

1 Derivative Calculus

1.1 Problem Types

These are the types that I find most likely.

- I. Something about the meaning of level sets (i.e. that the value of the function does not change along the level set).
- II. Find the tangent plane to a surface (given by a level set), and use that tangent plane to verify a statement.
- III. Find maxima and minima of a function given a constraint using Lagrange multipliers.
- IV. Compute a geometric relation (e.g. angle) between planes, lines, etc.

These are some other questions that are possible.

- I. Classify critical points of a function using the D -test.
- II. Use the chain rule to compute derivatives of a function.
- III. Use Clairaut's theorem (equality of mixed partials) to show that a function doesn't exist; or to make calculation of a derivative easy.
- IV. Compute the area contained by a parametric curve, or a loop of a parametric curve.
- V. Relate the directional derivative and the gradient in order to find directions where f increases the most, the least, not at all.

1.2 Practice Problems

Problem 1. (Hutchings) Let $f(x, y, z) = x + y + z$. Find the maxima and minima of f subject to the constraint $x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2 \leq 10$.

Problem 2. Let $f(x, y, z) = (x - 1)^2 + (y + 2)^2 + z^2$. Let (x_0, y_0, z_0) be a point on the level set $f(x, y, z) = 2$. What is the normal vector to the level set at that point?

Problem 3. (Srivastava) Let $f(x, y) = x^3/3 + y^3/3 + 5x - y$. Find and classify the critical points of $g(x, y) = |\nabla f(x, y)|^2$.

Problem 4. (Srivastava) Find the extreme values of $f(x, y) = e^{-xy}$ on the region $x^2 + 4y^2 \leq 1$.

Problem 5. Find the equation of the plane containing the curve

$$x = \cos(2t) + t, \quad y = \sin^2(t) + \frac{t^2}{2}, \quad z = -t(1 + t).$$

Problem 6. Let $f(x, y, z) = 4(x - 1)^2 + 4(y + 2)^2 + z^2$ and let S be the surface given by $f(x, y, z) = 4$. Show that no tangent plane contains the point $(1, -2, -1)$.

Problem 7. (Tataru)

- (a) Let $f(x, y) = g(r)$ where g is a twice-differentiable function and r is the radius in polar coordinates. Compute

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$$

in terms of x, y and g (and derivatives of g).

(b) Does $f(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$ satisfy $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0$?

Problem 8. (Tataru) Consider the “asteroid” $x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 \leq 1$.

- (a) What is the equation of the tangent plane to the point (x_0, y_0, z_0) on the surface?
- (b) What is the set of points on the surface that are visible from $(1, 1, 1)$? Describe the set using two equalities/inequalities.

Problem 9. (Tataru) Find the maximum and minimum of the function $f(x, y, z) = xyz + x + y + z$ on the filled-in sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1$.

Problem 10. True/False.

- (a) (Srivastava) If $f(x, y)$ is differentiable with $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -1$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2$, then there is a direction \mathbf{u} such that $D_{\mathbf{u}}f = 0$.
- (b) If $f(x, y)$ is differentiable with $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -1$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2$, then there is a direction \mathbf{u} such that $D_{\mathbf{u}}f = \sqrt{6}$.
- (c) (Srivastava) Consider the level curve of a differentiable function $f(x, y) = k$. If P is a point such that the level curve intersects itself non-tangentially, then P is a critical point of f .
- (d) Suppose all the level sets of $f(x, y)$ are parallel lines. Then the graph of the function is a plane.
- (e) If a and b are orthogonal and c is parallel to a , then b and c are orthogonal.

2 Integral Calculus

2.1 Problem Types

- I. Integral that is only doable by changing the order of integration.
- II. Compute the volume of a 3d region, where the region is described by the boundary surfaces (below X, above Y, etc). This may require polar/cylindrical or spherical!
- III. Change of variables.

2.2 Practice Problems

Problem 1. (Hutchings) Calculate

$$\int_0^4 \int_{\sqrt{x}}^2 e^{y^3} dy dx$$

Problem 2. (Hutchings) Let D be the region $x^2 + 3y^2 \leq 1$ calculate

$$\iint_D (x^2 + 3y^2)^{2023} dA.$$

Problem 3. Compute the area of the weird ellipse $\frac{(x-y)^2}{4} + (x-2y)^2 \leq 1$.

Problem 4. (Tataru) Find the volume of the solid bounded from above by the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2$ and from below by the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$.

Problem 5. (Tataru) Evaluate

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \sin(\max(x^2, y^2)) \, dx \, dy.$$

Problem 6. (Textbook) Evaluate

$$\int_{-2}^2 \int_0^{\sqrt{4-y^2}} \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2-y^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2-y^2}} y^2 \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \, dz \, dx \, dy.$$

Problem 7. True/False.

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3 Vector Calculus

3.1 Problem Types

These are the types that I find most likely.

- I. Compute line integrals and line integrals of vector fields directly.
- II. Recognize a conservative vector field, find the potential function, and use the fundamental theorem of line integrals.
- III. Compute div, grad, curl, and use the identities $\text{div}(\text{curl}) = 0$ or $\text{div}(\text{grad}) = 0$ to simplify problems (together with some of the theorems below).
- IV. Compute surface integrals and fluxes directly.
- V. Use Stokes' theorem (usually to go from a surface to boundary integral)
- VI. Use the divergence theorem (in 3d and/or in 2d) to evaluate an integral.

These are some other questions that are possible.

- I. Prove an identity involving div, grad, or curl (e.g. $\nabla \cdot (u\nabla v) = \nabla u \cdot \nabla v + u \cdot (\text{div}(\nabla v))$).
- II. Prove that a vector field is/is not conservative.
- III. Use Green's theorem.

3.2 Practice Problems

Problem 1. (Hutchings) Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle x^{2023} + y, y^{2023} + z, z^{2023} + x \rangle$. Let C be the curve that is the intersection between the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and the plane $z = 2x + 3y$, with the counterclockwise orientation when viewed from above. Compute

$$\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}.$$

Problem 2. (Textbook) Let C be the curve $x = \cos(t), y = \sin(t), z = \sin(t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq \pi/2$. Compute

$$\int_C 2xe^{2y} \, dx + (2x^2e^{2y} + 2y \arctan(z)) \, dy + y^2 \frac{1}{1+z^2} \, dz$$

Problem 3. (Hutchings) Let S be the upper hemisphere of the unit ball (i.e. $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ and $z \geq 0$) with the upwards orientation. Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle x + \sin y, y + \cos z, z + 1 \rangle$. Compute

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}.$$

Problem 4. (Hutchings) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a differentiable function such that

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y).$$

Suppose that $f(2, 3) = 6$. Compute $f(4, 1)$.

Problem 5. (Hutchings) Let S be a surface contained in the plane $z = x + y$. Let S have surface area 2023. Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle$. Compute

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}.$$

Problem 6. (Srivastava) Let S be the part of the paraboloid $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$ in the first octant ($x \geq 0, y \geq 0, z \geq 0$). Let C be the boundary curve of S (with counterclockwise orientation when viewed from above). Use Stokes' theorem to compute

$$\int_C \langle yz, -xz, 1 \rangle \cdot d\mathbf{r}.$$

Problem 7. (Srivastava) Let L be the line segment from $(1, 0, 0)$ to $(4, 1, 2)$. Compute

$$\int_L \langle z^2, x^2, y^2 \rangle \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

Problem 8. (Srivastava) Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle y^3z, x^3z, 1 + e^{x^2+y^2} \rangle$. Let S be the part of the paraboloid $z = 1 - x^2 - y^2$ that lies above the xy -plane (with the upwards orientation). Use the divergence theorem and the filled-in piece of paraboloid (i.e. the region $z \geq 0$ and $z \leq 1 - x^2 - y^2$) to compute

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}.$$

Problem 9. (Tataru) Consider the curve of intersection between the surface $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$ and the surface $y = x^2$. Let C be the part of that curve between $(1, 1, -1)$ and $(1, 1, 1)$. Let

$$\mathbf{F} = \left\langle \frac{1}{1 + y + z}, \frac{-x}{(1 + y + z)^2}, 2x + \frac{-x}{(1 + y + z)^2} \right\rangle.$$

Compute

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}.$$

Problem 10. (Zworski) Let S be the part of the surface $z = 25 - x^2 - y^2$ above $z = 16$, with the downwards orientation. Let $\mathbf{F} = \langle \frac{1}{48}yz, \frac{1}{27}x^2y, \cos(xyz) \rangle$. Using Stokes' theorem, compute

$$\iint_S \text{curl } \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}.$$

Problem 11. (Tataru) Let S be the unit sphere in 3d, i.e. $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$. Evaluate

$$\iint_S z^{2018} \, dS$$

Problem 12. (Zworski) Let S be the surface given by rotating the curve $x = \cos(t)$ and $z = \sin(2t)$ about the z -axis where $t \in [-\pi/2, \pi/2]$. Use the divergence theorem to evaluate the volume of the solid contained by S . [Hint: use the vector field $\mathbf{F} = \langle 0, 0, z \rangle$]

Problem 13. True/False.

- (a) (Srivastava) If $\text{curl}(\mathbf{F}) = \nabla f$, (where \mathbf{F} is some vector field) then f solves $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} = 0$.
- (b) (Srivastava) If \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{G} are conservative vector fields, then $\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{G}$ is also a conservative vector field.
- (c) (Srivastava) The flux of $\mathbf{F} = \langle x, 0, 0 \rangle$ across the sphere of radius 1 centered at the origin is strictly less than the flux across the sphere of radius 2 centered at the origin. Both spheres have the outward orientation.