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Quiz 6

You must show all work to receive full credit!!

Problem 1. (6 pts) Let $f(x, y) = xy^2 - xy + 3x^3y$.

(a) Find an equation of the tangent plane to $f(x, y)$ at the point $(1, 3)$.

$$f_x = y^2 - y + 9x^2y \big|_{(1,3)} = 3^2 - 3 + 9 \cdot 1^2 \cdot 3 = 9 - 3 + 27 = 33$$

$$f_y = 2xy - x + 3x^3 \big|_{(1,3)} = 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 - 1 + 3 \cdot 1^3 = 6 - 1 + 3 = 8$$

$$f(1, 3) = 1 \cdot 3^2 - 1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 1^3 \cdot 3 = 9 - 3 + 9 = 15, \text{ so}$$

$$z = f(1, 3) + f_x(1, 3)(x-1) + f_y(1, 3)(y-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{z = 15 + 33(x-1) + 8(y-3)} \quad \text{or} \quad 33x + 8y - z = 42$$

(b) Calculate the directional derivative of $f(x, y)$ in the direction of $\mathbf{v} = \langle -1, 5 \rangle$ at the point $(1, 3)$.

$$D_{\vec{v}} f(1, 3) = \frac{\nabla f(1, 3) \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{\langle 33, 8 \rangle \cdot \langle -1, 5 \rangle}{\sqrt{26}} = \frac{-33 + 40}{\sqrt{26}} = \boxed{\frac{7}{\sqrt{26}}}$$

$$\nabla f(1, 3) = \langle 33, 8 \rangle \text{ from part (a)}$$

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{1+25} = \sqrt{26}$$

Problem 2. (4 pts) Let $g(x, y) = (x - y)e^x$, $x = u - v$, $y = u + v$. Use the chain rule to evaluate the partial derivative $\frac{\partial g}{\partial v}$ at the point $(x, y) = (1, 4)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g}{\partial v} &= \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} = (e^x + (x-y)e^x)(-1) + (-e^x)(1) \\ &= -e^x - (x-y)e^x - e^x = -2e^x - (x-y)e^x \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{\partial g}{\partial v} \right|_{(1,4)} = -2e^1 - (1-4)e^1 = -2e + (+3)e = \boxed{e}$$