

- (1) (a) Consider the Archimedean spiral  $\vec{r}(t) := (x(t), y(t)) = (t \cos(t), t \sin(t))$  and the scalar function given by  $f(x, y) = x + 2y$ . Find the velocity of this parametrization. Compute the gradient of  $f$ . Find the result,  $g(t) = f(x(t), y(t))$ , of evaluating the function  $f$  along the curve. Take the derivative of  $g$  and verify that it is indeed the dot product of the velocity and the gradient evaluated on the curve.
- (b) Find an example of a non-constant function that is constant on the Archimedean spiral.
- (c) Find an example of a curve on which the function  $f(x, y)$  is constant.

- (2) Describe and sketch the behavior, as  $c$  varies, of the level curves  $f(x, y) = c$  for each of these functions

- (a)  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + 1$ ,  
 (b)  $f(x, y) = 1 - x^2 - y^2$ ,  
 (c)  $f(x, y) = x^3 - x$ ,  
 (d)  $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$ ,  
 (e)  $f(x, y) = \max\{|x|, |y|\}$ .

- (3) The matrix  $R_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$  acts on a vector  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  by rotating it  $\theta$  degrees counterclockwise.

For example,

$$R_{\pi/2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_{\pi/2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find a function whose level curves are the same as in #2(e), but rotated  $\pi/4$  counterclockwise.  
 (b) Sketch the level curves of  $g(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$  and  $h(x, y) = xy$  and explain how the two graphs of  $g$  and  $h$  are related to each other.

- (4) Find  $\partial f / \partial x$ ,  $\partial f / \partial y$  if

- $f(x, y) = xy$
- $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$
- $f(x, y) = x \cos x \cos y$
- $f(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2) \log(x^2 + y^2)$ .

- (5) Suppose that the temperature at the point  $(x, y, z)$  in space is  $T(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ . Let a particle follow the helix  $\vec{r}(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, t)$  and let  $T(t)$  be its temperature at time  $t$ .

- What is  $T'(t)$ ?
- Find an approximate value for the temperature at  $t = \frac{\pi}{2} + 0.01$ .

- (6) Compute the directional derivative of  $f$  in the given directions  $\vec{v}$  at the given points  $P$ .

- $f(x, y, z) = xy^2 + y^2z^3 + z^3x$ ,  $P = (4, -2, 1)$ ,  $\vec{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}(\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 2\vec{k})$
- $f(x, y, z) = e^{-z} \sin(x) \sin(y)$ ,  $P = (\pi, \frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$ ,  $\vec{v} = \frac{12}{13}\vec{i} + \frac{3}{13}\vec{j} + \frac{4}{13}\vec{k}$ .

- (7) In electrostatics, the force  $\vec{P}$  of attraction between two particles of opposite charge is given by  $\vec{P} = k \frac{\vec{r}}{\|\vec{r}\|^3}$  (Coulomb's law), where  $k$  is a constant and  $\vec{r} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$ . Show that  $\vec{P}$  is the gradient of  $f = -\frac{k}{\|\vec{r}\|}$ .

- (8) \* Fix two points  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let

$$d(\vec{x}) = \|\vec{x} - \vec{p}_1\| + \|\vec{x} - \vec{p}_2\|.$$

- (a) What are the level lines of the function  $d$ ?
- (b) Show that the normal vector to a level set of  $d$  at some point  $p$  has the following property: it bisects the angle between the vectors which point from  $p$  to  $p_1$  and to  $p_2$  respectively.

(Extra) \* Marsden & Tromba: §2.3 #9(c), 14, 18, 22, §2.4: #18, 25; §2.5: #3(d), 7, 22; §2.6: #8(a).

\*Not to appear on quiz.