

1. **(5 points)** Evaluate the limit  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{2x^2y}{x^2+y^2}$  or demonstrate that it does not exist.

We can approach the point  $(0, 0)$  along any of the lines  $y = mx$  and take the limit of the above expression as  $x \rightarrow 0$  to find:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x^2(mx)}{x^2 + (mx)^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2mx^3}{(1 + m^2)x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2mx}{1 + m^2} = \frac{2m}{1 + m^2} \cdot 0 = 0$$

Similarly, we can look at the approach along the vertical line  $x = 0$  as  $y \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cdot 0^2 y}{0^2 + y^2} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{0y}{y^2} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{y} = 0$$

Since every approach yields zero, we know this limit is zero. More formally, we could show that when  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \delta$ , since  $x$  and  $y$  themselves must lie between  $-\delta$  and  $\delta$ , it follows that  $\left| \frac{2x^2y}{x^2+y^2} \right| < \frac{2\delta^3}{\delta^2} = 2\delta$ , so we can guarantee  $\frac{2x^2y}{x^2+y^2}$  to be within any chosen  $\epsilon$  of 0 by looking at  $(x, y)$  within a distance of  $\frac{\epsilon}{2}$  of  $(0, 0)$ .

2. **(5 points)** Given the trajectory  $\mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j} + 3t\mathbf{k}$ , identify the tangential and normal components of the acceleration vector when  $t = 2$ .

Note  $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \mathbf{i} + 2t\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ , and  $\mathbf{a}(t) = \mathbf{r}''(t) = 2\mathbf{j}$ . In particular,  $\mathbf{r}'(2) = \mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{a}(2) = 2\mathbf{j}$ .

Since  $\mathbf{r}'(2)$  is a (non-unit-length) tangent to the trajectory, we can find the tangential component of  $\mathbf{a}(2)$  by means of a projection:

$$\mathbf{a}_T(2) = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{r}'(2)} \mathbf{a}(2) = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(2) \cdot \mathbf{a}(2)}{\mathbf{r}'(2) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(2)} \mathbf{r}'(2) = \frac{1 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 0}{1 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 3} (\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) = \frac{4}{13} \mathbf{i} + \frac{16}{13} \mathbf{j} + \frac{12}{13} \mathbf{k}$$

and since we have identified the tangential component, everything that remains is normal:

$$\mathbf{a}_N(2) = \mathbf{a}(2) - \mathbf{a}_T(2) = -\frac{4}{13} \mathbf{i} + \frac{10}{13} \mathbf{j} - \frac{12}{13} \mathbf{k}$$

If you wish, it is possible to verify that this component is normal by calculating  $\mathbf{a}_N(2) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(2)$  and noting that it is zero.

3. **(5 points)** Let  $u = xy \cos(yz) - xz^3$ . Calculate  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ , and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$ .

$x$  appears entirely in a context where it is being multiplied by other expressions, so  $u_x$  uses no fancy tools, just the observation that all expressions are linear in  $x$ :

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (y \cos(yz)x) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (z^3x) = y \cos(yz) - z^3$$

$y$  appears nowhere in the subtrahend  $xz^3$ , so in the partial that “constant” term will vanish outright, but it appears in a complicated context in the minuend  $xy \cos(yz)$ , which will require the product rule and (implicitly) the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xy \cos(yz)) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xz^3) \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xy) \right) \cos(yz) + xy \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\cos(yz)) - 0 \\ &= x \cos(yz) + xy(-z \sin(yz)) - 0 = x \cos(yz) - xyz \sin(yz) \end{aligned}$$

$z$  appears in each term of the subtraction, but neither of them are too complicated; we will use the chain rule implicitly and the power rule:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = xy \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \cos(yz) \right) - x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} z^3 = xy(-y \sin(yz)) - x(3z^2) = -xy^2 \sin(yz) - 3xz^2$$

4. **(5 points)** Find the equation of the tangent plane to the curve  $z = 2x^2 - 3xy$  at  $(2, -1, 14)$ .

Letting  $f(x, y) = 2x^2 - 3xy$ , we know the tangent plane has the equation

$$z - f(2, -1) = f_x(2, -1)(x - 2) + f_y(2, -1)(y - (-1))$$

and we've already been given  $f(2, -1) = 14$  as a bonus. Easy partial calculations tell us  $f_x(x, y) = 4x - 3y$  and  $f_y(x, y) = -3x$ , so in particular  $f_x(2, -1) = 11$  and  $f_y(2, -1) = -6$ , which substituted back into our original equation gives

$$z - 14 = 11(x - 2) - 6(y + 1)$$

This can, but need not, be reformulated as  $z = 11x - 6y - 14$ .

5. **(2 point bonus)** For functions  $f(x, y)$  and  $g(x, y)$  and a point  $(a, b)$  such that  $f(a, b) = g(a, b) = 0$  but  $g_x(a, b) \neq 0$  and  $g_y(a, b) \neq 0$ , prove that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{f(x,y)}{g(x,y)}$  exists only if  $f_x(a, b)g_y(a, b) = f_y(a, b)g_x(a, b)$ .

In order for  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{f(x,y)}{g(x,y)}$  to exist, it is necessary (if not sufficient) that in particular the approach along the line  $y = b$ , given by  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x,b)}{g(x,b)}$ , and the approach along the line  $x = a$ , given by  $\lim_{y \rightarrow b} \frac{f(a,y)}{g(a,y)}$ , be equal.

Each of these is a conventional single-variable limit and can be solved by conventional means. In particular, the evaluation of  $\frac{f(x,b)}{g(x,b)}$  at  $x = a$  gives the indeterminate form  $\frac{0}{0}$ , so we are justified in using L'Hôpital's Rule to find that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x, b)}{g(x, b)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} f(x, b)}{\frac{d}{dx} g(x, b)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f_x(x, b)}{g_x(x, b)} = \frac{f_x(a, b)}{g_x(a, b)}$$

Note the final evaluation: since  $g_x(a, b) \neq 0$  and thus the limit preceding it is *not* an indeterminate form and is subject to direct evaluation.

Using an identical method, we can find that  $\lim_{y \rightarrow b} \frac{f(a, y)}{g(a, y)} = \frac{f_y(a, b)}{g_y(a, b)}$ . Since we asserted above the two-dimensional limit only existed if these two limits both existed and were equal, we find that a necessary condition for the existence of the two-dimensional limit's existence is  $\frac{f_x(a, b)}{g_x(a, b)} = \frac{f_y(a, b)}{g_y(a, b)}$ ; cross-multiplication gives the desired equality.