

Global Instructions: Test #2 will be Friday, October 28, 2005. The test covers the following sections in the text: §§14.3,14.4; §§15.1–15.6. The following are a selection of problems from the material to be covered on the test. These problems *do not* represent the entirety of the types of problems that may appear on the test. Solve these problems, ideally, without reference to your text.

1. The velocity of a particle at time t is given by $\vec{v}(t) = 2t^2\vec{i} - 3t\vec{j}$.

(a) What is the *speed* of the particle at time $t = 2$?

speed = 10

Solution: speed = $|\vec{v}(t)| = \sqrt{4t^4 + 9t^2} = |t|\sqrt{4t^2 + 9}$. Now, at time $t = 2$, the speed is

speed = 10

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(b) What is the *acceleration* of the particle at time $t = 2$?

accel = $8\vec{i} - 3\vec{j}$

Solution: $\vec{a}(t) = \vec{v}'(t) = \boxed{4t\vec{i} - 3\vec{j}}$; at time $t = 2$,

accel = $\vec{a}(2) = 8\vec{i} - 3\vec{j}$
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2. Find the velocity and position vectors of a particle given the following information: $\vec{a}(t) = \vec{k}$, $\vec{v}(0) = \vec{i} - \vec{j}$, and $\vec{r}(0) = \vec{0}$.

Solution:

$$\vec{v}(t) = \int \vec{a}(t) dt = t\vec{k} + \vec{C}$$

But, $\vec{i} - \vec{j} = \vec{v}(0) = \vec{C}$, says that $\vec{C} = \vec{i} - \vec{j}$. So,

$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{i} - \vec{j} + t\vec{k}$

Similarly,

$$\vec{r}(t) = \int \vec{v}(t) dt = t\vec{i} - t\vec{j} + \frac{1}{2}t^2\vec{k} + \vec{C}$$

Again, $\vec{0} = \vec{r}(0) = \vec{C}$, so $\vec{C} = \vec{0}$. Thus

$\vec{r}(t) = t\vec{i} - t\vec{j} + \frac{1}{2}t^2\vec{k}$
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3. On back of page 1, make a sketch of the domain of the function: $f(x, y) = \frac{\ln(x^3 - y)}{\sqrt{x}}$.

Solution: Left to the reader, that's you.

4. Argue that $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{3xy}{4x^2 + 5y^2}$ does not exist.

Solution: Approach $(0, 0)$ along two distinct paths. $x = 0$ and $y = x$. Details left to the reader, that's you.

5. Perform the indicated calculations.

(a) $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2y + 4}$, calculate $f_x(-2, 3) =$

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Solution:

$$f_x(x, y) = \frac{2xy}{2\sqrt{x^2y + 4}} = \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2y + 4}}$$

and so $f_x(-2, 3) = -6/4 = -3/2$.

(b) $z = e^{xy} \sin(xy)$, calculate $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} =$

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Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= e^{xy} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \sin(xy) + \frac{\partial e^{xy}}{\partial y} \sin(xy) = xe^{xy} \cos(xy) + xe^{xy} \sin(xy) \\ &= xe^{xy}(\sin(xy) + \cos(xy)) \end{aligned}$$

6. Let $w = f(x, y, z)$ and $\begin{cases} x = g(s, t) \\ y = h(s, t) \\ z = q(s, t) \end{cases}$. Use the *chain rule* to write a formula for $\partial z / \partial t$.

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} =$$

Solution:

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

7. Consider the function $f(x, y) = 3x^4y^2$. Find the *equation* of the *plane tangent* to the graph of $f(x, y)$ at the point on the surface corresponding to $(x, y) = (1, -1)$.

Solution: Preliminary calculations: $f(1, -1) = 3$, $f_x(x, y) = 12x^3y^2$, $f_y(x, y) = 6x^4y$, $f_x(1, -1) = 12$, $f_y(1, -1) = -6$

$$12(x - 1) - 6(y + 1) - (z - 3) = 0$$

$$12x - 6y - z = 15$$

8. Calculate $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$, where $3yz^2 - x = y \sin(xz)$. (Continue on the back of page 1 as needed.)

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} =$$

Solution: Let $F(x, y, z) = 3yz^2 - x - y \sin(xz)$, then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} = -\frac{-1 - yz \cos(xz)}{6yz - xy \cos(xz)} = \frac{1 + yz \cos(xz)}{6yz - xy \cos(xz)}$$

9. Let $f(x, y) = \frac{y}{x+y}$. It is easy to calculate $\nabla f(x, y) = \frac{\langle -y, x \rangle}{(x+y)^2}$. Using this fact, calculate $D_{\vec{u}}f(1, 2)$, where \vec{u} is the direction defined from $P(1, 2)$ to $Q(4, 6)$.

Solution: $\vec{PQ} = \langle 3, 4 \rangle$, now we make this vector into a unit vector $\vec{u} = \frac{1}{5}\langle 3, 4 \rangle$. Also, $\nabla f(1, 2) = \frac{1}{9}\langle -2, 1 \rangle$, and so

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(1, 2) = \nabla f(1, 2) \cdot \vec{u} = \frac{1}{9}\langle -2, 1 \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{5}\langle 3, 4 \rangle = \frac{1}{45}(-6 + 4) = \boxed{-\frac{2}{45}}$$

10. Consider the function $f(x, y) = x^3(2y - 1)^2$.

(a) (4 pts) Calculate the maximum directional derivative of f at the point $(1, 1)$.

Solution: Calculate the gradient first $\nabla f(x, y) = \langle 3x^2(2y - 1)^2, 4x^3(2y - 1) \rangle$; and at $(1, 1)$ we have $\nabla f(1, 1) = \langle 3, 4 \rangle$. The maximal directional derivative is then

$$\max D_{\vec{u}}f(1, 1) = |\nabla f(1, 1)| = |\langle 3, 4 \rangle| = \boxed{5}$$

(b) (3 pts) In what direction is the directional derivative at the point $(1, 1)$ at its maximum? (Leave your answer as a unit vector \vec{u} .)

Solution:

$$\vec{u} = \frac{1}{5}\langle 3, 4 \rangle$$

11. The volume of a cone of radius r and height h is $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$. The radius and height are measured to be $r = 1.3$ and $h = 4.1$, but the values are only accurate to ± 0.1 . Use differentials to estimate the error in the calculation of V .

Solution: $dV = \frac{1}{3}\pi(2rh dr + r^2 dh) = \frac{1}{3}\pi r(2h dr + r dh)$, thus,

$$\begin{aligned} |dV| &\leq \frac{1}{3}\pi(1.3)(2(4.1)(.1) + (1.3)(.1)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{3}\pi(1.3)(2(4.1) + 1.3)(.1) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{3}\pi(1.3)(9.5)(.1) \\ &\leq \boxed{1.293287883333} \end{aligned}$$

12. Consider the equation $x^2z + z^2y^3 = z + 1$.

(a) Find the vector that is normal to the surface at $(1, 1, 1)$.

Solution: Let $F(x, y, z) = x^2z + z^2y^3 - z - 1$, then

$$\nabla F(x, y, z) = \langle 2xz, 3z^2y^2, x^2 + 2zy^3 - 1 \rangle$$

A normal vector is $\vec{n} = \nabla F(1, 1, 1) = \boxed{\langle 2, 3, 2 \rangle}$

(b) Find the equation of the plane tangent to the surface $x^2z + z^2y^3 = z + 1$ at $(1, 1, 1)$.

Solution: From the previous part, a normal vector is $\vec{n} = \nabla F(1, 1, 1) = \boxed{\langle 2, 3, 2 \rangle}$. The plane passes through $(1, 1, 1)$, so, an equation of the tangent plane is...

$$\boxed{2(x - 1) + 3(y - 1) + 2(z - 1) = 0}$$

and this can be put into general form.

13. Let $f(x, y, z) = x^3y^4z^5 + xyz$. Verify that $f_{xxz} = f_{xzx}$.

(a) Calculation of f_{xxz}

Solution: Calculations:

$$f_x = 3x^2y^4z^5 + yz$$

$$f_{xx} = 6xy^4z^5$$

$$f_{xxz} = 30xy^4z^4$$

(b) Calculation of f_{xzx}

Solution: Calculations:

$$f_x = 3x^2y^4z^5 + yz$$

$$f_{xz} = 15x^2y^4z^4 + y$$

$$f_{xzx} = 30xy^4z^4$$

Verified!