

1. Consider the surface described by the equation  $e^{xyz-1} + 3 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ .

4 marks

- (a) Find a function  $F(x, y, z)$  such that  $(a, b, c)$  is on the surface if and only if we have  $F(a, b, c) = 0$ . Compute the gradient of  $F$ .

4 marks

- (b) Give the equation of the tangent plane to the surface at  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (1, 1, 1)$  in the form  $x + by + cz + d = 0$ . Note that we require the coefficient next to  $x$  to be 1.

2. The sugar concentration in an infinite 3D compost bin is given by the equation  $S(x, y, z) = (x + y + 2z)^2$ . A fruit fly is at position  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

2 marks

- (a) Compute the directional derivative of  $S$  at  $(1, 1, 1)$  in the direction of  $\vec{u} = (-1, 0, 1)$ .

2 marks

- (b) The fruit fly is feeling a little hungry. In what (unit) direction should the fly move if it wishes to increase the concentration of sugar in the fastest possible way?

2 marks

- (c) The fly is now happy with the amount of sugar in its position. Give a (unit) direction in which the fly could move if it wishes to keep the concentration of sugar constant.

6 marks

3. (a) A differentiable function  $z = f(x, y)$  is unknown, but an alien supercomputer gave us precise values of  $f(x, y)$  and its derivatives on points  $A, B, C$  and  $D$ .

point	$f$	$f_x$	$f_y$	$f_{xx}$	$f_{yy}$	$f_{xy}$
$A$	1	0	0	1	0	-5
$B$	1	0	-2	3	8	4
$C$	2	0	0	3	3	-2
$D$	2	0	0	3	3	6

For points  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  determine whether they are a local minimum, local maximum, a saddle point, or none of the above.

- $A$  is:

- $B$  is:

- $C$  is:

- $D$  is:

2 marks

- (b) **(Bonus marks)** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function such that  $f(1, 0) = f(0, 0) = 0$ . Show that there exists  $\langle a, b \rangle$  such that  $\nabla f(a, b)$  is orthogonal to  $\langle 1, 0 \rangle$ .  
*Hint:* Define  $g(t) = f(t, 0)$ . Combine the 1D mean value theorem and the chain rule to conclude.

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