

Practice Final Examination II  
Time Limit: 120 Minutes

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You are required to show your work on each problem on this exam. The following rules apply:

- (A) **If you use a lemma, proposition or theorem which we have seen in the class or in the book, you must indicate this** and explain why the theorem may be applied.
- (B) **Organize your work**, in a reasonably neat and coherent way, in the space provided. Work scattered all over the page without a clear ordering will receive little credit.
- (C) **Mysterious or unsupported answers will not receive full credit**. A correct answer, unsupported by no calculations, explanations, or algebraic work will receive less credit; an incorrect answer supported by substantially correct calculations and explanations will receive partial credit.
- (D) If you need more space, use back of the pages; clearly indicate when you have done this.

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1. (20 points) Consider a differentiable function  $f(x)$  whose Taylor series at  $a = 0$  is

$$f(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \frac{x^9}{9} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}.$$

- (a) (4 points) Find the following values  $f(0)$ ,  $f'(0)$ ,  $f''(0)$  and  $f'''(0)$  of  $f(x)$  and its first three derivatives at 0.

Since

$$f(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \frac{x^9}{9} + \dots,$$

then

$$f'(x) = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + x^8 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n},$$

$$f''(x) = 0 - 2x + 4x^3 - 6x^5 + 8x^7 + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n 2n x^{2n-1},$$

$$f'''(x) = 0 - 2 + 12x^2 - 30x^4 + 56x^6 + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n 2n(2n-1)x^{2n-2},$$

and these give

$$f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1, f''(0) = 0, f'''(0) = -2.$$

- (b) (4 points) Show that the radius of convergence of this Taylor series is  $R = 1$ .  
Using ratio test, and denote

$$a_n = (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$$

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < 1 \implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2n+3}}{2n+3} \frac{2n+1}{x^{2n+1}} \right| < 1 \implies |x|^2 < 1 \implies |x| < 1.$$

Hence, we have the radius of convergence  $R = 1$ .

- (c) (4 points) Discuss whether the Taylor series converges at each of the two boundary points  $x = 1$  and  $x = -1$ . (Analyze these points independently.)

When  $x = 1$ , the above Taylor series equals to

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{2n+1}.$$

Denote  $u_n = 1/(2n+1)$ , then  $u_n$ 's is positive for  $n \geq 0$ ,  $u_n$ 's are eventually decreasing, and  $u_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus, by alternating series test, this series converges.

When  $x = -1$ , the above Taylor series equals to

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{2n+1}.$$

Using the same method, the alternating series test, we get this series converges.

- (d) (4 points) Consider the following series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^{2n+1}}{2n+1}.$$

Decide whether the series is convergent or divergent.  
(If convergent, you do *not* need to find its limit.)

Using Ratio test, and set  $a_n = \frac{3^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{3^{2n+3}}{2n+3} \frac{2n+1}{3^{2n+1}} \right| = 9 > 1.$$

Hence, by Ratio test, this series diverges.

- (e) (4 points) The error of the Taylor approximation of  $f(x)$  centered at  $a = 0$  of order 8 in the interval  $x \in [0, 0.1]$  is bounded by  $10^{-8}$ . Using the Taylor approximation of order 7, find the numerical value of

$$f(0.1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(0.1)^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$$

with an accuracy of 8 decimal digits, i.e. at least 8 decimal digits correct.

The Taylor polynomial of order 7 is

$$P_7(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7}.$$

Setting  $x = 0.1$ , we have

$$f(0.1) \approx P_7(0.1) = 0.1 - \frac{0.1^3}{3} + \frac{0.1^5}{5} - \frac{0.1^7}{7}.$$

2. (20 points) Consider the two planes

$$\pi_1 = \{3x - 5y + z = 8\}, \quad \pi_2 = \{x + y - z = 1\}.$$

(a) (5 points) Consider the point  $S = (0, 1, 0)$ . Compute the distance from  $S$  to the plane  $\pi_1$  and the distance from  $S$  to the plane  $\pi_2$ .

Setting  $x = 0, y = 0$ , then  $P_1 = (0, 0, 8) \in \pi_1, P_2 = (0, 0, -1) \in \pi_2$ . The distance from  $S$  to  $\pi_1$  is

$$d_1 = \left| \overrightarrow{P_1 S} \cdot \frac{\langle 3, -5, 1 \rangle}{|\langle 3, -5, 1 \rangle|} \right| = \left| \langle 0, 1, -8 \rangle \cdot \frac{\langle 3, -5, 1 \rangle}{|\langle 3, -5, 1 \rangle|} \right| = \frac{13}{\sqrt{35}},$$

and the distance from  $S$  to  $\pi_2$  is

$$d_2 = \left| \overrightarrow{P_2 S} \cdot \frac{\langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle}{|\langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle|} \right| = \left| \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \frac{\langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle}{|\langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle|} \right| = 0.$$

(b) (5 points) Find a vector  $\vec{v}$  in the direction of the line of intersection of  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$ .

The direction vector of the line of intersection is

$$\vec{v} = \langle 3, -5, 1 \rangle \times \langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle = \langle 4, 4, 8 \rangle$$

- (c) (5 points) Calculate the distance from  $S$  to the line of intersection of  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$ .

Setting  $x = 0$  for the two plane functions gives

$$-5y + z = 8, \quad y - z = 1.$$

Solving these two functions gives

$$y = -\frac{9}{4}, \quad z = -\frac{13}{4},$$

so that we have the point  $P = (0, -9/4, -13/4)$  on the line of intersection of the two planes. Then the distance from  $S$  to the line of intersection of  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  is

$$d = \frac{|\overrightarrow{PS} \times \vec{v}|}{|\vec{v}|} = \frac{|\langle 0, 13/4, 13/4 \rangle \times \langle 4, 4, 8 \rangle|}{|\langle 4, 4, 8 \rangle|} = \frac{|\langle 13, 13, -13 \rangle|}{|\langle 4, 4, 8 \rangle|} = \frac{\sqrt{507}}{\sqrt{96}}$$

- (d) (5 points) Consider the ball  $\{x^2 + (y - 1)^2 + z^2 \leq 0.01\}$ . What is the intersection of this ball with  $\pi_1$ ? What is the intersection of this ball with  $\pi_2$ ?

$$\pi_1 = \{3x - 5y + z = 8\}, \quad \pi_2 = \{x + y - z = 1\}.$$

Intersection with  $\pi_1$  is empty set, and the intersection with  $\pi_2$  is disk, since the center of the ball,  $(0,1,0)$ , is in  $\pi_2$ .

3. (20 points) Consider the two vectors  $u = \langle 5, -4, 2 \rangle$  and  $v = \langle 1, 3, 1 \rangle$ .

(a) (4 points) Show that  $w = \langle 6, -2, 0 \rangle$  is perpendicular to  $v$ . Is it perpendicular to  $u$ ?

Note that two vectors are perpendicular if and only if the dot product of the two vectors equals to 0. Since

$$w \cdot v = \langle 6, -2, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 3, 1 \rangle = 0,$$

and

$$w \cdot u = \langle 6, -2, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 5, -4, 2 \rangle = 38,$$

this gives  $w$  is perpendicular to  $v$ , and  $w$  is not perpendicular to  $u$ .

(b) (4 points) Justify that  $3 \cos \theta = -\sqrt{5/11}$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $u$  and  $v$ .

Using the dot product formula we have

$$u \cdot v = |u||v| \cos \theta \implies -5 = \sqrt{45}\sqrt{11} \cos \theta \implies \cos \theta = \frac{-5}{\sqrt{45}\sqrt{11}}.$$

So that

$$3 \cos \theta = -\frac{15}{\sqrt{45}\sqrt{11}} = -\sqrt{\frac{5}{11}}.$$

- (c) (4 points) Find the area of the parallelogram spanned by  $u$  and  $v$ .

The area equals to

$$\text{Area} = |u \times v| = |\langle 5, -4, 2 \rangle \times \langle 1, 3, 1 \rangle| = \langle -10, -3, 19 \rangle = \sqrt{470}.$$

- (d) (4 points) A particle moves with trajectory

$$r(t) = \langle \cos(t), \sin(t), t \rangle.$$

Find the velocity vector  $\dot{r}(t)$  and its speed at  $t = 0$ .

The velocity is the derivative of  $r(t)$ , which equals

$$\dot{r}(t) = \langle -\sin(t), \cos(t), 1 \rangle.$$

Speed is the length of the velocity vector, which equals

$$|\dot{r}(t)| = \sqrt{\sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t) + 1} = \sqrt{2}.$$

Hence,  $\dot{r}(0) = \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle$ , and  $|\dot{r}(0)| = \sqrt{2}$ .



(e) (4 points) Argue that the velocity vector  $\dot{r}(t)$  above is never parallel to  $\langle 1, 3, 1 \rangle$ .

Two nonzero vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  are parallel if and only if  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ . Since

$$\dot{r}(t) = \langle -\sin(t), \cos(t), 1 \rangle \neq \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle,$$

and

$$\dot{r}(t) \times \langle 1, 3, 1 \rangle = \langle -\sin(t), \cos(t), 1 \rangle \times \langle 1, 3, 1 \rangle = \langle \cos(t) - 3, \sin(t) + 1, -3\sin(t) - \cos(t) \rangle.$$

Since  $-1 \leq \cos(t) \leq 1$ , then

$$-4 \leq \cos(t) - 3 \leq -2,$$

and this implies the first coordinate never equals to 0. Hence,  $\dot{r}(t)$  never parallel to  $\langle 1, 3, 1 \rangle$ .

4. (20 points) Consider the function

$$f(x, y) = (x^2 - 1)^2 + (x^2y - x - 1)^2.$$

(a) (5 points) Compute the partial derivatives  $\partial_x f$  and  $\partial_y f$ .

$$\partial_x f = 2(x^2 - 1) \cdot 2x + 2(x^2y - x - 1) \cdot (2xy - 1)$$

$$\partial_y f = 0 + 2(x^2y - x - 1) \cdot x^2$$

(b) (5 points) Show that the points  $(x, y) = (-1, 0)$  and  $(x, y) = (1, 2)$  are both critical points of  $f(x, y)$ . (You do *not* need to argue that these are all.)

Substitute  $(-1, 0)$  and  $(1, 2)$  into the partial derivative functions, we get

$$\partial_x f(-1, 0) = 2((-1)^2 - 1) \cdot 2(-1) + 2((-1)^2 \cdot 0 - (-1) - 1) \cdot (2(-1) \cdot 2 - 1) = 0$$

$$\partial_y f(-1, 0) = 2((-1)^2 \cdot 0 - (-1) - 1) \cdot (-1)^2 = 0,$$

and

$$\partial_x f(1, 2) = 2(1^2 - 1) \cdot 2 + 2(1^2 \cdot 2 - 1 - 1) \cdot (2 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 - 1) = 0$$

$$\partial_y f(1, 2) = 2(1^2 \cdot 2 - 1 - 1) \cdot 1^2 = 0.$$

Hence, this proves  $(-1, 0), (1, 2)$  are critical points.

- (c) (5 points) Compute the second partial derivatives  $\partial_{xx}f$ ,  $\partial_{yy}f$ ,  $\partial_{xy}f$ , and  $\partial_{yx}f$ .  
Given the partial derivatives from previous part,

$$\partial_x f = 2(x^2 - 1) \cdot 2x + 2(x^2y - x - 1) \cdot (2xy - 1) = 4x^3y^2 + 4x^3 - 6x^2y - 4xy - 2x + 2$$

$$\partial_y f = 0 + 2(x^2y - x - 1) \cdot x^2 = 2x^4y - 2x^3 - 2x^2,$$

we get

$$\partial_{xx}f = 12x^2y^2 + 12x^2 - 12xy - 4y - 2,$$

$$\partial_{yy}f = 2x^4$$

$$\partial_{xy}f = 8x^3y - 6x^2 - 4x$$

$$\partial_{yx}f = 8x^3y - 6x^2 - 4x.$$

- (d) (5 points) Classify each of the two critical points  $(-1, 0)$  and  $(1, 2)$  into a minimum, a saddle, a maximum or cannot decide.

Substitute the point  $(-1, 0)$  into the second order partial derivatives, this gives

$$\partial_{xx}f(-1, 0) = 10, \partial_{yy}f(-1, 0) = 2, \partial_{xy}f(-1, 0) = -2, \partial_{yx}f(-1, 0) = -2.$$

Since

$$\partial_{xx}f(-1, 0) \cdot \partial_{yy}f(-1, 0) - \partial_{xy}f(-1, 0) \cdot \partial_{yx}f(-1, 0) = 24 > 0,$$

$$\partial_{xx}f(-1, 0) = 10 > 0,$$

then  $(-1, 0)$  is a local min.

Substitute  $(1, 2)$  into second order partial derivatives gives

$$\partial_{xx}f(1, 2) = 26, \partial_{yy}f(1, 2) = 2, \partial_{xy}f(1, 2) = 6, \partial_{yx}f(1, 2) = 6.$$

Since

$$\partial_{xx}f(1, 2) \cdot \partial_{yy}f(1, 2) - \partial_{xy}f(1, 2) \cdot \partial_{yx}f(1, 2) = 16 > 0,$$

$$\partial_{xx}f(1, 2) = 26 > 0,$$

then  $(1, 2)$  is a local min.

5. (20 points) For each of the five sentences below, circle the correct answer. There is a unique correct answer per item. (You do *not* need to justify your answer.)

(a) (4 points) The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n^\alpha}$  converges

- (1) if  $\alpha > 1$ .    (2) if  $\alpha \geq 1$ .    (3) if  $\alpha \leq 1$ .    (4) converges for all  $\alpha > 0$ .

Using alternating series test, as long as the term  $1/n^\alpha$  is decreasing to 0, the series converges. Hence, this implies  $\alpha > 0$ .

(b) (4 points) The value of the infinite series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{7^n}{5^n}$  is

- (1) 1/6    (2) 1/4    (3) 5/2    (4) -5/2    (5) 5/7    (6)  $\infty$

This is a geometric series with ratio  $7/5 > 1$ . Hence, series diverges.

(c) (4 points) The cross product of  $u = \langle 1, -2, -5 \rangle$  and  $v = \langle 3, -6, -15 \rangle$  is

- (1)  $\langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$     (2)  $\langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$     (3)  $\langle 0, -1, 0 \rangle$     (4)  $\langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$     (5)  $\langle -1, 0, 0 \rangle$

Since  $3u = v$ , this implies  $u, v$  are parallel. Hence, the cross product equals zero vector.

(d) (4 points) The length of  $\vec{PQ}$ , where  $P = (-2, 5, 0)$  and  $Q = (3, 4, -3)$ , is

- (1)  $\sqrt{11}$     (2)  $\sqrt{27}$     (3)  $\sqrt{35}$     (4)  $\sqrt{54}$     (5) 0

$\vec{PQ} = \langle 3 - (-2), 4 - 5, -3 - 0 \rangle = \langle 5, -1, -3 \rangle$ , so that the length equals  $\sqrt{35}$ .

(e) (4 points) The Taylor series of the function  $f(x) = (x + 3)^2$  centered at 0 is

- (1)  $9 + 6x + x^2$     (2)  $6x + x^2$     (3)  $9 + 6x$     (4)  $9 - 6x$     (5)  $9 - 6x + x^2$     (6)  $9 + x^2 + x^3$

Since  $f(x) = (x + 3)^2 = x^2 + 6x + 9$ , which is a polynomial. Hence, the Taylor series equals to  $x^2 + 6x + 9$ .