

**Math 233 - Test 3a**  
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Show all work to receive full credit. Supply explanations where necessary.

1. (5 points) Let  $f(x, y) = x^2 + 5xy - y^2$ . Use differentials to approximate the change in  $f(x, y)$  as  $x$  changes from 2.00 to 1.97 and  $y$  changes from 3.00 to 3.05.

$$\begin{aligned} dz &= f_x(x, y) dx + f_y(x, y) dy \\ &= (2x + 5y) dx + (5x - 2y) dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta z \approx (2x + 5y) \Delta x + (5x - 2y) \Delta y$$

$$x = 2, y = 3, \Delta x = -0.03, \Delta y = 0.05$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta z \approx (4 + 15)(-0.03) + (10 - 6)(0.05)$$

$$\Delta z \approx -0.37$$

2. (5 points) Assume that  $y$  is implicitly defined as a function of  $x$  by the equation  $xe^y + ye^x = 2x^2y$ . Use partial derivatives to find  $dy/dx$ .

$$\text{Let } F(x, y) = xe^y + ye^x - 2x^2y$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-F_x}{F_y}$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-(e^y + ye^x - 4xy)}{xe^y + e^x - 2x^2}$$

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{9+16} = 5$$

3. (8 points) Find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$  at the point  $P(1, 2)$  in the direction of  $\vec{v} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j}$ .

$$\vec{\nabla} f(x, y) = \frac{2x}{x^2+y^2} \hat{i} + \frac{2y}{x^2+y^2} \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} f(1, 2) = \frac{2}{5} \hat{i} + \frac{4}{5} \hat{j}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\vec{v}} f(1, 2) &= \vec{\nabla} f(1, 2) \cdot \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{2}{5} \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) + \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right) \\ &= -\frac{10}{25} = \boxed{-\frac{2}{5}} \end{aligned}$$

Follow-up: If you were standing at the point  $P$  on the the graph of  $f$  looking in the direction of  $\vec{v}$ , would you be looking downhill or uphill? How do you know?

DOWNHILL. THE DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVE

IS NEGATIVE --- SURFACE SLOPES DOWNWARD.

4. (12 points) Find and classify the critical points of  $g(x, y) = x^2 + x - 3xy + y^3 - 5$ .

$$g_x(x, y) = 2x + 1 - 3y = 0$$

$$g_y(x, y) = -3x + 3y^2 = 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$x = y^2$$

$$2y^2 - 3y + 1 = 0$$

$$(2y-1)(y-1) = 0$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}, y = 1$$

Two crit. pts :

$$\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\right), (1, 1)$$

$$D(x, y) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -3 & 6y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 12y - 9$$

$$D\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = -3 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{79}{16}\right)$$

IS A SADDLE PT.

$$D(1, 1) = 3, f_{xx}(1, 1) = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow g(1, 1) = -5 \text{ IS A REL MIN.}$$

5. (5 points) The electric voltage in a certain region in space is described by the function  $V(x, y, z) = 5x^2 - 3xy + xyz$ . At the point  $(3, 4, 5)$ , in what direction is the voltage increasing most rapidly? Give your answer as a unit vector.

↙ DIRECTION OF  
GRADIENT VECTOR.

$$\vec{\nabla} V(x, y, z) = (10x - 3y + yz)\hat{i} + (-3x + xz)\hat{j} + (xy)\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} V(3, 4, 5) = 38\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$$

$$\|\vec{\nabla} V(3, 4, 5)\| = \sqrt{38^2 + 6^2 + 12^2} = \sqrt{1624} = 2\sqrt{406}$$

$$\frac{19\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}}{\sqrt{406}}$$

6. (5 points) Suppose  $w$  is a function of  $x, y, z$  and  $x, y, z$  are functions of  $s, t$ . Write the chain rule formulas for  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial s}$  and  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial t}$ .

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s}$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$$