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**Math 53 Midterm #1, 2/26/14, 3:40 PM – 5:00 AM**  
 (no exams will be accepted between 4:50 and 5:00)

No notes or electronic devices are permitted. Please write your name, SID number, and GSI's name on each sheet; **pages without identifying information will not be graded.** All answers must be justified to receive credit. There are six pages, and each page is worth 10 points. Please put a box around your final answer and cross out incorrect work. Good luck!

1. (10 points) Find the point on the curve  $r(t) = \langle 1, t, t^2 \rangle$  where the tangent line is parallel to the plane  $4x + 5y + 6z = 0$ .

$r'(t) = \langle 0, 1, 2t \rangle$

Normal vector of plane:  $\langle 4, 5, 6 \rangle$

$\langle 4, 5, 6 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 1, 2t \rangle = 0$  ← justify

$5 + 12t = 0$

$t = -5/12$

Point:  $(1, -5/12, 25/144)$

$\langle 4, 5, 6 \rangle$

$\langle 0, 1, 2t \rangle$

$5 + 12t = 0$

$t = -5/12$

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2. (Short questions, 5 points each)

(a) Write the equation of a quadric surface containing the parametrized curve

$$(x(t), y(t), z(t)) = (t^3, t^4, t^5).$$

(Your answer should be a quadratic equation in  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ .)  
What kind of quadric surface is it? (e.g. ellipsoid, hyperboloid of one sheet, etc.)

(b) Suppose that  $f$  is a function of  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $f_x = x + 2y$  and  $f_y = ax + 3y$  where  $a$  is a constant. What does  $a$  have to be, and why?

a)  $x = t^3, y = t^4, z = t^5$

$z^2 = x^2 y$

This is a cone

$t^5 = t^3 t^2 = t^5$

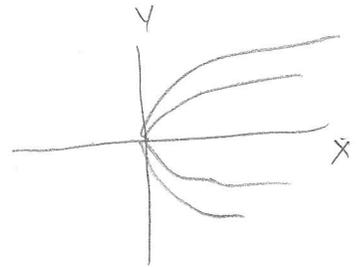
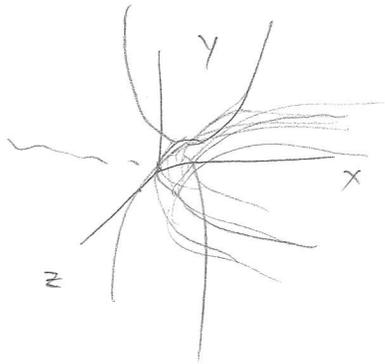
$y^2 = xz$

This is a paraboloid

$t^8 = t^3 t^5 = t^8$

Correct answer  
cone

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b)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = x + 2y$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = ax + 3y$

$\frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2yx$

$axy + \frac{3}{2}y^2$

not constant

$f(x,y) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2yx + \frac{3}{2}y^2 + C$

$f_y = 2x + 3y = ax + 3y \rightarrow a = 2$

a must be 2

because since "2y" appears in  $f_x$  and "ax" appears in  $f_y$ , the actual function must include  $axy$ , where  $a$  is the constant. If we let  $g(x,y) = axy$ ,

$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = ay = 2y$ , so  $a = 2$

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3. (10 points) Let  $P$  be the tangent plane to the surface

$$x^2 + y^2 + xyz = 11$$

at the point  $(1, 2, 3)$ . The plane  $P$  intersects the  $x$ -axis at a point  $(a, 0, 0)$ . What is  $a$ ?

$$F = x^2 + y^2 + xyz$$

$$ax + by + cz = d$$

$$F_x = 2x + yz, \quad F_x(1, 2, 3) = 2 + 6 = 8$$

$$F_y = 2y + xz, \quad F_y(1, 2, 3) = 4 + 3 = 7 \times 1$$

$$F_z = xy, \quad F_z(1, 2, 3) = 2$$

$$8x + 7y + 2z = d$$

$$8(1) + 7(2) + 2(3) = 28$$

$$8 + 14 + 6 = 28$$

tangent plane.

$$8x + 7y + 2z - 28 = 0$$

Plug in  $(a, 0, 0)$ 

$$8a = 28$$

$$a = \frac{28}{8} = \frac{7}{2} \times 3$$

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4. (10 points) Does the limit exist, and if so what is the limit?

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

Justify your answer.

Approach  $y \rightarrow 0$ :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x,0)} \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x = 0$   
along  $y$ -axis

Use polar coordinates:  $x = r \cos \theta$   
 $y = r \sin \theta$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{r^3 \cos^3 \theta + r^3 \sin^3 \theta}{r^2 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{r^3 (\cos^3 \theta + \sin^3 \theta)}{r^2 (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)}$$

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r \left( \frac{\cos^3 \theta + \sin^3 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta} \right) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r (\cos^3 \theta + \sin^3 \theta)$$

approaches 0

bounded ✓

= 0 ✓

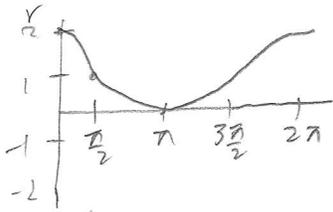
Limit exists.

$$\text{limit} = \textcircled{0}$$

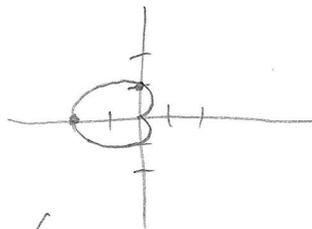
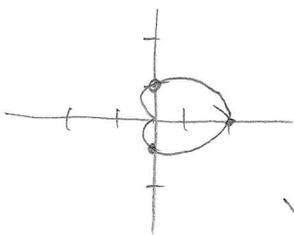
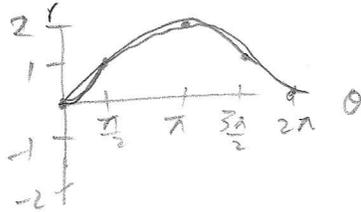
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5. (10 points) Find the area of the region that lies inside both of the polar curves  $r = 1 + \cos \theta$  and  $r = 1 - \cos \theta$ . (To evaluate the integral, the identity  $\cos^2 \theta = (1 + \cos 2\theta)/2$  may be helpful.)

$$r = 1 + \cos \theta$$



$$r = 1 - \cos \theta$$

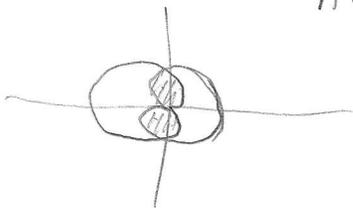


$$1 + \cos \theta = 1 - \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = -\cos \theta$$

$$\theta = \pi/2, 3\pi/2$$

By symmetry,



$$\text{Area} = 4 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - \cos \theta)^2 d\theta \right]$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - 2\cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta) d\theta$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \left( 1 - 2\cos \theta + \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} \right) d\theta$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \left( \frac{3}{2} - 2\cos \theta + \frac{\cos 2\theta}{2} \right) d\theta = 2 \left[ \frac{3}{2}\theta - 2\sin \theta + \frac{1}{4}\sin 2\theta \right]_0^{\pi/2}$$

$$= \left[ 3\theta - 4\sin \theta + \frac{1}{2}\sin 2\theta \right]_0^{\pi/2} = \left[ \left( \frac{3\pi}{2} - 4 + 0 \right) - (0 + 0 + 0) \right]$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{3\pi}{2} - 4}$$

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6. (10 points) Let

$$f(x, y) = e^{x^2+2y^2}.$$

Find the unit vector  $\mathbf{u} = \langle a, b \rangle$  which *minimizes* the directional derivative  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f$  at the point  $(x, y) = (2, 3)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{u}}f &= \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{u} \\ &= |\nabla f| |\mathbf{u}| \cos \theta \\ &= |\nabla f| \cos \theta \quad -1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

so  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f$  is smallest when  
 $|\mathbf{u}|$  is opposite direction of  $\nabla f$ ,  
 $\theta = \pi$

$$\nabla f = \langle (e^{x^2+2y^2})(2x), (e^{x^2+2y^2})(4y) \rangle \quad e^{4+2(9)}$$

$$= \langle (e^{4+18})(4), e^{22}(12) \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle 4e^{22}, 12e^{22} \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle 1e^{22}, 3e^{22} \rangle$$

$$\frac{\nabla f}{4e^{22}} \Rightarrow \langle 1, 3 \rangle$$

$$-\frac{\nabla f}{4e^{22}}$$

$$= -\langle 1, 3 \rangle = \langle -1, -3 \rangle$$

$$|\sqrt{1^2+3^2}| = \sqrt{10}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Unit vector} = \left\langle \frac{-1}{\sqrt{10}}, \frac{-3}{\sqrt{10}} \right\rangle = \mathbf{u}}$$