

## Vector Calculus

1. For the following, calculate the gradient of  $f$  with respect of its input, i.e., compute  $Df$ :
  - a.  $f(x, y, z) = 4x^3y^2 - e^z y^4 + \frac{z^3}{x^2} + 4y - x^{16}$
  - b.  $f(u, v, p, t) = 8u^2t^3p - \sqrt{v}p^{\frac{3}{2}}t^{-5} + 2u^2t + 3p^4 - v$
2. Compute the derivative  $\frac{df \circ u(x)}{dx}$  where  $u : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given that  $f(z) = (z_1 - z_2)e^{z_1}$ , and  $u(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 x_2 \\ x_1^2 - x_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$ . **Hint:** The chain rule can make this easier.
  - a. Compute  $Df = \frac{df(z)}{dz}$
  - b. Compute  $Du = \frac{du(x)}{dx}$
  - c. Use the chain rule and the values of  $Df, Du, f, u$ , and  $x$  to compute  $Df \circ u[x]$
3. Let  $A(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x^3 + 3 \\ x^4 + x^2 + 3 & x^2 + 1 \end{bmatrix}$  be a nonsingular  $2 \times 2$  matrix for a scalar  $x$ . Find  $\frac{dA^{-1}(x)}{dx} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$
4. if  $A(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^2 & t + 1 \\ t^3 + t + 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , calculate the following:
  - a.  $\frac{dA^2(t)}{dt}$
  - b.  $\frac{d^2B(t)}{dt^2}$  where  $B(t) = \ln(\det(A(t)))$ .
5. What is  $\frac{df \circ g \circ h(x)}{dx}$  where  $h : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given  $f(z) = z_1 z_2 + 1$ ,  $g(y) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 + 2y_2 \\ 4y_1 - y_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $h(x) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{x_1} \cos x_2 + x_3 \\ e^{x_1} \sin x_2 + x_3 \end{bmatrix}$ 
  - a. Compute  $Df = \frac{df(z)}{dz}$
  - b. Compute  $Dg = \frac{dg(y)}{dy}$
  - c. Compute  $Dh = \frac{dh(x)}{dx}$
  - d. Use the chain rule and the values of  $Df, Dg, Dh, f, g, h$  and  $x$  to compute  $Df \circ g \circ h[x]$