

1. Compute the gradient of the following functions

(a)

$$f(x, y) = (5y^3 + 2x^2y)^8$$

(b)

$$F(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha^2 \ln \alpha^2 + \beta^2$$

(c)

$$G(x, y, z) = e^{xz} \sin y/z$$

(d)

$$S(u, v, w) = u \arctan(u\sqrt{w})$$

2. Compute the all the partial second derivatives of the following functions

(a)

$$f(x, y) = 4x^3 - xy^2$$

(b)

$$f(x, y, z) = x^k y^l z^m$$

(c)

$$z = x^{-2y}$$

(d)

$$v = r \cos(s + 2t)$$

3. Find the linear approximation of the function

$$f(x, y, z) = x^3 \sqrt{y^2 + z^2}$$

at the point $(2, 3, 4)$, and use it to estimate the number $(1.98)^3 \sqrt{(3.01)^2 + (3.97)^2}$

4. If

$$z = y + f(x^2 - y^2), \tag{1}$$

where f is differentiable, show that

$$y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x. \tag{2}$$

5. If $g(s, t) = f(s^2 - t^2, t^2 - s^2)$ and f is differentiable, show that g satisfies

$$t \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} + s \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = 0.$$

6. If $u = x^2 y^3 + z^4$, where $x = p + 3p^2$, $y = pe^p$ and $z = p \sin p$, use the chain rule to compute du/dp .

7. Find the maximum rate of change of $f(x, y) = x^2 y + \sqrt{y}$ at the point $(2, 1)$. In which direction does it occur?

8. If $z = xy + xe^{y/x}$, show that

$$x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = xy + z. \tag{3}$$

9. If $z = \sin(x + \sin t)$, show that

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}. \quad (4)$$

10. If z depends on x and y implicitly following

$$\cos(xyz) = 1 + x^2y^2 + z^2, \quad (5)$$

using implicit differentiation find, $\partial_x z$ and $\partial_y z$.

11. Determine whether the following statements are true or false. If it is true explain why, otherwise find a counterexample.

(a) $f_y(a, b) = \lim_{y \rightarrow b} \frac{f(a, y) - f(a, b)}{y - b}$.

(b) $D_{\hat{\mathbf{k}}} f(x, y, z) = \partial_z f(x, y, z)$.

(c) If $f(x, y) \rightarrow L$ as $(x, y) \rightarrow (a, b)$ along every straight line through (a, b) , then $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (a, b)} f(x, y) = L$.

(d) If $f(x, y) = \ln y$ then $\nabla f = 1/y$.

(e) If $f(x, y) = \sin x + \sin y$, then $-2 \leq D_{\hat{\mathbf{u}}} f(x, y) \leq 2$ for any unitary vector $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$.

12. Find the local minimum and maximum values and the saddle points of the functions

(a) $f(x, y) = x^2 - xy + y^2 + 9x - 6y + 10$

(b) $f(x, y) = x^3 - 6xy + 8y^3$

(c) $f(x, y) = 3xy - x^2y - xy^2$

(d) $f(x, y) = (x^2 + y)e^{y/2}$

13. We want to show that the maximum value of the function

$$f(x, y) = \frac{(ax + by + c)^2}{x^2 + y^2 + 1} \quad (6)$$

is $a^2 + b^2 + c^2$, where we suppose that $c \neq 0$.

(a) Compute the gradient of $f(x, y)$.

(b) (2 points) Show that the gradient is zero if

$$ax + by + c = 0 \quad (7)$$

or if

$$\begin{aligned} ay^2 + a - bxy - cx &= 0, \\ bx^2 + b - axy - cy &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hint: you will need to factorize the expression that you obtained for the partial derivatives.

(c) Check that if

$$ax + by + c = 0 \quad (8)$$

then $f(x, y) = 0$

(d) Check that $x = a/c$ and $y = b/c$ are solution of

$$\begin{aligned} ay^2 + a - bxy - cx &= 0, \\ bx^2 + b - axy - cy &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

(e) Check that $f(a/c, b/c) = a^2 + b^2 + c^2$

(f) Define the following two vectors:

$$\mathbf{u} = \langle a, b, c \rangle \text{ and } \mathbf{v} = \langle x, y, 1 \rangle \quad (9)$$

using that $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = |\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}| \cos \theta$; where θ is the angle between $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$, show that

$$ax + by + c \leq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^{1/2}(x^2 + y^2 + 1^2)^{1/2}. \quad (10)$$

(g) Using the result from the question above show that

$$\frac{(ax + by + c)^2}{x^2 + y^2 + 1} \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \quad (11)$$

(h) Argue, using the properties of the dot product, that the maximum is attained at $x = a/c$ and $y = b/c$