

Analysis III for Engineering Students Homework sheet 3

Exercise 1:

Given a function $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(\mathbf{x}) := 2x^2 + y^2 - 4x + z$, a point $\mathbf{x}_0 = (1, 2, 3)^T$, and a direction $\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(-1, -1, -2)$:

- a) Provide the equation of the level surface $N_{\mathbf{x}_0}$ of the function f at the point $\mathbf{x}_0 = (1, 2, 3)^T$ and compute the gradient of f at \mathbf{x}_0 .
- b) Compute the directional derivative $D_{\mathbf{a}} f(\mathbf{x}_0)$ in the direction $\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(-1, -1, -2)^T$.

Can you determine whether it is a direction of ascent or descent? Can you tell whether the function values increase or decrease when one moves from \mathbf{x}_0 in the direction \mathbf{a} ?

- c) Compute the function values $f(\mathbf{x}_0 + t\mathbf{a})$ for $t = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}, 2\sqrt{6}, 3\sqrt{6}$.

Is there a contradiction to your result from b)?

Exercise 2:

Let $\mathbf{u} = (u(x, y), v(x, y))^T$ be a velocity field of the two-dimensional flow, $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Given the velocity fields

- a) $u = \epsilon x, \quad v = \epsilon y$
- b) $u = \epsilon \frac{x}{r^2}, \quad v = \epsilon \frac{y}{r^2}, \quad (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \quad (\text{isolated source})$
- c) $u = \epsilon \frac{-y}{r^2}, \quad v = \epsilon \frac{x}{r^2}, \quad (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \quad (\text{isolated vortex})$

compute the source density $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}$ and vortex density $\operatorname{rot} \mathbf{u} := v_x - u_y$. Sketch the vector fields and a few associated streamlines (they are the solutions of the system of differential equations $\dot{x} = u, \dot{y} = v$ or the differential equation $y'(x) = v(x, y)/u(x, y)$).

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