


Math 241: Exam #1

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- You do not need to show work on multiple choice questions. Otherwise, when space is provided, **show work which justifies your answer.**
 - No calculators, notes, books, etc... are permitted.
 - The exam lasts **60 minutes.**

Question 1 Consider the vector $\mathbf{n} = \langle -2, 2, 1 \rangle$ and points $P = (2, -2, -3)$ and $Q = (0, 1, 0)$. (7 points)

(a) Find the equation of the plane through Q with normal vector \mathbf{n} .

$$\boxed{-2x + 2(y-1) + z = 0}$$

(b) Find the component of \overrightarrow{QP} along \mathbf{n} .

$$\text{comp}_{\vec{n}} \vec{QP} = \frac{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{QP}}{|\vec{n}|} = \frac{\langle -2, 2, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, -3, -3 \rangle}{|\vec{n}|}$$

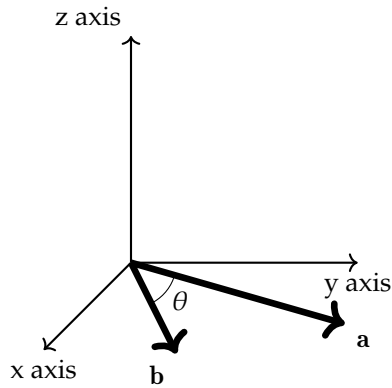
$$= \frac{-4 - 6 - 3}{\sqrt{4 + 4 + 1}} =$$

$$\text{comp}_{\mathbf{n}}(\overrightarrow{QP}) = \boxed{-13/3}$$

(c) Find the distance from the point P to the plane from part (a).

$$\text{distance} = \boxed{13/3}$$

Question 2 The figure shows two vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} in the xy -plane. Their lengths are $|\mathbf{a}| = 7$ and $|\mathbf{b}| = 6$. The angle between them is $\theta = 30^\circ$. (5 points)



(a) Find $|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|$.

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta \Rightarrow |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \frac{7 \cdot 6}{2}$$

$|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| =$

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(b) The x component of $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ is

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negative

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zero

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positive

(c) The y component of $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ is

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negative

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(d) The z component of $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ is

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Question 3 Consider the function $f(x, y) = \sin^2(x) \left(\frac{y^2}{x^2 + 2y^2} \right)$ for $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$. Use the *Squeeze Theorem* to determine whether the limit below exists. (5 points)

(a) Does the limit $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y)$ exist? Circle your answer: **Yes** No

If the limit exists, determine its value (write DNE if it does not exist).

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y) =$$

0

(b) Give a complete justification for your answer using the *Squeeze Theorem*.

$$0 \leq \sin^2(x) \left[\frac{y^2}{x^2 + 2y^2} \right] \leq \sin^2(x)$$

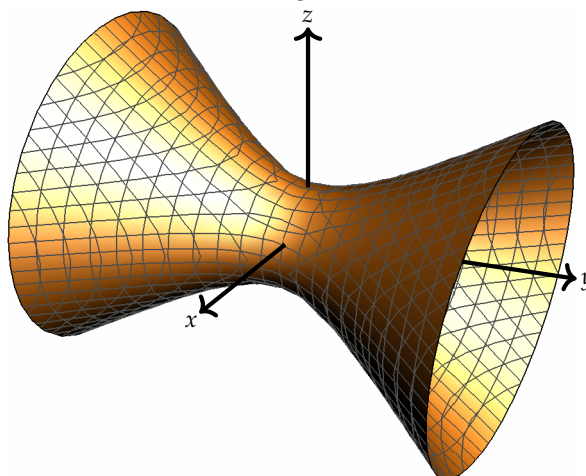
$$\text{Since } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \sin^2(x) = 0$$

by squeeze theorem we have

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y) = 0$$

Question 4 Select the equation for the quadratic surface shown at right. (2 points)

- ☐ $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1.$
- ☐ $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = -1.$
- ☒ $x^2 - y^2 + z^2 = 1.$
- ☐ $x^2 - y^2 + z^2 = -1.$
- ☐ $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$
- ☐ $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = -1.$



Question 5 $f(x, y)$ is a differentiable function. The tangent plane to the graph of f at the point $(1, 1, f(1, 1))$ is given by $3x - y + z = 5$. Determine $f(1, 1)$, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1, 1)$, and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(1, 1)$. (6 points)

tangent plane is:

$$f_x(1,1)(x-1) + f_y(1,1)(y-1) - (z - f(1,1)) = 0$$

\Rightarrow

$$-f_x(1,1)x - f_y(1,1)y + z = -f_x(1,1) - f_y(1,1) + f(1,1)$$

Comparing coefficients
we find

$$f_x(1,1) = -3$$

$$f_y(1,1) = 1$$

plug in $x=1$
 $y=1$ to get $f(1,1) = 5 - 3 + 1 = 3$

$$f(1,1) =$$

3

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1,1) =$$

-3

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(1,1) =$$

1

Question 6 (8 points)(a) Let $f(x, y) = x^2y + y^3x + 1$ Compute $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} =$$

$$2xy + y^3$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} =$$

$$x^2 + 3y^2x$$

(b) Suppose x and y are differentiable functions of s and t and let $g(s, t) = f(x(s, t), y(s, t))$, where $f(x, y)$ is the function in part (a).Use the table of values on the right, to calculate $\frac{\partial g}{\partial s}(0, 1)$.

	x	y	$\frac{\partial x}{\partial s}$	$\frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$
$(0, 1)$	-1	-1	4	3
$(-1, -1)$	-3	-2	1	2

$$x(0, 1) = -1 \quad f_x(-1, -1) = 2(-1)(-1) - 1 = 1$$

$$y(0, 1) = -1 \quad f_y(-1, -1) = (-1)^2 + 3(-1)^2(-1) = -2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_s(0, 1) &= f_x(-1, -1) x_s(0, 1) + f_y(-1, -1) y_s(0, 1) \\
 &= (1)(4) + (-2)(3) \\
 &= -2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial s}(0, 1) =$$

$$-2$$

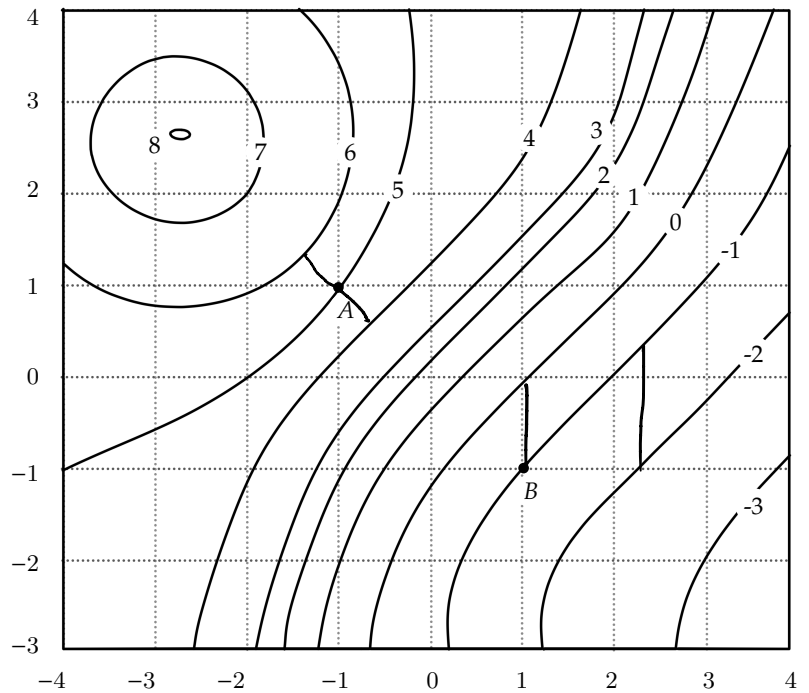
Question 7 The contour map of a differentiable function $f(x, y)$ is shown. Each level curve is labeled by the corresponding value of f . Choose the best answer for each question below. **(7 points)**

(a) At the point B, determine the sign of the following quantities

$f_y(\mathbf{B})$ is ☒ positive
☐ negative
☐ zero

$f_{xx}(\mathbf{B})$ is ☒ positive
☐ negative
☐ zero

$f_{yx}(\mathbf{B})$ is ☐ positive
☒ negative
☐ zero



(b) Let \mathbf{u} be a unit vector with direction $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{BA}}$. Estimate $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(\mathbf{A})$, the directional derivative of f at \mathbf{A} in the direction of \mathbf{u} .

☐ 4
☒ 2
☐ 0
☐ -2
☐ -4

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}f(\mathbf{A}) \approx \frac{6 - 4}{1}$$