

CHALLENGE PROBLEM SET: CHAPTER 2, COURSE WEEK 3

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Question 1. Describe some appropriate level surfaces and sections of the graphs of

- (a) $f(x, y, z) = 2x^2 + y^2 + z^2$
- (b) $f(x, y, z) = x^2$
- (c) $f(x, y, z) = xyz$.

Question 2. Compute the following limits if they exist:

- (a) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{e^{xy} - 1}{y}$
- (b) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\cos(xy) - 1}{x^2 y^2}$
- (c) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2 + 2}$

Question 3. Compute the following limits if they exist:

- (a) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sin(xy)}{xy}$
- (b) $\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (0,0,0)} \frac{\sin(xyz) - 1}{xyz}$
- (c) $\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (0,0,0)} f(x, y, z)$, where $f(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2 + 3y^2}{x + 1}$

Question 4. Do the following:

- (a) Can $\frac{\sin(x+y)}{x+y}$ be made continuous by suitably defining it at $(0,0)$?
- (b) Can $\frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}$ be made continuous by suitably defining it at $(0,0)$?
- (c) Prove that $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $(x, y) \mapsto ye^x + \sin x + (xy)^4$ is continuous.

Question 5. Let

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 y^4}{x^4 + 6x^8} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

- (a) Show that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0)$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0)$ exist.
- (b) Show that f is not continuous at $(0, 0)$ by showing that f is not continuous at $(0, 0)$.

Question 6. Compute the tangent plane at $(1, 0)$ for each of the following functions:

- (a) $f(x, y) = xe^{(-x^2 - y^2)}$
- (b) $f(x, y) = \frac{xy}{(x^2 + y^2)}$
- (c) $f(y, z) = z^2 \cos y$.