

Math 251 Spring 2007  
Exam #2 Answer Key

**1. (12 points):** Consider the function  $f(x, y) = x^3 + x^2y - y^2 - 4y$ . Find all of the critical points of  $f(x, y)$  and classify them (i.e. as a minimum, maximum, saddle point, or nothing).

A point  $(x, y)$  is a critical point of  $f(x, y)$  if  $f_x(x, y) = f_y(x, y) = 0$ .  $f_x(x, y) = 3x^2 + 2xy$  and  $f_y(x, y) = x^2 - 2y - 4$ . Notice that  $3x^2 + 2xy = x(3x + 2y) = 0$  only if  $x = 0$  or  $3x + 2y = 0$ .

Consider the case  $x = 0$ . We also need  $f_y(x, y) = 0$ . So we need  $0^2 - 2y - 4 = 0$  that is  $-2y = 4$ . So  $y = -2$ .

Our other case is that of  $3x + 2y = 0$  that is  $y = -(3/2)x$ . We also need  $f_y(x, y) = 0$ . So we need  $x^2 - 2\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)x - 4 = 0$  that is  $x^2 + 3x - 4 = 0$ . Thus  $(x + 4)(x - 1) = 0$  so that  $x = -4$  or  $x = 1$ . If  $x = -4$ , then  $y = -(3/2)(-4) = 6$ . If  $x = 1$ , then  $y = -3/2$ .

We have found that  $f(x, y)$  has three critical points:  $(0, -2)$ ,  $(-4, 6)$ , and  $(1, -3/2)$ . To classify these points we compute the discriminant function  $D(x, y) = f_{xx}(x, y)f_{yy}(x, y) - (f_{xy}(x, y))^2$ .

Notice  $f_{xx}(x, y) = 6x + 2y$ ,  $f_{xy}(x, y) = 2x$ , and  $f_{yy}(x, y) = -2$ . So that  $D(x, y) = (6x + 2y)(-2) - (2x)^2 = -4x^2 - 12x - 4y$ .

- $D(0, -2) = -4(0^2) - 12(0) - 4(-2) = 8 > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(0, -2) = 6(0) + 2(-2) = -4 < 0$
- $D(-4, 6) = -4(-4)^2 - 12(-4) - 4(6) = -64 + 48 - 24 = -40 < 0$
- $D(1, -3/2) = -4(1^2) - 12(1) - 4(-3/2) = -4 - 12 + 6 = -10 < 0$

**Answer:** The critical points of  $f(x, y)$  are:  $(0, -2)$  – a local maximum,  $(-4, 6)$  – a saddle point, and  $(1, -3/2)$  – a saddle point.

**2. (12 points):** Let  $C$  be the line segment from  $(1, 2, 3)$  to  $(-1, 0, 1)$ . Evaluate  $\int_C z^2 - x^2 ds$ .

We parametrize the line segment as follows:  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle(1-t) + \langle -1, 0, 1 \rangle t$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . That is  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 1 - 2t, 2 - 2t, 3 - 2t \rangle$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ .

We need to find  $ds$ . So we compute  $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle -2, -2, -2 \rangle$ . Thus  $|\mathbf{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-2)^2} = 2\sqrt{3}$ . Therefore,  $ds = |\mathbf{r}'(t)| dt = 2\sqrt{3} dt$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C z^2 - x^2 ds &= \int_0^1 ((3 - 2t)^2 - (1 - 2t)^2) 2\sqrt{3} dt \\ &= \int_0^1 ((4t^2 - 12t + 9) - (4t^2 - 4t + 1)) 2\sqrt{3} dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (-8t + 8) 2\sqrt{3} dt \\ &= 2\sqrt{3} (-4t^2 + 8t) \Big|_0^1 \\ &= 2\sqrt{3} ((-4(1^2) + 8(1)) - (-4(0^2) + 8(0))) \end{aligned}$$

**Answer:**  $\int_C z^2 - x^2 ds = 8\sqrt{3}$

**3. (14 points):** Fix two positive real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ . Let  $x = ar \cos(\theta)$  and  $y = br \sin(\theta)$ .

(a) Compute  $\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)}$ .

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} = \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} a \cos(\theta) & -ar \sin(\theta) \\ b \sin(\theta) & br \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \right) = abr \cos^2(\theta) + abr \sin^2(\theta)$$

**Answer:**  $abr$

(b) Let  $R = \left\{ (x, y) \mid \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} \leq 1 \right\}$ . Find the area of  $R$  by evaluating a double integral.

*Hint:* Use the modified polar coordinates defined above.

$R$  is the region bounded by the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ .

Notice that  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \frac{a^2 r^2 \cos^2(\theta)}{a^2} + \frac{b^2 r^2 \sin^2(\theta)}{b^2} = r^2 \cos^2(\theta) + r^2 \sin^2(\theta) = r^2$ . So

we should have  $0 \leq r^2 = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} \leq 1$ . Since we want to include all of the interior of the ellipse, we should let  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ . Therefore, we have the following:

$$\text{Area of } R = \iint_R 1 \, dA = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 abr \, dr \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{ab}{2} r^2 \Big|_0^1 \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{ab}{2} \, d\theta = \frac{ab}{2} \theta \Big|_0^{2\pi} = \frac{ab}{2} 2\pi$$

**Answer:**  $\pi ab$  (Notice the special case  $a = b = r$  gives  $\pi r^2$ .)

**4. (13 points):** Let  $E$  be the region inside both the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  and the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ . Evaluate  $\iiint_E 2(x^2 + y^2)z \, dV$ .

We have  $z = \pm \sqrt{4 - x^2 - y^2}$  (this gives the “top” and “bottom” of our region  $E$ ). Next  $x$  and  $y$  are bounded by  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ . Thus we get  $y = \pm \sqrt{1 - x^2}$  and  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \iiint_E 2(x^2 + y^2)z \, dV \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2-y^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2-y^2}} 2(x^2 + y^2)z \, dz \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} (x^2 + y^2) z^2 \Big|_{-\sqrt{4-x^2-y^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2-y^2}} \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} (x^2 + y^2) \left( \sqrt{4-x^2-y^2} \right)^2 - (x^2 + y^2) \left( -\sqrt{4-x^2-y^2} \right)^2 \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} 0 \, dy \, dx \end{aligned}$$

**Answer:** 0

*Note:* I originally wrote problem #4 to be a “triple integral in cylindrical coordinates” problem. However, when changing it around, I made a mistake that makes the answer come out to zero. Let’s see how this integral transforms to cylindrical coordinates, notice that  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  changes to  $r^2 = 1$ . So the last two limits change to  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$  and  $0 \leq r \leq 1$ . The limits for  $z$  change to  $-\sqrt{4-r^2} \leq z \leq \sqrt{4-r^2}$ . So we get the following integral (remember the Jacobian):

$$\iiint_E 2(x^2+y^2)z \, dV = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \int_{-\sqrt{4-r^2}}^{\sqrt{4-r^2}} 2r^2 z r \, dz \, dr \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \int_{-\sqrt{4-r^2}}^{\sqrt{4-r^2}} 2r^3 z \, dz \, dr \, d\theta = \dots = 0$$

**5. (12 points):** Use Lagrange multipliers to find the maximum and minimum value of  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$  subject to the constraint  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3$ .

To find the critical points, we need to solve the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(x, y, z) &= \lambda \nabla g(x, y, z) \\ g(x, y, z) &= 3\end{aligned}$$

where  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$  is our objective function and  $g(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  is our constraint function. Notice that  $\nabla f(x, y, z) = \langle yz, xz, xy \rangle$  and  $\nabla g(x, y, z) = \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle$ . So we have the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned}yz &= \lambda 2x \\ xz &= \lambda 2y \\ xy &= \lambda 2z \\ 3 &= x^2 + y^2 + z^2\end{aligned}$$

If we multiply the first equation by  $x$ , the second by  $y$ , and the third by  $z$ , we get:

$$xyz = \lambda 2x^2 = \lambda 2y^2 = \lambda 2z^2$$

Now remember that  $\lambda \neq 0$ , so after dividing through by  $2\lambda$ , we find that:

$$\frac{xyz}{2\lambda} = x^2 = y^2 = z^2$$

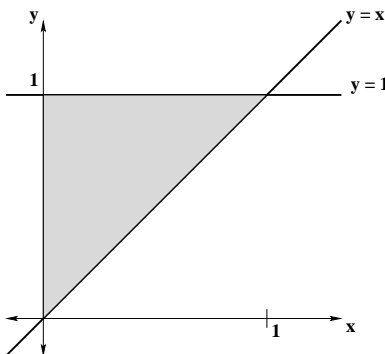
This means that  $3 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3x^2$ . Thus  $x^2 = 1$  so that  $x = \pm 1$  and because  $x^2 = y^2 = z^2$  we must have that  $y = \pm 1$  and  $z = \pm 1$  also.

This gives us 8 ( $= 2^3$ ) critical points:  $(1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(1, 1, -1)$ ,  $(1, -1, 1)$ ,  $(1, -1, -1)$ ,  $(-1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(-1, 1, -1)$ ,  $(-1, -1, 1)$ , and  $(-1, -1, -1)$ . But notice that  $f(\pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1) = \pm 1$ .

**Answer:** The maximum value of  $f(x, y, z)$  subject to the constraint  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3$  is 1 and the minimum value is  $-1$ .

**6. (11 points):** Evaluate  $\int_0^1 \int_x^1 e^{y^2} \, dy \, dx$ .

Since we cannot integrate the expression “ $e^{y^2}$ ”, we will reverse the order of integration to see if that helps. First, let’s sketch a graph of the region of integration.



The region of integration:  $R = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x \leq y \leq 1, 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$ .

Notice that  $R = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 0 \leq x \leq y, 0 \leq y \leq 1\}$  when described as a “Type II” region. So we get that:

$$\int_0^1 \int_x^1 e^{y^2} dy dx = \int_0^1 \int_0^y e^{y^2} dx dy = \int_0^1 x e^{y^2} \Big|_0^y dy = \int_0^1 y e^{y^2} dy = \frac{1}{2} e^{y^2} \Big|_0^1$$

**Answer:**  $\frac{1}{2}(e - 1)$

**7. (13 points):** Consider the vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (2xe^{2y} + 3x^2) \mathbf{i} + (2x^2e^{2y} + \cos(y)) \mathbf{j}$ .

(a) Show that  $\mathbf{F}(x, y)$  is **conservative** by finding a potential function.

Consider the following integrals:

$$\begin{aligned} \int 2xe^{2y} + 3x^2 dx &= x^2e^{2y} + x^3 + g_1(y) \\ \int 2x^2e^{2y} + \cos(y) dy &= x^2e^{2y} + \sin(y) + g_2(x) \end{aligned}$$

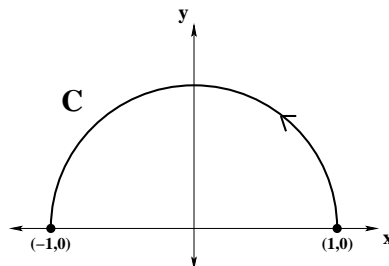
Combining the above results gives us our potential function.

**Answer:**  $f(x, y) = x^2e^{2y} + x^3 + \sin(y) + C$  (where  $C$  is some constant)

(b) Let  $C$  be the upper-half of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  oriented counter-clockwise. Evaluate

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}.$$

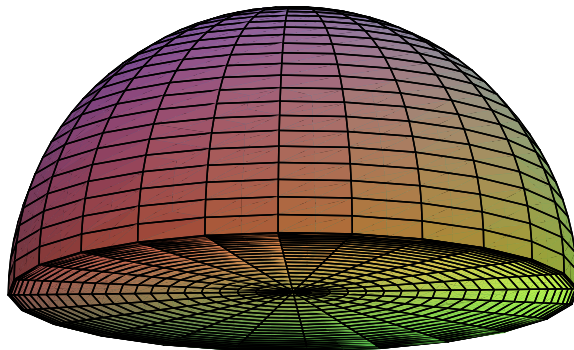
We all ready showed that  $\mathbf{F}(x, y)$  is conservative. So instead of computing the line integral directly, we can use the fundamental theorem of line integrals. From part (a) we have the potential function  $f(x, y) = x^2e^{2y} + x^3 + \sin(y)$ . Next notice that our curve  $C$  begins at  $(1, 0)$  and ends at  $(-1, 0)$ .



$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(-1, 0) - f(1, 0) = ((-1)^2e^0 + (-1)^3 + \sin(0)) - (1^2e^0 + 1^3 + \sin(0))$$

**Answer:**  $-2$ .

**8. (13 points):** Find the centroid of the region,  $E$ , inside the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$  and above the  $xy$ -plane. *Hint:* The volume of half of a sphere of radius  $r$  is  $\frac{2}{3}\pi r^3$ . Use this to find  $m$ . Also,  $\bar{x} = \bar{y} = 0$  by symmetry.



The region  $E$ .

We need to compute  $M_{xy}$  and  $m$  to find  $\bar{z}$ , but we know that  $m = \text{Volume of } E = \frac{2}{3}\pi 2^3 = \frac{16}{3}\pi$  since  $E$  is half of a sphere of radius  $r = 2$ . So we must compute:  $M_{xy} = \iiint_E z \, dV$ . Since  $E$  is half of a sphere, it makes sense to compute this triple integral in spherical coordinates. We know that  $z = \rho \cos(\phi)$  and the Jacobian is  $\rho^2 \sin(\phi)$ , and in spherical coordinates  $E$  is described by  $0 \leq \rho \leq 2$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ , and  $0 \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$  ( $\phi$  ranges to  $\pi/2$  instead of  $\pi$  because  $E$  is only the upper-half of the sphere). Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{xy} &= \iiint_E z \, dV \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 \rho \cos(\phi) \rho^2 \sin(\phi) \, d\rho \, d\theta \, d\phi \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(\phi) \cos(\phi) \, d\phi \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^2 \rho^3 \, d\rho \\
 &= \left( \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(\phi) \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \right) \cdot (2\pi) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{4} \rho^4 \Big|_0^2 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (1^2 - 0^2) \cdot (2\pi) \cdot \frac{1}{4} (2^4 - 0^4) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (2\pi) \frac{16}{4} = 4\pi
 \end{aligned}$$

[Note: We can “factor” the integral (as in the third equality) since the limits are all constants.] Therefore,  $\bar{z} = \frac{M_{xy}}{m} = \frac{4\pi}{\frac{16}{3}\pi} = \frac{3}{4}$ .

**Answer:** The centroid of  $E$  is  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}) = \left(0, 0, \frac{3}{4}\right)$ .