

## HOMEWORK PROBLEM SET 5: DUE OCTOBER 4, 2019

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The following problem set is based on **Sections 2.6** and **3.1** of the text. Along with the exercises below, please do the following:

- **WeBWorK:** Complete Problem Set 5 on WeBWorK.
- **Reading for next week:** Read **Section 3.2** and **3.3**.

For practice (neither to be handed in nor graded), here is a set of selected textbook problems:

- **Section 2.6:** 2ac, 3a, 4, 6, 8a, 9a, 10a, 13, 17, 18
- **Section 3.1:** 1, 3, 6, 9, 11, 16

The three following exercises are to be handed in for grade in lecture on the due date above:

**Exercise 1.** For  $f(x, y) = y^2 - x^2$ , do the following:

- (a) Draw some level sets for  $f$  (basically, draw a contour map, as in the example on page 78 of the text).
- (b) Draw some representative vertical sections (slices).
- (c) Use **parts (a)**, and **(b)** to draw a graph of  $f$ .
- (d) Compute  $\nabla f(2, 0)$  and  $\nabla f(0, 2)$ . What information does each of these quantities convey about the graph of  $f$ ?
- (e) In light of your answer to **part (c)**, speculate as to the meaning of the equation  $\nabla f(0, 0) = \mathbf{0}$ .

(definitions, gradients, graphs of functions, level sets and slices)

**Exercise 2.** For  $g(x, y) = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$ , do the following:

- (a) In what direction is the directional derivative of  $g$  at  $(1, 1)$  equal to 0?
- (b) In what direction is the directional derivative of  $g$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$  equal to 0, for  $(x_0, y_0)$  a point in the first quadrant of the plane?
- (c) Describe the level sets of  $g$ . In particular, discuss them in terms of the result of **part (b)**.

(directional derivative, gradient, level sets)

**Exercise 3.** Let

$$h(x, y) = \begin{cases} xy \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

The graph of  $h$  is in the figure. Do the following:

- (a) For  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ , calculate  $\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial h}{\partial y}$ .
- (b) Show that  $\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}(0, 0) = 0 = \frac{\partial h}{\partial y}(0, 0)$ .
- (c) Show that  $\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x \partial y}(0, 0) = 1$ , and  $\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y \partial x}(0, 0) = -1$ .
- (d) Explain what went wrong and why the second mixed partials here are not equal.  
(iterated derivatives,  $C^2$ -functions)

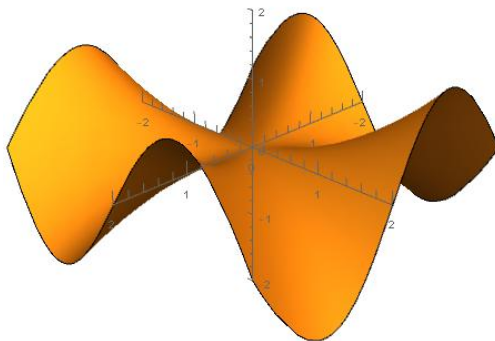


FIGURE 1. The graph of  $h(x, y)$  in **Exercise 3**.