

Review guide for mid-term exam 2

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1. Functions of several variables (§11.1, §11.2)

(a) **Domain, independent/dependent variables, level curves/contour map**

(b) **Limit:** The limit of $f(x, y)$ as (x, y) approaches (a, b) is L : $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = L$.

i. If the limit exists, then $f(x, y)$ must approach the same limit **no matter how** (x, y) approaches (a, b) .

Note: The existence of limit does **NOT** indicate the existence of $f(a, b)$.

ii. If the limit $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = L$ exists, then as $(x, y) \rightarrow (a, b)$ along **any path** C , $f(x, y)$ approaches the **same limit** L .

iii. If $f(x, y) \rightarrow L_1$ as $(x, y) \rightarrow (a, b)$ along a path C_1 , and $f(x, y) \rightarrow L_2$ as $(x, y) \rightarrow (a, b)$ along a path C_2 , where $L_1 \neq L_2$, then $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y)$ doesn't exist.

But " $L_1 = L_2$ " does **not** indicate the existence or non-existence of the limit!

iv. The **Squeeze Theorem:** If $g(x, y) \leq f(x, y) \leq h(x, y)$ for all (x, y) in the domain, and

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} g(x, y) = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} h(x, y) = L, \text{ then } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = L.$$

Note: The theorem can not be used to show the non-existence of the limit.

v. We may also use the polar coordinates $(x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta)$ combining with the Squeeze Theorem to find the limit.

(c) **Continuity:** A function f of two variables is called **continuous at** (a, b) if $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = f(a, b)$. It implies 3 things, which you should check when you check the continuity.

(i) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y)$ exists; (ii) $f(a, b)$ exists; (iii) the limit and $f(a, b)$ are equal.

2. Partial Derivatives, The Chain Rule (§11.3 & §11.5). Pay attention to the **dependent/independent** variables!

$$f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y), f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y), f_{xx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (f_x), f_{xy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (f_x), f_{yx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (f_y), f_{yy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (f_y).$$

$$\text{Case I: } z = f(x, y), x = x(t), y = y(t),$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\text{Case II: } z = f(x, y), x = x(s, t), y = y(s, t),$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{General Case: } u = f(x_1, \dots, x_n), x_i = x_i(t_1, \dots, t_n), \frac{\partial u}{\partial t_i} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial t_i} + \dots + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_n} \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial t_i}$$

$$\text{Implicit Differentiation: } y = y(x) \text{ is defined by } F(x, y) = 0, \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y}$$

$$(\text{How to derive them by Chain Rule?}) \quad z = z(x, y) \text{ is defined by } F(x, y, z) = 0 \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}}, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}}.$$

3. Tangent Plane, Normal Line and Linear Approximation (§11.4).

Let $\vec{n} = \langle A, B, C \rangle$ be the normal direction of the tangent plane through $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in S$.

Plane Eqn: $A(x - x_0) + B(y - y_0) + C(z - z_0) = 0$. **Normal Line:** $\frac{x-x_0}{A} = \frac{y-y_0}{B} = \frac{z-z_0}{C}$.

Linearization: $L(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$.

Differential: $dz = d(f(x, y)) = f_x dx + f_y dy$ if $z = f(x, y)$. $dz = f_x dx + f_y dy + f_z dz$ if $z = f(x, y, z)$.

Surface S is given by $\vec{r}(u, v) = \langle x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v) \rangle$: The uv -coordinates (u_0, v_0) corresponds to the Cartesian point $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$. Then the **normal direction** of the tangent plane (also the direction vector of the normal line) is $\vec{n} = \vec{r}_u(u_0, v_0) \times \vec{r}_v(u_0, v_0)$.

Surface S is given by $z = f(x, y)$ ($\vec{r}(x, y) = \langle x, y, f(x, y) \rangle$): The **normal direction** of the tangent plane (also the direction vector of the normal line) is $\vec{n} = \langle -f_x(x_0, y_0), -f_y(x_0, y_0), 1 \rangle$.

Surface S is given by $F(x, y, z) = k$ (k – constant): The **normal direction** of the tangent plane is $\vec{n} = \langle F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0), F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0), F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0) \rangle$.

4. **The Gradient Vector and Directional Derivative** (§11.6)

(a) The **gradient** of f : $\begin{cases} \nabla f(x_0, y_0) = \langle f_x(x_0, y_0), f_y(x_0, y_0) \rangle, & (\text{if } f \text{ is a function of } x \text{ and } y) \\ \nabla f(x_0, y_0, z_0) = \langle f_x(x_0, y_0, z_0), f_y(x_0, y_0, z_0), f_z(x_0, y_0, z_0) \rangle, \end{cases}$

(b) The **directional derivative** of f at P_0 in the direction of a **unit** vector $\vec{u}$ ($|\vec{u}| = 1$) is

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\vec{u}}f(x, y) &= \nabla f(x, y) \cdot \vec{u} = f_x(x, y) a + f_y(x, y) b \quad (f \text{ is a function of } x \text{ and } y) \\ D_{\vec{u}}f(x, y, z) &= \nabla f(x, y, z) \cdot \vec{u} = f_x(x, y, z) a + f_y(x, y, z) b + f_z(x, y, z) c \end{aligned}$$

If we let $\vec{x} = \langle x, y \rangle$ (2D) or $\vec{x} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$ (3D), then $D_{\vec{u}}f(\vec{x}) = \nabla f(\vec{x}) \cdot \vec{u}$, $D_{\vec{u}}^2f(\vec{x}) = \nabla(D_{\vec{u}}f(\vec{x})) \cdot \vec{u}$.

(c) The **max rate of change** of f is $|\nabla f|$, and it occurs in the direction ∇f .

(d) The gradient direction is **orthogonal** or **perpendicular** to the level curve in the contour map.

5. **Maximum and Minimum Values** (§11.7)

If f has a local max/min at (a, b) , and f_x, f_y exist at (a, b) , $\nabla f(a, b) = \langle 0, 0 \rangle \Leftrightarrow f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b) = 0$. If (a, b) is a point such that $\nabla f(a, b) = \vec{0} = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$, it is called a **critical point** of f .

$\nabla f(a, b) = \vec{0}$ is a necessary, but not a sufficient condition for f to have a local max/min at (a, b) .

Second Derivative Test: $z = f(x, y)$, $f_{xx}, f_{xy}, f_{yy} \in C(\mathcal{D})$, $\mathcal{D}$ is a disk with center (a, b) ,

$\nabla f(a, b) = \vec{0}$, or $f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b) = 0$. $D = D(a, b) = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix} = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$. Then

(a) If $D(a, b) > 0$, and $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0$, $f(a, b)$ is **a local minimum**.

(b) If $D(a, b) > 0$, and $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0$, $f(a, b)$ is **a local maximum**.

(c) If $D(a, b) < 0$ $f(a, b)$ is **not a local max/min**. In this case, (a, b) is called a **saddle point**.

(d) If $D(a, b) = 0$, or $D(a, b) > 0$ but $f_{xx}(a, b) = 0$, it's inconclusive.

Procedure for finding extreme values of f in $\mathcal{D}$:

(a) Find the values of f at all the critical points. (b) Find the extreme values of f on the boundary.

(c) Compare the values in steps (a) & (b). The largest = abs. max; The smallest = abs. min of f .

6. **Method of Lagrange Multipliers** (§11.8) (let f and g be functions of x, y . similarly for 3 variables.)

To find the max/min values of $f(x, y)$ subject to constraint $g(x, y) = k$, where k is a constant:

(a) Find all values of (x, y) and λ such that $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g$, $g(x, y) = k$.

(b) Evaluate f at all points (x, y) that result from (a). The largest/smallest = the abs max/min of f .

For 2 or more constraints, replace the eqns in (a) with $\nabla f = \lambda \nabla g + \mu \nabla h$, $g = k_1, h = k_2$.

7. **Double Integrals** (§12.1) **The volume of the solid under $z = f(x, y)$ and above $R = [a, b] \times [c, d] \subset \mathbb{R}^2$:**

$$V = \underbrace{\iint_R f(x, y) dA}_{\text{double integral}} = \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta A}_{\text{Double Riemann Sum}} \quad \begin{aligned} &\text{area element: } dA = dx dy = dy dx \\ &\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{m}, \Delta y = \frac{d-c}{n}, \Delta A = \Delta x \Delta y. \\ &\text{sample point } (x_i^*, y_j^*) \in [x_{i-1}, x_i] \times [y_{j-1}, y_j] \end{aligned}$$

$$8. \text{ **Iterated Integrals – Fubini's Th** (§12.2) } \iint_R f(x, y) dA = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx = \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy$$

$$9. \text{ **Double Integrals over } D**$$
 (§12.3) $\iint_D f(x, y) dA = \int_a^b \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} f(x, y) dy dx = \int_c^d \int_{h_1(y)}^{h_2(y)} f(x, y) dx dy$

$$D = \left\{ (x, y) \mid a \leq x \leq b, g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x) \right\} = \left\{ (x, y) \mid c \leq y \leq d, g_1(y) \leq x \leq g_2(y) \right\}$$

In rectangular coordinates, the area element $dA = dx dy = dy dx$.