

SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

MTS 00033 MULTIVARIATE CALCULUS

ASSIGNMENT 2

Partial Differentiation

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1. Let  $f(x, y) = 2x^2 - xy + 2y^2$ . Using the definition of partial derivatives, evaluate  
(a)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1,2)$  and (b)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(1,2)$ .

2. Let  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-y^2}{x^2+y^2}; & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0; & \text{if } (x, y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$ .

Compute  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0,0)$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0,0)$ .

Is  $f$  continuous at  $(0,0)$ .

3. Let  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2y}{x^2+y^2}; & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0; & \text{if } (x, y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$ .

Compute  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ .

4. Find  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 1)$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 1)$  for

$$f(x, y) = \sin x + y^2 \cos x + y^4 \tan^{-1}(x(y^2 - 1)) \\ + \ln(2e^{\sin x} - 1) \sec xy \tan(y - 1).$$

5. Find the directional derivatives of each of the following functions at the given points:

- i.  $f(x, y, z) = x^2z + y^3z^2 - xyz$  in the direction of  $-\underline{i} + 3\underline{k}$ .  
ii.  $f(x, y, z) = \sin yz + \ln x^2$  at  $(1, 1, \pi)$  in the direction of  $(i + j - k)$ .

6. Let  $f(x, y) = x^3 - 3xy + 4y^2$ . Find directional derivatives of  $f$  at the point  $(1, 1)$  in the direction of  $\underline{u}$ , where  $\underline{u}$  makes a constant angle  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  with the positive  $X$  axis.

7. If  $f(x, y) = x^3 - 3xy + 4y^2$ , find directional derivatives of  $f$  at the point  $(1, 1, 1)$  in the direction of  $\underline{u} = \underline{i} + 2\underline{j} - \underline{k}$ .

8. Find the directional derivative for the function  $f(x, y, z) = xz^2 - 3xy + 2xyz + 5y - 17$  from the point  $(2, -6, 3)$  towards the origin.

9. Let  $f(x, y, z) = xz + e^{y-x^2}$ .

(a) Find the directional derivative of the function  $f$  at the point  $(0, 0, 1)$  in the direction of  $(0, 1, \sqrt{3})$ .

(b) Find the unit vector pointing in the direction along which  $f(x, y, z)$  increases most rapidly at the point  $(0, 0, 1)$ .

10. Suppose that the pressure  $P$  over a surface is given by  $P(x, y, z) = 5x^2 - 3xy + xyz$ .
- Find the rate of pressure changes at  $P(3,4,5)$
  - In which direction does the pressure increases fastest at  $P$ .
  - What is the maximum rate of change of the pressure at  $P$ .
11. Find the tangent plane to  $f(x, y) = x^3y - 3xy^2$  at  $(2, 1)$ .
12. Find  $(x_0, y_0)$  so that the plane tangent to the surface  $z = f(x, y) = x^2 + 3xy - y^2$  at  $(x_0, y_0, f(x_0, y_0))$  is parallel to the plane  $16x - 2y - 2z = 23$ .
13. Find an equation of the tangent plane at  $(1, 3)$  to the graph of  $f(x, y) = xy^2 - xy + 3x^3y$ .
14. Find an equation of the tangent plane at  $(0, 3, -1)$  to the surface  $f(x, y, z) \equiv ze^x + e^{z+1} + xy + y = 3$ .
15. Let  $f(x, y, z) = \sin(3x + yz)$ . Show that  $f_{xxyy} = f_{xyyx}$ .
16. Show that  $u(x, t) = \sin(x + \sin t)$  is a solution to the partial differential equation  $u_t u_{xx} = u_x u_{tx}$ .
17. Consider the function  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^2 + y^2}; & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0; & \text{if } x = 0 = y \end{cases}$ . Show that  $f_{xy}(0, 0) = f_{yx}(0, 0)$  however,  $f_{xy}$  is not continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .