

31. Shortest distance from $(2, 1, -1)$ to plane $x+y-z=1$

$$d = \sqrt{(x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2 + (z+1)^2} \quad \text{and we know that } z = x+y-1$$

So we can minimize d by finding the absolute min of

$$f(x, y) = (x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2 + (x+y)^2 = x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 - 2y + 1 + x^2 + 2xy + y^2$$

$$f(x, y) = 2x^2 + 2y^2 - 4x - 2y + 2xy + 5$$

$$f_x = 4x - 4 + 2y$$

$$f_y = 4y - 2 + 2x$$

$$\text{find critical points: } 4x - 4 + 2y = 0 \Rightarrow 2x - 2 + y = 0$$

$$-(2x - 2 + 4y = 0)$$

$$-3y = 0$$

$$y = 0, x = 1$$

1.5 pt

The only critical point is $(1, 0)$

$$f_{xx} = 4$$

$$f_{yy} = 4$$

$$f_{xy} = f_{yx} = 2$$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 16 - 4 = 12$$

$f_{xx} > 0$, so local min.

$$\text{So smallest } d = \sqrt{(1-2)^2 + (0-1)^2 + (1+0)^2} = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

34. find points on $x^2y^2z=1$ closest to origin

$$d = \sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (y-0)^2 + (z-0)^2} \Rightarrow d = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

and we know

$$z = \frac{1}{x^2y^2}$$

1.5 pt

$$\text{minimize } f = x^2 + y^2 + \frac{1}{x^4y^4}$$

$$f_x = 2x - 4x^{-5}y^{-4}$$

$$f_y = 2y - 4x^{-4}y^{-5}$$

critical points $(2^{1/10}, 2^{1/10}), (-2^{1/10}, 2^{1/10}), (2^{1/10}, -2^{1/10}), (-2^{1/10}, -2^{1/10})$

$$f_{xx} = 2 + \frac{20}{x^6y^4}$$

$$12$$

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$$f_{yy} = 2 + \frac{20}{x^4y^6}$$

$$12$$

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$$f_{xy} = \frac{16}{x^5y^5}$$

$$8$$

$$-8$$

$$-8$$

$$8$$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 12 & \pm 8 \\ \pm 8 & 12 \end{vmatrix} = 144 - 64 = 80, f_{xx} > 0, \text{ so all are local mins.}$$

So the points closest to origin are $(\pm 2^{1/10}, \pm 2^{1/10}, 2^{-2/5})$