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**Tutorial Sheet - 9**

1. Using the limit definition of partial derivative, find  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  at the point  $(1, 2)$  for  $f(x, y) = 1 - x + y - 3x^2y$ .
2. Find the partial derivative of the functions with respect to each variable:  
(a)  $f(\rho, \phi, \theta) = \rho \sin(\phi)$   
(b)  $f(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (xy)^n$  where  $|xy| < 1$ .
3. Find the value of  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  at the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ , if the equation  $xy + z^3x - 2yz = 0$  holds, where  $z$  defines as a function of the independent variables  $x$  and  $y$  and the partial derivatives exists.
4. Find  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}$  and  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$ , if the equations  $u = x^2 - y^2$  and  $v = x^2 - y$  where  $x$  and  $y$  defines as functions of the independent variables  $u$  and  $v$ , and the partial derivative exist. Then let  $s = x^2 + y^2$  and find  $\frac{\partial s}{\partial u}$ .
5. Express  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial t}$  as a function of  $t$ , both by using the chain rule and by expressing  $w$  in terms of  $t$  before differentiating, where  $w = \ln(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$ ,  $x = \cos t$ ,  $y = \sin t$ ,  $z = 4\sqrt{t}$ .
6. Express  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial v}$  as a function of  $u$  and  $v$ , both by using the chain rule and by expressing  $z$  in terms of  $u$  and  $v$  before differentiating where  $z = 4e^x \ln y$ ,  $x = \ln(u \cos v)$  and  $y = u \sin v$ .
7. Suppose that the partial derivatives of a function  $f(x, y, z)$  at the point on the helix  $x = \cos t$ ,  $y = \sin t$ ,  $z = t$  are  $f_x = \cos t$ ,  $f_y = \sin t$ ,  $f_z = t^2 + t - 2$ . At what points on the curve, if any, can  $f$  take on extreme values?
8. Find the derivative of the functions at  $P_0$  in the direction of  $\vec{A}$  using definition and also using gradient,  
(a)  $f(x, y) = 2xy - 3y^2$ ,  $P_0 = (5, 5)$ ,  $\vec{A} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$ .  
(b)  $g(x, y, z) = 3e^x \cos(yz)$ ,  $P_0 = (0, 0, 0)$ ,  $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ .
9. Find the directions in which the function  $f(x, y, z) = \frac{x}{y} - yz$  increase and decrease rapidly at point  $P_0 = (4, 1, 1)$ . Then find the derivatives of the function in these directions.
10. In what direction, the derivative of  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$  at  $P(3, 2)$  equal to zero?

11. In the following parts, find an equation for the plane, tangent to the level surface  $f(x, y, z) = c$  at  $P_0$ . (a)  $x^2 - y - 5z = 0$ ,  $P_0 : (2, -1, 1)$  (b)  $x^2 + y^2 + z = 4$ ,  $P_0 : (1, 1, 2)$

12. If  $\frac{df}{ds}\Big|_{\vec{u}, P_0}$  exists, then  $\frac{df}{ds}\Big|_{c\vec{u}, P_0}$  exists and also show that  $\frac{df}{ds}\Big|_{c\vec{u}, P_0} = c \frac{df}{ds}\Big|_{\vec{u}, P_0}$ , where  $c$  is any non-zero real number and  $f$  defines the function of two independent variables  $x$  and  $y$ .

13. (a) Find the total derivative of  $f(x, y) = \sin xy + x^2y$  at the point  $(1, \pi)$ .  
 (b) Find the total derivative of  $f(x, y) = (e^xy + x^2y, x^2 + y^2, \frac{x}{y})$  at the point  $(1, -1)$ .  
 (c) Find the total derivative of  $g \circ f$  at the point  $(-3, 1)$  where  $f(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2, xy)$  and  $g(x, y) = (4xy, x - y, 3x^2 + 2y^2)$ .

14. What is the largest value that the directional derivative of  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$  can have at the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ ?

15. Find a vector indicating the direction of most rapid increase of  $f(x, y)$  at the given point. Then find the rate of change in that direction.

(a)  $f(x, y) = e^y \sin x$  at  $(\frac{5\pi}{6}, 0)$

(b)  $f(x, y) = x^2y - \frac{2}{xy}$  at  $(1, 1)$

16. The temperature at  $(x, y, z)$  of a ball centered at the origin is  $T = 100e^{-(x^2+y^2+z^2)}$ . Show that the direction of the greatest decrease in temperature is always a vector pointing away from the origin.

17. For the following functions, check whether  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}\Big|_{(0,0)} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}\Big|_{(0,0)}$  holds or not. If yes, show it. If not, give reasons.

(a)  $f(x, y) = xy + \frac{e^y}{y^2 + 1}$

(b)  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy(y^2 - x^2)}{x^2 + y^2}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$

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