

Q5a:

We first begin by finding an upper bound for $\frac{\|f(h,k)\|}{\|(h,k)\|}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\|f(h,k)\|}{\|(h,k)\|} \\
 &= \frac{\|f(\sum_{i=1}^n h_i e_i, k)\|}{\|(h,k)\|} \quad (\text{expressing } h \text{ as the sum of its components}) \\
 &= \frac{\|\sum_{i=1}^n h_i f(e_i, k)\|}{\|(h,k)\|} \quad (\text{by linearity in the first slot}) \\
 &\leq \frac{\|\sum_{i=1}^n h_i f(e_i, k)\|}{\|h\|} \quad (\text{since norm of } (h,k) \text{ is at least norm of } h) \\
 &\leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \|h_i f(e_i, k)\|}{\|h\|} \quad (\text{by triangle inequality}) \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |h_i| \|f(e_i, k)\|}{\|h\|} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \|h\| \|f(e_i, k)\|}{\|h\|} \quad (\text{since } |x_i| \leq \|x\|) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \|f(e_i, k)\|
 \end{aligned}$$

So we have that

$$\frac{\|f(h,k)\|}{\|(h,k)\|} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|f(e_i, k)\|$$

Applying the limit as $(h,k) \rightarrow 0$ to both sides we get that $\lim_{(h,k) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(h,k)\|}{\|(h,k)\|} = 0$. ■

5b:

We want to check if in fact $Df(a,b)(x,y) = f(a,y) + f(x,b)$ is the differential of f at (a,b) . We can check using Spivak's definition of differentiability. That is if $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(a+h) - f(a) - Df(a,b)h\|}{\|h\|} = 0$ then f will be differentiable.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(a+x, b+y) - f(a,b) - f(a,y) - f(x,b)\|}{\|(x,y)\|} \\
 &= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(a,b) + f(a,y) + f(x,b) + f(x,y) - f(a,b) - f(a,y) - f(x,b)\|}{\|(x,y)\|} \quad (\text{by bilinearity of } f) \\
 &= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(x,y)\|}{\|(x,y)\|} \\
 &= 0 \quad (\text{by 5a})
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, f is differentiable with $Df(a,b)(x,y) = f(a,y) + f(x,b)$

5c: Let $p(x,y) = xy$. This is bilinear, by the properties of multiplication of real numbers. According to the result from 5b, $Dp(a,b)(x,y) = p(a,y) + p(x,b) = ay + bx$, which is exactly what we proved in class.