

**SECOND PRACTICE MIDTERM  
MATH 18.022, MIT, AUTUMN 10**

You have 50 minutes. This test is closed book, closed notes, no calculators.

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There are 5 problems, and the total number of points is 100. Show all your work. *Please make your work as clear and easy to follow as possible.*

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Problem	Points	Score
1	20	
2	20	
3	20	
4	20	
5	20	
Total	100	

1. (20pts) Find a recursive formula for a sequence of points  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ , whose limit  $(x_\infty, y_\infty)$ , if it exists, is a point of intersection of the curves

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - y^2 &= 1 \\ x^2(x+1) &= y^2.\end{aligned}$$

Let  $f(x, y)$  be the function  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$f(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2 - 1, x^3 + x^2 - y^2)$$

Then  $Df(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x & -2y \\ 3x^2 + 2x & -2y \end{pmatrix}$   $\det Df(x, y) = 6x^2y$

$$Df(x, y)^{-1} = \frac{1}{6x^2y} \begin{pmatrix} -2y & 2y \\ -3x^2 - 2x & 2x \end{pmatrix} \quad Df(x, y)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x^2 - y^2 - 1 \\ x^3 + x^2 - y^2 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\frac{1}{6x^2y} \begin{pmatrix} -2y & 2y \\ -3x^2 - 2x & 2x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^2 - y^2 - 1 \\ x^3 + x^2 - y^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+x^3}{3x^2} \\ \frac{3x^2y^2 - x^4 + 3x^2}{6xy} \end{pmatrix}$$

So  $(x_n, y_n) = (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}) - \left( \frac{1}{3x_{n-1}^2} + \frac{x_{n-1}}{3}, \frac{3x_{n-1}^2y_{n-1}^2 - x_{n-1}^4 + 3x_{n-1}^2}{6x_{n-1}y_{n-1}} \right)$

2. (20pts) Suppose that  $F: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is differentiable at  $P = (3, -2, 1)$  with derivative

$$DF(3, -2, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Suppose that  $F(3, -2, 1) = (1, -3)$ . Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function  $f(x, y, z) = \|F(x, y, z)\|$ .

(i) Show that the function  $f(x, y, z)$  is differentiable at  $P$ .

Let  $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function  $g(u, v) = \|(u, v)\| = (u^2 + v^2)^{1/2}$ .

Then  $g$  is differentiable and  $f$  is the composition of  $F$  and  $g$ ,  $f = g \circ F$ .

So  $f$  is differentiable at  $P$ .

(ii) Find  $Df(3, -2, 1)$ .

$$Df = Dg \cdot DF$$

$$Dg = \frac{1}{(u^2 + v^2)^{1/2}} (u, v)$$

$$Df(3, -2, 1) = Dg(1, -3) \cdot DF(3, -2, 1)$$

$$Dg(1, -3) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} (1, -3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} (1, -3) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} (-5 \quad 1 \quad 12)$$

(iii) Find the directional derivative of  $f$  at  $P$  in the direction of  $\hat{u} = -\frac{1}{3}\hat{i} + \frac{2}{3}\hat{j} - \frac{2}{3}\hat{k}$ .

$$D_{\hat{u}} f(P) = \nabla f(P) \cdot \hat{u}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{3\sqrt{10}} (-5, 1, 12) \cdot (-1, 2, -2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3\sqrt{10}} (5 + 2 - 24) = \frac{-17}{3\sqrt{10}}$$

3. (20pts) Let  $F: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a  $C^1$  function. Suppose that

$$DF(3, 1, 0, -1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Show that there is an open subset  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  containing  $(3, 1)$  and an open subset  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  containing  $(0, -1)$  such that for all  $(x, y) \in U$ , the system of equations

$$F(x, y, z, w) = F(3, 1, 0, -1),$$

has the unique solution

$$(z, w) = (f_1(x, y), f_2(x, y)) \quad \text{with} \quad (z, w) \in V.$$

The submatrix formed from the last two columns is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ . This has det.  $-2 + 3 = 1 \neq 0$ .

So  $f$  exists by the Implicit function Theorem.

(b) Find the derivative  $Df(3, 1)$ .

Let  $G: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $G(x, y) = F(x, y, f(x, y))$ .  $G$  identically zero.  
 $DG = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ :  $Df(3, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} = F(3, 1, 0, -1)$

Method I

$$0 = \frac{\partial G_i}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial w} \cdot \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x}$$

$$= \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial w} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x}$$

$$\text{Plug in } (3,1) \quad 0 = 1 + \alpha + 3\gamma \quad \gamma = 0, \alpha = -1$$

$$\frac{\partial G_2}{\partial x}(3,1) : \quad 0 = -1 - \alpha - 2\gamma$$

$$\text{Add} \quad 0 = 0 + \gamma$$

$$\text{Similarly } \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial y}(3,1) \quad 0 = 3 + \beta + 3\delta \quad \delta = -5, \beta = 12$$

$$\frac{\partial G_2}{\partial y}(3,1) \quad 0 = 2 - \beta - 2\delta$$

$$\frac{\partial G_3}{\partial y}(3,1) \quad 0 = 5 + \delta$$

$$Df(3,1) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 12 \\ 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Method II let  $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be  $g(x,y) = (x, y, f(x,y))$

$$G = F \circ g + (\text{constant}) \quad DG = DF \cdot Dg$$

$$DG(3,1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Rewrite as } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{-2+3} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ +1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 12 \\ 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix} = Df(3,1)$$

4. (20pts) Let  $\vec{r}: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a regular smooth curve parametrised by arclength. Let  $a \in I$  and suppose that

$$\vec{T}(a) = \frac{4}{9}\hat{i} - \frac{7}{9}\hat{j} - \frac{4}{9}\hat{k}, \quad \vec{B}(a) = \frac{1}{9}\hat{i} - \frac{4}{9}\hat{j} + \frac{8}{9}\hat{k}, \quad \frac{d\vec{N}}{ds}(a) = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j}.$$

Find:

(i) the unit normal vector  $\vec{N}(a)$ .  $\vec{N}(a) = \vec{B}(a) \times \vec{T}(a)$

$$= \frac{1}{9^2} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -4 & 8 \\ 4 & -7 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{9^2} \left[ (16 + 56)\hat{i} - (4 - 32)\hat{j} + (-7 + 16)\hat{k} \right]$$

$$= \frac{8\hat{i}}{9} + \frac{4\hat{j}}{9} + \frac{1\hat{k}}{9}$$

(ii) the curvature  $\kappa(a)$ .

Frenet formula:  $\frac{d\vec{N}}{ds}(a) = -\kappa(a)\vec{T}(a) + \tau(a)\vec{N}(a)$

$$\kappa(a) = -\frac{d\vec{N}}{ds}(a) \cdot \vec{T}(a) = \frac{-1}{9^2} (-1, 2, 0) \cdot (4, -7, -4) = +2$$

(iii) the torsion  $\tau(a)$ .

$$\tau(a) = \frac{d\vec{N}}{ds}(a) \cdot \vec{B}(a) = \frac{1}{9} (-1, 2, 0) \cdot (1, -4, 8)$$

$$= -1.$$

5. (20pts) Let  $\vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the vector field given by  $\vec{F}(x, y) = y\hat{i} + x\hat{j}$ .

(i) Is  $\vec{F}$  a gradient field (that is, is  $\vec{F}$  conservative)? Why?

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function  $f(x, y) = xy$ .  
Then  $\nabla f(x, y) = y\hat{i} + x\hat{j} = \vec{F}(x, y)$  so  $\vec{F}$  is conservative.

(ii) Is  $\vec{F}$  incompressible?  $\text{div } \vec{F} = \nabla \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial y} = 0 + 0 = 0$

Yes,  $F$  is incompressible

(iii) Find a flow line that passes through the point  $(1, 0)$ .

Solve  $x'(t) = y(t)$   $x(0) = 1$  let  $u = x + y$ ,  $v = x - y$   $u(t) = \alpha e^t$   
 $y'(t) = x(t)$   $y(0) = 0$   $u' = u$ ,  $v' = -v$ ,  $u(0) = 1$   $v(t) = \beta e^{-t}$   
 $v(0) = 1$   $\alpha = \beta = 1$   
 $x(t) = \cosh(t) = \frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2}$ ,  $y(t) = \sinh(t) = \frac{e^t - e^{-t}}{2}$

(iv) Find a flow line that passes through the point  $(a, b)$ , where  $a^2 > b^2$ .

let  $c^2 = a^2 - b^2$ ,  $c > 0$ .

Try  $x(t) = c \cosh t$ ,  $y(t) = c \sinh(t)$ .

$x'(t) = y(t)$   $y'(t) = x(t)$  ✓

and  $\vec{r}(t) = c(\cosh(t) \sinh(t))$  passes through  $(a, b)$ .