

# KEY

1. (5 points) Calculate  $\frac{dz}{dt}$ , where

$$z = f(x, y) = x^2 - xy + y^2$$
$$x = e^t, y = e^{-t}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{dz}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dz}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = 2x - y \quad \frac{dz}{dy} = 2y - x$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = (2x - y)e^t - (2y - x)e^{-t}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = e^t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -e^{-t}$$

\* need to have  $x, y$  in terms of  $t$ :

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = (2e^t - e^{-t})e^t - (2e^{-t} - e^t)e^{-t}$$

$$= 2e^{2t} - e^0 - 2e^{-2t} + e^0$$

$$= 2(e^{2t} - e^{-2t})$$

← this would get full credit on a quiz, but best to simplify whenever you can (especially on a test)

2. (5 points) Find the maximum rate of change of  $f(x, y, z) = 3xyz$  at  $(1, 0, 4)$  and the direction in which it occurs.

$$\nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y, f_z \rangle$$

$$\nabla f = \langle 3yz, 3xz, 3xy \rangle$$

$$\nabla f(1, 0, 4) = \langle 0, 12, 0 \rangle$$

$$|\nabla f(1, 0, 4)| = |\langle 0, 12, 0 \rangle| = \sqrt{0^2 + 12^2 + 0^2} = 12$$

∴ the max. rate of change is 12 in the direction  $\langle 0, 12, 0 \rangle$

\* If you gave the unit direction vector

$$\frac{1}{12} \langle 0, 12, 0 \rangle = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle \quad \text{that is also correct, just}$$

not necessary for this problem.