

Quiz 5

Problem 1 The maximum rate of change of  $f(x, y) = x^3y^4$  at  $(1, 1)$  is

Max rate of change given by  $\|\nabla f\| = \|\langle 3x^2y^4, 4x^3y^3 \rangle_{(x,y)=(1,1)}\|$   
 $= \|\langle 3, 4 \rangle\|$   
 $= \sqrt{5}$

Problem 2 The directional derivative of the function  $9\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}$  at  $(1, 2, -2)$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{v} = \langle -6, 6, -3 \rangle$  is

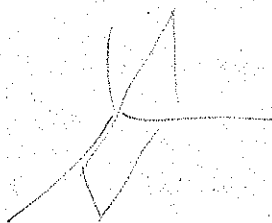
$\nabla f = \left\langle \frac{9x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}, \frac{9y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}, \frac{9z}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}} \right\rangle_{(1,2,-2)} = \left\langle \frac{9}{3}, \frac{18}{3}, \frac{-18}{3} \right\rangle = \langle 3, 6, -6 \rangle$   
 $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{\langle -6, 6, -3 \rangle}{\sqrt{6^2+6^2+3^2}} = \left\langle \frac{-6}{9}, \frac{6}{9}, \frac{-3}{9} \right\rangle = \left\langle -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3} \right\rangle$   
 $\nabla f \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} = \langle 3, 6, -6 \rangle \cdot \left\langle -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3} \right\rangle = -2 + 4 + 2 = 4$

Problem 3 Identify the surface whose equation in spherical coordinates is given by  $\rho = \cos \phi$ .

$\rho = \cos \phi \Rightarrow \rho^2 = \rho \cos \phi \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = z$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + \left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$

sphere of radius  $\frac{1}{2}$  centered at  $(0, 0, \frac{1}{2})$

Problem 4 Let  $C$  be the curve resulting from the intersection of the plane  $y = 2$  with the surface of the function  $f(x, y) = 2x^3 + 3x^2y - 2xy^2$ . Find the slope of the tangent line to  $C$  at the point  $(1, 2, 0)$ .



This is just  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  at  $(1, 2, 0)$ .

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 6x^2 + 6xy - 2y^2$   
 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{(1,2,0)} = 6 + 12 - 8 = 10$

Problem 5 Use the linear approximation of  $f(x, y) = ye^{3x-2y}$  at  $(2, 3)$  to approximate the value of  $f(2.01, 2.99)$ .

$f(2+0.01, 3-0.01) \approx f(2, 3) + f_x(2, 3)(0.01) + f_y(2, 3)(-0.01)$

$f_x = 3ye^{3x-2y}, f_x(2, 3) = 9$   
 $f_y = e^{3x-2y} - 2ye^{3x-2y}, f_y(2, 3) = 1 - 6 = -5$

$= 3 + 9(0.01) - 5(-0.01) = 3.14$