

1) Find the directional derivative of f at the given point in the direction indicated by the angle θ .

a) $f(x, y) = x^2y^3 - y^4$, $(2, 1)$, $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$

b) $f(x, y) = x \sin(xy)$, $(2, 0)$, $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$

2) Find the directional derivative of the function at the given point in the direction of the vector \vec{v} .

a) $f(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$, $(2, 1)$, $\vec{v} = \langle -1, 2 \rangle$

b) $f(x, y, z) = \frac{x}{y+z}$, $(4, 1, 1)$, $\vec{v} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$

3) Find the directional derivative of the function $g(x, y, z) = xye^z$ at $P(2, 4, 0)$ in the direction of $Q(0, 0, 0)$.

4) Given the function $f(x, y) = y \ln x$, $P(1, -3)$, and $\vec{u} = \left\langle -\frac{4}{5}, \frac{3}{5} \right\rangle$ find the following:

a) The gradient of f .

b) The gradient at the point P .

c) The rate of change of f at P in the direction of the vector \vec{u} .

5) Find the maximum rate of change of f at the given point and the direction in which it occurs.

a) $f(x, y) = \frac{y^2}{x}, (2, 4)$

b) $f(x, y, z) = \tan(x + 2y + 3z), (-5, 1, 1)$

6) Find the directions in which the directional derivative of $f(x, y) = x^2 + \sin xy$ at the point $(1, 0)$ has the value 1.

7) Find all points at which the direction of fastest change of the function $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y$ is $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$.

8) 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 $P(3, 4, 5)$ in the direction of the vector $\vec{v} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$.

b) In which direction does V change most rapidly at P ?

c) What is the maximum rate of change at P ?

9) If $f(x, y) = x^2 + 4y^2$, find the gradient vector $\nabla f(2,1)$ and use it to find the tangent line to the level curve $f(x, y) = 8$ at the point $(2,1)$.

10) If $g(x, y) = x - y^2$, find the gradient vector $\nabla g(3,-1)$ and use it to find the tangent line to the level curve $g(x, y) = 2$ at the point $(3,1)$.