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1. Suppose $f(x, y, z) = x^2yz - xyz^5$.
(i) Find the gradient of f . (1.5 points)

$$f_x = 2xyz - yz^5, \quad f_y = x^2z - xz^5, \quad f_z = x^2y - 5xyz^4$$

$$\text{So } \nabla f = \langle 2xyz - yz^5, x^2z - xz^5, x^2y - 5xyz^4 \rangle$$

- (ii) Evaluate the gradient of f at the point $(3, -1, 1)$. (0.5 points)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_x(3, -1, 1) &= 2(3)(-1)(1) - (-1)(1)^5 = -6 + 1 = -5 \\ f_y(3, -1, 1) &= (3)^2(1) - (3)(1)^5 = 9 - 3 = 6 \\ f_z(3, -1, 1) &= (3)^2(-1) - 5(3)(-1)(1)^4 = -9 + 15 = 6 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \nabla f(3, -1, 1) = \langle -5, 6, 6 \rangle$$

- (iii) Determine the rate of change of f at $(3, -1, 1)$ in the direction of $v = \langle 0, 4, -3 \rangle$. (2 points)

$$u = \frac{v}{|v|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{0^2 + 4^2 + 3^2}} \langle 0, 4, -3 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{25}} \langle 0, 4, -3 \rangle = \left\langle 0, \frac{4}{5}, -\frac{3}{5} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{So } D_u f(3, -1, 1) = \langle -5, 6, 6 \rangle \cdot \left\langle 0, \frac{4}{5}, -\frac{3}{5} \right\rangle = 6 \left(\frac{4}{5} - \frac{3}{5} \right) = \boxed{\frac{6}{5}}$$

2. Find equations of the tangent plane and normal line to the surface $x + y + z = 3e^{xyz}$ at the point $(0, 0, 3)$. (4 points)

$$\text{Let } F(x, y, z) = x + y + z - 3e^{xyz} = 0. \text{ Then}$$

$$\nabla F = \langle 1 - 3yz e^{xyz}, 1 - 3xz e^{xyz}, 1 - 3xy e^{xyz} \rangle$$

$$\nabla F(0, 0, 3) = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$$

Tangent plane: $\nabla F(0, 0, 3) \cdot \langle x - 0, y - 0, z - 3 \rangle = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{x + y + z = 3}$$

Normal line: As $\nabla F(0, 0, 3) \perp$ to plane, the direction of normal line is $\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$. So

$$\boxed{\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 3 \rangle + t \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle}$$

Problem References:

1. MAC2313 L15 HW Assignment Problem #10. Answer: (i) $\nabla f = \langle 2xyz - yz^5, x^2z - xz^5, x^2y - 5xyz^4 \rangle$. (ii) $\langle -5, 6, 6 \rangle$. (iii) $\frac{6}{5}$.
2. MAC2313 L16 HW Assignment Problem #4 and L16 NYTI #1. Answer: Tangent plane: $x + y + z = 3$. Normal line: $(t, t, t + 3)$