

Exam II

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Instructions: Give concise answers, but clearly indicate your reasoning. Do not simplify the answers unless you find yourself with enough time at the end.

I. Calculate the following.

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1. $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\int_y^{x^2} e^{-t^2} dt \right)$

2. $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\int_y^{x^2} e^{-t^2} dt \right)$

3. $f_{tx}(x, y, z, t)$ if $f_x(x, y, z, t) = \frac{1}{x^2 y^2 z^2 t^2}$

4. df if $f(x, y, z) = x^3 y z$

II. Clairaut's Theorem tells us there is no function $g(x, y)$ for which $\nabla g = 2x \sin(y)\vec{i} + ye^x \vec{j}$. Explain why.

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III. Let $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^3$.

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1. Find the maximum directional rate of change at $(x, y, z) = (-2, 0, 1)$.

2. Find the rate of change at $(x, y, z) = (-1, -1, -2)$ in the direction $2\vec{i} - \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$.

3. Write an equation for the tangent plane to the level surface through $(-2, 0, 1)$.

IV. Let $f(x, y)$ be a differentiable function of x and y .

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(a) Use the Chain Rule to calculate $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}$, where θ is the polar angle. Express $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}$ purely in terms of x , y , $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ (that is, without using r or θ).

(b) In the case of $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$, the formula should give $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} = 0$. Why is the fact that $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(x^2 + y^2) = 0$ geometrically obvious without doing any calculations at all?

V. (a) Define the *graph* of a function $f(x, y)$ of two variables.

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(b) For a certain function $f(x, y)$, $f(1, 4) = 5$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(1, 4) = 3$. Let L be the line tangent to the graph of f at the point $(1, 4, 5)$ and lying in the plane $x = 1$. Tell a direction vector for L .

VI. Suppose that $\vec{T}(t)$ is the unit tangent vector to some curve. Show that $\vec{T}'(t)$ is orthogonal (that is, perpendicular) to $\vec{T}(t)$.

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VII. For the vector-valued function $\vec{r}(t) = 4 \cos(t/2)\vec{i} + 4 \sin(t/2)\vec{j}$, the velocity is $\vec{v}(t) = -2 \sin(t/2)\vec{i} + 2 \cos(t/2)\vec{j}$.
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- (a) Draw a large graph showing the curve traced out by $\vec{r}(t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq 3\pi$.
- (b) Calculate the velocity and speed, and draw the velocity vectors for $t = \pi$ and $t = 1$, showing with reasonable accuracy their locations and lengths.
- (c) Calculate $\|\vec{T}'(t)\|/(ds/dt)$.
- (d) Calculate the tangential component of the vectors $\vec{w}(t) = -3\vec{i}$.

VIII. A particle moves with acceleration $2t\vec{i} - 12t\vec{j}$. At time $t = 0$, it is located at $(0, 1, 0)$ and is moving with
(4) velocity \vec{k} . Find its position function $\vec{r}(t)$.