EGR 265, Math Tools for Engineering Problem Solving

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TEST III

Problem 1 (9+9 points)

(a) Let
$$f(x,y) = \frac{2x}{x-y}$$
. Find $f_{xx} + f_{yy}$.

(b) For the function $g(x,y) = x \ln(x^2 + y)$ find g_x , g_y and g_{xy} .

Problem 2 (9+9 points)

(a) For the function $h(x,y) = e^{(x^4+y^2)}$ find its direction **and** rate of steepest descent at the point P(1,2).

(b) Find the directional derivative of h(x,y) at P(1,2) in the direction of the vector from P(1,2) to Q(4,-2).

Problem 3 (12+6 points)

(a) Find an equation for the tangent plane to the graph of $z=xy+\cos(x-y)+1$ at the point $(\frac{\pi}{2},0,1)$.

(b) Also, find parametric equations for the normal line to the graph of $z=xy+\cos(x-y)+1$ at $(\frac{\pi}{2},0,1)$.

Problem 4 (12 points)

Evaluate $\int_C x^3 y \, ds$, where C is a quarter of a unit circle parametrized by $x = \cos(t)$, and $y = \sin(t)$, $0 \le t \le \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Problem 5 (12 points)

Find the work done by the force field

$$F(x,y) = \frac{\ln(x)}{x}\mathbf{i} - x\sqrt{y}\mathbf{j}$$

along the curve C given by the graph of $y = x^2$, $1 \le x \le 2$.

Problem 6 (5+5 points)

Determine for each of the following force fields if it is conservative.

(a)
$$F(x,y) = y^2 \sin(x) \mathbf{i} + \frac{y^3}{3} \cos(x) \mathbf{j}$$

(b)
$$F(x,y) = (e^x + xy^2)\mathbf{i} + (x^2y + e^y)\mathbf{j}$$

Problem 7 (12 points)

For the conservative force field F(x,y) from Problem 6 find a potential function $\phi(x,y)$ and calculate the work done by the force field along the curve traced by the vector function $\mathbf{r}(t) = (1+t^2)\mathbf{i} + t\sqrt{t}\mathbf{j}$, $0 \le t \le 1$.

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