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**Math 116 Intermediate Calculus III – Midterm Exam I – Solutions**

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**Q-1) (i)** Prove that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \left( \frac{x^2 y \sin x}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = 0$ .

**(ii)** Show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \left( \frac{x^2 y}{x^4 + y^2} \right)$  does not exist.

**Solution (Özgün Ünlü): (i)** First observe that

$$\left| \frac{x^2 y \sin x}{x^2 + y^2} \right| \leq |y| |\sin x| \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} \leq |y| \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} \leq |y|.$$

Hence we have

$$-|y| \leq \frac{x^2 y \sin x}{x^2 + y^2} \leq |y|.$$

We also have

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \mp |y| = 0.$$

Then use the sandwich theorem to conclude that the limit is zero.

**Solution: (ii)** Try the path  $y = \lambda x^2$ :

$$\lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0) \\ y = \lambda x^2}} \frac{x^2 y}{x^4 + y^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\lambda x^4}{x^4 + \lambda^2 x^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\lambda}{1 + \lambda^2} = \frac{\lambda}{1 + \lambda^2}.$$

The limit on different paths do not agree so the limit does not exist.

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**Q-2)** Let  $w = f(u, v)$ , where  $f$  has continuous first and second order partial derivatives. Let  $u = x^2y$  and  $v = \frac{x}{y}$ . Find  $w_{xy}$  at the point  $(x, y) = (2, 1)$  if  $f_u(4, 2) = 4$ ,  $f_v(4, 2) = -5$ ,  $f_{uu}(4, 2) = -1$ ,  $f_{vu}(4, 2) = 3$  and  $f_{vv}(4, 2) = 2$ .

**Solution (Hamza Yeşilyurt):** By chain rule, we find that

$$w_x = f_u u_x + f_v v_x.$$

Similarly by applying the chain rule to the functions  $f_u$  and  $f_v$ , we find that

$$(f_u)_y = (f_u)_u u_y + (f_u)_v v_y = f_{uu} u_y + f_{uv} v_y$$

and

$$(f_v)_y = (f_v)_u u_y + (f_v)_v v_y = f_{vu} u_y + f_{vv} v_y.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} w_{xy} &= (f_u u_x + f_v v_x)_y \\ &= (f_u)_y u_x + f_u u_{xy} + (f_v)_y v_x + f_v v_{xy} \\ &= (f_{uu} u_y + f_{uv} v_y) u_x + f_u u_{xy} + (f_{vu} u_y + f_{vv} v_y) v_x + f_v v_{xy}. \end{aligned}$$

Next,  $u_x = 2xy$ ,  $u_x(2, 1) = 4$ ,  $u_y = x^2$ ,  $u_y(2, 1) = 4$ ,  $v_x = 1/y$ ,  $v_x(2, 1) = 1$ ,  $v_y = -x/y^2$ ,  $v_y(2, 1) = -2$ ,  $u_{xy} = 2x$ ,  $u_{xy}(2, 1) = 4$ ,  $v_{xy} = -1/y^2$ ,  $v_{xy}(2, 1) = -1$ , and  $u(2, 1) = 4$ ,  $v(2, 1) = 2$ . Moreover,  $f_{uv}(4, 2) = f_{vu}(4, 2)$  since  $f$  has continuous partial derivatives of first and second order. Hence,

$$w_{xy}(2, 1) = ((-1) \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot (-2)) \cdot (4) + 4 \cdot 4 + (3 \cdot (4) + 2 \cdot (-2)) \cdot (1) + (-5) \cdot (-1) = -11.$$

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**Q-3)** Show that the ellipsoid  $3x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 = 4$  and the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 5x + 3z + 6 = 0$  are tangent to each other at  $(1, 0, -1)$ . Find an equation of this common tangent plane.

**Solution (Müfit Sezer):**

Let  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 5x + 3z + 6$ . Then we have  $\nabla f = 6x\mathbf{i} + 4y\mathbf{j} + 2z\mathbf{k}$  and  $\nabla g = (2x - 5)\mathbf{i} + (2y)\mathbf{j} + (2z + 3)\mathbf{k}$ . We get  $\nabla f(1, 0, -1) = 6\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{k}$  and  $\nabla g(1, 0, -1) = -3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$ .

Therefore  $\nabla f(1, 0, -1) = -2\nabla g(1, 0, -1)$  and hence the normal vectors to the respective tangent planes are parallel. Since these planes also share a common point, they are the same. The equation of this plane is

$$6(x - 1) - 2(z + 1) = 0.$$

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**Q-4)** Find the highest and the lowest points on the ellipse  $3x^2 + 2xy + 2y^2 + x - 7y = 7$ .

**Solution (Sinan Sertöz):** One approach to this problem is to use Lagrange Multipliers Method. The function to optimize is  $f(x, y) = y$  subject to the constraint  $g(x, y) = 3x^2 + 2xy + 2y^2 + x - 7y - 7 = 0$ .

$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$  gives  $6x + 2y + 1 = 0$  (together with  $2x + 4y - 7 = 1/\lambda$ .)

We can also argue as follows: At the lowest and highest points of the ellipse its tangent line will be horizontal. The gradient  $\nabla g$ , being perpendicular to the tangent line will be a vertical vector and its  $x$ -component will be zero, i.e.  $6x + 2y + 1 = 0$ .

Once we get the equation  $6x + 2y + 1 = 0$ , we solve for  $y$  and substitute into  $g$ .

$$g\left(x, -\frac{6x+1}{2}\right) = 15x^2 + 27x - 3 = 0.$$

This gives  $x = \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{101}}{10}$ .

Alternatively we could solve for  $x$  from  $6x + 2y + 1 = 0$  and then substitute into  $g$ .

$$g\left(-\frac{2y+1}{6}, y\right) = 20y^2 - 88y - 85 = 0.$$

This then gives  $y = \frac{22 \pm \sqrt{101}}{10}$ .

Once  $x$  or  $y$  is found, the other value can of course be found from  $6x + 2y + 1 = 0$ .

This gives two critical points  $p = \left(\frac{-9 - \sqrt{101}}{10}, \frac{22 + \sqrt{101}}{10}\right)$  and  $q = \left(\frac{-9 + \sqrt{101}}{10}, \frac{22 - \sqrt{101}}{10}\right)$ .

Comparing the values of  $f$  at these points we find that  $f(p) > f(q)$ , so the highest point is  $p$  and the lowest point is  $q$ .

Another approach is to consider the restriction of the function  $y$  to the ellipse, which then makes it a function of  $x$ . Differentiating  $g(x, y) = 0$  implicitly with respect to  $x$ , solving for  $y'$  and equating it to zero gives  $6x + 2y + 1 = 0$ . Then proceed as above. (Thanks to Abidin Erdem Karagül.)

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**Q-5)** Find and classify all critical points of  $f(x, y) = 4x^3 + xy^2 - 2yx^2 - x$ .

**Solution (Aydan Pamir):** To find the critical points:

$$f_x(x, y) = 12x^2 + y^2 - 4xy - 1 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 2xy - 2x^2 = 2x(y - x) = 0 \quad (2)$$

Equation (2)  $\Rightarrow x = 0$  or  $x = y$

$x = 0$  and Equation (1)  $\Rightarrow y^2 = 1 \Rightarrow y = \pm 1$ , i.e,  $P_1(0, 1)$  and  $P_2(0, -1)$

$y = x$  and Equation (1)  $\Rightarrow 12x^2 + x^2 - 4x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1/3$ , i.e,  $P_3(1/3, 1/3)$  and  $P_4(-1/3, -1/3)$

$\Delta = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2$  where  $f_{xx} = 24x - 4y$ ,  $f_{yy} = 2x$  and  $f_{xy} = 2y - 4x$

So,

$$\Delta = 2x(24x - 4y) - (2y - 4x)^2 = 8x(6x - y) - 4(y - 2x)^2$$

•  $\Delta|_{P_1(0,1)} = -4 < 0 \Rightarrow f$  has a saddle point at  $P_1(0, 1)$

•  $\Delta|_{P_2(0,-1)} = -4 < 0 \Rightarrow f$  has a saddle point at  $P_2(0, -1)$

•  $\Delta|_{P_3(1/3,1/3)} = 4 > 0$  and  $f_{xx}|_{P_3(1/3,1/3)} = 20/3 > 0 \Rightarrow$

$f$  has a local minimum at  $P_3(1/3, 1/3)$

•  $\Delta|_{P_4(-1/3,-1/3)} = 4 > 0$  and  $f_{xx}|_{P_4(-1/3,-1/3)} = -20/3 < 0 \Rightarrow$

$f$  has a local maximum at  $P_4(-1/3, -1/3)$