

Quiz 3 (front and back)

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Note: A function  $f$  can have  $\pm\infty$  as a limit, but if  $f$  approaches  $+\infty$  along one curve/path and approaches  $-\infty$  along another, the overall limit fails to exist.

1. Show that each of the following limits fails to exist.

(a)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{2x^2y}{x^2 - y^2}$

• Along  $y$ -axis,  $x=0$  so this function is 0 there  $\leadsto$  limit = 0

• Along  $y=x$ , this function is  $\frac{2x^3}{0}$  &  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} = +\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} = -\infty \leadsto$  DNE

(b)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{x^2 + y}$

• Along  $y$ -axis,  $x=0 \Rightarrow$  limit = 0

• Along  $y = -x^2$ , this function is  $\frac{-x^3}{0}$  & limit DNE  $\left( \begin{array}{l} +\infty \text{ from left} \\ -\infty \text{ from right} \end{array} \right)$

(c)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{e^{x+y}}{x^2 - y^2}$

• Along  $x$ -axis,  $y=0$ :  $\frac{e^x}{x^2} \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ : limit =  $+\infty$

• Along  $y$ -axis,  $x=0$ :  $\frac{e^y}{-y^2} \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $y \rightarrow 0$ : limit =  $-\infty$

2. Let  $c$  be a constant and define  $f(x, y)$  as follows:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin xy}{xy} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ c & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

Find the value  $c$  so that  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

• By definition of continuity,  $c = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sin(xy)}{xy}$

• let  $t = xy$  so that  $t \rightarrow 0$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ . Then

$c = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin t}{t} = 1$

[use L'Hopital or elementary calculus knowledge]

3. Use the limit definition of partial derivatives to find  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  for  $f(x) = 3x^2 + xy - y^2$ .

$$f_x = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3(x+h)^2 + (x+h)y - y^2) - (3x^2 + xy - y^2)}{h}$$

$$= \dots = \boxed{6x + y}$$

$$f_y = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+h) - f(x, y)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3x^2 + x(y+h) - (y+h)^2) - (3x^2 + xy - y^2)}{h}$$

$$= \dots = \boxed{x - 2y}$$

4. Define  $f$ ,  $g$ , and  $h$  as follows:

$$f(x, y) = e^{x+y}, \sin x \quad g(x, y, z) = x \cos(y \cos z),$$

$$h(w, x, y, z) = e^w + e^x + e^y + e^z + ze^{w(xy+y^2)-x}.$$

Find each of the indicated partial derivatives. Note: If possible, it may be beneficial to change the order of the partials!

(a)  $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$  by Clairaut

- $f_y = e^{x+y} \sin x$

- $f_{yx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (f_y) = e^{x+y} (\sin x + \cos x)$

(b)  $g_{yzxz} = g_{xxyz}$  by Clairaut

- $g_x = \cos(y \cos z)$

- $g_{xx} = 0$  b/c  $g_x$  has no  $x$ 's!  $\Rightarrow \boxed{g_{xxyz} = 0}$

(c)  $h_{wz} = h_{zw}$  by Clairaut

- $h_z = e^z + e^{w(xy+y^2)-x}$

- $h_{zw} = (xy+y^2) e^{w(xy+y^2)-x}$

(d)  $h_{xywzxyzwz} = h_{wz} \dots$  by Clairaut

- $h_{wz} = (xy+y^2) e^{w(xy+y^2)-x}$  by (c)

- $h_{wz} = 0$  b/c  $h_{wz}$  has no  $z$ 's!  $\Rightarrow \boxed{h_{xywzxyzwz} = 0}$

5. Let  $f(x, y) = 2x - 3x^2y + y^4$ .  $f_x = 2 - 6xy$   
 $f_y = -3x^2 + 4y^3$

(a) Is  $f$  differentiable at the point  $(1, 4)$ ? Why or why not?  $f_x, f_y$  exist and

- By thm in 14.4,  $f$  differentiable if  $f_x, f_y$  are continuous at  $(1, 4)$
- $f$  is a polynomial  $\Rightarrow f_x, f_y$  exist and are continuous everywhere!

So yes,  $f$  is differentiable at  $(1, 4)$  [and everywhere else]

(b) Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface  $z = f(x, y)$  at the point  $(1, 1, 0)$ .

•  $z - z_0 = f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$  where  $x_0 = 1, y_0 = 1, z_0 = 0$

•  $f_x(1, 1) = 2 - 6 = -4; f_y(1, 1) = -3 + 4 = 1$

• plane is:  $z - 0 = -4(x - 1) + 1(y - 1)$

(c) Find  $\Delta z$  and  $dz$  (as functions), where

$$\Delta z = f(a + \Delta x, b + \Delta y) - f(a, b) \quad \text{and} \quad dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy.$$

$$\Delta z = 2(a + \Delta x) - 3(a + \Delta x)^2(b + \Delta y) + (b + \Delta y)^4$$

$$dz = (2 - 6xy) dx + (-3x^2 + 4y^3) dy$$

(d) Using part (c), compare the values of  $\Delta z$  and  $dz$  if  $x$  changes from 1 to 0.94 and  $y$  changes from 1 to 1.08.

Here:  $a = 1, \Delta x = -0.06, b = 1, \Delta y = 0.08$

$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$                        $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$

So:

$$\Delta z = 2(0.94) - 3(0.94)^2(1.08) + (1.08)^4 = 0.377625$$

$$dz = (2 - 6(1)(1))(-0.06) + (-3(1)^2 + 4(1)^3)(0.08) = 0.32$$

The point:  $dz$  is close to  $\Delta z$  b/c  $f$  differentiable and  $dz$  way easier to compute!

Tot = 14