

Home Assignment 1 - Multivariable calculus, 2008.

Deadline: 23.09.2008.

1. Calculate the following limit (or show that it does not exist)

$$(a) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sin(2x^2 + 2y^2)}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 1} - 1}. \quad (1/4 \text{ p})$$

$$(b) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,2)} \frac{\ln(1 + x^4 - y^4)}{x^2 - y^2}. \quad (1/4 \text{ p})$$

2. The functions $f(x, y) = x^y$, $u(x, y) = x + \ln y$, $v(x, y) = x - \ln y$ are given. A new function is defined as $g(u, v) = f(x(u, v), y(u, v))$.

$$\text{Calculate } \frac{\partial g(2, 2)}{\partial u} \text{ and } \frac{\partial g(2, 2)}{\partial v}. \quad (1/2 \text{ p})$$

3. An heat-sensitive insect is roaming the region $D : 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1$. The velocity of the insect, \mathbf{v} , is at all times in the direction in which the temperature $T(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$ increases most rapidly. Furthermore, the speed $v = |\mathbf{v}|$ is proportional to the maximum rate of change of T with a constant of proportionality $k = \frac{1}{10}$.

Assume that the insect is observed at the point $(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{4}{5})$ at the time $t = 0$.

Where and when does the insect leave D ? (1/2 p)

Reference: E/P 13.8 ('Directional Derivative').

4. The equation $e^{x+y+z} + z - x - y - xy = 1$ implicitly defines a function $z = f(x, y)$ for which $f(0, 0) = 0$. Show that $(0, 0)$ is a critical point. Also determine whether this point is a (local) extremum. (1/2 p)

Reference: E/P 13.10.