

Quiz 10
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1. (5 points) For a differentiable function $g(t) = f(x(t), y(t))$ with $f(x, y) = 10x^{1/4}y^{3/4}$, $x(t) = te^t$ and $y(t) = t^2$, use the **chain rule** to find $g'(t)$.

$$g'(t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$f(x, y) = 10x^{1/4}y^{3/4}$$

$$f_x = 10y^{3/4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} x^{-3/4}$$

$$f_y = 10x^{1/4} \cdot \frac{3}{4} y^{-1/4}$$

$$x(t) = te^t, \quad x'(t) = e^t + te^t = (1+t)e^t$$

$$y(t) = t^2, \quad y'(t) = 2t$$

$$g'(t) = \frac{10}{4} x^{-3/4} y^{3/4} (1+t)e^t + \frac{30}{4} x^{1/4} y^{-1/4} (2t)$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} (te^t)^{-3/4} (t^2)^{3/4} (1+t)e^t + \frac{15}{2} (te^t)^{1/4} (t^2)^{-1/4}$$

2. (5 points) Suppose that $g(u, v) = f(x(u, v), y(u, v))$, where f is a differentiable function of x and y and where $x = x(u, v)$ and $y = y(u, v)$ both have first-order partial derivatives. Given that

$$x_u(1, 2) = 0, \quad y_u(1, 2) = 3, \quad x(1, 2) = 5, \quad f_x(5, 6) = 7,$$

$$x_v(1, 2) = 1, \quad y_v(1, 2) = 4, \quad y(1, 2) = 6, \quad f_y(5, 6) = 8$$

use the **chain rule** to find $g_v(1, 2)$.

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial v}(u, v) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x(u, v), y(u, v)) \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}(u, v) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x(u, v), y(u, v)) \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}(u, v)$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial v}(1, 2) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x(1, 2), y(1, 2)) \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}(1, 2) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x(1, 2), y(1, 2)) \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}(1, 2)$$

$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(5, 6) \cdot 1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(5, 6) \cdot 4$$

$$= 7 \cdot 1 + 8 \cdot 4 = 39$$

3. (5 pts) Given that $f(x, y) = 2x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 9$, compute the directional derivative of f at $(1, 2)$ in the direction of the vector $\langle \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rangle$

$$\vec{u} = \langle \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rangle, \quad \|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{(\frac{1}{2})^2 + (\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})^2} = 1 \quad D_{\vec{u}} f(1, 2)$$

$$D_{\vec{u}} f = \nabla f \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$\nabla f = \langle 4x+2, 2y \rangle$$

$$\nabla f(1, 2) = \langle 6, 4 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 6, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rangle$$

$$= 3 + 2\sqrt{3}$$

4. (5 pts) Find the critical points of $f(x, y) = 2x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 9$.

$$\nabla f = \langle 4x+2, 2y \rangle$$

$$\nabla f = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 4x+2=0 \\ y=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}, y = 0$$

critical point $(-\frac{1}{2}, 0)$

extra: $f_{xx} = 4$
 $f_{xy} = 0$
 $f_{yy} = 2$

$$D \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 8 > 0 \Rightarrow (-\frac{1}{2}, 0) \text{ is a local min.}$$

In fact, $(-\frac{1}{2}, 0)$ is the abs. min