Math 208, Section 3 Exam 1

1. (20 pts.) Find the equation of the plane in 3-space which passes though the three points (1,-1,2), (1,0,1), and (-2,3,5)

Does the point (1,2,9) lie on this plane??

2. (20 pts.) Find the partial derivatives of the following functions: (a) $f(x, y, z) = x^2y^7 - 3yz^3 + \cos(x - y)$

(b)
$$g(x,y) = \frac{xy - 3y + 2}{(x+y)^2 - y^3}$$

3. (20 pts.) Find the equation of the tangent plane to the graph of the function $z=g(u,v)=3u^2-uv^2+v^5$ at the point (2,1,11) .

4. (20 pts.) Sketch the level curves of the function

$$z = f(x, y) = xy - 2x$$

for z-values 0, 1, 2, and -1 . (Hint: solve for $y\ \dots)$ Be sure to label everything appropriately.



5. Find the derivatives of the function

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 z - xy^3 + 2yz^2$$

at the point (1,0,-1), in the directions of the vectors

$$\vec{v} = (1, 1, 2)$$
 and $\vec{w} = (2, -1, 1)$

In what direction is the function f decreasing the fastest, at the point (1,0,-1)??