

**I.** For the function  $f(x, y) = x^3 - 3xy + y^3$ , locate all critical points. For each critical point, use the second derivatives test ( $D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$ ) to determine whether the critical point is a local maximum, local minimum, or neither.  
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**II.** Let  $f(x, y)$  be a function of two variables. Define what it means to say that  $(a, b)$  is a *critical point* of  $f$ .  
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**III.** For the function  $V(x, y, z) = e^{xyz}$ , calculate  $\nabla V(1, -1, -1)$ . Use it to write an equation of the tangent plane to the level surface  $e^{xyz} = e$  at the point  $(1, -1, -1)$ . (Recall that the equation of the plane with normal vector  $a\vec{i} + b\vec{j} + c\vec{k}$  through the point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is  $a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$ .)  
(5)

**IV.** For the function  $f(x, y) = \frac{x}{y}$ , use the gradient vector to find the rate of change of  $f$  at the point  $(2, 1)$  in  
(5) the direction toward  $(-1, 0)$ . Find the maximum rate of change of  $f$  at  $(2, 1)$ , and the direction in which it occurs.

**V.** At a certain moment, a piece of wire has the shape of a cylinder 100 mm long and 2 mm in diameter,  
(5) and it is being stretched so that its length  $h$  increases at a rate of 0.5 mm/sec. Assuming that it remains cylindrical, and its volume does not change, how is its diameter changing at this moment? (Hint: Let  $V$  be the volume. One needs to find the value of  $\frac{dr}{dt}$  that will make  $\frac{dV}{dt} = 0$  at the time in question.)

- VI.** Write out the chain rule for  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial z}$  where  $v = f(p, q, r)$ ,  $p = p(x, y, z)$ ,  $q = q(x, y, z)$ , and  $r = r(x, y, z)$ . Use  
(5) it to calculate  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial z}$  in terms of  $p$ ,  $q$  and  $r$  at the point  $(x, y, z) = (1, 2, 4)$  if  $f(p, q, r) = \cos(pqr)$ ,  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = 2x$ ,  $\frac{\partial q}{\partial z} = -y$ , and  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = xyz$ .

- VII.** Consider the problem of finding the maximum value of the function  $x + y$  on the surface  $4x^2 + y^2 = 20$ . Use  
(6) Lagrange multipliers to set up a system of equations whose solutions include the point where the maximum value of  $x + y$  occurs on the surface  $4x^2 + y^2 = 20$ . Solve the equations to find where the maximum occurs. (Suggestion: unless you see quickly how to solve the equations, leave that part until you have worked out the other problems on the test.)

**VIII.** For each of the following limits, determine whether the limit exists, and if it exists, find its value:

(4)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2}$ ,  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$ .

**IX.** **(Bonus problem)** Let  $\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t))$  be a parameterization of a level curve  $f(x, y) = c$ . By calculating  
(4)  $\frac{d(f(\gamma(t)))}{dt}$ , verify that  $\nabla f$  is perpendicular to the tangent vector to the level curve.