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MATH2450. SECTION 010. FALL 2012.  
**MIDTERM EXAMINATION 2-A**

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(d)  $\infty$

(e) Does not exist

$$y = ax$$

$$\frac{2x^3ax}{x^4 + 3a^4x^4} = \frac{2a}{1+3a^4}$$

2. (15 points) Let

$$f(x, y) = 2x^2y \text{ and } \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\langle -2, -1 \rangle. \quad |\mathbf{u}| = 1$$

Find the directional derivative  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, 1)$ .

(a)  $\langle 4, 2 \rangle$

(b)  $-2\sqrt{5}$

(c)  $-10$

(d)  $-2/\sqrt{5}$

(e)  $-3/\sqrt{5}$

$$f_x = 4xy \quad f_x(1, 1) = 4$$

$$f_y = 2x^2 \quad f_y(1, 1) = 2$$

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, 1) = \nabla f(1, 1) \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

$$= \frac{4(-2) + 2(-1)}{\sqrt{5}}$$

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3. (15 points) Let  $z = z(x, y)$  be a function of  $x$  and  $y$  and be defined implicitly by the equation

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(c)  $-\frac{1}{yz}$

(d)  $\frac{1 - 2x - yz^2}{2xyz}$

(e)  $-\frac{3y^2 + xz^2}{2xyz}$

Take  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  of the equation

$$2x + 0 + yz^2 + \underline{xy \cdot 2z z_x} = 0$$

$$z_x = \frac{-2x - yz^2}{2xyz}$$



4. (15 points) Let  $z = \ln(3x - y^2)$ , where  $x = u^2v$  and  $y = 2u - v^2$ . Use the chain rule to find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}$ .

(a)  $\frac{6uv}{3x - y^2}$

(b)  $\frac{2uv + 2}{3x - y^2}$

(c)  $\frac{2 - 2y}{3x - y^2}$

(d)  $\frac{6uv - 4y}{3x - y^2}$

(e)  $\frac{2uv}{3x - y^2}$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{3}{3x - y^2} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{-2y}{3x - y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial u} = 2uv \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$$

$$= \frac{3(2uv)}{3x - y^2} - \frac{2y}{3x - y^2} (2)$$

$$= \frac{6uv - 4y}{3x - y^2}$$

## PART II. Work Out Problems. (Questions 5 - 6)

5. (20 points) Let

$$f(x, y) = x^2 - 4xy + \frac{4}{3}y^3 - 1.$$

Find all critical points and use the second partials test to classify each point as a relative maximum, a relative minimum or a saddle point.

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= 2x - 4y & f_y &= -4x + 4y^2 \\ f_x = 0 &\Leftrightarrow x = 2y & f_y = 0 &\quad -x + y^2 = 0 \\ & & \hookrightarrow &\quad -2y + y^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Critical points:

$$\Rightarrow (0, 0) \text{ and } (4, 2)$$

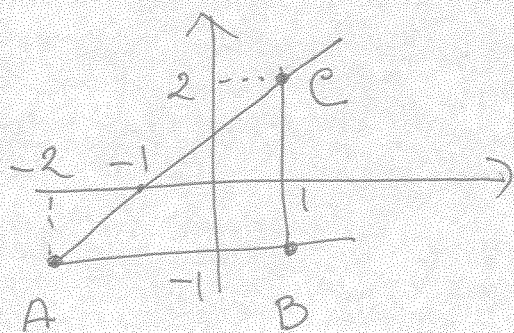
$$\begin{aligned} y &= 0, 2 \\ &\downarrow \\ x &= 0, 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{xx} &= 2 & f_{yy} &= 8y \\ f_{xy} &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

$(0, 0)$ $D = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -16 < 0$ <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <math>\Downarrow</math> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Saddle point</p>	$(4, 2)$ $D = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -4 & 16 \end{vmatrix} = 16 > 0$ $f_{xx} = 2 > 0$ <p style="text-align: center;"><math>\Rightarrow</math> relative min</p>
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Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum of  $f(x, y)$  over the domain  $D$ .



$$f_x = 2x, \quad f_y = -2y$$

Critical points:  $(0, 0)$

On  $(AB)$   $y = -1$ ,

$$f = x^2 - 1 = F_1(x), \quad -2 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$F_1'(x) = 2x \quad F_1'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$$

$\rightarrow$  point  $(0, -1)$

End points:  $A, B$

On  $(BC)$   $x = 1$

$$f = 1 - y^2 = F_2(y), \quad -1 \leq y \leq 2$$

$$F_2'(y) = -2y, \quad F_2'(y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  point  $(1, 0)$

End points:  $B, C$

On  $(AC)$ :  $y = x + 1$

$$f = x^2 - (x+1)^2 = -2x - 1 = F_3(x)$$

$$-2 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$F_3'(x) = -2 \neq 0$$

End points  $A, C$

Table	$(x, y)$	$f(x, y)$
	$(0, 0)$	0
	$(0, -1)$	-1
	$(1, 0)$	1
	$A(-2, -1)$	3 $\rightarrow$ largest
	$B(1, -1)$	0
	$C(1, 2)$	-3 $\rightarrow$ smallest

Hence

Absolute max = 3

(at A)

Absolute min = -3

(at C)





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(a) 10

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(e)  $-\frac{3y}{2xz}$

Take  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$  of the equation

$$0 + 3y^2 + xz^2 + \underline{xy 2z} z_y = 0$$

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(b)  $\frac{-4u^2 + 4yv}{y^2 - 4x}$

(c)  $\frac{u^2 + 2v}{y^2 - 4x}$

(d)  $\frac{u^2}{y^2 - 4x}$

(e)  $\frac{2y - 4}{y^2 - 4x}$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-4}{y^2 - 4x}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{2y}{y^2 - 4x}$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial v} = u^2 \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} = 2v$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$$

$$= \frac{-4}{y^2 - 4x} (u^2) + \left( \frac{2y}{y^2 - 4x} \right) \cdot 2v$$

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Critical points

$$f_y = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = 2x$$

$$f_x = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} -y + x^2 &= 0 \\ -2x + x^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(0, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 0, 2 \\ \begin{cases} x = 2 \\ y = 4 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$(2, 4)$$

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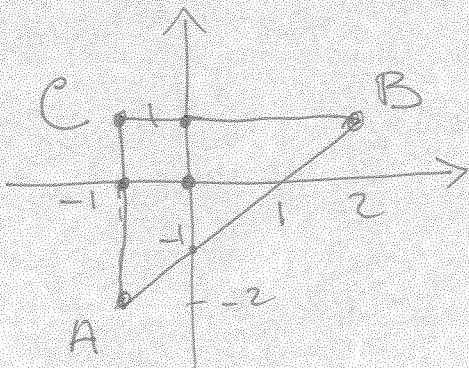
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$\Downarrow$   
relative min

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$$f = y^2 - 1 = F_1(y) \quad -2 \leq y \leq 1$$

$$F'_1(y) = 2y \quad F'_1(y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  point  $(-1, 0)$

End points:  $A, C$

On  $(CB)$   $y = 1$

$$f = 1 - x^2 = F_2(x) \quad -1 \leq x \leq 2$$

$$F'_2(x) = -2x$$

$$F'_2(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  point  $(0, 1)$

End points:  $C, B$

On  $(AB)$

$$f = (x-1)^2 - x^2 = -2x + 1 = F_3(x)$$

$$-2 = F'_3(x) \neq 0$$

End points  $A, B$

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	$C(-1, 1)$	0

Hence

Absolute max

$$= 3$$

(at  $A$ )

Absolute min

$$= -3$$

(at  $B$ )

