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1 (8 points) The position of a particle is given by $\mathbf{r}(t) = 4t \,\mathbf{i} + 2t^2 \,\mathbf{j} + \ln t \,\mathbf{k}$. Find all points on the path where the velocity is perpendicular to the acceleration.

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = 4\mathbf{i} + 4t\mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{t}\mathbf{k}$$
$$\mathbf{r}''(t) = 4\mathbf{j} - \frac{1}{t^2}\mathbf{k}$$
$$0 = \mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)$$
$$= 16t - \frac{1}{t^3}$$
$$0 = 16t^4 - 1$$
$$t = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

But $t = -\frac{1}{2}$ is not in the domain of the function. Thus the only point is $\mathbf{r}'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \langle 2, \frac{1}{2}, -\ln 2 \rangle$.

2 (8 points) Calculate the equation of the tangent plane to the hyperboloid $3x^2+5y^2-z^2=8$ at the point (2, -1, 3).

At the point (2, -1, 3), z is positive so we can write $z = \sqrt{3x^2 + 5y^2 - 8}$. $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{3x}{\sqrt{3x^2 + 5y^2 - 8}} \Big|_{(2,-1)} = 2$ $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{5y}{\sqrt{3x^2 + 5y^2 - 8}} \Big|_{(2,-1)} = -\frac{5}{3}$ The tangent plane is $z - 3 = 2(x - 2) - \frac{5}{3}(y + 1)$ or 6x - 5y - 3z = 8

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3 (9 points) Find the absolute minimum of the function $f(x, y) = y^2 - xy + x$ on the triangular region in the first quadrant where $x + y \leq 7$.

First calculate the critical points in the region. $f_x(x,y) = -y + 1$ so if $f_x(x,y) = 0$ then y = 1. $f_y(x,y) = 2y - x$ so if $f_y(x,y) = 0$ and y = 1 then x = 2. The only critical point is (2, 1).

Now consider the boundary. It consists of 3 pieces.

1.
$$x = 0 \text{ and } 0 \le y \le 7$$

Here f(x, y) restricted to the boundary is y^2 . This is increasing, so the minimum is at y = 0. 2. y = 0 and $0 \le x \le 7$

Here f(x, y) restricted to the boundary is x. This is increasing, so the minimum is at x = 0. 3. x = 7 - y and $0 \le y \le 7$

Here f(x, y) restricted to the boundary is $2y^2 - 8y + 7$.

Check for critical values in the interval: 4y - 8 = 0 so y = 2 (and x = 7 - y = 5).

This is an upward opening parabola, so the minimum is at the critical point.

Thus we need to compute 3 values of f(x, y):

$$\begin{split} f(2,1) &= 1\\ f(0,0) &= 0\\ f(5,2) &= -1\\ The minimum value of f(x,y) on the region is -1.\\ It occurs on the boundary at the point (5,2). \end{split}$$

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4 (16 points) Evaluate the following double integrals. Give your answers in exact form.

(a) (8 points) $\int_0^2 \int_{x^2}^4 x^5 e^{y^2} dy dx$

We first need to reverse the order of integration.

$$\begin{split} \int_{0}^{4} \int_{0}^{\sqrt{y}} x^{5} e^{y^{2}} dx dy &= \int_{0}^{4} \frac{1}{6} x^{6} e^{y^{2}} \Big|_{x=0}^{\sqrt{y}} dy \\ &= \int_{0}^{4} \frac{1}{6} y^{3} e^{y^{2}} dy \quad let \ u = y^{2} \ and \ du = 2y \ dy \\ &= \int_{0}^{16} \frac{1}{12} u e^{u} \ du \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \left(u e^{u} - e^{u} \right) \Big|_{0}^{16} \quad Integration \ by \ Parts \ or \ Guess \ and \ Check \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \left(15 e^{16} + 1 \right) \end{split}$$

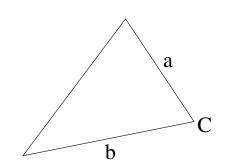
(b) (8 points)
$$\int_{-3}^{3} \int_{0}^{\sqrt{9-x^2}} 4x^2 + 5y^3 + 4y^2 \, dy \, dx$$

First convert to polar coordinates.

$$\begin{split} \int_{0}^{\pi} \int_{0}^{3} 4r^{3} + 5r^{4} \sin^{3} \theta \, dr \, d\theta &= \int_{0}^{\pi} r^{4} + r^{5} \sin^{3} \theta \Big|_{r=0}^{3} d\theta \\ &= \int_{0}^{\pi} 81 + 243 \sin^{3} \theta \, d\theta \\ &= 81\pi + \int_{0}^{\pi} 243 \left(1 - \cos^{2} \theta\right) \sin \theta \, d\theta \qquad let \, u = \cos \theta \\ &= 81\pi + \int_{1}^{-1} -243 \left(1 - u^{2}\right) \, du \\ &= 81\pi + 243 \int_{-1}^{1} \left(1 - u^{2}\right) \, du \\ &= 81\pi + 243 \left(u - u^{3}/3\right) \Big|_{-1}^{1} \\ &= 81\pi + 324 \end{split}$$

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5 (9 points) Clovis must calculate the area of a triangular field. He measures edge a to be 150ft and edge b to be 200ft. He measures angle C to be 60°. The error in his edge measurements is half a foot. His angle measurement has an error of 2°. Use a linear approximation to estimate the maximum error in his area calculation. (Recall that the area of a triangle is given by ¹/₂ab sin θ.)



Recall that you must use radian measure if you are going to use calculus on trigonometric functions.

Thus we have

$$a = 150$$

 $b = 200$
 $\Delta a = \Delta b = \frac{1}{2}$
 $C = \frac{\pi}{3}$
 $\Delta C = \frac{\pi}{90}$

Let A be the area of the triangle. Then $A = \frac{1}{2}ab\sin\theta$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial a} = \frac{1}{2}b\sin\theta\Big|_{(150,200,\pi/3)} = 50\sqrt{3}$$
$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial b} = \frac{1}{2}a\sin\theta\Big|_{(150,200,\pi/3)} = \frac{75\sqrt{3}}{2}$$
$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial C} = \frac{1}{2}ab\cos\theta\Big|_{(150,200,\pi/3)} = 7500$$

Using the linearization $\Delta A \approx \frac{\partial A}{\partial a} \Delta a + \frac{\partial A}{\partial b} \Delta b + \frac{\partial A}{\partial C} \Delta C$ gives

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \Delta A &\approx& 50\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{75\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 7500 \cdot \frac{\pi}{90} \\ &=& \frac{175}{4}\sqrt{3} + \frac{250}{3}\pi \\ &\approx& 337.6 \ square \ feet \end{array}$$