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M344: Calculus III (Su.19)
Good Problems 2
Sections 13.3-4, 14.1



Instructions. Complete all problems, showing enough work. All work must be done on this paper. You may use your own hand-written notes, but you may not use any electronic devices.

1. [10 points] Show that the curvature of a circle of radius $a > 0$ is constant: $\kappa = \frac{1}{a}$.

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle a \cos t, a \sin t \rangle$$

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

$$\|\dot{\vec{r}}\| = \sqrt{a^2 \sin^2 t + a^2 \cos^2 t} = \sqrt{a^2} = a$$

$$\ddot{\vec{r}}(t) = \langle -a \cos t, -a \sin t \rangle$$

$$\dot{\vec{r}} \times \ddot{\vec{r}} = \langle 0, 0, a^2 \sin^2 t + a^2 \cos^2 t \rangle$$

$$= \langle 0, 0, a^2 \rangle$$

$$\|\dot{\vec{r}} \times \ddot{\vec{r}}\| = a^2$$

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{\|\dot{\vec{r}} \times \ddot{\vec{r}}\|}{\|\dot{\vec{r}}\|^3} = \frac{a^2}{a^3} = \frac{1}{a}.$$

There are at least 3 other ways to do this that are equivalent.

2. [10 points] Consider a plane curve C parametrized by a vector function $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$ satisfying $\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t) \neq \mathbf{0}$. Show that the curvature of C is given by

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{|\dot{x}(t)\ddot{y}(t) - \ddot{x}(t)\dot{y}(t)|}{\sqrt{\dot{x}(t)^2 + \dot{y}(t)^2}^3}.$$

Hint: Regard C as living in the xy -plane embedded in \mathbb{R}^3 .

$$\vec{r} = \langle x, y \rangle$$

$$\dot{\vec{r}} = \langle \dot{x}, \dot{y} \rangle \rightarrow \|\dot{\vec{r}}\| = \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}$$

$$\ddot{\vec{r}} = \langle \ddot{x}, \ddot{y} \rangle$$

$$\dot{\vec{r}} \times \ddot{\vec{r}} = \langle 0, 0, \dot{x}\ddot{y} - \ddot{x}\dot{y} \rangle \rightarrow \|\dot{\vec{r}} \times \ddot{\vec{r}}\| = |\dot{x}\ddot{y} - \ddot{x}\dot{y}|$$

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{\|\dot{\vec{r}} \times \ddot{\vec{r}}\|}{\|\dot{\vec{r}}\|^3} = \frac{|\dot{x}\ddot{y} - \ddot{x}\dot{y}|}{\sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}^3}$$

3. [30 points] Find an equation of the osculating circle to the curve at $x = 2$.

$$y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 2x$$

The point on the curve is: $(2, y(2))$ $y(2) = \frac{8}{3} - 2 - 4 = \frac{8}{3} - \frac{18}{3} = -\frac{10}{3}$

$$\text{so } P = (2, -\frac{10}{3})$$

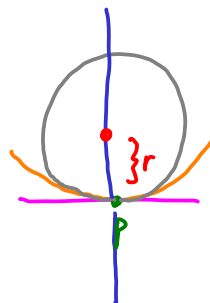
The curvature is $\kappa(x) = \frac{|f''(x)|}{\sqrt{1+f'(x)^2}^3} = \frac{|y''|}{\sqrt{1+y'^2}^3} = \frac{|3|}{\sqrt{1+0^2}^3} = 3$

$$y' = x^2 - x - 2 \quad y'(2) = 4 - 2 - 2 = 0$$

$$y'' = 2x - 1 \quad y''(2) = 4 - 1 = 3$$

Thus the radius of the circle is $r = \frac{1}{\kappa} = \frac{1}{3}$.

Since $y' = 0$ and $y'' > 0$ then the curve looks like :
and the center lies directly above P.



The center is thus $(2, -\frac{10}{3} + \frac{1}{3}) = (2, -3)$

And the circle is:

$$(x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$$

4. [20 points] Find the tangential and normal components of the acceleration vector. Simplify as much as possible. (You do not need to find T and N).

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, 2e^t, e^{2t} \rangle$$

Recall:

$$a_T = \dot{v}$$

$$a_N = v\kappa$$

so we need v , κ , and \dot{v} to know the acceleration components.

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}} = \langle 1, 2e^t, 2e^{2t} \rangle$$

$$\|\dot{\mathbf{r}}\| = v = \sqrt{1 + 4e^{2t} + 4(e^{2t})^2} = \sqrt{(1 + 2e^{2t})^2} = \boxed{1 + 2e^{2t} = v(t)}$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = \langle 0, 2e^t, 4e^{2t} \rangle$$

$$\boxed{\dot{v}(t) = 4e^{2t}}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}} \times \ddot{\mathbf{r}} = \langle 4e^{3t}, -4e^{2t}, 2e^t \rangle$$

$$\|\dot{\mathbf{r}} \times \ddot{\mathbf{r}}\| = 2e^t \sqrt{4e^{4t} + 4e^{2t} + 1} = 2e^t \sqrt{(2e^{2t} + 1)^2} = 2e^t (2e^{2t} + 1)$$

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{\|\dot{\mathbf{r}} \times \ddot{\mathbf{r}}\|}{\|\dot{\mathbf{r}}\|^3} \Rightarrow \kappa v^2 = \frac{\|\dot{\mathbf{r}} \times \ddot{\mathbf{r}}\|}{\|\dot{\mathbf{r}}\|} = \frac{2e^t (2e^{2t} + 1)}{1 + 2e^{2t}} = 2e^t$$

So,

$$\boxed{a_T(t) = 4e^{2t}}$$

$$\boxed{a_N(t) = 2e^t}$$

5. [5 points each] Match each function of 2 variables to its corresponding graph.

F i. $f(x, y) = \sin(x^2 + y^2)$ A.



B.



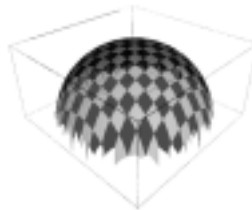
A ii. $f(x, y) = |x| + |y|$ C.



D.



B iii. $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ E.



F.



6. Consider the function $f(x, y) = \ln(9 - x^2 - y^2)$.

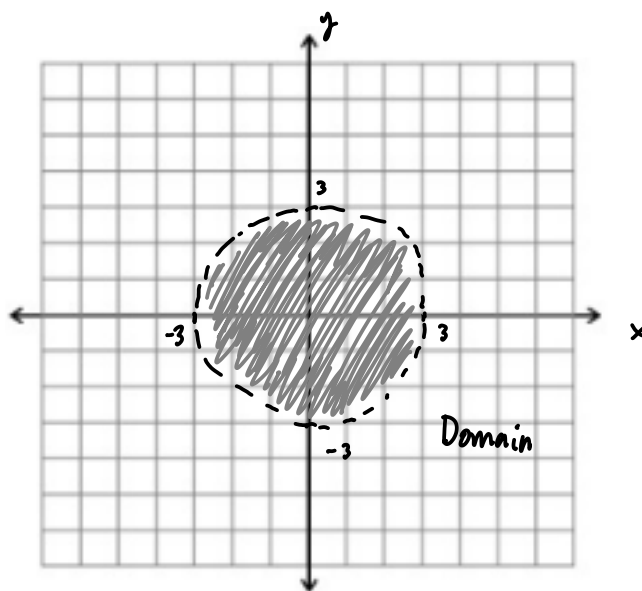
i. [10 points] Find and plot the domain of f . Be sure to properly label the graph.

$$9 - x^2 - y^2 > 0$$

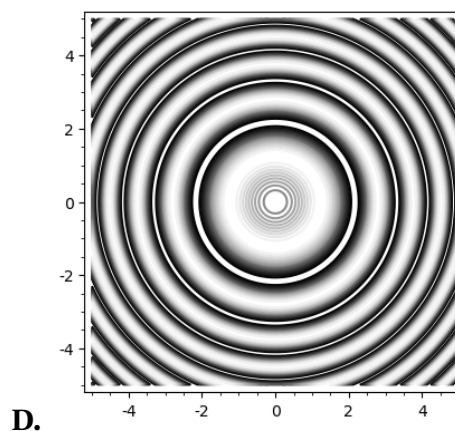
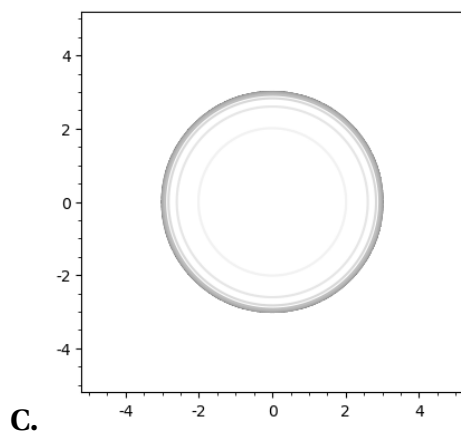
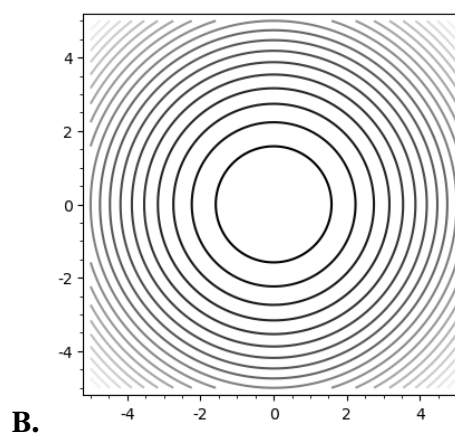
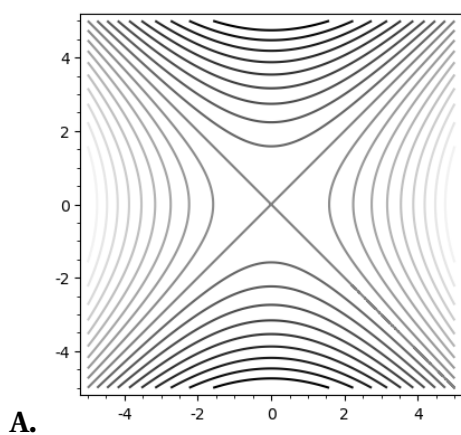
$$x^2 + y^2 < 9$$

$$x^2 + y^2 < 3^2$$

Inside disk of radius 3.
No boundary



C ii. [5 points] Choose the plot that best represents the level curves of f .



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