

Solutions to selected problems in HW for Week 09

1. Section 14.6: Problem 66.

Check that $\gamma(1) = (1, 1, -1)$ satisfies $x^2 + y^2 - z = 3$. Then compute

$$\nabla f(1, 1, -1) = (2x, 2y, -1)|_{(1,1,-1)} = (2, 2, -1)$$

$$\gamma'(1) = (1/(2\sqrt{t}), 1/(2\sqrt{t}), -1/4)|_{t=1} = (1/2, 1/2, -1/4)$$

which are parallel.

2. Section 14.7: Problem 44.

(a) $f(x, y) = x^2y^2 \geq 0 = f(0, 0) \forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \Rightarrow f$ has a local minimum at $(0, 0)$.

(b) $f(x, y) = 1 - x^2y^2 \leq 1 = f(0, 0) \forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \Rightarrow f$ has a local maximum at $(0, 0)$.

(c) Note that f is differentiable and $\nabla f(0, 0) = (y^2, 2xy)|_{(0,0)} = (0, 0)$. $f(1, 1) = 1 > 0 = f(0, 0)$ and $f(-1, 1) = -1 < 0 = f(0, 0) \Rightarrow f$ has a saddle point at $(0, 0)$.

(d) Note that f is differentiable and $\nabla f(0, 0) = (3x^2y^2, 2x^3y)|_{(0,0)} = (0, 0)$. $f(1, 1) = 1 > 0 = f(0, 0)$ and $f(-1, 1) = -1 < 0 = f(0, 0) \Rightarrow f$ has a saddle point at $(0, 0)$.

(e) Note that f is differentiable and $\nabla f(0, 0) = (3x^2y^3, 3x^3y^2)|_{(0,0)} = (0, 0)$. $f(1, 1) = 1 > 0 = f(0, 0)$ and $f(-1, 1) = -1 < 0 = f(0, 0) \Rightarrow f$ has a saddle point at $(0, 0)$.

(f) $f(x, y) = x^4y^4 \geq 0 = f(0, 0) \forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \Rightarrow f$ has a local minimum at $(0, 0)$.

3. Homework assignment: Problem 4.

Write $X_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$, $X = (x, y, z)$. Check that

$$F(t) = f(X_0 + t\Delta X), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$F'(t) = f_x(X_0 + t\Delta X)\Delta x + f_y(X_0 + t\Delta X)\Delta y + f_z(X_0 + t\Delta X)\Delta z$$

\vdots

$$F^{(n)}(t) = [(\Delta x \partial_x + \Delta y \partial_y + \Delta z \partial_z)^n f](X_0 + t\Delta X)$$

$$\Rightarrow F(t) = F(0) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k!} F^{(k)}(0) t^k + \frac{1}{(n+1)!} F^{(n+1)}(c) t^{n+1} \text{ for some } c \text{ between } 0 \text{ and } t$$

$$\Rightarrow f(X_0 + \Delta X) = F(1) = F(0) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k!} F^{(k)}(0) + \frac{1}{(n+1)!} F^{(n+1)}(c)$$

(for some $0 < c < 1$)

$$= f(X_0) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k!} [(\Delta x \partial_x + \Delta y \partial_y + \Delta z \partial_z)^k f](X_0) + \frac{1}{(n+1)!} [(\Delta x \partial_x + \Delta y \partial_y + \Delta z \partial_z)^{n+1} f](X_0 + c\Delta X).$$