

Tutorial Worksheet

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1. Do the following limits exist? If it exists, compute the limit, if not, explain why it does not exist.

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^4 + 3y^4}, \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^4 y^4}{x^4 + y^4}$$

Solution: Along x -axis, $y = 0$, $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^4 + 3y^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 0^2}{x^4 + 3 \cdot 0^4} = 0$.

Along the path $x = y$, $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^4 + 3y^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^4}{4x^4} = \frac{1}{4}$.

Hence $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^4 + 3y^4}$ does not exist.

2. Find $f_{yx}(1, 2)$, $f_{xx}(1, 2)$, $f_{yy}(1, 2)$ and $f_{xy}(1, 2)$ for the function $f(x, y) = x^3 + 2x^2 y^2 + y^3$.

Solution: We compute

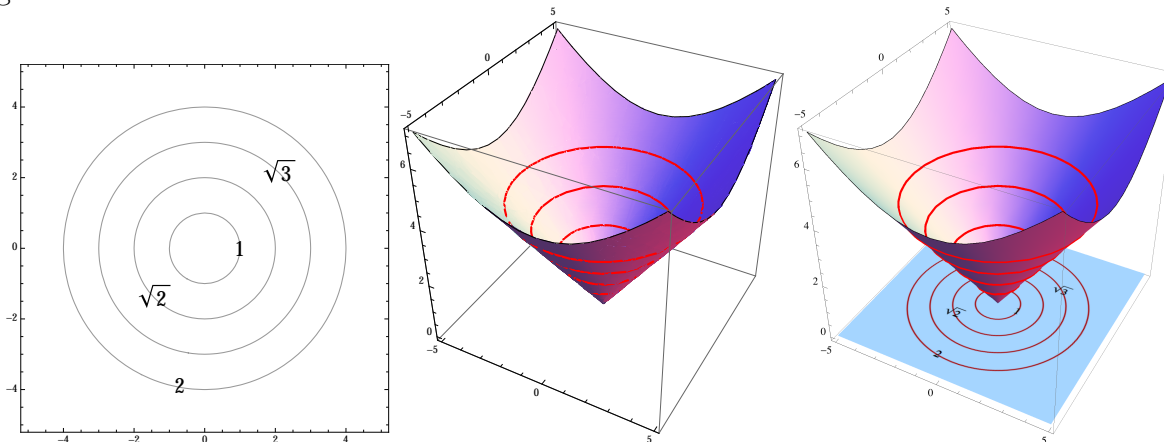
$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= 3x^2 + 4xy^2, & f_y &= 3y^2 + 4x^2 y \\ f_{xx} &= 6x + 4y^2, & f_{yy} &= 4x^2 + 6y, & f_{xy} &= f_{yx} = 8xy. \end{aligned}$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} f_{xx}(1, 2) &= 22 \\ f_{yy}(1, 2) &= 16 \\ f_{xy}(1, 2) &= f_{yx}(1, 2) = 16. \end{aligned}$$

3. Identify the level curves of $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$. Using the level curves, plot the surface.

Solution: We first notice that $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$ is the formula for a positive cone. Setting $z^2 = k^2$, we see that the curves $x^2 + y^2 = k^2$ are circles with radius k and centers at the origin.



4. If the position of an object is given by $r(t) = (\frac{1}{2}t^2 + 1)i + (t^2 + t - 2)j + (t^3 - t + 3)k$, then determine the tangential and normal components of acceleration.

Solution: This is a formulaic problem. Computing

$$\begin{aligned}r'(t) &= ti + (2t + 1)j + (3t^2 - 1)k \\r''(t) &= i + 2j + 6tk,\end{aligned}$$

we have

$$r'(t) \cdot r''(t) = t + 4t + 2 + 18t^4 - 6t = 18t^3 - t + 2,$$

and

$$r'(t) \times r''(t) = (6t^2 + 6t + 2)i - (3t^2 + 1)j - k.$$

Calculating the magnitudes of r' and the above cross product we have

$$\begin{aligned}|r'(t)| &= \sqrt{t^2 + (2t + 1)^2 + (3t^2 - 1)^2} = \sqrt{9t^4 - t^2 + 4t + 2} \\|r'(t) \times r''(t)| &= \sqrt{(6t^2 + 6t + 2)^2 + (3t^2 + 1)^2 + 1} = \sqrt{45t^4 + 72t^3 + 66t^2 + 24t + 6}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the tangential component of acceleration is

$$a_T = \frac{18t^3 - t + 2}{\sqrt{9t^4 - t^2 + 4t + 2}},$$

and the normal component of acceleration is

$$a_N = \frac{\sqrt{45t^4 + 72t^3 + 66t^2 + 24t + 6}}{\sqrt{9t^4 - t^2 + 4t + 2}}.$$

5. A cannon fires a ball with mass of 2 kg with an initial speed of 100 m/s at an angle of 45 degrees to the ground in the easterly direction. A southwesterly wind applies a steady force of $2\sqrt{8}$ N to the ball in a northeasterly direction. At what time does the ball land?

Solution: Let i be the north direction, j the east direction and k the upwards direction. Since force = mass \times acceleration, we see that the force creates an acceleration of $2\sqrt{8}/2 = \sqrt{8}$ m/s² in the northeasterly direction. The vector of length $\sqrt{8}$ in the northeasterly direction can be described by $2i + 2j$. Combined with the acceleration due to gravity, the acceleration acting on the ball is $a(t) = 2i + 2j - 9.8k$. Therefore,

$$v(t) = \int a(t)dt = 2ti + 2tj - 9.8tk + \mathbf{C}.$$

Initially, $v(0) = 100 \cos \pi/4j + 100 \sin \pi/4k = 50\sqrt{2}j + 50\sqrt{2}k$. Therefore

$$v(t) = \int a(t)dt = 2ti + 2tj - 9.8tk + 50\sqrt{2}j + 50\sqrt{2}k.$$

Now, we integrate to solve for $r(t)$

$$r(t) = \int v(t)dt = \int 2ti + (2t + 50\sqrt{2})j - (9.8t - 50\sqrt{2})k dt = t^2i + (t^2 + 50\sqrt{2}t)j - (4.9t^2 - 50\sqrt{2}t)k + \mathbf{D}.$$

Initially, $r(t) = 0 \implies \mathbf{D} = 0$. So $r(t) = t^2i + (t^2 + 50\sqrt{2}t)j - (4.9t^2 - 50\sqrt{2}t)k$. The ball lands when $4.9t^2 - 50\sqrt{2}t = 0 \implies t = \frac{50\sqrt{2}}{4.9}$.