

**M20550 Calculus III Tutorial  
Worksheet 5**

1. Find  $\frac{dz}{dt}$  when  $t = 2$ , where  $z = x^2 + y^2 - 2xy$ ,  $x = \ln(t - 1)$  and  $y = e^{-t}$ .
2. (a) Let  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 - yz$ . If  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle$ , find the directional derivative of  $f$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{v}$  at the point  $(1, 2, 3)$ .  
 (b) Interpret your result in part (a) by filling in the blanks and circling the correct word of the statement below:  
 At the point \_\_\_\_\_, the value of the function  $f$  is *increasing* / *decreasing* at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ as we move in the direction given by the vector \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Let  $f(x, y) = \ln(xy)$ . Find the maximum rate of change of  $f$  at  $(1, 2)$  and the direction in which it occurs.
4. If  $h = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  and  $y \cos z + z \cos x = 0$ , find  $\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$  assuming that  $x$  and  $y$  are the independent variables.
5. A cylinder containing an incompressible fluid is being squeezed from both ends. If the length of the cylinder is *decreasing* at a rate of 3m/s, calculate the rate at which the radius is changing when the radius is 2m and the length is 1m. (Note: An incompressible fluid is a fluid whose volume does not change.)
6. Let  $r = r(x, y)$ ,  $x = x(s, t)$ , and  $y = y(t)$ . Given that

$$\begin{aligned} x(1, 0) &= 2, & x_s(1, 0) &= -1, & x_t(1, 0) &= 7, \\ y(0) &= 3, & y(1) &= 0 & y'(0) &= 4, \\ r(2, 3) &= -1, & r_x(2, 3) &= 3, & r_y(2, 3) &= 5, \\ r_x(1, 0) &= 6, & r_y(1, 0) &= -2, \end{aligned}$$

calculate  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial t}$  at  $s = 1, t = 0$ .

7. Suppose that over a certain region of space the electrical potential  $V$  is given by

$$V(x, y, z) = 5x^2 - 3xy + xyz.$$

- (a) Find the rate of change of the potential at  $P(1, 1, 0)$  in the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ .
  - (b) In which direction does  $V$  decrease most rapidly at  $P$ ?
  - (c) What is the maximum rate of change at  $P$ ?
8. Find **all** points at which the direction of fastest change of the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y$  is  $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ .

9. (a) Find an equation for the tangent line (in vector or parametric form) at the point  $(2, 2, 1)$  to the curve of intersection of the two surfaces  $g(x, y, z) = 2x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 = 17$  and  $h(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - 3z^2 = 5$ .
- (b) Suppose  $f(x, y, z)$  is a function with  $\nabla f = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$  at the point  $(2, 2, 1)$ . Starting at  $(2, 2, 1)$ , which direction should one travel along the curve of intersection in order to increase  $f$ ? (*Note: You can give a tangent vector to the curve at  $(2, 2, 1)$  that points in the desired direction.*)