

Question 1: Find the unit tangent vector to $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle e^{-t} \cos(t), e^{-t} \sin(t), e^{-t} \rangle$ at the point $(1, 0, 1)$.

$(1, 0, 1)$ corresponds to $t=0$.

$$\vec{r}'(0) = \langle -e^{-t} \cos(t) - e^{-t} \sin(t), -e^{-t} \sin(t) + e^{-t} \cos(t), -e^{-t} \rangle \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$= \langle -1, 1, -1 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{r}'(0)| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 1^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore \text{unit tangent is } \vec{T} = \frac{\vec{r}'(0)}{|\vec{r}'(0)|} = \boxed{\left\langle \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle}$$

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Question 2: For this question recall Newton's Second Law

$$\mathbf{F}(t) = m\mathbf{a}(t)$$

where \mathbf{F} is force in Newtons (N), m is mass in kilograms (kg) and \mathbf{a} is acceleration in m/s^2 .

A force with magnitude 10 N acts directly upward from the xy -plane on an object of mass 5 kg. The object starts at the origin with initial velocity $\mathbf{v}(0) = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$. Find the position function $\mathbf{r}(t)$ for the object.

$$\vec{F}(t) = m \vec{a}(t) = 10 \hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 \vec{a}(t) = 10 \hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a}(t) = \left(\frac{10}{5}\right) \hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}''(t) = 2 \hat{k},$$

$$\vec{v}(0) = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k},$$

$$\vec{v}'(0) = \hat{i} - \hat{j}.$$

$$\therefore \vec{v}'(t) = 2t \hat{k} + C_1$$

$$\vec{v}'(0) = \hat{i} - \hat{j} \Rightarrow C_1 = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$$

$$\therefore \vec{v}'(t) = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2t \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{v}(t) = t\hat{i} - t\hat{j} + t^2 \hat{k} + C_2$$

$$\vec{v}(0) = \vec{0} \Rightarrow C_2 = \vec{0}$$

$$\therefore \vec{r}(t) = t\hat{i} - t\hat{j} + t^2 \hat{k}$$

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Question 3: Compute the following limit:

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{(x+y)^2 - (x-y)^2}{xy} \\ &= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{[(x+y) - (x-y)][(x+y) + (x-y)]}{xy} \\ &= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{(2y)(2x)}{(xy)} \\ &= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{4 \cancel{xy}}{\cancel{xy}} \\ &= \boxed{4} \end{aligned}$$

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Question 4: Show that the following limit does not exist (carefully explain your reasoning):

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^3}{x^2 + y^6}$$

- Letting $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$ along the x -axis (so $y=0$):

$$\frac{xy^3}{x^2 + y^6} = \frac{0}{x^2 + 0} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

- Letting $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$ along curve $x=y^3$:

$$\frac{xy^3}{x^2 + y^6} = \frac{y^3 y^3}{(y^3)^2 + y^6} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

Since different approach paths of (x,y) to $(0,0)$ yield different limiting values of $\frac{xy^3}{x^2 + y^6}$, the limit does not exist.

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Question 5:

(i) Let $f(x, y, z) = \ln(1 + e^{xyz})$. Calculate $f_y(2, 0, -1)$

$$f_y = \frac{1}{1+e^{xyz}} \cdot e^{xyz} \cdot xz$$

$$\therefore f_y(2, 0, -1) = \frac{1}{1+e^0} \cdot e^0 \cdot 2 \cdot (-1) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (1) \cdot (2) \cdot (-1) = \boxed{-1}$$

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(ii) Let $w = x \sin(xy - z)$. Calculate $\left[\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right]_{(1, \pi/2, 0)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right]_{(1, \frac{\pi}{2}, 0)} &= \left[1 \cdot \sin(xy-z) + x \cos(xy-z) \cdot y + x \cos(xy-z) \right]_{(1, \frac{\pi}{2}, 0)} \\ &= \left[\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right] \\ &= \boxed{1} \end{aligned}$$

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(iii) Use implicit differentiation to find $\partial z / \partial y$: $yz + x \ln y = z^2$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} [yz + x \ln y] = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [z^2]$$

$$(1) z + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + \frac{x}{y} = 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} [y - 2z] = -\frac{x}{y} - z$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{\left(\frac{x}{y} + z\right)}{y - 2z}}$$

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Question 6: Determine if the function $u(x, y) = x^3 + 3xy^2$ is a solution to Laplace's equation $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$.

$$u_x = 3x^2 + 3y^2$$

$$u_{xx} = 6x$$

$$u_y = 6xy$$

$$u_{yy} = 6x$$

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 6x + 6x = 12x \neq 0$$

so $\boxed{\text{No!}}$

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Question 7: Find an equation of the tangent plane to the graph of $f(x, y) = \cos(x/y)$ at the point $(\pi, 4)$.

$$f_x(\pi, 4) = -\sin\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{y} \Big|_{(\pi, 4)} = -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{-1}{4\sqrt{2}}$$

$$f_y(\pi, 4) = -\sin\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{x}{y^2}\right) \Big|_{(\pi, 4)} = \frac{\pi}{16\sqrt{2}}$$

$$f(\pi, 4) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\therefore z = f(\pi, 4) + f_x(\pi, 4)(x - \pi) + f_y(\pi, 4)(y - 4)$$

$$z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}(x - \pi) + \frac{\pi}{16\sqrt{2}}(y - 4)$$

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Question 8: Determine all points (x, y, z) at which tangent planes to the surface $z = xye^{-(x^2+y^2)/2}$ are horizontal.

Tangent planes horizontal

\Rightarrow Equation of tangent plane has form $z = k$, a constant

$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$ at such points.

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = ye^{-\frac{(x^2+y^2)}{2}} + xy e^{-\frac{(x^2+y^2)}{2}} \left(-\frac{2x}{2}\right) = y(1-x^2)e^{-\frac{(x^2+y^2)}{2}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0 \text{ or } x = \pm 1.$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x(1-y^2)e^{-\frac{(x^2+y^2)}{2}} = 0 \text{ at } x = 0 \text{ or } y = \pm 1$$

\therefore Tangent plane is horizontal at $\left\{ (0, 0, 0), (1, 1, e^{-1}), (-1, 1, e^{-1}), (1, -1, e^{-1}), (-1, -1, e^{-1}) \right\}$ [5]

Question 9: Use a linear approximation to estimate $f(0.1, -0.05)$ where $f(x, y) = \sqrt{y + \cos^2 x}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(x, y) &= f(0, 0) + f_x(0, 0)x + f_y(0, 0)y \\
 &= \sqrt{0 + \cos^2(0)} + \frac{1}{2} [y + \cos^2(x)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{2 \cos(x) \cdot (-\sin(x))}{(0, 0)} \cdot x \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} [y + \cos^2(x)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 1 \Big|_{(0, 0)} \cdot y \\
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} [0 + \cos^2(0)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} y \\
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} y.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f(0.1, -0.05) \approx L(0.1, -0.05) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{-1}{20} \right) = \boxed{\frac{39}{40}}$$

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Question 10: Recall that the volume of a right circular cone of base radius r and height h is $V = \pi r^2 h / 3$. Suppose a cone has equal base radius and height, and that the height is then reduced by a small amount k . Use differentials (or linear approximation) to determine the approximate amount by which the radius must change so that the total volume of the cone remains unchanged.

$$V = \frac{\pi r^2 h}{3}, \quad dh = -k$$

Find dr so that $dV = 0$:

$$dV = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} dh$$

$$dV = \frac{2\pi}{3} rh dr + \frac{\pi r^2}{3} dh$$

$$\therefore 0 = \frac{2\pi}{3} rh dr + \frac{\pi r^2}{3} (-h)$$

$$0 = \frac{2\pi}{3} r^2 dr + \frac{\pi}{3} r^2 (-h) \quad \left. \vphantom{0} \right\} \text{ since } r=h$$

$$0 = \frac{\pi r^2}{3} [2dr - h]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 2dr - h &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow dr &= \frac{h}{2} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore radius must increase by approximately

$$\boxed{\frac{k}{2}}$$

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