

Exercise sheet n° 2

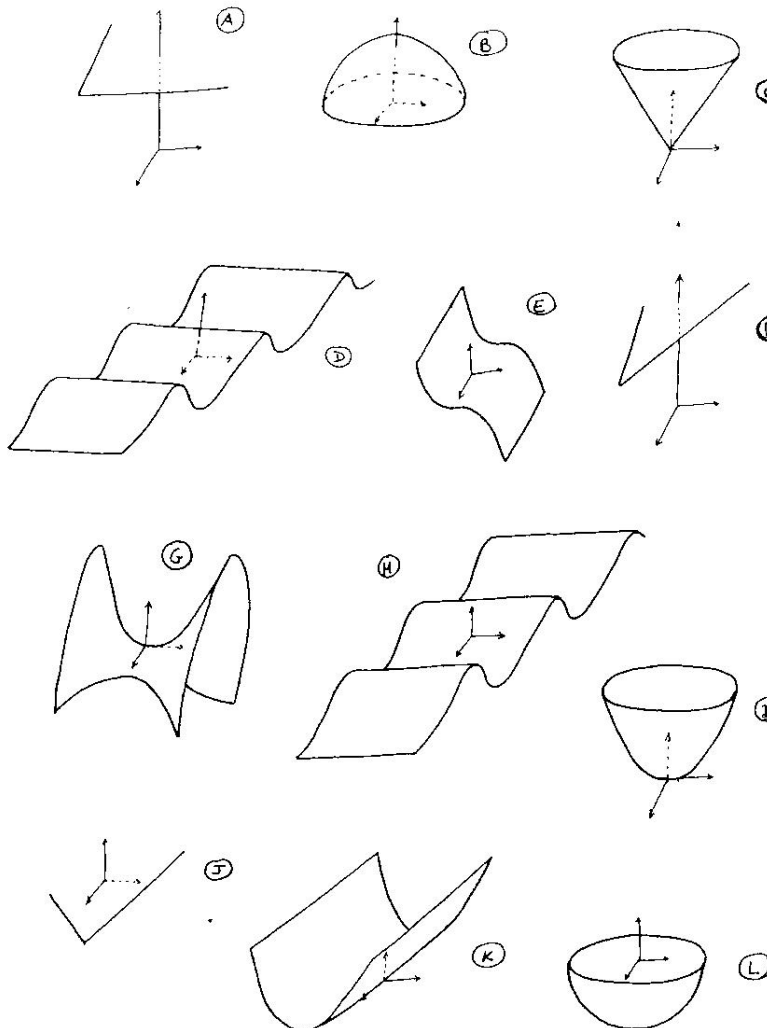
Functions of several variables

1. Determine the maximal domain of definition inside \mathbb{R}^2 of the following functions.

$$f_1(x, y) = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}, \quad f_2(x, y) = \frac{1}{x + y}, \quad f_3(x, y) = \frac{1}{|x| + |y|}, \quad f_4(x, y) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{xy}\right).$$

2. Match each of the following expressions with the corresponding surface.

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x, y) &= x^2, & f_2(x, y) &= \frac{1}{6}(5 - x + 2y), & f_3(x, y) &= y^2 - x^2, & f_4(x, y) &= y, \\ f_5(x, y) &= y^2, & f_6(x, y) &= -y^3, & f_7(x, y) &= -\sin x, & f_8(x, y) &= 1 - (x^2 + y^2), \\ f_9(x, y) &= 5, & f_{10}(x, y) &= x^2 + y^2, & f_{11}(x, y) &= \sin x, & f_{12}(x, y) &= x^2 + y^2 - 1, \\ f_{13}(x, y) &= \cos x, & f_{14}(x, y) &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, & f_{15}(x, y) &= 3 - x - y. \end{aligned}$$



3. Describe the level sets of the following collection of functions defined on \mathbb{R}^2 .

$$f_1(x, y) = (x-2)^2, \quad f_2(x, y) = x^2 - y^2, \quad f_3(x, y) = x^2 + x - y, \quad f_4(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 4y + 5.$$

4. Express the following functions in polar coordinates and deduce the corresponding level sets.

$$f_1(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \quad f_2(x, y) = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad f_3(x, y) = \frac{y}{x}, \quad f_4(x, y) = \arctan \frac{y}{x}.$$

5. Determine the maximal domain of definition in \mathbb{R}^2 of the following functions and compute the partial derivatives up to second order.

$$f_1(x, y) = 4x^4y^2 - 3x^2y^3 + xy - y + 1, \quad f_2(x, y) = \frac{x-y}{x+y}, \quad f_3(x, y) = x^2 + xy^2 - 5y^4,$$

$$f_4(x, y) = \sin(x^2y), \quad f_5(x, y) = \exp(xy) \sin x, \quad f_6(x, y) = \ln(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}),$$

$$f_7(x, y) = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad f_8(x, y) = \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad f_9(x, y) = \frac{1}{x^2 - xy + y^2 + 1}.$$

6. Compute the directional derivative along d of the following functions :

$$f(x, y) = xe^{x+y}, \quad d = (1, 2), \quad \text{and} \quad g(x, y) = \frac{x-y}{x+y}, \quad d = (3, -1).$$

7. Compute the differential of each of the following functions f , and write down explicitly $df(p) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

1. $f_1 = e^x + y^2$, $p_1 = (0, 0)$,
2. $f_2 = \sin(x) \cos(y)$, $p_2 = (\pi, \pi/2)$,
3. $f_3 = \ln(2x - 3y)$, $p_3 = (1, -1)$,
4. $f_4 = x^2y^3$, $p_4 = (1, 1)$.

8. Determine if the following differential forms on \mathbb{R}^2 are *exact* (we recall that a differential form $\omega = g_1dx + g_2dy$ is exact if there is a function f such that $\omega = df$). If they are, compute a function f satisfying that $\omega = df$.

1. $\omega_1 = xdx + ydy$,
2. $\omega_2 = xdx + xdy$,
3. $\omega_3 = ydx + xdy$,
4. $\omega_4 = y^2dx + ydy$.

9. Show that $\omega = \frac{1}{(x+y)^2} (2yz \, dx - 2xz \, dy + (x^2 - y^2) \, dz)$ is exact and compute a function f such that $\omega = df$.

10. (*bonus*) Let f be defined as

$$\begin{cases} f(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2) \sin \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ f(0, 0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Show that f is continuous on \mathbb{R}^2 and that the partial derivatives of first order exist at every point of \mathbb{R}^2 . Are they continuous on \mathbb{R}^2 ?

11. (*bonus*) Consider the map $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x^3y}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0),$$

and $f(0, 0) = 0$. Show that f is of class C^1 on \mathbb{R}^2 . Compute $df_{(0,0)}$, and $df_{(1,1)}$.

Vector maps

12. (Moving orthonormal frame). Let $\vec{u}_r : \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the vector field defined on $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ given by sending every point $P = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ to

$$\vec{u}_r(P) = \text{the unitary vector of the same direction as } \overrightarrow{OP}.$$

Let \vec{u}_θ be the vector field on $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ given by sending P in $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ to

$$\vec{u}_\theta(P) = \text{the counterclockwise rotation of } \vec{u}_r(P) \text{ through an angle } \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Find $\vec{u}_r(P)$ and $\vec{u}_\theta(P)$ explicitly using Cartesian coordinates (x, y) . Do the same for the polar coordinates (r, θ) of the point P .

13. Compute the Jacobian matrix $J_{\vec{u}}(x, y)$ of each of the following vector fields $\vec{u} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$.

1. $\vec{u}_1(x, y) = (x^2 + xy^2, \sin(x + y))$,
2. $\vec{u}_2(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, 0\right)$.

14. Let $\vec{F} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\vec{v} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be two vector fields on \mathbb{R}^n .

1. Let $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the map defined by $g(P) = \vec{F}(P) \cdot \vec{v}(P)$. Show that we have that

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial \vec{h}}(P) = \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial \vec{h}}(P) \cdot \vec{v}(P) + \vec{F}(P) \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial \vec{h}}(P)$$

for all $\vec{h} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

2. Deduce that, if $\|\vec{F}\|$ is constant, then

$$\frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial \vec{h}} \cdot \vec{F} = 0,$$

for all P and all \vec{h} .