

Problem 1.

Evaluate by changing the order of integration

$$\int_0^1 \int_{\sqrt{y}}^1 e^{x^3} dx dy.$$

Solution: We change the order of integration over the region

$$0 \leq \sqrt{y} \leq x \leq 1.$$

We find

$$0 \leq y \leq x^2, 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

and

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{x^2} e^{x^3} dy dx = \int_0^1 x^2 e^{x^3} dx = \frac{1}{3} e^{x^3} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} = \frac{1}{3}(e - 1).$$

Problem 2.

Find the critical points of the function

$$f(x, y) = xy^2 - 4xy + \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

and determine their nature.

Solution: We calculate

$$f_x = y^2 - 4y + x, \quad f_y = 2xy - 4x = 2x(y - 2).$$

Since

$$f_y = 0 \implies x = 0 \text{ or } y = 2.$$

When $x = 0$ we obtain from

$$f_x = 0 \implies y^2 - 4y = 0 \implies y = 0 \text{ or } y = 4.$$

When $y = 2$ we find

$$f_x = 0 \implies x = 4.$$

There are three critical points $(0, 0)$, $(0, 4)$ and $(4, 2)$.

We find the second derivatives

$$f_{xx} = 1, \quad f_{xy} = 2y - 4, \quad f_{yy} = 2x.$$

At the points where $x = 0$, the determinant of the hessian is

$$D = f_{xx} \cdot f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 1 \cdot 0 - (2y - 4)^2 < 0$$

hence both $(0, 0)$ and $(0, 4)$ are saddle points. For $(4, 2)$, the determinant of the Hessian is

$$f_{xx} \cdot f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 1 \cdot 8 - 0^2 > 0$$

hence $(4, 2)$ is a local minimum.

Problem 3.

Consider the function

$$f(x, y) = \frac{2x^2y}{x^4 + y^2}.$$

- (i) Show that the limit

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y)$$

along any line of fixed slope m through the origin equals 0.

- (ii) Evaluate the limit $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y)$ along the parabola $y = x^2$.
(iii) What is the value of the limit $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y)$?

Solution:

- (i) *We have $y = mx$ and*

$$f(x, y) = \frac{2x^2(mx)}{x^4 + (mx)^2} = \frac{2mx}{x^2 + m^2} \rightarrow \frac{0}{m^2}$$

provided $x \rightarrow 0$. Thus $f(x, y) \rightarrow 0$ along the line $y = mx$ provided $m \neq 0$. When $m = 0$, we have $y = 0$ and $f(x, y) = 0$.

- (ii) *When $y = x^2$, we have $f(x, y) = \frac{2x^2y}{x^4 + y^2} = 1$, so the limit equals 1.*
(iii) *Since the answers in (i) and (ii) are different, the limit does not exist.*

Problem 4.

Consider the function

$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{6 - x^2 - y^2}.$$

- (i) Find the direction of steepest increase of f at the point $P(1, 2)$.
- (ii) Draw the graph of the function f .
- (iii) Find the directional derivative $D_{\vec{v}}f(1, 2)$ in the direction $\vec{v} = \frac{3}{5}\vec{i} - \frac{4}{5}\vec{j}$.
- (iv) Find the linear approximation $f((1, 2) + .01 \cdot \vec{v})$.
- (v) Find the tangent plane to the surface

$$z^2x + zf(x^2, y) = 2$$

at $(1, 2, 1)$.

Solution:

- (i) We have

$$f_x = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{6 - x^2 - y^2}} = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{6 - x^2 - y^2}} \implies f_x(1, 2) = -1.$$

Similarly,

$$f_y = -\frac{y}{\sqrt{6 - x^2 - y^2}} \implies f_y(1, 2) = -2.$$

Thus $\nabla f = (-1, -2)$ and the direction of steepest increase is $(-1, -2)$.

- (ii) The graph is

$$z = f(x, y) = \sqrt{6 - x^2 - y^2} \implies x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 6, z \geq 0$$

which is the half sphere of radius $\sqrt{6}$.

- (iii) We have

$$D_{\vec{v}}f = \nabla f \cdot \vec{v} = (-1, -2) \cdot (3/5, -4/5) = 1.$$

- (iv) We evaluate

$$f((1, 2) + .01\vec{v}) \approx f(1, 2) + .01 \cdot D_{\vec{v}}f = 1 + .01 \cdot 1 = 1.01.$$

- (v) We have

$$g(x, y, z) = z^2x + zf(x^2, y)$$

hence

$$g_x = z^2 + 2zx f_x(x^2, y) \implies g_x(1, 2, 1) = 1 + 2(-1) = -1$$

$$g_y = z f_y(x^2, y) \implies g_y(1, 2, 1) = 1(-2) = -2$$

$$g_z = 2zx + f(x^2, y) \implies g_z(1, 2, 1) = 3.$$

The normal vector is $(-1, -2, 3)$ hence the plane is

$$-x - 2y + 3z = -2.$$

Problem 5.

Find the minimum and the maximum value of the function

$$f(x, y, z) = 2x - 2y + z$$

along the sphere of center $(1, 0, -1)$ and radius 3.

Solution: We have

$$g(x, y, z) = (x - 1)^2 + y^2 + (z + 1)^2 = 9.$$

We need

$$\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$$

which gives

$$(2, -2, 1) = 2\lambda(x - 1, y, z + 1) \implies x - 1 = \frac{2}{2\lambda}, y = \frac{-2}{2\lambda}, z + 1 = \frac{1}{2\lambda}.$$

Using

$$(x - 1)^2 + y^2 + (z + 1)^2 = 9 \implies \left(\frac{2}{2\lambda}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-2}{2\lambda}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2\lambda}\right)^2 = 9 \implies 2\lambda = \pm 1.$$

When $2\lambda = 1$ we find the point

$$(3, -2, 0) \text{ with } f(3, -2, 0) = 10.$$

When $2\lambda = -1$ we find the point

$$(-1, 2, -2) \text{ with } f(-1, 2, -2) = -8.$$

Problem 6.

Find the area of the region bounded in the first quadrant by the hyperbola $xy = 1$ and the parabolas $x = y^2$ and $x = 8y^2$. Express the answer in the simplest possible form.

Solution: The intersection of the parabola $x = y^2$ and the hyperbola $xy = 1$ occurs at $(1, 1)$. The intersection of the parabola $x = 8y^2$ and the hyperbola $xy = 1$ is the point $(2, \frac{1}{2})$. The integral is to be split into two regions. For the region $0 \leq x \leq 1$, we have

$$y_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{x}{8}}, \quad y_{max} = \sqrt{x}.$$

For the region $1 \leq x \leq 2$, we have

$$y_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{x}{8}}, \quad y_{max} = \frac{1}{x}.$$

We calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \int_0^1 \int_{\sqrt{x/8}}^{\sqrt{x}} dy dx + \int_1^2 \int_{\sqrt{x/8}}^{1/x} dy dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \sqrt{x} - \sqrt{\frac{x}{8}} dx + \int_1^2 \frac{1}{x} - \sqrt{\frac{x}{8}} dx \\ &= \frac{2}{3} x^{3/2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}\right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} + \ln x \Big|_{x=1}^{x=2} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{x^{3/2}}{\sqrt{8}} \Big|_{x=1}^{x=2} = \ln 2. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 7.

Find the average value of the function

$$f(x, y, z) = xyz$$

over the first octant

$$x \geq 0, y \geq 0, z \geq 0$$

of the ball $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1$.

Solution: We use spherical coordinates. We have

$$\bar{f} = \frac{1}{\text{volume}} \int \int \int xyz \, dV.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{f} &= \frac{1}{4\pi/3 \cdot 1/8} \int_0^1 \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\pi/2} (\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta)(\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta)(\rho \cos \phi)(\rho^2 \sin \phi) \, d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{6}{\pi} \int_0^1 \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \rho^5 \sin^3 \phi \cos \phi \cos \theta \sin \theta \, d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{6}{\pi} \int_0^1 \rho^5 \, d\rho \cdot \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^3 \phi \cos \phi \, d\phi \cdot \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \theta \cos \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{6}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\rho^6}{6} \Big|_{\rho=0}^{\rho=1} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \sin^4 \phi \Big|_{\phi=0}^{\phi=\pi/2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta \Big|_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi/2} = \frac{6}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8\pi}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 8.

Using cylindrical coordinates, find the mass of the solid with density $\rho = z$ bounded by the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2$ and the cone $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$.

Solution: *We calculate*

$$\iiint \rho dV.$$

The intersection is

$$x^2 + y^2 = z^2 = 1$$

and therefore the cylindrical coordinates satisfy

$$0 \leq r \leq 1, r \leq z \leq \sqrt{2 - r^2}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \int_r^{\sqrt{2-r^2}} z dz (r dr) d\theta &= 2\pi \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} z^2 \Big|_{z=r}^{z=\sqrt{2-r^2}} r dr = \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^1 (1 - r^2) r dr = 2\pi \left(\frac{r^2}{2} - \frac{r^4}{4} \right) \Big|_{r=0}^1 = 2\pi \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 9.

Find the volume of the solid bounded by the cylinders

$$z = 1 - y^2, \quad z = y^2 - 1$$

and the planes $x = 0$ and $x + z = 1$.

Solution: *We calculate*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 \int_{y^2-1}^{1-y^2} \int_0^{1-z} dx \, dz \, dy &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{y^2-1}^{1-y^2} (1-z) \, dz \, dy = \int_{-1}^1 \left(z - \frac{1}{2}z^2 \right) \Big|_{z=y^2-1}^{z=1-y^2} dy \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 2(1-y^2) \, dy = 2y - \frac{2}{3}y^3 \Big|_{y=-1}^{y=1} = 4 - \frac{4}{3} = \frac{8}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 10.

Consider the parametric curve given by

$$\vec{r}(t) = \left(\frac{t^4}{4}, \frac{t^6}{6} \right), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

Find the arclength parametrization of the curve.

Solution: *We have*

$$\vec{r}'(t) = (t^3, t^5) \implies \|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{(t^3)^2 + (t^5)^2} = t^3 \sqrt{1 + t^4}.$$

The arclength function is

$$s(t) = \int_0^t \|\vec{r}'(u)\| du = \int_0^t u^3 \sqrt{1 + u^4} du = \frac{1}{6} (1 + u^4)^{\frac{3}{2}} \Big|_{u=0}^{u=t} = \frac{(1 + t^4)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1}{6}.$$

Solving $s(t) = s$ we find

$$\frac{(1 + t^4)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1}{6} = s \implies t^4 = (6s + 1)^{\frac{2}{3}} - 1.$$

Thus

$$\vec{r}(t) = \left(\frac{1}{4} ((6s + 1)^{\frac{2}{3}} - 1), \frac{1}{6} ((6s + 1)^{\frac{2}{3}} - 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right).$$

Finally, $t = 0$ corresponds to $s = 0$ and $t = 1$ corresponds to $s = \frac{1}{6}(2^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1)$.

Problem 11.

Assume that

$$w = \ln(x^2 - y^2 + z^2)$$

where

$$x = 2s + t, \quad y = 2s - t, \quad z = 2\sqrt{st}.$$

Using the chain rule, calculate the derivative

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial s}.$$

Express your answer in the simplest possible form.

Solution: We have

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial s}.$$

We compute

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = \frac{2x}{x^2 - y^2 + z^2} = \frac{2(2s + t)}{(2s + t)^2 - (2s - t)^2 + 4st} = \frac{2(2s + t)}{12st} = \frac{2s + t}{6st}.$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} &= -\frac{(2s - t)}{6st} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} &= \frac{4\sqrt{st}}{12st} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{st}}. \end{aligned}$$

Next,

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial s} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{s}} \cdot \sqrt{t} = \sqrt{\frac{t}{s}}.$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = \frac{(2s + t)}{6st} \cdot 2 + \frac{-(2s - t)}{6st} \cdot 2 + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{st}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{t}{s}} = \frac{4t}{6st} + \frac{1}{3s} = \frac{1}{s}.$$

Problem 12.

The ellipsoid $x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 = 4$ and the plane $2x + y + 3z = 6$ intersect in an ellipse passing through the point $(1, 1, 1)$. Find the parametrization of the tangent line to the ellipse at $(1, 1, 1)$.

Solution: *The normal vector to the ellipsoid is $\vec{n}_1 = (2x, 4y, 2z)$ which gives at $(1, 1, 1)$ the vector*

$$\vec{n}_1 = (2, 4, 2).$$

The normal vector to the plane is

$$\vec{n}_2 = (2, 1, 3).$$

The vector tangent to the ellipse is perpendicular to both \vec{n}_1 and \vec{n}_2 hence

$$\vec{t} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 = (2, 4, 2) \times (2, 1, 3) = (10, -2, -6).$$

The tangent line is

$$(1, 1, 1) + t(10, -2, -6).$$