Exam 2 Answers

- 1. Since  $l(x, y, z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ , note that  $\nabla l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} (x, y, z)$ .
  - (a) At  $(a, b, c) \neq 0$ , the function *l* thus increase most rapidly in the direction of the gradient:  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2+c^2}}(a, b, c)$ . The maximum rate of increase of *l* at (a, b, c) is  $\|\nabla l(a, b, c)\| = 1$ .
  - (b) The function *l* decreases most rapidly at (a, b, c) in the direction of  $-\nabla(a, b, c)$ ; the maximum rate of decrease is -1.

**2.** For 
$$w = x^2 - 2y^2$$
, with  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ ,

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta} = (2x, -4y) \cdot (-r\sin\theta, r\cos\theta) = -6r^2\sin\theta\cos\theta.$$

- **3.** (a)  $F(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 9$  does define z as a differentiable function of x and y near (-1, 2, 2), because  $F_z(-1, 2, 2) = 4 \neq 0$  and  $F_x, F_y, F_z$  are all continuous.
  - (b) Implicit differentiation gives  $\partial z/\partial x = -2x/2z = 1/2$  at (-1, 2, 2)and  $\partial z/\partial y = -2y/2z = -1$  there. So the tangent plane is:  $z - 2 = \frac{1}{2}(x + 1) - (y - 2)$ . At (-1.02, 2.01), that gives approximate value  $z \approx 1.98$ .
- 4. (a) Since  $f(x, y) = x^2 xy y^2 + 5y 1$ ,  $f_x = 2x y$  and  $f_y = -x 2y + 5$ . Setting those to zero and solving gives the sole critical point (1, 2). Since  $f_{xx} = 2 > 0$ ,  $f_{xy} = f_{yx} = -1$ ,  $f_{yy} = -2$ , we find that  $D = \det H_f = -5 < 0$ , so (1, 2) is a saddle point.
  - (b) The problem asks you to optimize  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  subject to the two constraints  $g_1(x, y, z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - z = 0$  and  $g_2(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - 2 - z = 0$ . Solution by Lagrange multipliers requires solution of the system of five equations in the variables  $x, y, z, \lambda, \mu$  that results from  $\nabla f(x, y, z) = \lambda \nabla g_1(x, y, z) + \mu \nabla g_2(x, y, z)$ and the two constraints:

$$2x = \frac{\lambda x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} + 2\mu x, \quad 2y = \frac{\lambda y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} + 2\mu y, \quad 2z = -\lambda - \mu,$$
$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - z = 0, \quad x^2 + y^2 - 2 - z = 0.$$

- 5. (a) The region is bounded by the y-axis, the horizontal line y = e on its top, and by the graph of  $x = \ln y \iff y = e^x$ .
  - **(b)** So  $\iint_{S} f(x, y) dA = \int_{1}^{e} dy \int_{0}^{\ln y} f(x, y) dx = \int_{0}^{1} \int_{e^{x}}^{e} f(x, y) dy dx.$

6. (a) The graphs of  $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and  $z = 2 - x^2 - y^2$  intersect when  $2 - x^2 - y^2 = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , that is when  $2 - r^2 = r$ . That gives  $r^2 + r - 2 = (r+2)(r-1) = 0$ , which means r = 1 since  $r \ge 0$ . The intersection thus occurs on the plane z = 1, which is almost clear from the plot. So  $V = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (2 - r^2 - r) r dr d\theta = \frac{5}{6}\pi$ .



(b) This time the surfaces intersect when  $z = \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2} = 1 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , that is, when  $\sqrt{1 - r^2} = 1 - r$ . Squaring gives

$$1 - r^2 = 1 - 2r + r^2 \Rightarrow 2r^2 - 2r = 0 \Rightarrow r = 0, 1.$$

The first solution is not helpful: just the point (0, 0, 1). The second gives the actual curve of intersection in the *xy*-plane, since  $z = 1 - r = \sqrt{1 - r^2} = 0$  when r = 1. Again, this is almost clear from the plot. So



7. Solve the two equations  $2 = \frac{3}{5}f_x + \frac{4}{5}f_y$  and  $-1 = -\frac{4}{5}f_x + \frac{3}{5}f_y$  for  $f_x = 2, f_y = 1$  to find that  $\nabla f(a, b) = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ .