

Midterm 2  
Calculus of Several Variables  
(Math 32A-002)

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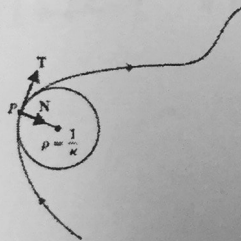


Figure 1: Osculating Circle

1. Consider the following parametrization of a curve:

$$x = \frac{1+t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}, \quad y = \frac{1-t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}$$

(a) 10 points Find a relation between  $x$  and  $y$  by eliminating  $t$ .

(b) 10 points Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$  only (your answer can not contain  $t$ ).

[Hint: For Part (b), differentiate the equation in  $x$ - $y$  obtained in Part (a) with respect to  $x$ .]

$$\begin{aligned} (x\sqrt{1+t^2}) - 1 &= t & -yx - x^2 - 2 \\ (y\sqrt{1+t^2}) - 1 &= -t & y = -x + \frac{2}{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$-x\sqrt{1+t^2} + 1 = y\sqrt{1+t^2} - 1 \quad \frac{1+t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}} \quad \frac{1-t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}$$

$$(x+y) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}$$

$$y = \frac{yx}{(1+t^2)}$$

$$2y = \frac{2yx}{1+t^2}$$

$$2y = \frac{2}{1+t^2} (yx)$$

$$2y = (x+y) \cdot x$$

(a)  $2 = x^2 + yx$

~~1+t~~ b)  $y' = -2 + \frac{2}{x^2}$

$y' = -1 - \frac{2}{x^2}$

~~1+t~~

$$y = \frac{1-t\sqrt{1+t^2}}{1+t^2}$$

$$y = \frac{1-t}{x}$$

b)  $0 = 2x + y'x + \frac{y}{x}$   
 $y' = -2(-x + \frac{2}{x})$

2. The equation of the osculating circle to a curve parametrized by  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t) \rangle$  at the point (2, 1) is:

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 2y + 1 = 0.$$

(a) 5 points Find the curvature of  $\vec{r}(t)$  at the point (2, 1).

(b) 10 points Find the unit normal  $\vec{N}$  to  $\vec{r}(t)$  at the point (2, 1).

(c) 10 points Find a parametrization of the tangent line to  $\vec{r}(t)$  at the point (2, 1).  
(This is not the same thing as finding the unit tangent vector  $\vec{T}$  at (2, 1), you need to find a parametrization of the whole tangent line).

[Hint: First rewrite the equation as  $(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 = r^2$ . Then look at the Figure 1 on Page 1 and use its geometry (the relation of the osculating circle to the curve at the point (2, 1)) to solve this problem.]

$$(x^2 - 4x + 4) + (y^2 + 2y + 1) = 4$$

$$(x - 2)^2 + (y - (-1))^2 = 4$$

a)  $k = \frac{1}{r} \quad r = 2 \quad k = \frac{1}{2}$   
Curvature =  $\frac{1}{2}$

b)  $r(t) = \langle 2 + 4\cos t, -1 + 4\sin t \rangle$

$$T = \frac{\langle -4\sin t, 4\cos t \rangle}{\sqrt{32}}$$

$$\sqrt{(-4\sin t)^2 + (4\cos t)^2} = \sqrt{32}$$

$$N = \left\langle \frac{-4\cos t}{\sqrt{32}}, \frac{-4\sin t}{\sqrt{32}} \right\rangle$$

c)  $-4\sin t, 4\cos t$

$$y_1 - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$$

$$2x + 2y - 4 + 2y' = 0$$

$$y - 1 = 0(x - 2)$$

$$4 + 2y' - 4 + 2y' = 0$$

$$y' = 0$$

$$y = 1$$

3. (a) 15 points Using the Squeeze Theorem prove that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}} = 0$ .

(b) 10 points Use Part (a) to show that the function  $f$  defined by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^4 y^2}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{at } (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .

[Hint: A function  $f$  is called continuous at  $(a, b)$  if  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = f(a, b)$ .]

$$\frac{x^2 y}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}}$$

~~$x^2 < 0$~~

~~$0 \leq |x|$~~

~~$\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}$~~

$0 \leq \sqrt{x^4 + y^2}$

$\frac{x^2 |y| \sqrt{x^4 + y^2}}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}} \geq 0$

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$$-\frac{x^2 |y| \sqrt{x^4 + y^2}}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}} \leq \frac{x^2 y}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}} \leq \frac{x^2 |y| \sqrt{x^4 + y^2}}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}}$$

$$-x^2 |y| \leq \frac{x^2 y}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}} \leq x^2 |y|$$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} -x^2 |y| = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} x^2 |y| = 0$$

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

4. 15 points Compute  $f_{xyxz}$ , where

$$f(x, y, z) = y \sin(xz) \sin(x+z) + (x+z^2) \tan y + x \tan\left(\frac{z+z^{-1}}{y-y^{-1}}\right).$$

$$zy \cos(xz) \sin(x+z) + y \sin(xz) \cos(x+z)$$

$$\text{no } y \quad z \cos(xz) \sin(x+z) + \sin(xz) \cos(x+z)$$

$$(x+z^2) \tan y = \overset{\text{no } z}{x \tan y} + \overset{\text{no } x}{z^2 \tan y}$$

$$x \tan\left(\frac{z+z^{-1}}{y-y^{-1}}\right)$$

$$f_x = \tan\left(\frac{z+z^{-1}}{y-y^{-1}}\right)$$

$$f_{xx} = 0$$

organize your work

12.

$$f(x, y, z) = 0$$

5. 15 points Let  $L$  be the tangent plane to the graph of  $z = f(x, y)$  at  $(-2, 7, 3)$ , such that it is also the tangent plane to graph of  $h(x, y) = x^2 - y$  at  $(-1, 1, 0)$ , i.e.,  $L$  is a common tangent plane to the both of the graphs. Find the equation of  $L$ .

$k$

~~$x^2$~~

$$z = (a^2 - b) + 2a(x - a) + (-1)(y - b)$$

$$20 = ((-1)^2 - 1) + 2(1)(x + 1) + (-1)(y - 1)$$

~~$$20 = 0 -$$~~

$$20 = -2x - 2 - y + 1$$

$$20 = -2$$

$$z = -2x - y - 1$$

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