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1. (10 points) Consider the system of linear equations

\[
\begin{align*}
    x + y + z &= 3 \\
    2x - y - z &= 0 \\
    2y + z &= -1 \\
    3x - z &= -2.
\end{align*}
\]

(a) (2 points) Rewrite this in the form \( A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{b} \) with \( \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \) for some matrix \( A \) and vector \( \mathbf{b} \).

(b) (6 points) Solve for the values of \( x, y, z \). (The solution is unique and consists of integers.)

(c) (2 points) Use the above solution to write \( \mathbf{b} \) as a linear combination of the columns of \( A \).
2. (10 points) Consider the matrix
\[
A = \begin{bmatrix}
1 & 2 & 1 & -3 \\
3 & -1 & 4 & 5 \\
-1 & 5 & -2 & -11
\end{bmatrix}.
\]

This problem examines the system \( Ax = b \) of 3 equations in 4 unknowns \( x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \), with \( b \in \mathbb{R}^3 \).

(a) (4 points) Show that the reduced row echelon form of \( A \) is
\[
R = \begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 9/7 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & -1/7 & -2 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}.
\]

(b) (3 points) Use the reduced row echelon form \( R \) to find a basis \( \{v, w\} \) for the nullspace \( N(A) \) inside \( \mathbb{R}^4 \) and to find a basis \( \{b_1, b_2\} \) for the column space \( C(A) \) inside \( \mathbb{R}^3 \). Explain your work.

(c) (3 points) Verify that the vector \( v = (2, -1, -1) \) is orthogonal to \( b_1 \) and \( b_2 \), and use this to show that the plane \( C(A) \) in \( \mathbb{R}^3 \) is given by the equation \( 2x - y - z = 0 \).
3. (10 points) (a) (5 points) What is the equation for the tangent plane to the level set \( \cos(xy) + z^2 = 1 \) at the point \((1/2, \pi, 1)\)? Write your answer in the form \(ax + by + cz = d\).

(b) (5 points) What is the tangent plane to the graph of the function \( f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + e^{x-y} \) at the point \((1, 1, 3)\)? Write your answer in the form \(ax + by + cz = d\).
4. (10 points) For a domain $\mathcal{D}^n$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$ that does not contain any of its boundary points, a function $f : \mathcal{D}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ is said to be harmonic if
\[
\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} + \cdots + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} = 0
\]
on $\mathcal{D}^n$. (Such functions arise in the study of heat and electrostatics in physics, and beyond).
(a) (6 points) Verify that both of the functions
\[
f(x, y) = x^3 - 6x^2y - 3xy^2 + 2y^3, \quad g(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2)
\]
are harmonic on $\mathbb{R}^2$ (i.e., $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0$ and similarly for $g$). Show your work.

(b) (4 points) For $n \geq 3$, let $\mathcal{D}^n = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x \neq 0 \}$. For non-zero $a \in \mathbb{R}$, show the function $f = (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots + x_n^2)^a$ on $\mathcal{D}^n$ is harmonic when $a = 1 - (n/2)$ and is not harmonic otherwise.
5. (10 points) Let $f(x, y) = \ln(xy - 2)$.

(a) (8 points) Compute the degree-2 Taylor polynomial for $f$ at the point $a = (3, 1)$. Write your answer in the form $c_1 + c_2(x - 3) + c_3(y - 1) + c_4(x - 3)^2 + c_5(x - 3)(y - 1) + c_6(y - 1)^2$ for numbers $c_1, \ldots, c_6$ that you must determine.

(b) (2 points) Use the above Taylor polynomial to approximate the value of $f(2.9, 1.1)$. 
6. (10 points) Let \( f : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2 \) be defined by \( f(x, y, z) = (e^{x^3+y^3+z^3} - 3z, x^2y - 3y^2z) \) and let \( g : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R} \) be differentiable. Let \( h = g \circ f \) as a function \( \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R} \).

(a) (6 points) Show \( f(1, -1, 0) = (1, -1) \), and compute the derivative \( (Df)(1, -1, 0) \) of \( f \) at \((1, -1, 0)\) as a \( 2 \times 3 \) matrix. (The entries in this matrix should all be integers.)

(b) (4 points) Suppose \( Dg(1, -1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \). Compute \( Dh(1, -1, 0) \) as a \( 1 \times 3 \) matrix.
7. (10 points) Let \( f(x, y) = 3x^2 y + y^3 + 6xy \).

(a) (3 points) Find all the critical points of \( f \). (There are four, all with integer coordinates.)

(b) (4 points) Classify each critical point of \( f \) as a local minimum, local maximum, or saddle point.

(c) (2 points) Show that \( f \) does not have any absolute extrema on \( \mathbb{R}^2 \). (This does not require the previous parts.)
8. (10 points) Consider the matrix \( A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \).

(a) (5 points) Compute that the characteristic polynomial \( p_A(\lambda) \) of \( A \) is equal to \( \lambda^3 - 7\lambda^2 + 36 \), and verify that this equals \((\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 6)\).

(b) (2 points) Let \( T : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3 \) be the linear map with matrix \( A \) (relative to the standard basis). If \( R \) is a region in \( \mathbb{R}^3 \) with volume 3, what is the volume of \( T(R) \)?

(c) (3 points) Find an eigenvector \( \mathbf{v} \) for \( A \) with eigenvalue 3.
9. (10 points) Use Lagrange multipliers to find the absolute extrema of the function

\[ f(x, y) = xy \]

on the (closed and bounded) ellipse \( E \) defined by the equation \( x^2 + xy + 4y^2 = 1 \), and specify all points on \( E \) at which these extrema values are attained.
10. (10 points) (a) (5 points) Suppose you are swimming in Lake Lagunita, whose depth in meters is given by
\[ d(x, y) = 5 - x^2/100 - y^2/200. \]
If you are at the point \((15, -40)\), in what unit direction should you swim if you want the depth to decrease as rapidly as possible? (Your answer should be a unit vector \((a, b)\) with \(a\) and \(b\) each a ratio of integers.)

(b) (5 points) A crow is at the point \((2, -3, 5)\) in a region of the sky where the humidity is given by
\[ h(x, y, z) = (3x - 2y + z)^2 - (2y - z)^2 + 4z^2. \]
If it flies in the direction \(\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\), is the humidity increasing or decreasing?
11. (10 points) Consider \( \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 10 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \) in \( \mathbb{R}^3 \).

(a) (2 points) Show that the vector \( \mathbf{v}_3 \) is orthogonal to \( \mathbf{v}_1 \) and \( \mathbf{v}_2 \).

(b) (3 points) Show that \( \{ \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3 \} \) is linearly independent.

(c) (5 points) Find the unique scalar \( a \) for which the vector \( \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ a \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} \) is orthogonal to \( \mathbf{v}_3 \), and for this \( a \) find scalars \( c_1 \) and \( c_2 \) so that \( \mathbf{v} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 \).
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