

Math 32AH Homework 6 Solutions

I graded 4 of the problems:

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Each problem is worth 3 points. A grade of 0 indicates no solution or a substantially wrong solution. A grade of 3 indicates a correct or nearly correct solution. Otherwise the grade given is 1 or 2 depending upon how much work was put in and how close the solution is to being correct. How neat and clear your solution is also affects the grade I give.

If you believe a problem was misgraded, or I made some addition or other error, please write a short note explaining the situation, attach it to your homework, and return it to me (either in person, in my mailbox, or under my office door). I'll take a look and return the homework in the next section.

The following are solutions to the homework problems and additional comments for the problems I graded.

General Comments

The maximum number of points was 12. The high score was 12, the median was 12 and the mean was 10.8. I thought this homework might be a little more challenging than the last two so I'm happy to see everyone rose to the challenge!

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2. $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{4-x^2-y^2}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$ at $(1, 1)$. $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{-y}{\sqrt{4-x^2-y^2}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$ at $(1, 1)$.

5. Solution is in the back of the book.

8. The normal vector to the tangent plane is $\mathbf{n} = (-1, -1/2, -1)$, and we can use a multiple so let $\mathbf{n} = (2, 1, 2)$. Then an equation of the tangent plane is $(2, 1, 2) \cdot (x - 2, y - 1, z - 2) = 0$ or $(2x - 4) + (y - 1) + (2z - 4) = 0$ or $2x + y + 2z = 9$.

9. Solution is in the back of the book.

13. Solution is in the back of the book.

15. Solution is in the back of the book.

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1. Nonlinear. For example $0 = 3 \sin(3\pi) \neq 3 \sin(\pi/2) + 3 \sin(5\pi/2) = 6$.

4. Nonlinear (but affine). For example $10 + 4x = 2(5 + 2x) \neq 5 + [2(2x)] = 5 + 4x$ for any x .

12. Nonlinear (although linear in each variable if the other variables are fixed). For example $f(1, 1, 1) = 1 + 2 = 3$ and $f(2, 2, 2) = 4 + 4 = 8$ which is not twice $f(1, 1, 1)$.

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2. We have $(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}) = (-y \sin xy, -x \sin xy)$ and these are clearly continuous so this is the total derivative. Plugging in, we have $f'(1, \frac{\pi}{3}) = (-\frac{\pi}{3} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) = (-\frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$.

5. Solution is in the back of the book.

9. We first determine what ℓ should be by taking partial derivatives. We have $(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}) = (2x, 2y)$, so at the point $(2, 1)$ this is $(4, 2)$. So let $\ell(\mathbf{x}) = (4, 2) \cdot \mathbf{x}$. We want to prove that $f(x, y) = f(2, 1) + (4, 2) \cdot (x - 2, y - 1) + e(x, y)$, where $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,1)} \frac{e(x,y)}{|(x-2,y-1)|} = 0$. Using the definition of f , this means $x^2 + y^2 = 5 + 4x + 2y - 10 + e(x, y)$, which means $e(x, y) = (x^2 - 4x + 4) + (y^2 - 2y + 1) = (x - 2)^2 + (y - 1)^2$. Finally we have $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,1)} \frac{e(x,y)}{|(x-2,y-1)|} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,1)} \frac{(x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2}{\sqrt{(x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2}} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,1)} \sqrt{(x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2} = 0$, as desired.

11. As in the hint we use $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, and it follows that $f(3.01, 3.98) = f(3 + .01, 4 - .02) \approx f(3, 4) + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(3, 4), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(3, 4) \right) \cdot (.01, -.02) = 5 + \left(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right) \cdot (.01, -.02) = 5 + .006 - .016 = 4.99$.
17. As in problem 11 we use $f(x, y, z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$, and it follows that $f(2.01, 1.94, 0.98) = f(2 + .01, 2 - .06, 1 - .02) \approx f(2, 2, 1) + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(2, 2, 1), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(2, 2, 1), \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(2, 2, 1) \right) \cdot (.01, -.06, -.02) = 3 + \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right) \cdot (.01, -.06, -.02) = 3 - \frac{2}{3} \frac{6}{100} = 2.96$.
21. We can use our usual techniques to show this function is not continuous at $(0, 0)$ and therefore cannot be differentiable there. For example approach $(0, 0)$ via the line $y = x$, so $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^2}{2x^2} = \frac{3}{2} \neq 0$.