

1. (20 points) For each statement, either give an example that shows the statement is TRUE, or give a brief reason that the statement is FALSE.

(a) (10) There exists a pair of nonzero vectors \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} in \mathbf{R}^3 such that $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$.

FALSE: Since $0 = \|\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}\| = \|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\| \sin \theta$ and $0 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\| \cos \theta$, where θ is the angle between \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} , we must have $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$ both equal to 0, which is impossible.

(b) (10) There exists a nonzero vector \mathbf{v} in \mathbf{R}^3 such that $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{v}\|$.

TRUE: Since $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{v}\|$, we must have $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 1$. Thus, any unit vector satisfies the condition; for example, $\mathbf{v} = (1, 0, 0)$.

2. (20 points) Suppose that $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g} : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$ are functions such that

$$\mathbf{f}(u, v) = (uv, u^2 - v^2)$$

and $\mathbf{g}(x, y) = (u(x, y), v(x, y))$ satisfies

$$\mathbf{g}(1, 2) = (5, -5)$$

and

$$D\mathbf{g}(1, 2) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 6 & -8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) (10) Find $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(1, 2)$.

$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(1, 2)$ is the (2, 1)-entry of $D\mathbf{g}(1, 2)$, which is equal to 6.

(b) (10) Find $D(\mathbf{f} \circ \mathbf{g})(1, 2)$.

By the chain rule, $D(\mathbf{f} \circ \mathbf{g})(1, 2) = D\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{g}(1, 2)) \cdot D\mathbf{g}(1, 2)$. Since $\mathbf{g}(1, 2) = (5, -5)$ and $D\mathbf{f}(u, v) = \begin{bmatrix} v & u \\ 2u & -2v \end{bmatrix}$, we have

$$D(\mathbf{f} \circ \mathbf{g})(1, 2) = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 5 \\ 10 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 6 & -8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 20 & -60 \\ 80 & -40 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. (20 points) Let $z = f(x, y) = e^{-x}\sqrt{y}$.

(a) (10) Find a function that is a linear approximation to $f(x, y)$ near the point $(0, 9)$. Write your linear approximation in the form $z = Ax + By + C$.

$\nabla f = (-e^{-x}\sqrt{y}, \frac{1}{2}e^{-x}y^{-1/2})$ and so $\nabla f(0, 9) = (-3, \frac{1}{6})$. Also $f(0, 9) = 3$. The linear approximation is thus $z = 3 - 3(x - 0) + \frac{1}{6}(y - 9)$, or $z = -3x + \frac{1}{6}y + \frac{3}{2}$.

(b) (10) A calculator will tell you that $e^{-.01}\sqrt{9.6} \approx 3.067557214$. Estimate this quantity using the linear approximation in (a), and write your answer to the hundredths place. Show your work.

The linear approximation evaluated at $(0.01, 9.6)$ is 3.07.

4. (25 points) Let $F(x, y, z) = x^2y + yz + z^2$.

(a) (15) Find $\nabla F(x, y, z)$.

$$\nabla F(x, y, z) = (2xy, x^2 + z, y + 2z).$$

(b) (10) Are there any points (x, y, z) in upper-half-space (that is, where $z > 0$) at which the tangent plane to the level surface of F at that point is horizontal? Either find all such points, or give a reason why there are no such points.

NO: We would need $\nabla F(x, y, z)$ to have the form $(0, 0, c)$, which implies that $x^2 + z = 0$, which is impossible because $z > 0$.

5. (25 points) Let $g(x, y) = x + y^2$.

(a) (15) Find an equation for the plane that passes through the point $(3, -2, -4)$ and is parallel to the tangent plane to the graph of g at the point $(3, -2, 7)$. Write the equation in the form $Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$.

$\nabla g = (1, 2y)$, and so $\nabla g(3, -2) = (1, -4)$. The tangent plane is then given by $z = -4 + (x - 3) - 4(y + 2)$, or $x - 4y - z - 15 = 0$.

(b) (10) Sketch the level curve defined by the equation $g(x, y) = 5$ in the xy -plane. *Label the coordinate axes of your sketch.*

In the xy -plane with horizontal x -axis, the level curve is the parabola $x = 5 - y^2$, which opens to the left with x -intercept 5 and y -intercepts $\pm\sqrt{5}$.

6. (30 points) Let $f(x, y) = 10 - x^2 - 3y^2$.

(a) (10) Write a unit vector \mathbf{u} that indicates the direction in which f is decreasing the fastest at the point $(2, 1)$.

$$\nabla f = (-2x, -6y), \text{ and so } -\nabla f(2, 1) = (4, 6). \text{ Then } \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{16+36}}(4, 6) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}}(2, 3).$$

(b) (10) Find the directional derivative of f at the point $(2, 1)$ in the direction \mathbf{u} that you found in part (a).

The directional derivative of f in the direction \mathbf{u} at the point $(2, 1)$ is equal to $\nabla f(2, 1) \cdot \mathbf{u} = -2\sqrt{13}$.

(c) (10) For each unit vector \mathbf{v} , let $\theta_{\mathbf{v}}$ denote the angle $0 \leq \theta_{\mathbf{v}} \leq \pi$ between \mathbf{v} and the unit vector \mathbf{u} that you found in (a). For which angles $\theta_{\mathbf{v}}$ is the directional derivative of f in the direction \mathbf{v} at $(2, 1)$ less than or equal to -5 ? Write your answer as an inequality in the form $A \leq \theta_{\mathbf{v}} \leq B$.

For each unit vector \mathbf{v} , the directional derivative of f in the direction \mathbf{v} at the point $(2, 1)$ is equal to $\nabla f(2, 1) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|(-4, -6)\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \cos \theta = 2\sqrt{13} \cos \theta$, where θ is the angle between ∇f and \mathbf{v} . So we need $2\sqrt{13} \cos \theta \leq -5$, or $\cos \theta \leq \frac{-5}{2\sqrt{13}}$. Thus $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-5}{2\sqrt{13}}\right) \leq \theta \leq \pi$, or $0 \leq \theta_{\mathbf{v}} \leq \pi - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-5}{2\sqrt{13}}\right) = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{2\sqrt{13}}\right)$.