

## Problem Set IV Solutions

1. §9.2 7.

Let  $f(x, y) = z = e^{3xy}$  and let  $P$  be the point of coordinates  $(1, -2, e^{-6})$ . The vector  $\vec{N}_P = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_P \hat{i} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_P \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is normal to the graph of the surface. Differentiating we get  $\vec{N}_P = 6e^{-6} \hat{i} - 3e^{-6} \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ . Hence the equation of the plane tangent to the surface is  $6e^{-6}x - 3e^{-6}y + z = a$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $P$  is in this plane,  $a = 13e^{-6}$ . Hence the equation of the plane is  $6e^{-6}x - 3e^{-6}y + z = 13e^{-6}$ .

2. §9.2 8.

Let  $x, y$ , and  $z$  be the dimensions of the box, so that  $x = 3 \pm 0.01, y = 4 \pm 0.01$ , and  $z = 12 \pm 0.03$ . Let  $P$  be the point of coordinates  $(3, 4, 12)$ . The length of the interior diagonal is given by the function  $f(x, y, z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ . The partial derivatives of  $f$  are:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$ , and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$ . Hence the length of the interior diagonal is  $f(3, 4, 12) = 13$  cm, and the possible error is  $\Delta f_{app} = \pm 0.01 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_P \pm 0.01 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_P \pm 0.03 \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}|_P = \pm \frac{43}{13} 0.01$ .

3. §9.4 9.

Let  $P$  be the point of coordinates  $(1, 1, 0)$  and let  $\vec{G}_P = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_P \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_P \hat{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}|_P \hat{k}$ . From the given directional derivatives, it follows that  $\vec{G}_P \cdot \hat{k} = 1$ ,  $\vec{G}_P \cdot \left(\frac{-\hat{j}-\hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \sqrt{2}$  and  $\vec{G}_P \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{i}+\hat{j}+\hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 0$ . Hence  $\vec{G}_P \cdot \left(\frac{-\hat{i}-\hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ , so  $\frac{df}{ds} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$  at point  $P = (1, 1, 0)$  in the direction towards  $(0, 0, 0)$ .

4. §9.6 6.

The partial derivatives of  $f$  are  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = y^3 - ze^{xz}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 3xy^2 + z^2$ , and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = -xe^{xz} + 2yz$ . The unit tangent vector to  $\vec{R}(t)$  is  $\hat{T}(t) = \frac{\hat{i}+2t\hat{j}+2t\hat{k}}{\sqrt{1+8t^2}}$ . Hence  $\hat{T}(1) = \frac{\hat{i}+2\hat{j}+2\hat{k}}{3}$ . So the directional derivative of  $f$  in the direction given by  $\hat{T}(1)$  is  $\frac{df}{ds} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{k}\right) \cdot \hat{T}(1) = \frac{y^3}{3} + 2xy^2 + \frac{2}{3}z^2 + \frac{4}{3}yz - \frac{z+2x}{3}e^{xz}$ .

5. §10.2 4.

(a)  $(\frac{\partial z}{\partial u})_{v,w} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} = 2xvw + 2y(v+w).$

(b) If  $u = 1, v = 2,$  and  $w = 3,$  then  $x = 6$  and  $y = 11.$

Hence  $(\frac{\partial z}{\partial u})_{v,w} = 182.$

6. §10.2 6.

(a)  $\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = e^{2x+3y} (\frac{2}{t} \cos 4z + \frac{6t}{t^2+1} \cos 4z - 4 \sin 4z).$

(b) If  $t = \pi,$  then  $x = \ln \pi, y = \ln(\pi^2 + 1), z = \pi,$  and  $w = \pi^2(\pi^2 + 1)^3.$

7. §10.2 9.

Let  $Q = (1, 2)$  and  $P = (g(1, 2), h(1, 2)) = (3, 5).$

(a) We cannot find  $f(3, 5)$  with the given information.

(b) For  $x = 1$  and  $y = 2,$   $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \Big|_y = \frac{\partial w}{\partial u} \Big|_P \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_Q + \frac{\partial w}{\partial v} \Big|_P \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \Big|_Q = f_u(P)g_x(Q) + f_v(P)h_x(Q) = 27.$

(c) For  $x = 1$  and  $y = 2,$   $\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \Big|_x = \frac{\partial w}{\partial u} \Big|_P \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_Q + \frac{\partial w}{\partial v} \Big|_P \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \Big|_Q = f_u(P)g_y(Q) + f_v(P)h_y(Q) = -31.$

8. §10.5 1.

The rate at which the temperature is increasing is given by

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = T_x \frac{dx}{dt} + T_y \frac{dy}{dt} + T_z \frac{dz}{dt} + T \frac{dt}{dt} = T_x x'(t) + T_y y'(t) + T_z z'(t) + T_t.$$

9. §10.5 2.

$$\frac{dw}{dx} = \frac{dw}{du} \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dw}{dv} \frac{dv}{dx} = f_u h_x + f_v g_x$$

10. §10.5 6.

Using the result from the previous problem,  $\frac{dw}{dx} = f_u h_x + f_v g_x = 2vu - 2u.$

If  $x = 0,$  then  $u = 2$  and  $v = 0,$  so  $\frac{dw}{dx} = -4.$

11. § 10.5 10.

(a)  $(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x})_y = f_x \frac{dx}{dx} + f_y \frac{dy}{dx} + f_z \frac{dz}{dx} = f_x + f_z g_x$

(b) If  $w = f(x, y, z) = xy + yz + zx$  and  $z = g(x, y) = xy$ , then  $f_x = y + z$ ,  $f_z = x + y$ , and  $g_x = y$ . Hence  $(\frac{dw}{dx})_y = y + z + (x + y)y = y + 2xy + y^2$ . Now let us check the result:  $w = xy + yz + zx = xy + xy^2 + x^2y$ , so  $\frac{dw}{dx} = y + 2xy + y^2$ .