

Analysis III for Engineering Students Work sheet 2

Exercise 1: Let $f, g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

$$f(x, y) := 3x - 5y, \quad g(x, y) := \frac{1}{5}(x^2 + y^2) + 1.$$

a) Calculate the gradients of f and g .

b) For f draw the contour lines (level curves)

$$f^{-1}(C) := \{(x, y)^T : f(x, y) = C\}$$

for the function values $C_1 = 5$, $C_2 = 0$ and $C_3 = -10$.

At points $P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$, $P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ also provide the direction of the gradient.

c) For g draw the contour lines

$$g^{-1}(C) := \{(x, y)^T : g(x, y) = C\}$$

for function values $C_4 = \frac{6}{5}$, $C_5 = \frac{21}{5}$ and $C_6 = 6$.

At points $P_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$, $P_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $P_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ also provide the direction of the gradient.

d) Based on your observations (i.e. without proof), try to formulate a guess on how the direction of gradient at a given point is related to the direction of the contour line through that point.

Exercise 2:

Let

$$f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f(x, y) = \cos(2x - 3y) + x^3 - y^3 + 2y^2.$$

a) Find all first, second and third order partial derivatives of f .

b) the *tangential plane* to the graph of a differentiable function $f : D_f \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ at point $(x^0, y^0) \in D_f \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is defined by

$$z = f(x^0, y^0) + f_x(x^0, y^0)(x - x^0) + f_y(x^0, y^0)(y - y^0).$$

Give the equation of the tangential plane to the graph of f at the point $(x^0, y^0) = (\frac{\pi}{4}, 0)$.