

**King Saud University - College of Science -  
Department of Mathematics - First Midterm Exam  
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Calculators are not allowed.

**Question 1** [3] Find and sketch the domain of the function  $f(x, y) = \ln(x) + \ln(y - 1)$ .

**Question 2** [4] Does the following limits exist? Justify.

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y(x^2 + x)}{x^2 + y^2}$$

**Question 3** [6] Study the continuity and differentiability at  $(0, 0)$  for the function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2y + xy^3}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

**Question 4** [6]

1. If  $x + y + \ln(x) + \ln(y) = 2$  then find  $\frac{dy}{dx}(1)$ .

2.

$$\text{If } W = \frac{2x - y}{x + 3y}, \quad x = e^{2u} \cos(3v), \quad y = e^{2u} \sin(3v)$$

then find  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial u}$  and  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial v}$

**Question 5** [6]

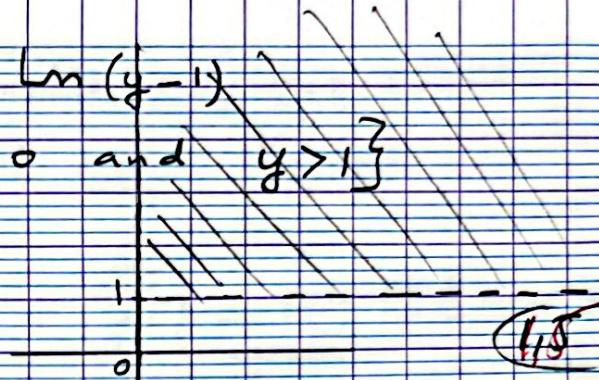
1. Find local extrema and saddle points (if any) for the function

$$f(x, y) = 2x^3 + 2y^3 - 6xy + 1.$$

2. Does there exist  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $f(a, b) < -1$ ? Justify.

Q1/  $f(x, y) = \ln(x) + \ln(y-1)$   
 $D_f = \{(x, y) : x > 0 \text{ and } y > 1\}$

(1/5)



Q2/  $0 \leq \left| \frac{xy^2}{x^2+y^2} \right| \leq |x| \frac{y^2}{x^2+y^2} \leq |x|$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |x| = 0$  So by Sandwich theorem  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow 0} \frac{xy^2}{x^2+y^2} = 0$  (2)

$\therefore$  Path  $x=0$

$\frac{y(0^2+0)}{0^2+y} = 0 \rightarrow 0$

Path  $y=x$

$\frac{x(x^2+x)}{x^2+x^2} = \frac{x^3+x^2}{2x^2} = \frac{x+1}{2}$   
 $\xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2}$  (2)

Paths theorem  $\frac{1}{2} \neq 0$  so  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(x^2+x)}{x^2+y^2}$

doesn't exist

Q3/  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2y + xy^3}{x^2+y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = 0 \end{cases}$

$$\text{If } (x, y) \neq 0 \quad 0 \leq |f(x, y)| \leq |y| \frac{x^2}{x^2+y^2} + |xy| \frac{y^2}{x^2+y^2} \\ \leq |y| + |xy|$$

$$\lim |y| + |xy| = 0$$

(1/5) Sandwich Theorem  $\Rightarrow \lim f(x, y) = 0 = f(0, 0)$

Hence  $f$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .

$$(1/5) f_x(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{h} = 0$$

$$(1/5) f_y(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, h) - f(0, 0)}{h} = 0$$

$$\lim_{\substack{\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta y \rightarrow 0}} \frac{|f(\Delta x, \Delta y) - f(0, 0) - f_x(0, 0)\Delta x - f_y(0, 0)\Delta y|}{\sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}}$$

$$(1/5) = \lim \frac{|\Delta x^2 \Delta y + \Delta x \Delta y^3|}{(\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2) \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}}$$

$$\frac{|\Delta x \Delta y^3|}{(\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2) \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}} \leq \frac{|\Delta x|}{\sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}} \frac{|\Delta y^3|}{(\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2)} \quad |\Delta y| \leq |\Delta y|$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim \frac{|\Delta x \Delta y^3|}{(\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2) \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}} = 0$$

$$\text{Path } \Delta y = 0 \quad \frac{\Delta x^2 \Delta y}{(\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2) \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}} = 0 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{Path } \Delta x = \Delta y \quad \frac{\Delta x^2 \Delta y}{(\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2) \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}} = \frac{\Delta x^3}{2\Delta x^2 \sqrt{2} \Delta x} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \neq 0$$

Path theorem  $\Rightarrow \lim \frac{\Delta x^2 \Delta y}{(\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2) \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}}$  does not exist

Hence  $f$  is not differentiable at  $(0,0)$

Q4/

1/  $F(x,y) = x + y + \ln x + \ln y - 2 = 0$

2/  $y' = -\frac{F_x}{F_y} = -\frac{(1+\frac{1}{x})}{(1+\frac{1}{y})} \Rightarrow y'(1) = -\frac{2}{1+\frac{1}{y(1)}}$

3/  $W = \frac{2x-y}{x+3y}$ ,  $x = e^{2u} \cos(3v)$ ,  $y = e^{2u} \sin(3v)$

1st method:  $W = \frac{2 \cos(3v) - \sin(3v)}{\cos(3v) + 3 \sin(3v)}$

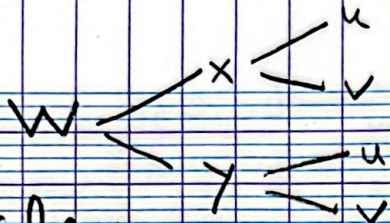
1/  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial u} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial v} = -6 \sin 3v - 3 \cos 3v$

$\frac{\partial W}{\partial v} = \frac{(-6 \sin 3v - 3 \cos 3v)(\cos 3v + 3 \sin 3v) - (2 \cos 3v - \sin 3v)(-2 \sin 3v + 9 \cos 3v)}{(\cos 3v + 3 \sin 3v)^2}$

2/

$= \frac{(18 \sin 2v + 21 \cos 2v)}{(\cos 3v + 3 \sin 3v)^2}$

2nd method:



Chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial W}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$$

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial W}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$$

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial x} = \frac{2(x+3y) - (2x-y)}{(x+3y)^2} = \frac{7y}{(x+3y)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial y} = \frac{-(x+3y) - 3(2x-y)}{(x+3y)^2} = \frac{-7x}{(x+3y)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial u} = 2x \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} = 2y$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial v} = -3y \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} = 3x$$

So  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial u} = \frac{0}{(x+3y)^2} = 0$  2

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial v} = \frac{-21y^2 - 21x^2}{(x+3y)^2} = \frac{-21}{(\cos 3v + 3 \sin 3v)^2}$$
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$$x^2 = e^{4u} \cos^2 3v$$

$$y^2 = e^{4u} \sin^2 3v$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = e^{4u}$$

$$xy = e^{4u} \cos 3v \sin 3v$$

∴  $x > y > 0$

Q5/ 1.  $f(x, y) = 2x^3 + 2y^3 - 6xy + 1$  (15)

$f_x = 6(x^2 - y)$  (15)  $f_y = 6(y^2 - x)$  (15)

Critical points:  $\begin{cases} f_x = 0 \\ f_y = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 = y & (1) \\ x = y^2 & (2) \end{cases}$

$(1) \& (2) \Rightarrow x = x^4 \Leftrightarrow x(x^3 - 1) = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x = 0 \text{ ou } x = 1$

Critical points  $(0, 0)$  (1) and  $(1, 1)$  (1)

$f_{xx} = 12x$   $f_{yy} = 12y$   $f_{xy} = -6$

$D(x, y) = 12^2 xy - 36$

$D(0, 0) = -36 < 0 \Rightarrow (0, 0, 1 = f(0, 0))$  saddle point (1)

$D(1, 1) = 12 - 36 > 0$   $f_{xx}(1, 1) = 12 > 0$  (1)

$\Rightarrow f(1, 1) = -1$  is a local minimum. (1)

2.  $f(x, 0) = 2x^3 + 1$

$f(-2, 0) = -15 < -1$  (1)

Answer: yes. (1)