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Solutions to Practice Test 1B

1.

$$a) \nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} 4x^3 + yz \\ 4y^3 + xz \\ 4z^3 + xy \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla f(1, 2, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f(1, 2, 1) =$$

$$1 + 16 + 1 + 2 = 20$$

$$b) h(x, y, z) = 20 + 6(x-1) + 5(y-2) + 6(z-1)$$

best linear approximation.

c) Choose variables (x, y, z, w) , then the equation for the tangent plane is

$$6(x-1) + 5(y-2) + 6(z-1) - (w-20) = 0$$

Note the ~~next~~ vector normal to the plane is

$$\vec{N} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

d) $\vec{a}$ is tangent to the surface if $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{N} = 0$

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Thus

$$\vec{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

are examples of such vectors.

2. a) Have to solve

$$x^3 - 2xy + 1 = 0 \text{ and } x^3 - y^3 = (x-y)(x^2 + xy + y^2) = 0$$

$$i) x = y \text{ and } x^3 - 2x^2 + 1 = 0$$

Guess: $x = 1$ is a solution.

Long division

$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 - 2x^2 + 1 : x - 1 = x^2 - x - 1 \\ \underline{x^3 - x^2} \\ -x^2 + 1 \\ \underline{-x^2 + x} \\ -x + 1 \end{array}$$

$$x^2 - x - 1 = \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{5}{4} = 0$$

$$x = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}, \quad x = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Points of intersection:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{(1, 1)} & \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right) & \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right) \\ \text{(I)} & \text{(II)} & \text{(III)} \end{array}$$

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ii) We have to check:

$$x^3 - 2xy + 1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x^2 + xy + y^2 = 0$$

But

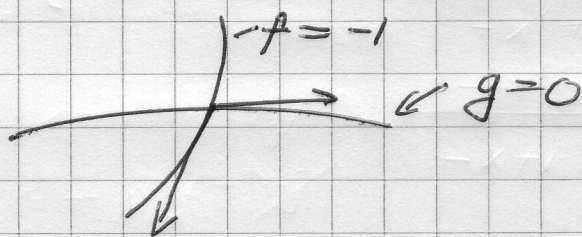
$$x^2 + xy + y^2 = \left(x + \frac{1}{2}y\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}y^2 = 0$$

$x = y = 0$ is the only solution, which,

however does not satisfy $x^3 - 2xy + 1 = 0$

Thus, the above three points are the only intersection points.

b) Have to find the tangent lines at these points.



Tangent vectors are perp. to the gradient.

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} 3x^2 - 2y \\ -2x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla g = \begin{bmatrix} 3x^2 \\ -3y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

c) Tangent vectors

$$\vec{t}_f = \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 3x^2 - 2y \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{t}_g = \begin{bmatrix} 3y^2 \\ 3x^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

At (I):

$$\vec{t}_f = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{t}_g = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Tangent lines:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

At (II):

$$\vec{t}_f = \begin{bmatrix} 1+\sqrt{5} \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} + 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{t}_g = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (x=y \text{!})$$

$$\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1+\sqrt{5} \\ \frac{7+\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

At (III):

$$\vec{t}_f = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\sqrt{5} \\ \frac{7-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{t}_g = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1-\sqrt{5} \\ \frac{7-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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d) Angles: θ angle between the tangent vectors

cos θ

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{t}_f \cdot \vec{t}_g}{|\vec{t}_f| |\vec{t}_g|}$$

$$\text{At (I): } \cos \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{1+4} \sqrt{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{5} \sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{At (II): } \cos \theta = \frac{3 \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)}{\sqrt{39+\sqrt{5}}}$$

$$\text{At (III): } \cos \theta = \frac{3 \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)}{\sqrt{39-\sqrt{5}}}$$

3.

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ -2y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \nabla g = 4 \begin{bmatrix} x^3 \\ y^3 \\ z^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla f(1,0,1) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \nabla g(1,0,1) = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The vector tangent to the surface

$f=1$ and $g=2$ at $(1,0,1)$ must

be perp to the two gradients.

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$$\vec{t} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ does the job.}$$

Tangent line:

$$\underline{\underline{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}}$$

Extra credit:

The distance line must be perpendicular to $x^2 - y^2 = 4$ at some point $\vec{x}_0$ and to $y - 2x = 0$ at some point $\vec{x}_1$.

The direction of this line at $\vec{x}_0 = (u, v)$

is $\begin{bmatrix} 2u \\ -2v \end{bmatrix}$ which is the gradient!

and at $\vec{x}_1 = (x, y) \quad \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Thus

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2u \\ -2v \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{aligned} 2u &= -2\lambda \\ -2v &= \lambda \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } \underline{\underline{2u = 4v}} \quad \text{or } \underline{\underline{u = 2v}}$$

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Since $u^2 - v^2 = 4$ we have

$$4v^2 - v^2 = 4 \quad \text{or} \quad v^2 = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$v_1 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}, \quad v_2 = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}},$$

Thus we have two candidates for $\vec{x}_0$:

~~Let~~ $\left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$ and $\left(-\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$

The normal lines are

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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We have to find the points on $y = 2x$.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} 2 + s = 2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} 4 - 2s \right) \Rightarrow s = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{5}.$$

and the point on $y = 2x$ is

$$\frac{8}{5\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The vector connecting the
two points $\frac{6}{5\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

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and the distance is

$$\frac{6}{5\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{5} = \frac{6}{5\sqrt{3}} //$$

The distance at the other points is also

$$\frac{6}{5\sqrt{3}}$$

