

## 18.022 Problem set 5 (v.2)

1. Define

$$\begin{cases} f_1(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 1, \\ f_2(x, y) = x^2(x+1) - y^2. \end{cases}$$

We have that

$$\begin{aligned} D\mathbf{f}(x, y) &= \begin{pmatrix} 2x & 2y \\ 3x^2 + 2x & -2y \end{pmatrix} \\ \iff (D\mathbf{f}(x, y))^{-1} &= \frac{1}{8xy + 6x^2y} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2y & 2y \\ 3x^2 + 2x & -2x \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

To find points  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \dots$  with desired properties, we use Newton's method:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} x_{i+1} \\ y_{i+1} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix} - (D\mathbf{f}(x_i, y_i))^{-1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x_i, y_i) \\ f_2(x_i, y_i) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{8x_i y_i + 6x_i^2 y_i} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2y_i & 2y_i \\ 3x_i^2 + 2x_i & -2x_i \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_i^2 + y_i^2 - 1 \\ x_i^3 + x_i^2 - y_i^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{8x_i^2 y_i + 6x_i^3 y_i - 2y_i(x_i^2 + y_i^2 - 1) + x_i^3 + x_i^2 - y_i^2}{8x_i y_i + 6x_i^2 y_i} \\ \frac{8x_i y_i^2 + 6x_i^2 y_i^2 - (3x_i^2 + 2x_i)(x_i^2 + y_i^2 - 1) + 2x_i(x_i^3 + x_i^2 - y_i^2)}{8x_i y_i + 6x_i^2 y_i} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2x_i^2 + 2x_i^3 + 1}{4x_i + 3x_i^2} \\ \frac{4y_i^2 + 3x_i y_i^2 - x_i^3 + 3x_i + 2}{8y_i + 6x_i y_i} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

To conclude,

$$\begin{cases} x_{i+1} = \frac{2x_i^2 + 2x_i^3 + 1}{4x_i + 3x_i^2}, \\ y_{i+1} = \frac{4y_i^2 + 3x_i y_i^2 - x_i^3 + 3x_i + 2}{8y_i + 6x_i y_i}. \end{cases}$$

*Remark.* Setting  $x_0 = y_0 = 0.5$ , this yields the approximation

$$(x, y) \approx (0.61803568, 0.78615138).$$

2. We have that

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, y) &= \sin(xy) + x^3 + y^3 \\ \implies \nabla F(x, y) &= (y \cos(xy) + 3x^2, x \cos(xy) + 3y^2). \end{aligned}$$

We obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} D(\nabla F(x, y)) &= \begin{pmatrix} -y^2 \sin(xy) + 6x & \cos(xy) - xy \sin(xy) \\ \cos(xy) - xy \sin(xy) & -x^2 \sin(xy) + 6y \end{pmatrix} \\ \implies (D\mathbf{f}(x, y))^{-1} &= \frac{1}{\det D(\nabla F(x, y))} \\ &\cdot \begin{pmatrix} -x^2 \sin(xy) + 6y & -\cos(xy) + xy \sin(xy) \\ -\cos(xy) + xy \sin(xy) & -y^2 \sin(xy) + 6x \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} &\det D(\nabla F(x, y)) \\ &= (-y^2 \sin(xy) + 6x)(-x^2 \sin(xy) + 6y) - (\cos(xy) - xy \sin(xy))^2 \\ &= 2(xy \cos(xy) - 3x^3 - 3y^3) \sin(xy) + 36xy - \cos^2(xy). \end{aligned}$$

To find points  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \dots$  with desired properties, we use Newton's method:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} x_{i+1} \\ y_{i+1} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix} - (D(\nabla f(x_i, y_i)))^{-1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} f_x(x_i, y_i) \\ f_y(x_i, y_i) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{\det D(\nabla F(x_i, y_i))} \\ &\quad \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -x_i^2 \sin(x_i y_i) + 6y_i & -\cos(x_i y_i) + x_i y_i \sin(x_i y_i) \\ -\cos(x_i y_i) + x_i y_i \sin(x_i y_i) & -y_i^2 \sin(x_i y_i) + 6x_i \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad \cdot \begin{pmatrix} y_i \cos(x_i y_i) + 3x_i^2 \\ x_i \cos(x_i y_i) + 3y_i^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2(x_i y_i \cos(x_i y_i) - 3x_i^3 - 3y_i^3) \sin(x_i y_i) + 36x_i y_i - \cos^2(x_i y_i)} \\ &\quad \cdot \begin{pmatrix} (2x_i^2 y_i \cos(x_i y_i) - 9x_i y_i^3 - 3x_i^4) \sin(x_i y_i) + 18x_i^2 y_i - 3y_i^2 \cos(x_i y_i) \\ (2x_i y_i^2 \cos(x_i y_i) - 9x_i^3 y_i - 3y_i^4) \sin(x_i y_i) + 18x_i y_i^2 - 3x_i^2 \cos(x_i y_i) \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

*Remark.* Setting  $x_0 = y_0 = -1$ , this yields the approximation  $x = y \approx -0.33132683$ .

3. (a) By the Implicit Function Theorem, it suffices to prove that

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \end{array} \right| \neq 0$$

at the point  $(x, y, z) = (3, -1, 2)$ . By assumption,

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3,$$

which is indeed nonzero.

(b) Write  $f(x) = (f_1(x), f_2(x))$ . To compute  $Df(3)$ , we use the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{d}{dx} F_1(x, f_1(x), f_2(x)) = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{df_1}{dx} + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{df_2}{dx} \\ &= 1 + 2f'_1(x) + f'_2(x), \\ 0 &= \frac{d}{dx} F_2(x, f_1(x), f_2(x)) = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{df_1}{dx} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{df_2}{dx} \\ &= 1 - f'_1(x) + f'_2(x). \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} f'_1(3) \\ f'_2(3) \end{pmatrix} \\ \iff \begin{pmatrix} f'_1(3) \\ f'_2(3) \end{pmatrix} &= -\frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

#### 4. (Exercise 2.4.20)

(a) If  $f(x, y, z) = ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2$ , then  $f_{xx} = 2a$ ,  $f_{yy} = 2b$ , and  $f_{zz} = 2c$ ; hence

$$f_{xx} + f_{yy} + f_{zz} = 2a + 2b + 2c = 2(a + b + c).$$

As a consequence,  $f$  is harmonic if and only if  $a+b+c=0$ . In particular,  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - 2z^2$  is harmonic, whereas  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 - y^2 + z^2$  is not.

(b) If  $f_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n} = a_1 x_1^2 + a_2 x_2^2 + \dots + a_n x_n^2$ , then  $f_{x_i x_i} = 2a_i$  and hence

$$f_{x_1 x_1} + f_{x_2 x_2} + \dots + f_{x_n x_n} = 2(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n).$$

It follows that  $f$  is harmonic whenever  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = 0$ . For example,  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (n-1)x_n^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 - \dots - x_{n-1}^2$  is harmonic.

#### 5. (Exercise 2.4.24b)

We consider the surface  $e^z \cos y = \cos x$ . Assuming  $\cos x \neq 0$  and  $\cos y \neq 0$ , we may rewrite this as

$$z = \ln \cos x - \ln \cos y.$$

Differentiating, we obtain that

$$z_x = -\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}; z_y = \frac{\sin y}{\cos y}; z_{xx} = -\frac{1}{\cos^2 x}; z_{xy} = 0; z_{yy} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 y}.$$

As a consequence,

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 + z_y^2)z_{xx} + (1 + z_x^2)z_{yy} - 2z_x z_y z_{xy} \\ &= -\left(1 + \frac{\sin^2 y}{\cos^2 y}\right) \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} + \left(1 + \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x}\right) \frac{1}{\cos^2 y} - 0 \\ &= -\frac{1}{\cos^2 y \cos^2 x} + \frac{1}{\cos^2 x \cos^2 y} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that this surface is minimal.

#### 6. (Exercise 2.4.25b)

We consider the surface  $f(x, y, z) = x = y \tan z$ . Differentiating, we obtain that

$$x_y = \tan z; x_z = \frac{y}{\cos^2 z}; x_{yy} = 0; x_{yz} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 z}; x_{zz} = \frac{2y \sin z}{\cos^3 z}.$$

As a consequence,

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 + x_z^2)x_{yy} + (1 + x_y^2)x_{zz} - 2x_y x_z x_{yz} \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{y^2}{\cos^4 z}\right) \cdot 0 + \left(1 + \frac{\sin^2 z}{\cos^2 z}\right) \cdot \frac{2y \sin z}{\cos^3 z} - 2 \cdot \frac{\sin z}{\cos z} \cdot \frac{y}{\cos^2 z} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 z} \\ &= \frac{2y \sin z}{\cos^5 z} - \frac{2y \sin z}{\cos^5 z} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that this surface is minimal.

#### 7. (Exercise 2.5.11)

Let  $u = \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}$  and  $w = f(u) = f\left(\frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}\right)$ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} &= \frac{df}{du} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{df}{du} \left( \frac{x^2y + y^3 - 2x^2y}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right) = \frac{df}{du} \left( \frac{y(y^2 - x^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right), \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} &= \frac{df}{du} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{df}{du} \left( \frac{x^3 + xy^2 - 2xy^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right) = \frac{df}{du} \left( \frac{x(x^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$x \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = \frac{df}{du} \left( \frac{xy(y^2 - x^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right) + \frac{df}{du} \left( \frac{xy(x^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right) = 0.$$

8. (Exercise 2.5.20)

If  $\mathbf{g} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  are differentiable functions, then

$$D(\mathbf{f} \circ \mathbf{g})(x, y, z) = D\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{g}(x, y, z)) \cdot D\mathbf{g}(x, y, z).$$

In this particular case,  $(x, y, z) = (1, -1, 3)$ ,  $\mathbf{g}(1, -1, 3) = (2, 5)$ , and

$$D\mathbf{g}(1, -1, 3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Moreover,  $\mathbf{f}(x, y) = (2xy, 3x - y + 5)$ , which yields that

$$D\mathbf{f}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 2y & 2x \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \implies D\mathbf{f}(2, 5) = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus

$$D(\mathbf{f} \circ \mathbf{g})(1, -1, 3) = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 26 & -10 & 28 \\ -1 & -3 & -7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

9. (Exercise 2.5.21)

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} D(\mathbf{f} \circ \mathbf{g})(1, 2) &= D\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{g}(1, 2)) \cdot D\mathbf{g}(1, 2) \\ &= D\mathbf{f}(3, 5) \cdot D\mathbf{g}(1, 2) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 10 \\ 31 & 44 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} D(\mathbf{g} \circ \mathbf{f})(4, 1) &= D\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{f}(4, 1)) \cdot D\mathbf{f}(4, 1) \\ &= D\mathbf{g}(1, 2) \cdot D\mathbf{f}(4, 1) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 13 \\ 2 & 31 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

10. (Exercise 2.5.23)

(a) We have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} &= \left( \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \left( \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \\
&= \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \\
&= \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} - \cos \theta \sin \theta \left( -\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial r} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \left( -\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \cos \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial r} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \right) \\
&= \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial r} \\
&\quad + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

We may compute  $\partial^2/\partial y^2$  in the same manner, but we may also observe that we obtain  $\partial/\partial y$  from  $\partial/\partial x$  by replacing  $\theta$  with  $\theta - \pi/2$ ; namely,  $\cos(\theta - \pi/2) = \sin \theta$  and  $\sin(\theta - \pi/2) = -\cos \theta$ . Thus we obtain  $\partial^2/\partial y^2$  from  $\partial^2/\partial x^2$  via the same modification:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} &= \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} - \frac{2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial r} \\
&\quad + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

(b) We have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} &= \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial r} \\
&\quad + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \\
&\quad + \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} - \frac{2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial r} \\
&\quad + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \\
&= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

11. (Exercise 2.5.28)

(a) Since  $F(x, y, z(x, y)) = 0$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(F(x, y, z(x, y))) = F_x + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}F_z, \\ 0 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(F(x, y, z(x, y))) = F_y + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}F_z. \end{aligned}$$

As a consequence,  $\partial z/\partial x = -F_x/F_z$  and  $\partial z/\partial y = -F_y/F_z$ .

(b) Define  $F(x, y, z) = xyz - 2$ . We have that  $F_x = yz$ ,  $F_y = xz$ , and  $F_z = xy$ . With  $F(x, y, z) = 0$ , part (a) yields that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= -\frac{F_x}{F_z} = -\frac{yz}{xy} = -\frac{xyz}{x^2y} = -\frac{2}{x^2y}, \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= -\frac{F_y}{F_z} = -\frac{xz}{xy} = -\frac{xyz}{xy^2} = -\frac{2}{xy^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Solving for  $z$  directly, we obtain that  $z = 2/xy$ . Differentiation yields that  $z_x = -2/x^2y$  and  $z_y = -2/xy^2$ .

12. (Exercise 2.5.35)

By the previous exercise, we have that

$$\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial y}\right)_z \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial z}\right)_x \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y = \frac{-F_y}{F_x} \cdot \frac{-F_z}{F_y} \cdot \frac{-F_x}{F_z} = -1.$$

13. (Exercise 2.6.23)

Let  $f(x, y, z) = 9x^2 - 45y^2 + 5z^2 - 45$ . Then  $\nabla f = (18x, -90y, 10z)$ . The tangent plane at the point  $(x, y, z)$  is parallel to the plane  $x + 5y - 2z = 7$  if and only if  $\nabla f$  is a multiple of  $(1, 5, -2)$ . Equivalently,

$$\frac{18x}{1} = \frac{-90y}{5} = \frac{10z}{-2} \iff 18x = -18y = -5z;$$

thus  $(x, y, z) = (5\lambda, -5\lambda, -18\lambda)$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= f(5\lambda, -5\lambda, -18\lambda) = 9(5\lambda)^2 - 45(-5\lambda)^2 + 5(-18\lambda)^2 - 45 \\ &= \lambda^2 \cdot 45(5 - 25 + 36) - 45 = 45(16\lambda^2 - 1). \end{aligned}$$

As a consequence,  $\lambda = \pm 1/4$ , which implies that

$$(x, y, z) = \pm(5/4, -5/4, -9/2).$$

14. (Exercise 2.6.24)

Write  $f(x, y, z) = z - 7x^2 + 12x + 5y^2$  and  $g(x, y, z) = xyz^2 - 2$ . It is clear that  $f(2, 1, -1) = g(2, 1, -1) = 0$ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(x, y, z) &= (-14x + 12, 10y, 1) \implies \nabla f(2, 1, -1) = (-16, 10, 1) \\ \nabla g(x, y, z) &= (yz^2, xz^2, 2xyz) \implies \nabla g(2, 1, -1) = (1, 2, -4).\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(2, 1, -1) \cdot \nabla g(2, 1, -1) &= (-16, 10, 1) \cdot (1, 2, -4) \\ &= -16 + 20 - 4 = 0,\end{aligned}$$

it follows that the tangent planes to  $f(x, y, z) = 0$  and  $g(x, y, z) = 0$  intersect orthogonally at  $(2, 1, -1)$ .

15. (Exercise 2.6.34)

(a) Let  $f(x, y, z) = x^3z + x^2y^2 + \sin(yz) + 3$ . To compute the plane tangent to the surface  $f(x, y, z) = 0$  at the point  $(-1, 0, 3)$ , we first note that  $f(-1, 0, 3) = -3 + 0 + 0 + 3 = 0$  and that

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(x, y, z) &= (3x^2z + 2xy^2, 2x^2y + z \cos(yz), x^3 + y \cos(yz)) \\ \implies \nabla f(-1, 0, 3) &= (9, 3, -1).\end{aligned}$$

As a consequence, the plane is given by

$$9(x + 1) + 3(y - 0) - 1(z - 3) = 0 \iff 9x + 3y - z = -12.$$

(b) The normal line to the surface at  $(-1, 0, 3)$  is given by  $(x, y, z) = (-1, 0, 3) + t(9, 3, -1)$ . Equivalently,

$$\begin{cases} x = -1 + 9t, \\ y = 3t, \\ z = 3 - t. \end{cases}$$