

MATH 241 Calculus III  
Chapter 14 Review  
Multidimensional Differentiation

**14.1 Functions of Several Variables**

Find the specific function value.

1) Find  $f(3, 0, 9)$  when  $f(x, y, z) = 3x^2 + 3y^2 - z^2$ .

Find the domain and range and describe the level curves for the function  $f(x, y)$ .

2)  $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{3x^2 + 10y^2}$

3)  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{25 - x^2 - y^2}$

Find the equation for the level surface of the function through the given point.

4)  $f(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2y}{xz + y^2}$ ,  $(2, 7, 8)$

**14.2 Limits and Continuity**

Find the limit.

5)  $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \sin\left(\frac{x^3 + y^{10}}{x - y + 7}\right)$

6)  $\lim_{\substack{(x, y) \rightarrow (9, 4) \\ y \neq 4}} \frac{xy + 4y - 4x - 16}{y - 4}$

7)  $\lim_{\substack{(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{25}{2}, \frac{25}{2}\right) \\ x + y \neq 25}} \frac{x + y - 25}{\sqrt{x + y} - 5}$

At what points is the given function continuous?

8)  $f(x, y) = \frac{xy}{x + y}$

**Determine whether the statement is true or false.**

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

### 14.3 Partial Derivatives

Find all the first order partial derivatives for the following function.

10)  $f(x, y) = (3x^4y^5 + 7)^2$

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11)  $f(x, y, z) = xz\sqrt{x + y}$

**Provide an appropriate response.**

12) Suppose  $f$  is defined on a disk  $D$  that contains the point  $(a, b)$ . If the functions  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are both continuous on  $D$ , then what does Clairaut's Theorem conclude?

13) Write the limit definition for  $f_x(a, b)$  and  $f_y(a, b)$ .

**Determine whether the statement is true or false.**

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

15)  $f_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$

Solve the problem.

16) The Van der Waals equation provides an approximate model for the behavior of real gases. The equation is  $P(V, T) = \frac{RT}{V - b} - \frac{a}{V^2}$ , where  $P$  is pressure,  $V$  is volume,  $T$  is Kelvin temperature, and  $a, b$ , and  $R$  are constants. Find the partial derivative of the function with respect to each variable.

Find all the second order partial derivatives of the given function.

17)  $f(x, y) = \cos(xy^2)$

### 14.4 Tangent Planes and Linear Approximations

Solve the problem.

18) Find the equation for the tangent plane to the surface  $z = 2x^2 - 4y^2$  at the point  $(2, 1, 4)$ .

Find the linear approximation of the function at the given point.

19)  $f(x, y) = 7x^2 - 3y^2 - 5$  at  $(-2, 2)$

## 14.5 Chain Rule

Solve the problem.

20) Evaluate  $\frac{dw}{dt}$  at  $t = \frac{1}{2}\pi$  for the function  $w(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 + 8x$ ;  $x = \cos t$ ,  $y = \sin t$ .

Solve the problem.

21) Evaluate  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  at  $(x, y, z) = (1, 2, 1)$  for the function  $u(p, q, r) = p^2 - q^2 - r$ ;  $p = xy$ ,  $q = y^2$ ,  $r = xz$ .

Write a chain rule formula for the following derivative.

22)  $\frac{dw}{dt}$  for  $w = f(p, q, r)$ ;  $p = g(t)$ ,  $q = h(t)$ ,  $r = k(t)$

23)  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  for  $u = f(p, q)$ ;  $p = g(x, y, z)$ ,  $q = h(x, y, z)$

Use implicit differentiation to find the specified derivative at the given point.

24) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at the point  $(2, 1)$  for  $\ln x + xy^2 + \ln y = 0$ .

25) Find  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial z}$  at the point  $(1, 3, 2)$  for  $\frac{5}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} + \frac{3}{z^2} = 0$ .

Solve the problem.

26) A simple electrical circuit consists of a resistor connected between the terminals of a battery. The voltage  $V$  (in volts) is dropping as the battery wears out. At the same time, the resistance  $R$  (in ohms) is increasing as the resistor heats up. The power  $P$  (in watts) dissipated by the circuit is given by  $P = \frac{V^2}{R}$ . Use the equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \frac{dV}{dt} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial R} \frac{dR}{dt}$$

to find how much the power is changing at the instant when  $R = 2$  ohms,  $V = 2$  volts,  $dR/dt = 0.05$  ohms/sec and  $dV/dt = -0.04$  volts/sec.

## 14.6 Directional Derivatives and Gradient Vector

Compute the gradient of the function at the given point.

27)  $f(x, y) = \ln(10x - 9y)$ ,  $(8, 4)$

Find the derivative of the function at the given point in the direction of  $A$ .

28)  $f(x, y) = 4x^2 - 3y$ ,  $(-4, -10)$ ,  $A = 3i - 4j$

Provide an appropriate response.

29) Find the unit vector in the direction that the function is increasing most rapidly at the point  $P_0$ .

$$f(x, y, z) = xy - \ln(z), P_0(1, 2, 2)$$

30) Write the limit definition of the directional derivative of  $f$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$  in the direction of unit vector  $\mathbf{u} = \langle a, b \rangle$ .

Solve the problem.

31) Find the derivative of the function  $f(x, y) = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$  at the point  $(6, -6)$  in the direction in which the function increases most rapidly.

32) Find the derivative of the function  $f(x, y, z) = \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}$  at the point  $(-5, 5, -5)$  in the direction in which the function decreases most rapidly.

33) Find the equations of the tangent plane and the normal line to  $xy^2z^3 = 8$  at  $(2, 2, 1)$ .

## Answer Key

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- 1) -54
- 2) Domain: all points in the  $xy$ -plane except  $(0, 0)$ ; range: real numbers  $> 0$ ; level curves: ellipses  
 $3x^2 + 10y^2 = c$
- 3) Domain: all points in the  $xy$ -plane satisfying  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 25$ ; range: real numbers  $0 \leq z \leq 5$ ; level curves: circles with centers at  $(0, 0)$  and radii  $r$ ,  $0 < r \leq 5$
- 4)  $\frac{28}{65} = \frac{x^2 y}{xz + y^2}$
- 5) 0
- 6) 13
- 7) 10
- 8) All  $(x, y)$  such that  $x \neq -y$
- 9) False
- 10)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 24x^3 y^5 (3x^4 y^5 + 7)$ ;  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 30x^4 y^4 (3x^4 y^5 + 7)$
- 11)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = z \left( \sqrt{x+y} + \frac{x}{2\sqrt{x+y}} \right)$ ;  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{xz}{2\sqrt{x+y}}$ ;  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = x\sqrt{x+y}$
- 12)  $f_{xy}(a,b) = f_{yx}(a,b)$
- 13)  $f_x(a,b) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h,b) - f(a,b)}{h}$ ,  $f_y(a,b) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a,b+h) - f(a,b)}{h}$
- 14) True
- 15) False
- 16)  $P_V = \frac{2a}{V^3} - \frac{RT}{(V-b)^2}$ ;  $P_T = \frac{R}{V-b}$
- 17)  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = -y^4 \cos xy^2$ ;  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -2x[2xy^2 \cos(xy^2) + \sin(xy^2)]$ ;  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = -2y[xy^2 \cos(xy^2) + \sin(xy^2)]$
- 18)  $8x - 8y - z = 4$
- 19)  $L(x, y) = -28x - 12y - 21$
- 20) -8
- 21) 7
- 22)  $\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial p} \frac{dp}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial q} \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} \frac{dr}{dt}$
- 23)  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial q} \frac{\partial q}{\partial x}$
- 24)  $-\frac{3}{10}$
- 25)  $-\frac{81}{8}$
- 26) -0.13 watts

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$$27) \frac{5}{22}i - \frac{9}{44}j$$

$$28) -\frac{84}{5}$$

$$29) \frac{1}{\sqrt{21}}(4i + 2j - k)$$

$$30) D_u(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + ha, y_0 + hb) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

$$31) \frac{\sqrt{2}}{12}$$

$$32) -\frac{2}{5}\sqrt{2}$$

$$33) x + 2y + 6z = 12; x - 2 = \frac{y - 2}{2} = \frac{z - 1}{6}$$