

# Math 51 Homework 5

Due Friday July 22, 2016 by 1 pm

*Instructions:* Complete the following problems. Late homework will not be accepted. Please be sure to review the expectations for your submitted homework outlined online (such as: always including your name and ID number on the homework, stapling your homework, and guidelines for write-ups which will receive full credit). *Make sure to submit your homework to the correct person; (if you are in Section 01, submit to Zev, and if in Section 02, submit to Valentin).*

**Part I: Book problems:** From Levandosky's *Linear Algebra* and Colley's *Vector Calculus*, do the following exercises:

- Section L18: # 4
- Section L25: #5, 6, 12, 15
- Section C2.1: # 12, 16, 20, 38 (for 20: in the language developed in class, first draw a *contour map*, which is a collection of level sets or *level curves* according to Colley and then sketch the graph)
- Section C2.2: # 8, 16, 50 (note: problem 50 will require the “Rigorous definition of Limit” given in in Definition 2.2 on page 100).
- Section C2.3: # 2, 4, 16, 20, 28, 30, 38, 58, 59 (note that an answer for 59 is given in the back, but we are asking you to prove the assertion there, and show all of your work)
- Section C2.4: # 22

**Part II: Non-book problems:**

1. Find the tangent line to the image of the given parametrized curve at the indicated point.
  - (a)  $\mathbf{g}(t) = (e^t, \cos t^2, \ln(t+1))$  at  $(1, 1, 0)$ .
  - (b)  $\mathbf{g}(t) = (t^2 - 5t + 6, t^2 - 4, t^2 - 9)$  at  $(0, 0, -5)$ .
2. Find parametrizations for the following curves in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :
  - (a) the ellipse centered at  $(0, 0)$  with principal axes oriented along the  $x$ - and  $y$ -axes, of lengths  $a$  and  $2b$  respectively. (*hint:* the equation of the ellipse is  $(\frac{x}{a})^2 + (\frac{y}{2b})^2 = 1$ .)
  - (b) the circle with radius  $r$  and center at  $(c, d)$ .
3. Consider the parametrized curve  $\mathbf{g} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $\mathbf{g}(t) = \left( \frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2}, \frac{e^t - e^{-t}}{2} \right)$ .
  - (a) Show that every point in the image of  $\mathbf{g}$  lies on the hyperbola  $x^2 - y^2 = 1$ .
  - (b) Are there points on the hyperbola  $x^2 - y^2 = 1$  that are not in the image of  $\mathbf{g}$ ? Explain.
4. Let  $f(x, y) = 1 - x^2 - y^2$ . In Colley §2.3,<sup>1</sup> the partial derivatives  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  of any such function were shown to determine two lines tangent to the graph of  $f$

$$\Gamma_f = \{(x, y, z) | z = f(x, y) = 1 - x^2 - y^2\}$$

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<sup>1</sup>See p. 118-119, particularly the discussion above Theorem 3.3.

at a given point  $(a, b, f(a, b))$ . Namely, it was argued that the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ f_x(a,b) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f_y(a,b) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  both give vectors which are parallel to tangent lines to  $\Gamma_f$  at  $(a, b, f(a, b))$ .

- (a) Using the above discussion, find the parametric representation of two different lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  which are tangent to the surface  $z = 1 - x^2 - y^2$  at the point  $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ .
  - (b) Assuming it exists, the *tangent plane* to this surface at  $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  (also referred to as “the tangent plane to the graph of  $f$  at  $(x, y) = (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ ” contains both lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , so it is uniquely determined. Specify this tangent plane in parametric form.
  - (c) Find an equation for this plane, expressed in the form  $z = ax + by + c$ . (Note: you can use either your answer to part (a) *or* the formula for tangent plane as found on page 119).
5. *Change of basis with orthogonal matrices.* An *orthogonal matrix* is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  whose columns form an *orthonormal basis* of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $C$  is an orthogonal matrix, than an important fact is that computing the inverse of  $C$  is very easy:

$$C^{-1} = C^T.$$

(you can also read about this in Levandosky p. 164 - 165). This is because, if

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \cdots & | \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \ddots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ | & | & \cdots & | \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  an orthonormal basis, then

$$C^T = \begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{v}_1^T & - \\ - & \mathbf{v}_2^T & - \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ - & \mathbf{v}_n^T & - \end{bmatrix}$$

and hence

$$(C^T C)_{ij} = \mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j = \begin{cases} \|\mathbf{v}_i\|^2 = 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

meaning,  $C^T C = I_n$ , so  $C^T = C^{-1}$ . This makes change of basis formulaes involving orthonormal bases particularly easy, because if  $\mathcal{B}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the change of basis matrix  $C_{\mathcal{B}}$  is an orthogonal matrix, so  $C_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1} = C_{\mathcal{B}}^T$ .

Now, let  $L = \text{span}(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix})$ . It is a fact that you may have determined in HW last week that  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2\} = \{\begin{bmatrix} 3/5 \\ 4/5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4/5 \\ 3/5 \end{bmatrix}\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the property that  $\mathbf{w}_1$  lies in  $L$ .

- (a) Find the matrix of the linear transformation  $Ref_L$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates.
  - (b) Using the above fact, and the change of basis formula, find the matrix of the linear transformation  $Ref_L$  in standard coordinates.
6. *Level sets of a particular quadratic form.* Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix. The *quadratic form* associated to  $A$  is a particular multivariable real-valued function defined

as follows:

$$Q_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

defined by the rule  $Q_A(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = (A\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{x}$ . Our goal is to sketch, without the aid of a calculator or computer, the level set  $Q_A^{-1}(c)$  for a particular matrix  $A$  at a particular height  $c$ .

- (a) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 17 & -6 \\ -6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write out  $Q_A(\mathbf{x})$  as a function of  $x$  and  $y$ .
- (b) It is a fact (which you needn't prove) that the matrix  $A$  in part (a) has eigenvectors  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Use this to find the eigenvalues of  $A$ , and to find an *orthonormal* eigenbasis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2\}$ .
- (c) Let  $u, v$  be  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates; so the expression  $(u, v)_{\mathcal{B}}$  means  $u\mathbf{w}_1 + v\mathbf{w}_2$ . Use the information you found in (b) to write a simple expression for  $Q_A$  in terms of the  $\mathcal{B}$  coordinates (use  $u, v$ ) (*Hint*: it's not necessary to work through any messy algebra to do this.)
- (d) Using the  $u, v$  expression you found in (c), sketch the graph of the ellipse with equation " $Q_A = 100$ " (which is the *level set*  $Q_A^{-1}(100)$ ) in a  $u, v$  coordinate system; be sure to label the  $u$  and  $v$  coordinate axes and their scales. (*Hint*: the ellipse should have major and minor axes parallel to your coordinate axes)
- (e) Now in a new sketch, draw and label a "standard"  $x, y$  coordinate system. Then, in this system, draw and label both the " $u$ -axis" and the " $v$ -axis," indicating their positive and negative directions. (*Hint*: the  $u$ -axis satisfies  $v = 0$ , which you could convert to an expression of  $x$  and  $y$ ; or alternatively the  $u$ -axis is simply  $\text{span}(\mathbf{w}_1)$ . The  $v$ -axis is handled analogously).
- (f) Use the results of part (d) to sketch the level set  $Q_A^{-1}(100)$ , which is the ellipse with equation  $Q_A = 100$  in standard coordinates, on the same  $x, y$ , coordinate system you used for your answer in part (e).