

**Unit 3 Group Work 2**  
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**Be sure to show all work. No calculator! Have fun!**

1. Consider the function  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ .

a. Draw the level sets  $f(x, y) = 0, 1, 2, 3$  in the  $xy$  plane. What is the surface  $z = f(x, y)$ ?

b. At each of the following points, find the direction of maximum change of  $f$  and calculate the directional derivative in that direction. (Do your answers make sense?)

- $\langle x_0, y_0 \rangle = 3 \langle \cos \frac{\pi}{6}, \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \rangle = \langle \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \rangle$ .

- $\langle x_0, y_0 \rangle = 2 \langle \cos \frac{5\pi}{4}, \sin \frac{5\pi}{4} \rangle = \langle -\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2} \rangle$

c. Consider the parametric curve  $\langle x(t), y(t) \rangle = \langle 5 \cos t, 5 \sin t \rangle$ . Find the composite function  $f(t) = f(x(t), y(t))$ . Find the derivative  $\frac{df}{dt}$  in two different ways: 1) using standard differentiation, 2) using the multivariable chain rule.

d. Consider the parametric curve  $\langle x(t), y(t) \rangle = \langle t \cos t, t \sin t \rangle$ . Find the composite function  $f(t) = f(x(t), y(t))$ . Find the derivative  $\frac{df}{dt}$  in two different ways: 1) using standard differentiation, 2) using the multivariable chain rule.

e. For the following points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , verify that the point is on the surface  $z = f(x, y)$ , and find the tangent plane to the surface there. (Do your answers make sense?)

- $(3, 0, 3)$
- $(0, 5, 5)$

f. Now consider this same function in polar coordinates:

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

Calculate  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial r}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}$  using the multivariable chain rule (but check your answer by differentiating the composite function). (How is this related to parts (b) and (c)?)

2. Let

$$F(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{25}$$

and consider the level surface  $F(x, y, z) = 1$ . What does the surface look like?

a. For the following points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , verify that the point is on the surface, and find the tangent plane to the surface there. (Do your answers make sense?)

- $(4, 0, 0)$
- $(4, 0, 10)$
- $(0, 5, 0)$
- $(0, 5, -10)$

b. Verify that the curve  $\langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle = \langle 4 \cos t, 5 \sin t, t \rangle$  lies on the surface. Calculate  $\frac{dF}{dt}$  using the chain rule.

c. Verify that the curve  $\langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle = \langle 4 \cos t, 5 \sin t, e^t \sin t \rangle$  lies on the surface. Calculate  $\frac{dF}{dt}$  using the chain rule.

d. Verify that the curve  $\langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle = \langle 4, 0, e^t \sin t \rangle$  lies on the surface. Calculate  $\frac{dF}{dt}$  using the chain rule.

Interpret your calculations (b)-(d) as statements about orthogonality.

**3.** Let  $R_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$  represent rotation in the plane.

Verify that  $R_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^2 = R_\pi$  and  $R_\pi^2 = R_{2\pi} = I$ .