

TUTORIAL SHEET-4

1. Find all the first order partial derivatives of the following functions.

(a) $f(x, y) = 2x^2 - xy + 2y^2$.

(c) $f(x, y) = x^y$.

(b) $f(x, y, z) = y \sin(xz)$.

(d) $f(x, y) = x^3y + e^{xy^2}$.

2. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0); \\ 0, & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

Show that $f_x(0, 0)$ as well as $f_y(0, 0)$ does not exist.

3. (a) Let

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy^3}{x^2+y^2}, & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0); \\ 0, & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

Show that f_x and f_y exist at $(0, 0)$ and f_x is continuous at $(0, 0)$. Hence decide the differentiability and continuity of f at $(0, 0)$.

(b) Show that the function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3-y^3}{x^2+y^2}, & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0); \\ 0, & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

possesses both the first order partial derivative at the point $(0, 0)$, but it is not differentiable at $(0, 0)$.

4. Show that the following function f is not differentiable at $(0, 0)$.

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^5}{x^4+y^4}, & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0); \\ 3, & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

5. Find all the second order partial derivatives of the following functions.

(a) $f(x, y) = x^5 + y^4 \sin(x^6)$.

(b) $f(x, y, z) = \sin(xy) + \sin(yz) + \cos(xz)$.

6. (a) Find the derivative (total derivative) of the function $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ at the point $(1, 2)$.

(b) Find the derivative (total derivative) of the function $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 : f(x, y, z) = (x^2y^2z, y + \sin z)$ at the point $(1, 2, 0)$.

(c) Find the derivative (total derivative) of the function $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2+y^2+z^2}{x^2+1}$ at the arbitrary point $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

7. For the following questions, use chain rule.

(a) Find the derivative (total derivative) of the function $f \circ g$ at the point $(1, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, where $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 : f(u, v) = (u + v, u, v^2)$ and $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 : g(x, y) = (x^2 + 1, y^2)$.

(b) Find the derivative (total derivative) of the function $f \circ g$ at the arbitrary point $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, where $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f(u, v) = uv$ and $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 : g(x, y) = (x^2 - y^2, x^2 + y^2)$.

8. Let $r = r(x, y, z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ for all $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$. Show that

(a) $\nabla(r) = \left(\frac{x}{r}, \frac{y}{r}, \frac{z}{r}\right)$.

(b) $\nabla\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) = \left(-\frac{x}{r^3}, -\frac{y}{r^3}, -\frac{z}{r^3}\right)$, if $r \neq 0$.