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Problem Set 6

1. Let $u(x, y) = \ln(x^3 + y^3 - x^2y - xy^2)$.

(a) Show that $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{2}{x+y}$.

(b) Show that $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$ is of the form $-\frac{A}{(x+y)^2}$ where A is a constant.

2. Let $f(x, y) = x^2 - 3xy + 4y + 1$.

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

(b) Hence, find the equation of tangent plane of $f(x, y)$ at the point $(1, 1)$.

3. Suppose that all first partial derivatives of the functions $f, g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ exist.

(a) Show that

$$\nabla[f(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{x})] = f(\mathbf{x})\nabla g(\mathbf{x}) + g(\mathbf{x})\nabla f(\mathbf{x}).$$

(b) If $g(\mathbf{x}) \neq 0$, show that

$$\nabla \left[\frac{f(\mathbf{x})}{g(\mathbf{x})} \right] = \frac{g(\mathbf{x})\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x})\nabla g(\mathbf{x})}{[g(\mathbf{x})]^2}.$$

4. Let

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

(a) Show that f is continuous at $(0, 0)$.

(b) Show that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0) = 0$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0) = 0$.

(c) Is f differentiable at $(0, 0)$? Prove your assertion.

5. Let

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{x} + y \sin \frac{1}{y} & \text{if } xy \neq 0; \\ 0 & \text{if } xy = 0. \end{cases}$$

(a) Show that f is continuous at $(0, 0)$.

(b) Show that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0) = 0$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0) = 0$.

(c) Is f differentiable at $(0, 0)$? Prove your assertion.

6. Let

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^3 \sin \frac{1}{x^2} + y^3 \sin \frac{1}{y^2} & \text{if } xy \neq 0; \\ 0 & \text{if } xy = 0. \end{cases}$$

(a) Write down $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ explicitly.

(b) Show that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ are not continuous at $(0, 0)$.

(c) Prove that f differentiable at $(0, 0)$.