+y^2=C^2$  are circles that get bigger as C gets bigger. Since the middle plot has smaller circles at higher levels, its formula must be  $9-x^2-y^2$ . Finally, the parabolas  $x=(4/3)y^2+(C/3)$  (solving  $3x-4y^2=C$  for x) are parabolas which open to the right and  $y=(3/4)x^2+(-C/4)$  (solving  $3x^2-4y=C$  for y) are parabolas which open upward. So the final plot must come from  $3x-4y^2$ .

(b) Sketch a gradient vector at the points A, B, and C. If the vector is **0**, draw an "X" on the point. [Don't worry about having the correct length. I'm just looking for the correct direction.]

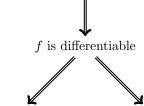
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**2.** (8 points) Suppose we have a function of two variables: f(x,y). Create a diagram showing how the following statements are related:

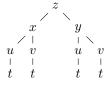
- (1) f has continuous first partials
- (2) the first partials of f exist
- (3) f is continuous
- (4) f is differentiable

f has continuous first partials



f is continuous—the first partials of f exist

**3.** (8 points) Let z = f(x, y), x = g(u, v), y = h(u, v), u = m(t), and v = n(t). State the chain rule for the derivative of z with respect to t. Make sure you clearly indicate which derivatives are partial derivatives and which are regular derivatives. [You may want to draw a variable "tree" first.]



$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \frac{du}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \frac{du}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \frac{dv}{dt}$$

- **4.** (13 points) Let  $x + \sin(xy) + e^{yz} + y^2z = 2$  and let  $F(x, y, z) = x + \sin(xy) + e^{yz} + y^2z$
- (a) Compute the directional derivative of F(x, y, z) at (x, y, z) = (1, 0, 2) in the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 2, 1, -2 \rangle$ .

We need to normalize  $\mathbf{v}$  so that we have a unit vector:  $\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2+1^2+(-2)^2}} \langle 2,1,-2 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{2}{3},\frac{1}{3},-\frac{2}{3} \right\rangle$ 

$$\nabla F(x,y,z) = \langle F_x, F_y, F_z \rangle = \langle 1 + y \cos(xy), x \cos(xy) + ze^{yz} + 2yz, ye^{yz} + y^2 \rangle$$

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}F(1,0,2) = \nabla F(1,0,2) \bullet \mathbf{u} = \langle 1+0, 1\cos(0) + 2e^0 + 0, 0+0 \rangle \bullet \mathbf{u} = \langle 1,3,0 \rangle \bullet \left\langle \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3} \right\rangle = (1)\frac{2}{3} + (3)\frac{1}{3} + (0)\frac{-2}{3} = \boxed{\frac{5}{3}}$$

(b) Find an equation for the plane tangent to the above surface at the point (x, y, z) = (1, 0, 2).

 $\nabla F(1,0,2)$  is normal to the level surface F(x,y,z)=2. So using our work from part (a), we can immediately write down the answer:  $\langle 1,3,0\rangle \bullet \langle x-1,y-0,z-2\rangle =0$ .  $\boxed{1(x-1)+3(y-0)+0(z-2)=0}$  or  $\boxed{x+3y=1}$ .

(c) Considering z as a variable depending on x and y (defined implicitly above), find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} = \sqrt{\frac{1+y\cos(xy)}{ye^{yz}+y^2}}$ 

## 5. (10 points) Limits

(a) Show the following limit **does** exist:  $\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \frac{5x^3+y^4}{x^2+y^2}$ 

Switch to polar coordinates and get  $\lim_{(r,\theta)\to(0,\theta)} \frac{5r^3\cos^3(\theta) + r^4\sin^4(\theta)}{r^2} = \lim_{(r,\theta)\to(0,\theta)} \frac{r^2(5r\cos^3(\theta) + r^2\sin^4(\theta))}{r^2}$  $= \lim_{(r,\theta)\to(0,\theta)} 5r\cos^3(\theta) + r^2\sin^4(\theta) = \boxed{0}.$ 

[Note that since  $5\cos^3(\theta)$  and  $\sin^4(\theta)$  are bounded, our expression goes to 0 as r goes to 0.]

(b) Show the following limit **does not** exist:  $\lim_{(x,y,z)\to(0,0,0)} \frac{x+y+z}{x^2+y^2+z^2}$ 

We must parameterize curve(s) through the origin. First, consider  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, 0, 0 \rangle$  (the x-axis). We get  $\lim_{t \to 0} \frac{t+0+0}{t^2+0^2+0^2} = \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{1}{t}$ . This limit does not exist (it is  $-\infty$  from the left and  $+\infty$  from the right). This alone is enough to show that our limit does not exist!

Usually we would have to approach along 2 different curves that give 2 different answers. However, since the limit does not exist along this single curve, the multivariate limit cannot exist (when limits  $do\ exist$ , all limits along all paths through the origin  $must\ exist$  and match).

- **6.** (14 points) Let  $f(x,y) = x^2y xy$ .
- (a) Find the gradient of f and the Hessian matrix of f.

$$\nabla f(x,y) = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle = \langle 2xy - y, x^2 - x \rangle \qquad H_f(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{yx} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2y & 2x - 1 \\ 2x - 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Find the quadratic approximation of f at (x, y) = (2, -1).

$$f(2,-1) = 2^{2}(-1) - 2(-1) = -2 \qquad \nabla f(2,-1) = \langle 2(2)(-1) - (-1), 2^{2} - 2 \rangle = \langle -3, 2 \rangle \qquad H_{f}(2,-1) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q(x,y) = -2 + \langle -3, 2 \rangle \bullet \langle x - 2, y + 1 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x - 2 & y + 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x - 2 \\ y + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
OR

$$Q(x,y) = -2 + (-3)(x-2) + (2)(y+1) + \frac{1}{2}(-2)(x-2)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(3)(x-2)(y+1) + \frac{1}{2}(3)(x-2)(y+1) + \frac{1}{2}(0)(y+1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(0)(y+1) + \frac{1}{2}(0)(y$$

(c) Find an classify the critical point(s) of f(x, y). [Use the "2<sup>nd</sup>-derivative" test to determine if critical points are relative max's, min's or saddle points.]

 $\nabla f(x,y) = \langle 2xy - y, x^2 - x \rangle = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$  implies 2xy - y = 0 and  $x^2 - x = 0$ . Thus x(x-1) = 0 so x = 0 or x = 1. If x = 0, then 2(0)y - y = 0 so y = 0. If x = 1, then 2(1)y - y = 0 so y = 0. Therefore, (x,y) = (0,0) and (1,0)

are our only critical points. The determinant of  $H_f(0,0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $0^2 - (-1)^2 = -1 < 0$  so (0,0) is a saddle point.

The determinant of  $H_f(1,0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $0^2 - (1^2) = -1 < 0$  so  $\boxed{(1,0)}$  is a saddle point as well.

- 7. (10 points) Assume that the function g(x,y) is differentiable.
- (a) Suppose that  $\nabla g(3,1) = \langle -1,4 \rangle$ . What is the maximum possible value of  $D_{\mathbf{u}}g(3,1)$ ? Give a unit vector which causes this maximum to occur.

The directional derivative's maximum value at a point is equal to the length of the gradient at that point, so in our case this is  $|\nabla g(3,1)| = |\langle -1,4\rangle| = \sqrt{(-1)^2+4^2} = \boxed{\sqrt{17}}$ . The maximum value occurs in the gradient direction:  $\mathbf{u} = \frac{\nabla g(3,1)}{|\nabla g(3,1)|} = \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{17}}\langle -1,4\rangle}$ .

(b) Again, suppose  $\nabla g(3,1) = \langle -1,4 \rangle$ . Is is possible to have  $D_{\mathbf{u}}g(3,1) = -3$ ? Why or why not?

The directional derivatives of g at (3,1) can range between  $-|\nabla g(3,1)| = -\sqrt{17}$  and  $|\nabla g(3,1)| = \sqrt{17}$ . Now  $-\sqrt{17} < -\sqrt{9} = -3 < \sqrt{17}$ , so Yes, this is possible. [On the other hand, values like -5 or 5 aren't possible since  $-5 = -\sqrt{25} < -\sqrt{17}$  and  $5 = \sqrt{25} > \sqrt{17}$ .]

- **8.** (14 points) Suppose f(x,y) is a "nice" function (with continuous partials of all orders).
- (a)  $Q(x,y) = 1 x^2 + x(y-4) 3(y-4)^2$  is the quadratic approx. at (x,y) = (0,4).

$$\nabla f(0,4) = \langle 0,0 \rangle \qquad \qquad H_f(0,4) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is (x, y) = (0, 4) a critical point of f(x, y)? **YES** / **NO** 

If not, why not? If so, what kind (relative min, relative max, saddle point or not enough information)?

Recall that the quadratic approximation at (x, y) = (a, b) is

$$Q(x,y) = f(a,b) + f_x(a,b)(x-a) + f_y(a,b)(y-b) + \frac{1}{2}f_{xx}(a,b)(x-a)^2 + f_{xy}(a,b)(x-a)(y-b) + \frac{1}{2}f_{yy}(a,b)(y-b)^2$$

Since our Q(x,y) has no linear terms "???x+???(y-4)" we must have that  $f_x(0,4)=f_y(0,4)=0$ . Next, the coefficient of  $x^2$  is -1 thus  $f_{xx}(0,4)/2=-1$  so  $f_{xx}(0,4)=-2$ . Likewise,  $f_{yy}(0,4)=-6$ . Finally, because the mixed partials are equal their terms can be (and have been) combined in Q(x,y) so there is no "1/2" next to the mixed term. We have  $f_{xy}(0,4)=f_{yx}(0,4)=1$  (the coefficient of x(y-4)).

Notice that the gradient is (0,0), so this is a critical point. Next,  $\det(H_f(0,4)) = (-2)(-6) - 1(1) = 11 > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(0,4) = -2 < 0$  so we can conclude that (0,4) is a local maximum.

(b)  $Q(x,y) = 4(x-1) + 5(x-1)^2 + 3(x-1)(y+2) - 2(y+2)^2$  is the quadratic approx. at (x,y) = (1,-2).

$$\nabla f(1, -2) = \langle 4, 0 \rangle \qquad \qquad H_f(1, -2) = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 3 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is (x,y) = (1,-2) a critical point of f(x,y)? YES /

If not, why not? If so, what kind (relative min, relative max, saddle point or not enough information)?

This isn't a critical point since  $\nabla f(1,-2) \neq \langle 0,0 \rangle$ .

9. (12 points) Use the method of Lagrange multipliers to find the minimum and maximum values of  $f(x,y) = x^2y$  constrained to  $x^2 + y^2 = 6$ . [Carefully show all of your work.]

Let  $g(x,y)=x^2+y^2$ . Then the Lagrange multiplier equations are:  $\nabla f=\lambda \nabla g$  and g(x,y)=6. So we have  $\langle 2xy,x^2\rangle=\lambda \langle 2x,2y\rangle$  and  $x^2+y^2=6$ . Therefore, we need to solve the system:  $2xy=2x\lambda, \ x^2=2y\lambda, \ \text{and} \ x^2+y^2=6$  Let's focus on the first equation. Either x=0 or  $x\neq 0$  and so  $y=\lambda$ .

If x = 0, then  $0^2 + y^2 = 6$  and so  $y = \pm \sqrt{6}$ . Now if  $x \neq 0$ , then  $y = \lambda$  and so  $x^2 = 2y\lambda = 2y^2$  and so  $x^2 + y^2 = 2y^2 + y^2 = 6$ . Thus  $3y^2 = 6$  and so  $y^2 = 2$  and so  $y = \pm \sqrt{2}$ . Then  $x^2 = 2y^2 = 4$  and so  $x = \pm 2$ .

We have 6 solutions:  $(x, y) = (0, \pm \sqrt{6}), (\pm 2, \sqrt{2}), \text{ and } (\pm 2, -\sqrt{2}).$ 

Next, we need to plug these points into f.  $f(0, \pm \sqrt{6}) = 0$ ,  $f(\pm 2, \sqrt{2}) = 4\sqrt{2}$ , and  $f(\pm 2, -\sqrt{2}) = -4\sqrt{2}$ .

Therefore, the maximum value is  $4\sqrt{2}$  and this occurs when  $(x,y)=(\pm 2,\sqrt{2})$ . The minimum value is  $-4\sqrt{2}$  and this occurs when  $(x,y)=(\pm 2,-\sqrt{2})$ .