

Annie's Survival Kit 4 - Math 324

1. (10 points) Let $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 + 4xy$. Recall that $D_{\hat{\mathbf{u}}}f = \frac{df}{ds|_{\hat{\mathbf{u}}}} = \nabla f \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}$ and $\nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle$.
 - (a) (3 points) In which direction does f **decrease** the fastest at $(2, 1)$?
 - (b) (1 point) For which unit vector does f **increase** the fastest at $(2, 1)$?
 - (c) (3 points) What is the rate of change of f at $(2, 1)$ in the direction of the fastest **decrease**?
 - (d) (3 points) Find all points at which the direction of fastest change of f is the same as in (a).
2. (10 points) Let $u = x^2 + y^2$, $v = \frac{y}{x}$ and $f = f(u, v)$.
 - (a) (7 points) Express $xf_x + yf_y$ in terms of f_u , f_v , u and v .
 - (b) (3 points) Find $xf_x + yf_y$ when $f(u, v) = u^3$.
3. (10 points)
 - (a) (6 points) Find the tangent plane on $z = 2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ at the point $(1, -1, \sqrt{8})$.
 - (b) (2 points) Is $(6, -8, -5)$ a normal vector for the tangent plane at some point of this surface? (Hint: the length and direction of the normal are irrelevant; only its orientation matters.) If so, find all such points on the surface. Otherwise, explain why.
 - (c) (2 points) Is $(1, 1, 1)$ a normal vector for the tangent plane at some point of this surface? (Hint: the length and direction of the normal are irrelevant; only its orientation matters.) If so, find all such points on the surface. Otherwise, explain why.