

**Question 1:** Determine an equation of the plane containing the points  $P_1(3, -1, 1)$ ,  $P_2(4, 0, 2)$  and  $P_3(6, 3, 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Normal } \vec{n} &= (\vec{P_1P_2}) \times (\vec{P_1P_3}) \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \langle -4, 3, 1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Using  $P_1(3, -1, 1)$ , equation is

$$(\langle x, y, z \rangle - \langle 3, -1, 1 \rangle) \cdot \langle -4, 3, 1 \rangle = 0$$

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

$$\underline{\text{or}} \quad -4x + 3y + z = -14$$

$$\underline{\text{or}} \quad 4x - 3y - z = 14$$

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**Question 2:** A particle starts at the origin with initial velocity  $\vec{v}_0 = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ . If the particle's acceleration at time  $t$  is  $\vec{a}(t) = 6t\hat{i} + 12t^2\hat{j} - 6t\hat{k}$ , find the position of the particle when  $t = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}(t) &= \int \vec{a}(t) dt = \int (6t\hat{i} + 12t^2\hat{j} - 6t\hat{k}) dt \\ &= 3t^2\hat{i} + 4t^3\hat{j} - 3t^2\hat{k} + \vec{C}_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}(0) &= \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \Rightarrow \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k} = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k} + \vec{C}_1 \\ &\Rightarrow \vec{C}_1 = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \vec{v}(t) = (3t^2 + 1)\hat{i} + (4t^3 - 1)\hat{j} + (-3t^2 + 3)\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{r}(t) = \int \vec{v}(t) dt = (t^3 + t)\hat{i} + (t^4 - t)\hat{j} + (-t^3 + 3t)\hat{k} + \vec{C}_2$$

$$\vec{r}(0) = \vec{0} \Rightarrow 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k} + \vec{C}_2 = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{C}_2 = \vec{0}$$

$$\therefore \vec{r}(t) = (t^3 + t)\hat{i} + (t^4 - t)\hat{j} + (-t^3 + 3t)\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \vec{r}(2) &= (2^3 + 2)\hat{i} + (2^4 - 2)\hat{j} + (-2^3 + 3(2))\hat{k} \\ &= \boxed{10\hat{i} + 14\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}} \end{aligned}$$

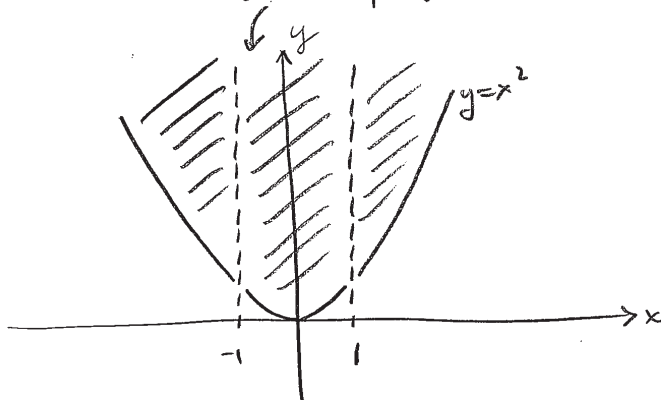
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Question 3: Find and sketch the domain of the function  $f(x, y) = \frac{\sqrt{y-x^2}}{1-x^2}$ .

numerator requires  $y-x^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow y \geq x^2$

denominator requires  $1-x^2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow x \neq \pm 1$

$\therefore$  domain is  $\{(x, y) \mid y \geq x^2 \text{ and } x \neq \pm 1\}$ .



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Question 4: Show that the following limit does not exist:  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^4+y^4}}$ .

• Let  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  along positive  $x$  axis, so  $y=0$ :

$$\text{Then } \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^4+y^4}} = \frac{0}{\sqrt{x^4+0}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0.$$

• Let  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  along line  $y=x$ ,

$$\text{then } \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^4+y^4}} = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{2x^4}} = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{2} x^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0.$$

Since the different paths of approach yield different limiting values,

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^4+y^4}} \text{ does not exist.}$$

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Question 5: Let  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 e^{yz}$ . Determine  $f_{xx}(1, 0, 1) - f_{zz}(1, 0, 1)$ .

$$f_x = 2x e^{yz}, \quad f_{xx} = 2e^{yz}, \quad f_{xx}(1, 0, 1) = 2e^{(0)(1)} = 2$$

$$f_z = x^2 y e^{yz}, \quad f_{zz} = x^2 y^2 e^{yz}, \quad f_{zz}(1, 0, 1) = 1^2 \cdot 0^2 \cdot e^{(0)(1)} = 0$$

$$\therefore f_{xx}(1, 0, 1) - f_{zz}(1, 0, 1) = 2 - 0 = 2$$

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Question 6: Let  $f(s, t) = \frac{st^2}{s^2 + t^2}$ . Find at least one point  $(a, b)$  at which  $f_s(a, b) = 0$ .

$$f_s = \frac{(s^2 + t^2)(t^2) - (st^2)(2s)}{(s^2 + t^2)^2} = \frac{s^2 t^2 + t^4 - 2s^2 t^2}{(s^2 + t^2)^2} = \frac{t^4 - s^2 t^2}{(s^2 + t^2)^2}$$

$$f_s(a, b) = 0 \Rightarrow b^4 - a^2 b^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2(b^2 - a^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 0, a \text{ any real number}, \text{ or } b = \pm a$$

$$\therefore (a, b) = (1, 1) \text{ is one such point.}$$

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Question 7: Use implicit differentiation to find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  if  $\sin(xyz) = x + 2y + 3z$ .

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

$$\cos(xyz) \left[ xz + xy \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right] = 2 + 3 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$

$$\left[ xy \cos(xyz) - 3 \right] \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2 - xz \cos(xyz)$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{2 - xz \cos(xyz)}{xy \cos(xyz) - 3}$$

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Question 8: Find the equation of the tangent plane to  $z = e^{x^2-y^2}$  at the point where  $x = 1$  and  $y = -1$ .

$$\text{At } x=1, y=-1 \quad z = e^{1^2 - (-1)^2} = e^0 = 1$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right|_{(1,-1)} = \left. 2x e^{x^2-y^2} \right|_{(1,-1)} = 2$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right|_{(1,-1)} = \left. -2y e^{x^2-y^2} \right|_{(1,-1)} = +2$$

$$\therefore z = z_0 + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x-x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y-y_0)$$

$$z = 1 + 2(x-1) + 2(y+1)$$

$$\therefore 2x + 2y - z = -1$$

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Question 9: For the function  $f(x, y)$ , a linear approximations at  $(1, 1)$  was used to find  $f(1.1, 1.1) - f(1, 1) \approx 3$  and  $f(1.1, 0.9) - f(1, 1) \approx 2$ . Determine  $f_x(1, 1)$ .

$$f(1.1, 1.1) - f(1, 1) \approx f_x(1, 1)\Delta x + f_y(1, 1)\Delta y \quad \text{where } \Delta x = 0.1, \Delta y = 0.1$$

$$\therefore 3 = f_x(1, 1)(0.1) + f_y(1, 1)(0.1) \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad f(1.1, 0.9) - f(1, 1) \approx f_x(1, 1)\Delta x + f_y(1, 1)\Delta y \quad \text{where } \Delta x = 0.1, \Delta y = -0.1$$

$$\therefore 2 = f_x(1, 1)(0.1) + f_y(1, 1)(-0.1) \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Adding  $\textcircled{1}$  &  $\textcircled{2}$  :

$$5 = 2 f_x(1, 1)(0.1)$$

$$\text{so } f_x(1, 1) = \frac{5}{(2)(0.1)} = \boxed{25}$$

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**Question 10:** Two particles move through space according to the positions functions  $\mathbf{r}_1(t) = \langle t^2, 7t - 12, t^2 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{r}_2(t) = \langle 4t - 3, t^2, 5t - 6 \rangle$ , where  $t \geq 0$  is time. Determine when, if ever, the particles collide.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solve } \vec{r}_1(t) = \vec{r}_2(t) &\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} t^2 &= 4t - 3 & \textcircled{1} \\ 7t - 12 &= t^2 & \textcircled{2} \\ t^2 &= 5t - 6 & \textcircled{3} \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

Collision occurs if  $\textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2}, \textcircled{3}$  have a simultaneous solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solving } \textcircled{1}: \quad t^2 - 4t + 3 &= 0 \\ (t-3)(t-1) &= 0 \\ t &= 3, t = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$t=3$  satisfies both  $\textcircled{2}$  &  $\textcircled{3}$  ( &  $\textcircled{1}$  ),  
but  $t=1$  does not.

$\therefore$  Particles collide when  $t=3$ .

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**Question 11:** Find the point, if any, at which the space curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle e^t, e^{2t}, e^{3t} \rangle$  intersects the surface  $z = x^2 + 2y$ .

$$e^{3t} = (e^t)^2 + 2(e^{2t})$$

$$e^{3t} = e^{2t} + 2e^{2t}$$

$$e^{3t} = 3e^{2t}$$

$$\frac{e^{3t}}{e^{2t}} = 3$$

$$e^t = 3$$

$$\therefore t = \ln 3.$$

$$\vec{r}(\ln 3) = \langle e^{\ln 3}, (e^{\ln 3})^2, (e^{\ln 3})^3 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 3, 9, 27 \rangle.$$

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