Math 200 - Calculus of Several Variables

- 1. Given nonzero vectors **a** and **b** in \mathbb{R}^3 , show that $\mathbf{v} = |\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{b} + |\mathbf{b}|\mathbf{a}$ bisects the angle between **a** and **b**.
- 2. Show that the vectors $|\mathbf{b}|\mathbf{a} + |\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{b}$ and $|\mathbf{b}|\mathbf{a} |\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{b}$ are orthogonal.
- 3. Find an equation of the plane that contains the point P(3, -1, 2) and the line $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2, -1, 0 \rangle + t \langle 2, 3, 0 \rangle$.
- 4. Find a unit vector that is parallel to both the planes 8x + y + z = 1 and x y z = 0.
- 5. Find a unit vector that makes an angle of 30° with $\hat{\mathbf{i}}$ and makes equal angles with $\hat{\mathbf{j}}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$.
- 6. Let $f(x, y) = x^2 e^{-xy}$
- 7. (a) Find a normal to the surface z = f(x, y) at the point (1, 2).
 - (b) Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface z = f(x, y) at the point (1, 2).
 - (c) What point on the surface $z = x^2 y^2$ has a tangent plane parallel to the plane in (b)?
- 8. Find an equation of the tangent plane to $(\cos x)(\cos y)e^{z} = 0$ at $(\pi/2, 1, 0)$.
- 9. At time t = 0 a particle is ejected from the surface $x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 = 6$ at the point (1, 1, 1) in a direction normal to the surface at a speed of 10 units per second. At what time does the particle first reach the surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 = z^2 = 103$?
- 10. Let $f(x, y) = 5ye^x e^{5x} y^5$. Show that f has a unique critical point corresponding to a local maximum, but that f has no absolute maximum.