

## True/False Questions MATH-2551

**Question:** When  $x$  and  $y$  are continuous functions of  $t$  on an interval  $I$ , the equations  $x=x(t)$  and  $y=y(t)$  are called parametric equations, where  $t$  is the parameter, and the set of points  $(x,y)$  obtained as  $t$  varies over the interval  $I$  is called the graph of the parametric equations.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Here is a concise explanation of why the statement is true:

Parametric equations are used to describe the position of an object in terms of time or another independent variable, which we'll call  $t$ . In this case,  $x$  and  $y$  are continuous functions of  $t$  on some interval  $I$ . This means that for any value of  $t$  within the interval, the corresponding values of  $x$  and  $y$  can be determined.

The equations  $x = x(t)$  and  $y = y(t)$  describe a curve in the plane, where the position of the point on the curve is determined by the value of  $t$ . As  $t$  varies over the interval  $I$ , the corresponding points  $(x,y)$  form the graph of the parametric equations. This graph can be thought of as the path followed by an object moving through space at different times.

In summary, the statement is true because parametric equations describe the position of an object in terms of time or another independent variable, and the set of points obtained as  $t$  varies over an interval forms the graph of those parametric equations.

**Question:** True or False: The derivative  $dy/dx$  of a plane curve defined by parametric equations  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  is given by  $dy/dx = y'(t)x'(t)$ , where  $x'(t) \neq 0$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement "True or False: The derivative  $dy/dx$  of a plane curve defined by parametric equations  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  is given by  $dy/dx = y'(t)x'(t)$ , where  $x'(t) \neq 0$ " is indeed TRUE.

This result can be derived from the definition of a derivative as a limit. Consider the curve described by the parametric equations  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$ . The derivative  $dy/dx$  represents the rate at which the curve changes with respect to  $t$ , specifically the rate at which the point  $(x,y)$  moves along the curve.

Using the chain rule for differentiation, we can write:

$$dy/dx = dy/dt / dx/dt$$

where  $dy/dt$  and  $dx/dt$  are the derivatives of  $y$  and  $x$  respectively with respect to  $t$ . Since  $x'(t) \neq 0$ , we can rewrite this expression as:

$$dy/dx = y'(t) * x'(t)$$

This is because  $y'(t)$  represents the rate at which  $y$  changes with respect to  $t$ , and  $x'(t)$  represents the rate at which  $x$  changes with respect to  $t$ . By multiplying these rates together, we get the desired result for  $dy/dx$ .

Therefore, the given statement is true: the derivative of a plane curve defined by parametric equations is indeed given by the product rule formula  $dy/dx = y'(t)x'(t)$  when  $x'(t) \neq 0$ .

**Question:** Is it true that the arc length of a parametric curve is given by the integral of the

sum of the squares of its derivatives with respect to the parameter?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The arc length of a parametric curve given by  $r(t) = (x(t), y(t))$  is indeed true that it can be found using the integral:

$$L = \int [a, b] \sqrt{((dx/dt)^2 + (dy/dt)^2)} dt$$

where  $[a, b]$  is the interval over which the parameter  $t$  varies. This formula arises from the definition of arc length as the limit of the sum of the lengths of small line segments approximating the curve, and the use of the chain rule to relate these line segments to the derivatives  $dx/dt$  and  $dy/dt$ .

**Question:** True or False: Converting between Cartesian and polar coordinates is only possible using the formulas  $x = r\cos\theta$  and  $y = r\sin\theta$ , with no additional information provided about the point's location.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The statement is incorrect because there are multiple sets of formulas that can be used to convert between Cartesian  $(x, y)$  and polar  $(r, \theta)$  coordinates. The most common ones are:

\*  $x = r\cos\theta$  and  $y = r\sin\theta$ , as mentioned in the question \*  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and  $\theta = \text{atan2}(y, x)$  \* or even directly using trigonometric functions:  $x = r\cos\theta$  and  $y = r\sin\theta$  can also be rearranged to give  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and  $\theta = \arctan(y/x)$

Each of these sets provides a unique perspective on the conversion process. The first set is useful for converting from polar to Cartesian, while the second set is more suitable for converting in the reverse direction.

**Question:** True or False: If a curve is symmetric about the polar axis, then for every point  $(r, \theta)$  on the graph, the point  $(r, -\theta)$  is also on the graph, and replacing  $\theta$  with  $-\theta$  leaves the equation unchanged.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The given curve is symmetric about the polar axis, which means that its equation remains unchanged when we replace  $\theta$  with  $-\theta$ .

For any point  $(r, \theta)$  on the graph, the point  $(r, -\theta)$  will also lie on the curve because it has the same radial distance  $r$  from the pole and the same angular measurement  $-\theta$ . Since the curve is symmetric about the polar axis, replacing  $\theta$  with  $-\theta$  in the equation of the curve leaves its value unchanged.

Therefore, if we plug in the new point  $(r, -\theta)$  into the equation, it will have the same value as when we used the original point  $(r, \theta)$ . This confirms that  $(r, -\theta)$  indeed lies on the graph.

**Question:** The area of the region bounded by the graph of  $r=f(\theta)$  between the radial lines  $\theta=\alpha$  and  $\theta=\beta$  is calculated using the formula  $A=1/2 \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} [f(\theta)]^2 d\theta = A=1/2 \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} r^2 d\theta$ .

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The formula  $A=1/2 \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} [f(\theta)]^2 d\theta$  is actually correct for calculating the area of the region bounded by the graph of  $r=f(\theta)$  between the radial lines  $\theta=\alpha$  and  $\theta=\beta$ . This formula is a special case of the more general formula for polar integrals, which states that if a function  $f(\theta)$  is given in polar coordinates, then its area under the curve from  $\theta=\alpha$  to  $\theta=\beta$  can be calculated as  $1/2 \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} [f(\theta)]^2 d\theta$ .

This is because the area of a small sector of the circle with radius  $r=f(\theta)$  and angle  $d\theta$  at  $\theta$  is approximately  $(1/2)r^2d\theta$ , so the total area under the curve from  $\theta=\alpha$  to  $\theta=\beta$  is the integral of this expression from  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$ .

**Question:** The length of the graph of  $r = f(\theta)$  from  $\theta = \alpha$  to  $\theta = \beta$  is determined by  $\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} [f(\theta)]^2 + [f'(\theta)]^2 d\theta$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The length of the graph of  $r = f(\theta)$  from  $\theta = \alpha$  to  $\theta = \beta$  is indeed determined by the integral  $\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} [f(\theta)]^2 + [f'(\theta)]^2 d\theta$ .

This is because the arc length of the polar curve  $r = f(\theta)$  can be found by integrating the square of its derivative with respect to  $\theta$ . The expression  $[f(\theta)]^2$  represents the radial component of the curve's velocity, while  $[f'(\theta)]^2$  represents the angular component. By squaring and summing these components, we effectively "add up" the contributions to the curve's total length from each infinitesimal segment.

The integral  $\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} [f(\theta)]^2 + [f'(\theta)]^2 d\theta$  thus gives us the total length of the curve's arc from  $\theta = \alpha$  to  $\theta = \beta$ . This result is a fundamental tool in the study of curves and surfaces, allowing us to calculate lengths and areas with ease.

**Question:** A parabola is defined as the set of all points whose distance from the focus is equal to the distance from the directrix. True or False?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** A parabola is defined as the set of all points in a plane that are equidistant from a fixed point (the focus) and a fixed line (the directrix). However, this definition is not entirely accurate.

In reality, a parabola is the set of all points satisfying an equation of the form  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are constants. This equation can be derived from the focus-directrix definition, but it provides a more concise and practical way to describe the shape of a parabola.

For instance, consider a parabolic mirror that reflects light rays to a single point (the focus). The directrix would be the line along which any light ray not passing through the focus is reflected. However, this setup does not guarantee that all points on the parabola are equidistant from the focus and the directrix.

Therefore, while the focus-directrix definition provides insight into the geometry of a parabola, it is not an exhaustive or accurate definition of what constitutes a parabola. The equation-based definition offers a more comprehensive understanding of these shapes.

**Question:** The equation for a parabola opening upward with vertex located at  $(h,k)$  and focus located at  $(h,k+p)$ , where  $p$  is a constant, is given by  $y=ax^2+bx+k$ .

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The equation  $y=ax^2+bx+k$  does not describe a parabola opening upward with vertex located at  $(h,k)$  and focus located at  $(h,k+p)$ , where  $p$  is a constant.

A parabola can be defined as the set of all points equidistant from a fixed point called the focus, and this definition applies equally well to both open-upward and open-downward parabolas. The equation  $y=ax^2+bx+k$  represents a quadratic function, but it does not contain any parameters that would allow us to specify the vertex or focus in terms of  $h$  and  $k$  as required by the problem.

In fact, a more general form for a parabola with its axis of symmetry parallel to the  $x$ -axis is

given by  $y=a(x-h)^2+k$ , where  $(h,k)$  is the vertex. This equation does not include the  $p$  parameter required by the original problem, which would be necessary if we wanted to specify the focus in terms of  $h$  and  $k$  as well.

Therefore, the answer to the true or false question is FALSE.

**Question:** True or False: An ellipse is the set of all points for which the sum of their distances from two fixed points (the foci) is constant.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The given statement is indeed TRUE.

An ellipse is a closed curve that results from the intersection of a cone and a plane that is not parallel to the base of the cone. The key property of an ellipse is that it is the set of all points for which the sum of their distances from two fixed points, called foci, is constant. This definition is often attributed to Apollonius of Perga, a Greek mathematician who lived in the 3rd century BC.

In other words, if you draw an ellipse and then draw two lines through its center, each connecting the center to one of the foci, the total length of those two lines will always be the same for any point on the ellipse. This property is a fundamental characteristic of ellipses and has many important implications in mathematics, science, and engineering.

For example, the orbits of celestial bodies like planets and comets can be approximated by ellipses, with the foci representing the positions of other massive objects that affect their motion. Ellipses are also used to model many natural phenomena, such as the shape of a valley or the path of a projectile under the influence of gravity.

Overall, the definition provided is an accurate and concise way to describe the essence of an ellipse, highlighting its unique property of having a constant sum of distances from two fixed points.

**Question:** The equation of an ellipse in standard form is  $(x-h)^2/a^2 + (y-k)^2/b^2 = 1$ , where  $h$  and  $k$  are the coordinates of its center.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The equation  $(x-h)^2/a^2 + (y-k)^2/b^2 = 1$  is indeed in standard form, where  $h$  and  $k$  are the coordinates of the ellipse's center. This is because it represents an ellipse centered at  $(h,k)$ , with semi-major axis  $a$  and semi-minor axis  $b$ . The term  $(x-h)^2/a^2$  represents the horizontal distance from the center to each point on the ellipse, while  $(y-k)^2/b^2$  represents the vertical distance. The equation states that this combined distance is equal to 1, which means that all points on the ellipse have a combined distance of 1 unit from the center. This form is useful for graphing and manipulating ellipses in various mathematical contexts.

**Question:** A hyperbola is the set of all points where the sum of their distances from two fixed points (the foci) is constant. True or False?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** A hyperbola is actually the set of all points where the absolute difference between their distances from two fixed points (the foci) is constant, not the sum. The key distinction here is that we're looking at the difference, not the sum. This is why a hyperbola opens outwards in opposite directions, whereas the "sum" condition would imply it opens inwards towards the midpoint of the foci.

**Question:** Is the equation of a hyperbola in standard form  $(x-h)^2/a^2 - (y-k)^2/b^2 = 1$ ?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The equation of a hyperbola in standard form is actually  $(x-h)^2/a^2 - (y-k)^2/b^2 = 1$ , not -1. The negative sign is characteristic of the ellipse, not the hyperbola. This is because the denominator of the y-term must be positive for it to be a hyperbola.

**Question:** The eccentricity of a circle is greater than 1.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The eccentricity of a circle is defined as the ratio of the distance from the center of the circle to the focus, divided by the semimajor axis. For a circle, this value is equal to 0, since there are no foci and the distance from the center to any point on the circle is constant. Therefore, the eccentricity of a circle is not greater than 1, but rather is exactly 0. This is why the correct answer is False.

**Question:** The polar equation of a conic section with focal parameter  $p$  is given by  $r = ep \pm e \cos \theta$  or  $r = ep \pm e \sin \theta$ : True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The given polar equations  $r = ep \pm e \cos \theta$  and  $r = ep \pm e \sin \theta$  represent conic sections with focal parameter  $p$ .

Consider the first equation,  $r = ep \pm e \cos \theta$ . When  $\cos \theta = 1$  (i.e., when  $\theta$  is an integer multiple of  $\pi$ ), the term  $e \cos \theta$  equals  $e$ , making the value of  $r$  equal to  $e + ep$ . This occurs when we are at a point on the conic section that lies directly below or above the focus.

On the other hand, when  $\cos \theta = -1$  (i.e., when  $\theta$  is an integer multiple of  $\pi$  plus  $\pi/2$ ), the term  $e \cos \theta$  equals  $-e$ , making the value of  $r$  equal to  $ep$ . This occurs when we are at a point on the conic section that lies directly below or above the focus and perpendicular to the previous position.

The second equation,  $r = ep \pm e \sin \theta$ , behaves similarly. When  $\sin \theta = 1$  (i.e., when  $\theta$  is an integer multiple of  $\pi/2$ ), the term  $e \sin \theta$  equals  $e$ , making the value of  $r$  equal to  $e + ep$ . This occurs when we are at a point on the conic section that lies directly below or above the focus and parallel to the x-axis.

In both cases, the distance from the origin to the conic section is proportional to  $1 + (e/r)$ . When  $r > ep$ , the distance becomes smaller as the value of  $r$  increases; this corresponds to an ellipse. Conversely, when  $r < ep$ , the distance becomes larger as the value of  $r$  decreases; this corresponds to a hyperbola. The cases where  $r = ep$  represent circles.

Therefore, the given polar equations accurately describe conic sections with focal parameter  $p$ .

**Question:** A vector is a quantity with only magnitude but no direction. True or False?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** A vector is a mathematical object that has both magnitude (length) and direction. It's represented by an arrow in two-dimensional or three-dimensional space, indicating the amount of displacement from the starting point to the ending point.

In contrast, a quantity with only magnitude but no direction would simply be a numerical value without any spatial significance. For instance, a temperature reading is a scalar that has magnitude (a certain degree) but lacks direction.

Therefore, it's incorrect to say that a vector is a quantity with only magnitude but no direction. Vectors inherently possess both magnitude and direction, making them unique mathematical objects.

**Question:** Two vectors are said to be equivalent if they have the same \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement "Two vectors are said to be equivalent if they have the same magnitude and direction" is indeed true.

In mathematics, two vectors are considered equivalent if they differ only by a scaling factor. This means that if we multiply one vector by a scalar value, it becomes identical to another vector. In essence, equivalent vectors have the same length (magnitude) and orientation (direction).

For instance, consider two vectors  $2i$  and  $4i$  in the complex plane. These vectors are equivalent because they differ only by a scaling factor of 2. They both point in the same direction, which is along the imaginary axis. Their magnitudes are also the same, with the length of each vector being equal to the square root of the sum of their squares (in this case,  $\sqrt{4}$ ). Therefore,  $2i$  and  $4i$  can be considered equivalent vectors.

**Question:** When multiplying a vector by a scalar, the magnitude of the resulting vector is increased if the scalar is positive and decreased if the scalar is negative. True or False?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** When multiplying a vector by a scalar, the magnitude of the resulting vector is actually changed in accordance with the sign of the scalar.

If the scalar is positive, the magnitude of the resulting vector is indeed increased, since multiplying by a positive value stretches the original vector away from the origin.

On the other hand, if the scalar is negative, the magnitude of the resulting vector is decreased, as multiplying by a negative value compresses the original vector towards the origin.

Therefore, the statement "When multiplying a vector by a scalar, the magnitude of the resulting vector is increased if the scalar is positive and decreased if the scalar is negative" is actually False.

**Question:** When constructing the sum of two vectors, placing the initial point of one vector at the terminal point of another does NOT result in a new vector with an initial point that coincides with the initial point of the first vector. True or False?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** When constructing the sum of two vectors, placing the initial point of one vector at the terminal point of another does indeed result in a new vector with an initial point that coincides with the initial point of the first vector. This is because the sum of two vectors is defined as the vector from the initial point of the first vector to the terminal point of the second vector.

In other words, when you add the two vectors, you are essentially "starting" from the same point as the original first vector and moving in a new direction determined by the sum of the two vectors. This means that the initial point of the resulting vector is the same as the initial point of the first vector, which confirms the statement to be false.

**Question:** True or False: The vector with initial point  $(0,0)$  and terminal point  $(x,y)$  can be written in component form as  $v = \langle x, y \rangle$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The vector  $v$  has an initial point  $(0,0)$  and a terminal point  $(x,y)$ . Since vectors can be written in component form as  $\langle a, b \rangle$ , we can write the vector  $v$  as  $\langle x, y \rangle$ . This is because the  $x$ -component of the vector is the change in the  $x$ -coordinate from the initial to the terminal

point, which is simply  $x$ . Similarly, the  $y$ -component of the vector is the change in the  $y$ -coordinate, which is  $y$ . Therefore, the vector  $v$  can indeed be written in component form as  $\langle x, y \rangle$ .

**Question:** True or False: If  $v = \langle x_1, y_1 \rangle$  and  $w = \langle x_2, y_2 \rangle$  are vectors, then  $kv + w = \langle kx_1 + x_2, ky_1 + y_2 \rangle$ .

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The statement is false.

To see why, consider what happens when  $k$  is equal to 0. In this case,  $kv + w$  would still equal  $\langle 0x_1 + x_2, 0y_1 + y_2 \rangle$ , which simplifies to  $\langle x_2, y_2 \rangle = w$ , not  $\langle 0x_1 + x_2, 0y_1 + y_2 \rangle$ . This means that the original equation does not always hold true.

A correct definition for  $k(v + w)$  would be:  $k(v + w) = kv + kw$ . This is because the operation of scalar multiplication distributes over vector addition, meaning that we can multiply each component of both vectors by  $k$  and then add them together separately.

**Question:** Is it true that  $u + v = v + u$ , given that  $u$  and  $v$  are vectors in a plane?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement " $u + v = v + u$ " is true because vector addition is commutative in a plane. This means that when we add two vectors together, the order in which we perform the addition does not matter. In other words, it doesn't make a difference whether we start with the first vector and then add the second, or if we start with the second vector and then add the first.

Think of it like combining two boxes of different sizes. If you combine box A ( $u$ ) and box B ( $v$ ), the result is the same as if you combined box B ( $v$ ) and then box A ( $u$ ). The order in which you combine them doesn't change the total size or shape of the resulting box.

Similarly, when we add two vectors together, the order in which we add them does not affect the resulting vector. So,  $u + v = v + u$  is a true statement for any two vectors  $u$  and  $v$  in a plane.

**Question:** In the three-dimensional rectangular coordinate system, the  $x$ -axis,  $y$ -axis, and  $z$ -axis are:

True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The  $x$ -axis,  $y$ -axis, and  $z$ -axis in the three-dimensional rectangular coordinate system are mutually perpendicular lines that pass through the origin  $(0, 0, 0)$  and form a right-handed coordinate system. The  $x$ -axis is defined by the points  $(x, 0, 0)$ , the  $y$ -axis by the points  $(0, y, 0)$ , and the  $z$ -axis by the points  $(0, 0, z)$ . This allows for the specification of any point in three-dimensional space using its coordinates  $(x, y, z)$ .

**Question:** Is the distance between two points in space given by the formula  $d = (x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The formula  $d = (x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2$  correctly calculates the distance between two points in 3D space. This is known as the Euclidean distance or simply distance.

To see why, let's break it down. The formula uses the difference of each coordinate ( $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ ) squared and adds them together. This is equivalent to finding the sum of the squares of the differences between the corresponding coordinates of the two points.

The reason this works is that it effectively calculates the sum of the squares of the three-dimensional "perpendicular" distances from point 1 to point 2, which can be thought of as the lengths of the "legs" of a right triangle formed by connecting the two points and drawing perpendicular lines to the x, y, and z axes.

The Pythagorean theorem then tells us that the square of this distance (d) is equal to the sum of the squares of these three legs. In other words,  $d^2 = (x2 - x1)^2 + (y2 - y1)^2 + (z2 - z1)^2$ .

Taking the square root of both sides gives us the original formula:  $d = \sqrt{(x2 - x1)^2 + (y2 - y1)^2 + (z2 - z1)^2}$ , which is equivalent to the given formula.

**Question:** A sphere can be defined as any set of points in space that are equal distance from each other, rather than equidistant from a fixed center point.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The given definition of a sphere is flawed because it does not guarantee that the set of points in space will form a continuous, connected shape. In other words, the proposed definition would allow for gaps and disconnected regions, which contradicts our intuitive understanding of a sphere as a single, smooth surface.

A better definition of a sphere would involve a fixed center point and all points at a fixed distance from that center, ensuring a continuous and connected shape. This is because a sphere can be thought of as the set of all points equidistant from its center, which provides a more precise and meaningful characterization.

**Question:** The dot product of two vectors is calculated by summing the products of their corresponding components.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The dot product of two vectors is indeed calculated by summing the products of their corresponding components.

In essence, if we have two vectors  $a = (a1, a2, \dots, an)$  and  $b = (b1, b2, \dots, bn)$ , the dot product, denoted as  $a \cdot b$ , is computed by multiplying each component of vector a with its corresponding component in vector b, then summing up these products.

Mathematically, this can be represented as:

$$a \cdot b = a1*b1 + a2*b2 + \dots + an*bn$$

This process essentially measures the amount of "similarity" or "alignment" between the two vectors. The dot product has numerous applications in various fields such as physics, engineering, computer graphics, and more.

**Question:** The dot product is commutative, meaning that  $u \cdot v = v \cdot u$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The dot product of two vectors u and v is defined as the sum of the products of corresponding components:

$$u \cdot v = (u1 * v1) + (u2 * v2) + \dots + (un * vn)$$

where  $ui$  and  $vi$  are the i-th components of u and v respectively.

Since the order of the components does not matter when computing this sum, we can rearrange the terms to see that:

$$u \cdot v = ((v1 * u1) + (v2 * u2) + \dots + (vn * un))$$



Now, we can define a new vector  $w$  by swapping the components of  $v$  with those of  $u$ , i.e.  $w_i = u_i$  and  $v_i = u_i$  for all  $i$ .

Then, using the definition of dot product again:

$$w \cdot u = ((u_1 * u_1) + (u_2 * u_2) + \dots + (u_n * u_n))$$

Since the dot product is a scalar value, we can rearrange the terms to see that:

$$w \cdot u = (u_1 * u_1) + (u_2 * u_2) + \dots + (u_n * u_n)$$

But this is exactly the same as the definition of  $v \cdot u$ ! Therefore, we have shown that  $u \cdot v = v \cdot u$ , and the dot product is indeed commutative.

**Question:** The dot product of two vectors is evaluated by multiplying their magnitudes together with the sine of the angle between them. True or False?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The dot product of two vectors is actually evaluated by multiplying corresponding elements together and then summing them up, not by multiplying their magnitudes together with the sine of the angle between them.

In mathematical terms, given two vectors  $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  and  $b = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$ , their dot product is defined as:

$$a \cdot b = a_1 * b_1 + a_2 * b_2 + \dots + a_n * b_n$$

This is often referred to as the "inner product" or "scalar product". The result of this operation is always a scalar value.

**Question:** Two vectors  $u$  and  $v$  are orthogonal if their dot product is zero:  $u \cdot v = 0$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The dot product of two vectors  $u$  and  $v$ , denoted as  $u \cdot v$ , is calculated by multiplying corresponding components of each vector together and summing them. If the result is zero, then the vectors are said to be orthogonal.

Mathematically, this can be expressed as:

$$u \cdot v = 0$$

This implies that the angle between the two vectors is either 90 degrees (perpendicular) or exactly 180 degrees (antiparallel). In both cases, the dot product evaluates to zero. Therefore, it is true that two vectors are orthogonal if their dot product is zero.

**Question:** The angles formed by a nonzero vector and the coordinate axes are called the direction angles for the vector. True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The direction angles of a nonzero vector are indeed formed by that vector and the coordinate axes. To be specific, these angles are the measures of the angles between the vector and each of the coordinate axes ( $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$ ).

In other words, if we have a vector  $v = (a, b, c)$ , its direction angles would be the three angles formed by  $v$  and the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  axes, respectively. These angles are usually denoted as  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$ , and they can be calculated using trigonometric functions like sine, cosine, or tangent.

For example, if we consider a vector in 2D space with coordinates  $(3, 4)$ , its direction angle would be the measure of the angle between that vector and the positive  $x$ -axis. This angle would be found by applying the inverse trigonometric function to the ratio of the  $y$ -coordinate to the magnitude of the vector.

These direction angles are crucial in many areas of mathematics and physics, such as linear algebra, geometry, and calculus, where they play a key role in defining and analyzing geometric transformations, projections, and rotations.

**Question:** The vector projection of  $v$  onto  $u$  is the same direction as  $u$ , but in the opposite direction if the angle between  $u$  and  $v$  is obtuse. True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The vector projection of  $v$  onto  $u$ , denoted by  $\text{proj}_u(v)$ , is the component of  $v$  that lies in the same direction as  $u$ . When the angle between  $u$  and  $v$  is acute (less than 90 degrees),  $\text{proj}_u(v)$  points in the same direction as  $u$ .

However, when the angle between  $u$  and  $v$  is obtuse (greater than 90 degrees), the vector projection still lies in the same plane as  $u$ , but it points in the opposite direction. This is because the dot product of  $u$  and  $v$  becomes negative when the angle between them is greater than 90 degrees, which changes the sign of  $\text{proj}_u(v)$ .

Therefore, the statement "The vector projection of  $v$  onto  $u$  is the same direction as  $u$ , but in the opposite direction if the angle between  $u$  and  $v$  is obtuse" is true.

**Question:** When a constant force is applied to an object so that it moves in a straight line from point  $P$  to point  $Q$ , the work done by the force  $F$  acting at an angle  $\theta$  from the line of motion is given by  $W = F \cdot PQ$  equals  $|F| \cdot |PQ| \cdot \cos \theta$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed true.

When a constant force  $F$  is applied to an object moving in a straight line from point  $P$  to point  $Q$ , we can define the work done by the force as the dot product of the force and the displacement vector  $PQ$ . This is denoted as  $W = F \cdot PQ$ .

To evaluate this expression, we can break it down into its constituent parts:  $|F| \cdot |PQ| \cdot \cos \theta$ . Here,  $|F|$  represents the magnitude (or length) of the force  $F$ ,  $|PQ|$  represents the magnitude of the displacement vector  $PQ$ , and  $\cos \theta$  is the cosine of the angle  $\theta$  between the force and the direction of motion.

The dot product operation  $F \cdot PQ$  can be interpreted as the component of the force  $F$  in the direction of motion that contributes to the work done. The magnitude  $|PQ|$  represents the total distance traveled by the object, while the cosine term  $\cos \theta$  accounts for the fact that not all of the force may be acting in the direction of motion (i.e., there is an angle  $\theta$  between them).

By multiplying these components together, we get the overall expression for work done:  $W = |F| \cdot |PQ| \cdot \cos \theta$ . This accurately captures the physics of how a constant force can do work on an object as it moves from point  $P$  to point  $Q$ .

**Question:** Is the cross product  $u \times v$  equal to  $(u_2v_3 - u_3v_2)i - (u_1v_3 - u_3v_1)j + (u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)k$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The cross product  $u \times v$  is calculated using the formula:

$$(u \times v)_i = (u_2v_3 - u_3v_2) \quad (u \times v)_j = (u_1v_3 - u_3v_1) \quad (u \times v)_k = (u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)$$

This formula can be derived by expanding the determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, where the rows are labeled  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $k$ . The resulting expression is:

$$\begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} = (u_2v_3 - u_3v_2)i - (u_1v_3 - u_3v_1)j + (u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)k$$

This matches the given formula, confirming that the cross product is indeed equal to:  
 $(u_2v_3 - u_3v_2)i - (u_1v_3 - u_3v_1)j + (u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)k$ .

**Question:** True or False: The cross product of two vectors is anticommutative, meaning that  $u \times v = -(v \times u)$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The cross product of two vectors is anticommutative, meaning that the order of the vectors matters when taking their cross product. This can be demonstrated algebraically by writing out the formula for the cross product:

$$u \times v = (u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)i + (u_2v_3 - u_3v_2)j + (u_3v_1 - u_1v_3)k$$

where  $u$  and  $v$  are vectors with components  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  and  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  respectively.

If we switch the order of the vectors in the cross product, we get:

$$v \times u = (v_1u_2 - v_2u_1)i + (v_2u_3 - v_3u_2)j + (v_3u_1 - v_1u_3)k$$

Notice that the only difference between these two expressions is the swapping of  $u$  and  $v$  in each term. Since the terms are additive, we can combine them into a single expression:

$$v \times u = (-1)((u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)i + (u_2v_3 - u_3v_2)j + (u_3v_1 - u_1v_3)k)$$

This shows that  $v \times u$  is the negative of  $u \times v$ , which demonstrates the anticommutative property of the cross product.

**Question:** The magnitude of the cross product between two vectors is equal to the product of their magnitudes and the sine of the angle between them.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The cross product of two vectors, denoted by  $\times$ , satisfies:

$$|a \times b| = |a||b|\sin(\theta)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are the magnitude (length) of the vectors, and  $\theta$  is the angle between them. This equation shows that the magnitude of the cross product is proportional to the magnitudes of the two input vectors and inversely proportional to the cosine of the angle between them.

In other words, if the input vectors are large or have a small angle between them, the magnitude of their cross product will be large, while if the input vectors are small or have a large angle between them, the magnitude of their cross product will be small. This relationship is essential in many areas of physics and engineering where vector calculations are crucial.

**Question:** The area of a parallelogram is given by the magnitude of the cross product of two vectors that form adjacent sides, regardless of their orientation.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The area of a parallelogram is indeed given by the magnitude of the cross product of two vectors that form adjacent sides, regardless of their orientation.

To see why this is true, consider two vectors  $u$  and  $v$  that form adjacent sides of the parallelogram. The cross product of these vectors, denoted by  $u \times v$ , produces a vector perpendicular to both  $u$  and  $v$ . This vector has a magnitude equal to the area of the parallelogram.

The reason for this is that the cross product can be thought of as "stretching" the base of the parallelogram outwards in a way that captures its orientation. Since the area of the parallelogram is proportional to the length of the base and the height, which corresponds to the magnitude of the cross product, we have that the magnitude of  $u \times v$  gives us the area of the parallelogram.

This result holds regardless of the orientation of the vectors, because the cross product is invariant under rotations. Therefore, we can confidently say that the area of a parallelogram is given by the magnitude of the cross product of two vectors that form adjacent sides.

**Question:** The triple scalar product of vectors  $u$ ,  $u$ ,  $v$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  is  $w \cdot (v \times u)$ . True or False?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The triple scalar product of vectors  $u$ ,  $u$ ,  $v$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  is given by  $(u \cdot u)(v \cdot v)(w \cdot w)$ . This is because the triple scalar product involves three vectors, each taken as many times as it appears in the product. In this case, we have two copies of  $u$  and  $v$ , so their magnitudes are squared (i.e.,  $u \cdot u$  and  $v \cdot v$ ). Then, the final result is multiplied by  $w \cdot w$ , which is the scalar triple product of  $w$ ,  $v$ , and  $u$ . This result cannot be simplified to just  $w \cdot (v \times u)$  as the question claims, so the statement is false.

**Question:** The triple scalar product of vectors  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  is defined as the determinant of the  $3 \times 3$  matrix formed by the components of the vectors, where  $u \cdot (v \times w) = u_1v_2w_3 - u_2v_1w_3 - u_3v_1w_2 + u_3v_2w_1$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The triple scalar product of vectors  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  is defined as the determinant of the  $3 \times 3$  matrix formed by the components of the vectors, where  $u \cdot (v \times w) = u_1v_2w_3 - u_2v_1w_3 - u_3v_1w_2 + u_3v_2w_1$ . This can be seen by expanding the determinant according to the rule for calculating the determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix. The result is:

$$(u_1v_2w_3 - u_2v_1w_3 + u_3v_1w_2) - (v_1w_2u_2 - v_2w_1u_3 + v_3w_2u_1)$$

This can be rewritten as  $u \cdot (v \times w)$ , which shows that the triple scalar product is indeed equal to the determinant of the  $3 \times 3$  matrix formed by the components of the vectors. Therefore, this statement is true.

**Question:** The volume of a parallelepiped is determined by the magnitude of the vector cross product of its edge vectors, regardless of their order.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The volume of a parallelepiped is determined by the magnitude of the triple product of its edge vectors, not their cross product. The triple product formula is:

$$V = |a \cdot (b \times c)|$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are the edge vectors. This means that the order of the vectors matters when computing the volume. In contrast, the cross product only depends on the magnitude of the vectors, not their order.

For example, consider a parallelepiped with edge vectors  $a = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $b = (0, 1, 0)$ , and  $c = (0, 0, 1)$ . The volume is:

$$V = |a \cdot (b \times c)| = |(1, 0, 0) \cdot ((0, 1, 0) \times (0, 0, 1))| = |(-1, 0, 0)| = 1$$

Now, if we swap the order of  $b$  and  $c$ :

$$V = |a \cdot (c \times b)| = |(1, 0, 0) \cdot ((0, 0, 1) \times (0, 1, 0))| = |(-1, 0, 0)| = 1$$

The volume remains the same despite changing the order of the vectors. This is because the triple product formula takes into account the orientation of the parallelepiped and the order of its edge vectors.

In contrast, if we computed the cross product:

$$a \times (b \times c) = -c \times b \times a = k$$

The magnitudes are the same, but the signs change depending on the order. This shows that the cross product alone is not sufficient to determine the volume of a parallelepiped.

Therefore, it is incorrect to say that the volume is determined by the magnitude of the vector cross product of its edge vectors, regardless of their order. The correct formula involves the triple product and takes into account the orientation of the parallelepiped.

**Question:** True or False: Torque is equal to the dot product of  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$ .

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The statement is false because torque is actually the cross product of the position vector  $\mathbf{r}$  and the force  $\mathbf{F}$ , not the dot product.

In physics, torque measures the rotational tendency of a force around a pivot point. The cross product operation is used to combine the two vectors  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$ , with the result being a vector that represents the magnitude and direction of the torque. The dot product, on the other hand, would produce a scalar value rather than a vector quantity.

So while the dot product can be useful in various mathematical operations, it's not the correct operation for calculating torque.

**Question:** True or False: A line parallel to vector  $\mathbf{v} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$  and passing through point  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  can be described by the symmetric equation  $x - x_0/a = y - y_0/b = z - z_0/c$ .

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The symmetric equation  $x - x_0/a = y - y_0/b = z - z_0/c$  is actually a description of a plane, not a line. This is because the equation does not uniquely specify a point on the plane, but rather an entire plane that contains the point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ .

To describe a line parallel to vector  $\mathbf{v}$  and passing through point  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ , we would need an additional parameter to specify the direction of the line. The symmetric equation provided is not sufficient for this purpose.

Therefore, the correct answer is False.

**Question:** Is it true that the distance from any point  $M$  to line  $L$  is given by  $d = \frac{|\mathbf{PM} \times \mathbf{v}|}{|\mathbf{v}|}$ , where  $\mathbf{PM}$  is the vector from  $P$  to  $M$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is true because it describes the formula for the distance from any point  $M$  to line  $L$ , also known as the perpendicular distance.

To derive this formula, consider a point  $M$  on a line  $L$  and a point  $P$  not on the line. Let  $\mathbf{PM}$  be the vector from  $P$  to  $M$ . Then, the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{PM}$  is perpendicular to the line  $L$ . This means that  $\mathbf{PM}$  can be written as  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{t}$ , where  $\mathbf{v}$  is a vector parallel to the line  $L$  and  $\mathbf{t}$  is a scalar.

The distance  $d$  from  $M$  to  $L$  is given by the magnitude of the projection of  $\mathbf{PM}$  onto  $\mathbf{v}$ , which is  $\frac{|\mathbf{PM} \times \mathbf{v}|}{|\mathbf{v}|}$ . This is because the distance is equal to the length of the perpendicular from  $M$  to  $L$ , which is proportional to the magnitude of the projection of  $\mathbf{PM}$  onto  $\mathbf{v}$ .

Therefore, the statement is true and the formula  $d = \frac{|\mathbf{PM} \times \mathbf{v}|}{|\mathbf{v}|}$  accurately calculates the distance from any point  $M$  to a line  $L$ .

**Question:** True or False: The vector equation  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{PQ} = 0$  forms a plane when given a point  $P$  and vector  $\mathbf{n}$ , and satisfies the scalar equation  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$  where  $d = -\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{P}$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The vector equation  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{PQ} = 0$  indeed forms a plane when given a point P and vector n. This is because the dot product of two vectors, in this case PQ and n, will result in zero if and only if these two vectors are orthogonal to each other.

In other words, since PQ is a vector from point P to Q, and n is an arbitrary vector, the equation  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{PQ} = 0$  means that n is perpendicular to the line PQ. This implies that the plane containing the point P and the vector n is normal (perpendicular) to the line PQ.

Furthermore, this plane satisfies the scalar equation  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$  where  $d = -\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{P}$ . The scalar equation represents a plane in three-dimensional space, and it's well known that every plane can be represented by such an equation.

Therefore, the statement "The vector equation  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{PQ} = 0$  forms a plane when given a point P and vector n" is indeed TRUE.

**Question:** The distance between a plane and a point is given by the magnitude of the component of the vector from the point to the plane in the direction perpendicular to the plane.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Here is a concise explanation for the true or false question:

The distance between a plane and a point in space can be measured by considering the perpendicular vector from the point to the plane. This vector can be thought of as connecting the point to the plane. The magnitude, or length, of this vector in the direction perpendicular to the plane is exactly the distance between the point and the plane.

To see why this is true, imagine a scenario where you are standing at some arbitrary point P in space, and you want to measure the distance from P to a nearby plane (like a wall). From your perspective at P, the plane appears as a flat surface. Now, if you were to draw an imaginary line perpendicular to that plane, this line would be pointing directly away from the plane.

The distance between you (at point P) and the plane can then be measured by considering how far along that imaginary line you need to go before reaching the plane. This is exactly what the magnitude of the component vector in the direction perpendicular to the plane measures - it gives us the length of that line, which corresponds to the distance between the point and the plane.

In summary, the distance between a plane and a point is indeed given by the magnitude of the component of the vector from the point to the plane in the direction perpendicular to the plane.

**Question:** The distance from point  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  to plane  $ax + by + cz + k = 0$  is:

True: The distance d is given by  $|\mathbf{a}x_0 + \mathbf{b}y_0 + \mathbf{c}z_0 + k| / \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$ ?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The distance from point  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  to plane  $ax + by + cz + k = 0$  is actually given by:

$$|\mathbf{a}x_0 + \mathbf{b}y_0 + \mathbf{c}z_0 + k| / \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

Not  $|\mathbf{a}x_0 + \mathbf{b}y_0 + \mathbf{c}z_0 + k| / a^2 + b^2 + c^2$ . The correct formula takes into account the magnitude of the normal vector to the plane, which is given by the denominator.

**Question:** A set of lines parallel to a given line passing through a given curve is known as

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**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** A set of lines parallel to a given line passing through a given curve is indeed

known as an asymptote. Asymptotes are lines that a curve approaches arbitrarily closely but never actually touches, and they can be thought of as the limiting positions of tangent lines to the curve as it gets closer and closer to them. In this case, the given line serves as one such asymptote, and the set of parallel lines is another set of asymptotes for the curve.

**Question:** True or False: The traces of a surface are the cross-sections created when the surface intersects a plane parallel to one of the coordinate planes.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed TRUE.

A surface in 3-dimensional space can be thought of as a collection of points, each with its own set of coordinates  $(x, y, z)$ . When we intersect this surface with a plane that is parallel to one of the coordinate planes (such as the  $xy$ -plane or the  $xz$ -plane), we create a cross-section. The set of all such cross-sections is called the trace of the surface.

In essence, the traces are the "footprints" left by the surface when it intersects a plane at a constant  $y$ -coordinate (or  $z$ -coordinate, for that matter). These footprints provide valuable information about the shape and nature of the original surface.

**Question:** True or False: Quadric surfaces are defined as graphs of equations that can be expressed in the form  $Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + Dxy + Exz + Fyz + Gx + Hy + Jz + K = 0$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** A quadric surface is a three-dimensional geometric object that can be defined by an equation involving variables  $x, y, z$  and their products up to the second power. The general form of such an equation is:

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + Dxy + Exz + Fyz + Gx + Hy + Jz + K = 0$$

where  $A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I$  and  $K$  are constants. This equation can be written in the form:

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + (Dxy + Exz + Fyz) + (Gx + Hy + Jz) + K = 0$$

The first three terms on the left-hand side of this equation describe a sphere, an ellipse and a plane respectively. The next three terms describe the interactions between these geometric objects. The final term,  $K$ , is simply a constant that can be added to or subtracted from each point on the surface.

This general form allows for a wide range of possible shapes and symmetries in the resulting quadric surface. For example, if  $D = E = F = 0$ , then the equation becomes:

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + Gx + Hy + Jz + K = 0$$

which is the equation of an ellipsoid. If  $G = H = I = 0$  and  $K = 0$ , then the equation simplifies to:

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 = 0$$

which is the equation of a sphere.

Quadric surfaces have many applications in computer graphics, physics and engineering, where they can be used to model various types of real-world objects.

**Question:** In the cylindrical coordinate system, a point in space is represented by the ordered triple  $(r, \theta, z)$ , where:

$(r, \theta)$  are the rectangular coordinates of the point's projection in the  $xy$ -plane  $z$  is the usual  $x$ -coordinate in the Cartesian coordinate system

True or False?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The correct representation of a point in cylindrical coordinates is  $(r, \theta, z)$ , where:  
\*  $r$  is the radial distance from the origin  
\*  $\theta$  is the azimuthal angle measured counterclockwise from the positive x-axis  
\*  $z$  is the height above or below the xy-plane

So, the given statement that " $(r, \theta)$  are the rectangular coordinates of the point's projection in the xy-plane" is actually true. However, this does not mean that the entire triple  $(r, \theta, z)$  represents a 3D point in space.

The correct representation would be to treat  $z$  separately as the height above or below the xy-plane, rather than treating it as the usual x-coordinate in the Cartesian coordinate system.

Therefore, the answer is False.

**Question:** When converting between rectangular and cylindrical coordinates, it is true that  $x = r \cos \theta$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The conversion between rectangular  $(x, y)$  and cylindrical  $(r, \theta, z)$  coordinates is an important concept in mathematics. When converting from cylindrical to rectangular coordinates, we have the following relationships:

\*  $x = r \cos \theta$   
\*  $y = r \sin \theta$   
\*  $z = z$  (since the z-coordinate remains unchanged)

The formula  $x = r \cos \theta$  is true because it represents the projection of the cylindrical coordinate onto the x-axis. In cylindrical coordinates, the point  $P(r, \theta, z)$  can be visualized as being located at a distance  $r$  from the origin and an angle  $\theta$  with respect to the positive x-axis.

When we project this point onto the x-y plane, we get a point  $(x, y)$  that is related to the original cylindrical coordinate by the formulas above. In particular, the x-coordinate of the projected point is given by  $x = r \cos \theta$ , which shows that the true statement.

**Question:** In the spherical coordinate system, a point P is represented by an ordered triple  $(\rho, \theta, \varphi)$  where:

\*  $\rho$  is the distance between P and the origin, excluding  $\rho=0$   
\*  $\theta$  is the same angle used to describe location in cylindrical coordinates  
\*  $\varphi$  is the angle formed by the positive z-axis and line segment OP, with  $0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi$

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The spherical coordinate system represents a point P by an ordered triple  $(\rho, \theta, \varphi)$  where:

\*  $\rho$  is the distance between P and the origin, excluding  $\rho=0$ . This is because  $\rho=0$  would mean the point is at the origin itself, which wouldn't be described uniquely by three coordinates.

\*  $\theta$  is indeed the same angle used to describe location in cylindrical coordinates. In both systems,  $\theta$  is an azimuthal angle measured counterclockwise from a fixed reference direction (the positive x-axis in cylindrical and the x-y plane in spherical). This means that  $\theta$  remains unchanged when transitioning between the two coordinate systems.

\*  $\varphi$  is the angle formed by the positive z-axis and line segment OP. The range  $0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi$  ensures that  $\varphi$  can be used to uniquely specify a point on the surface of the unit sphere, as it measures the angle from the positive z-axis to the point in question.

**Question:** True or False: Converting from spherical coordinates to rectangular coordinates involves using the equations  $x = \rho \sin \varphi \cos \theta$ ,  $y = \rho \sin \varphi \sin \theta$ ,  $z = \rho \cos \varphi$ , and  $\rho^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ .



**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The conversion from spherical coordinates  $(\rho, \varphi, \theta)$  to rectangular coordinates  $(x, y, z)$  is indeed a straightforward process.

Given a point in spherical coordinates, we can convert it to rectangular coordinates using the following equations:

$$1. x = \rho \sin(\varphi) \cos(\theta) \quad 2. y = \rho \sin(\varphi) \sin(\theta) \quad 3. z = \rho \cos(\varphi)$$

In these expressions,  $\rho$  is the radial distance from the origin,  $\varphi$  (phi) is the polar angle measured from the positive z-axis, and  $\theta$  (theta) is the azimuthal angle measured from the positive x-axis.

These equations are derived by considering the relationships between the spherical coordinates and the rectangular coordinates. For example, the x-coordinate in rectangular coordinates can be expressed as  $\rho \sin(\varphi) \cos(\theta)$ , where  $\rho \sin(\varphi)$  is the projection of the point onto the xy-plane, and  $\cos(\theta)$  gives the direction along the x-axis.

The equation  $\rho^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  serves as a consistency check to ensure that the conversion from spherical coordinates to rectangular coordinates is correct. This equation states that the square of the radial distance  $\rho$  is equal to the sum of the squares of the rectangular coordinates  $(x, y, z)$ .

**Question:** A two-dimensional vector-valued function is defined by a single equation with three component functions.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** A two-dimensional vector-valued function is typically defined by an equation of the form:

$$\mathbf{f}(t) = \langle f_1(t), f_2(t) \rangle$$

where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are scalar functions, not component functions. This is because a vector-valued function in two dimensions has only two components.

The statement claims that such a function can be defined by a single equation with three component functions, which is incorrect. There is no way to define a 2D vector-valued function using three component functions, as it would require an additional dimension (three-dimensional space) rather than the initial two dimensions.

**Question:** True or False: A vector-valued function  $\mathbf{r}$  approaches the limit  $\mathbf{L}$  as  $t$  approaches  $a$  if and only if the difference between the value of  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  and  $\mathbf{L}$  gets arbitrarily small as  $t$  gets arbitrarily close to  $a$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed true. A vector-valued function  $\mathbf{r}$  approaches the limit  $\mathbf{L}$  as  $t$  approaches  $a$  if and only if the magnitude of the difference between  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  and  $\mathbf{L}$  becomes arbitrarily small as  $t$  gets arbitrarily close to  $a$ .

In other words, for any positive real number  $\varepsilon$ , there exists a  $\delta$  such that  $\|\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{L}\| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $0 < |t - a| < \delta$ . This is often referred to as the "arbitrarily small" criterion, and it's a fundamental concept in mathematical analysis.

To illustrate this idea, consider a vector-valued function  $\mathbf{r}$  that describes the position of an object moving along a straight line. If we want to know where the object will be at some time  $t$ , we can use the value of  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  to determine its position. However, if we're interested in determining whether the object is approaching a certain point on the line (such as its final destination), we need to examine how the difference between  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  and this target point behaves as  $t$  approaches  $a$ .

If the difference between  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  and the target point becomes arbitrarily small as  $t$  gets arbitrarily close to  $a$ , then we say that  $\mathbf{r}$  approaches the target point as  $t$  approaches  $a$ . This is equivalent to

saying that the limit of  $r(t)$  as  $t$  approaches  $a$  exists and equals the target point.

**Question:** When evaluating the limit of a vector-valued function, it is true that the limit of  $f(t)i + g(t)j + h(t)k$  as  $t$  approaches  $a$  can be found by separately taking the limits of the scalar functions  $f$ ,  $g$ , and  $h$  and combining them into a new vector.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed true.

When evaluating the limit of a vector-valued function  $f(t)i + g(t)j + h(t)k$  as  $t$  approaches  $a$ , we can do so by separately taking the limits of the scalar functions  $f$ ,  $g$ , and  $h$  and combining them into a new vector. This is because the operation of adding vectors component-wise (i.e.,  $i + j$ ,  $k$ ) is continuous, meaning that it preserves the limiting behavior.

In other words, if  $\lim_{t \rightarrow a} f(t) = L1$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow a} g(t) = L2$ , and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow a} h(t) = L3$ , then  
 $\lim_{t \rightarrow a} (f(t)i + g(t)j + h(t)k) = L1i + L2j + L3k$

This property is a fundamental result in vector calculus and has important implications for the analysis of vector-valued functions.

**Question:** For a vector-valued function  $r(t)$  to be continuous at point  $t=a$ , it is sufficient that:  $r(a)$  exists, the limit as  $t$  approaches  $a$  of  $r(t)$  exists, and this limit is equal to  $r(a)$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** For a vector-valued function  $r(t)$  to be continuous at point  $t=a$ , it is sufficient that:

$r(a)$  exists, the limit as  $t$  approaches  $a$  of  $r(t)$  exists, and this limit is equal to  $r(a)$ .

This statement is true. In order for a function  $r(t)$  to be continuous at a specific point  $t=a$ , we require three conditions to hold:

1. The function must exist at that point, which means the vector-valued function  $r(t)$  has a defined value when  $t=a$ . 2. The limit as  $t$  approaches  $a$  of  $r(t)$  exists. This means that as  $t$  gets arbitrarily close to  $a$ , the function's output should get arbitrarily close to some specific value.

3. This limiting value must be equal to the value of the function at point  $t=a$ . In other words, if we substitute  $t=a$  into our vector-valued function, we should obtain the same result as if we were to evaluate the limit as  $t$  approaches  $a$ .

If these three conditions are satisfied, then we can say that  $r(t)$  is continuous at  $t=a$ .

**Question:** True or False: The derivative of a vector-valued function  $r(t)$  exists only if  $r$  is differentiable over an open interval  $(a,b)$ .

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The statement is actually false because the derivative of a vector-valued function  $r(t)$  can exist even if  $r$  is not differentiable over an open interval  $(a,b)$ . This is because the concept of differentiability applies to real-valued functions, whereas vector-valued functions have components that can be discontinuous or non-differentiable without affecting the existence of their derivatives. For instance, a vector-valued function like  $r(t) = \langle -t^3 \sin(t), t^2 \rangle$  has a well-defined derivative at every point in its domain, even though individual components may not be differentiable there.

**Question:** The derivative of a vector-valued function  $r(t) = f(t)i + g(t)j + h(t)k$  is given by  $r'(t) = f'(t)i + g'(t)j + h'(t)k$ .

True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The derivative of a vector-valued function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j} + h(t)\mathbf{k}$  is indeed given by  $\mathbf{r}'(t) = f'(t)\mathbf{i} + g'(t)\mathbf{j} + h'(t)\mathbf{k}$ .

This is because the derivative operation is applied separately to each component of the vector, treating each component as a separate function. In other words, we take the derivatives of the individual functions  $f(t)$ ,  $g(t)$ , and  $h(t)$  with respect to  $t$ , and then combine these results into a new vector.

For example, if we have  $\mathbf{r}(t) = 2t^3\mathbf{i} + 5\sin(t)\mathbf{j} + 7\cos(2t)\mathbf{k}$ , its derivative would be  $\mathbf{r}'(t) = 6t^2\mathbf{i} + 5\cos(t)\mathbf{j} - 14\sin(2t)\mathbf{k}$ . This is because the derivative of  $f(t) = 2t^3$  with respect to  $t$  is  $6t^2$ , the derivative of  $g(t) = 5\sin(t)$  with respect to  $t$  is  $5\cos(t)$ , and the derivative of  $h(t) = 7\cos(2t)$  with respect to  $t$  is  $-14\sin(2t)$ .

**Question:** Is it true that if  $\mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) = c$ , then  $\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}(t) = 0$ ?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The statement is false.

To see why, let's assume that  $\mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) = c$  for some constant  $c$ . This implies that the direction of motion ( $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ ) and position vector ( $\mathbf{r}(t)$ ) are perpendicular when  $t$  satisfies  $\mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) = c$ .

However, we can always change the direction of motion without changing the value of the constant  $c$ . For instance, if  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$  is initially in the  $x$ -direction, we could rotate it by 90 degrees about the origin to obtain a new vector  $\mathbf{r}'(t)'$  that has the same magnitude but points in the  $y$ -direction.

The new position vector  $\mathbf{r}(t)'$  would satisfy  $\mathbf{r}(t)' \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t)' = c$  as well, since the constant  $c$  is independent of the direction. However, this implies that  $\mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) \neq 0$  for all  $t$ , which contradicts our initial assumption that it only equals  $c$  at specific values of  $t$ .

Therefore, we have shown that if  $\mathbf{r}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) = c$ , then it is not necessarily true that  $\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}(t) = 0$ . Hence, the original statement is false.

**Question:** The principal unit tangent vector  $\mathbf{T}(t)$  is perpendicular to the curve  $C$  at point  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ .

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The principal unit tangent vector  $\mathbf{T}(t)$  is not necessarily perpendicular to the curve  $C$  at point  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ .

To see why, consider a smooth curve  $C$  parametrized by  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ . The principal unit tangent vector  $\mathbf{T}(t)$  is defined as the derivative of  $\mathbf{r}$  with respect to  $t$ , normalized to have length 1:

$$\mathbf{T}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|}$$

where  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$  is the derivative of  $\mathbf{r}$  with respect to  $t$ .

Now, suppose  $C$  has a curvature  $k$  at point  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ . The principal normal vector  $\mathbf{N}(t)$  to the curve  $C$  at this point is perpendicular to the tangent vector  $\mathbf{T}(t)$ , and points in the direction of the center of curvature. It's defined as:

$$\mathbf{N}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{T}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\|}$$

where  $\mathbf{T}'(t)$  is the derivative of  $\mathbf{T}$  with respect to  $t$ .

Notice that  $\mathbf{T}(t)$  is not necessarily perpendicular to  $C$  at point  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ . In fact, if the curve  $C$  has a nonzero curvature  $k$  at this point, then  $\mathbf{N}(t)$  (and hence  $\mathbf{T}(t)$ ) will be tangent to the osculating circle of the curve  $C$ , rather than being perpendicular to it. This means that  $\mathbf{T}(t)$  can still be pointing along the curve  $C$ , even though it's not necessarily perpendicular.

Therefore, the principal unit tangent vector  $\mathbf{T}(t)$  is false when stated as "perpendicular to the curve  $C$  at point  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ ".

**Question:** When finding the indefinite integral of a vector-valued function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j}$ , you can separate it into its individual components by performing the integrals separately.

True or False?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** When finding the indefinite integral of a vector-valued function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j}$ , you cannot simply separate it into its individual components by performing the integrals separately.

The reason is that the indefinite integral of a vector-valued function is itself a vector. When we integrate each component separately, we are not guaranteed to get the correct result for the original vector-valued function. This is because the integration process can introduce new terms that depend on both components simultaneously.

To find the correct indefinite integral, we need to use the fact that the derivative of a vector-valued function is defined as the sum of its individual component derivatives multiplied by their respective basis vectors ( $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  in this case). Using this fact, we can integrate each component separately while keeping track of the correct scalar factors.

For example, if  $\mathbf{r}(t) = t^2\mathbf{i} + 3t\mathbf{j}$ , then  $d\mathbf{r}/dt = 2t\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$ . The indefinite integral of  $d\mathbf{r}/dt$  is therefore  $\mathbf{R}(t) = t^2\mathbf{i} + 3t\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{C}$ , where  $\mathbf{C}$  is the constant of integration. This result cannot be obtained by simply integrating each component separately and combining the results.

**Question:** The arc length of a smooth plane curve defined by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j}$  over an interval  $[a, b]$  can be found using the formula  $s = \int_a^b \sqrt{[f'(t)]^2 + [g'(t)]^2} dt$ . True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The arc length of a smooth plane curve defined by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j}$  over an interval  $[a, b]$  can indeed be found using the formula  $s = \int_a^b \sqrt{[f'(t)]^2 + [g'(t)]^2} dt$ .

To see why, consider that the arc length is equal to the integral of the magnitude of the derivative with respect to  $t$ . In other words, it's the accumulation of small segments along the curve. The derivative  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$  is a vector-valued function pointing in the direction tangent to the curve at each point. Its magnitude,  $|\mathbf{r}'(t)|$ , represents the length of that segment.

The formula given calculates this magnitude by taking the square root of the sum of the squares of the  $x$ - and  $y$ -components of the derivative, i.e.,  $\sqrt{[f'(t)]^2 + [g'(t)]^2}$ . This is because the Pythagorean theorem states that the magnitude of a vector is equal to the square root of the sum of the squares of its components.

By integrating this expression over the interval  $[a, b]$ , we obtain the total arc length  $s$ , which represents the accumulation of all these small segments along the curve.

**Question:** The arc-length function of a smooth curve is given by integrating the magnitude of the derivative of the curve's parametric equation with respect to the parameter.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The arc-length function of a smooth curve is indeed given by integrating the magnitude of the derivative of the curve's parametric equation with respect to the parameter.

To see why, consider a smooth curve in 2D or 3D defined by its parametric equations  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$ , where  $t$  is the parameter. The arc-length function  $s(t)$  measures the length of the curve from some fixed initial point to the point at parameter value  $t$ .

The key insight is that the derivative of the parametric equation represents the velocity vector at a given point on the curve, and its magnitude  $|\mathbf{v}|$  represents the speed at which the point

moves along the curve as the parameter changes. To find the arc-length up to some point  $t$ , we can integrate the speed over all previous values of the parameter from 0 to  $t$ .

Mathematically, this means that  $s(t) = \int_0^t \sqrt{x'(u)^2 + y'(u)^2} du$ , where  $x'(u)$  is the derivative of the  $x$ -coordinate with respect to  $u$ . This integral represents the accumulation of small increments in arc-length as we move along the curve, and it produces the total arc-length up to the point at parameter value  $t$ .

By integrating the magnitude of the derivative, rather than just the derivative itself, we ensure that our arc-length function captures the correct amount of "distance traveled" along the curve. This is because the magnitude of the velocity vector gives us the rate at which distance is being covered, so integrating it over time (or in this case, parameter value) yields the total distance traveled.

In summary, the arc-length function is given by integrating the magnitude of the derivative of a smooth curve's parametric equation with respect to the parameter, because this accurately captures the accumulation of small increments in arc-length as we move along the curve.

**Question:** True or False: The curvature of a smooth curve at any point is equal to the magnitude of its derivative with respect to arc-length parameter?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement "The curvature of a smooth curve at any point is equal to the magnitude of its derivative with respect to arc-length parameter" is true.

To see why, recall that the curvature of a smooth curve at a given point is defined as the reciprocal of the radius of the osculating circle, which is the circle that best approximates the curve in the neighborhood of that point. This radius can be found by solving the equation for the distance from the curve to the circle's center:  $r = 1 / \kappa(t)$ .

The derivative with respect to arc-length parameter represents the rate at which the curvature changes along the curve. Since the osculating circle is defined as the best approximating circle, its radius should vary smoothly and continuously along the curve. Thus, we expect the magnitude of this derivative to be proportional to the curvature itself.

In fact, a simple calculation shows that  $\kappa(t) = |d/dt(1 / \kappa(t))|$ , where  $d/dt$  denotes differentiation with respect to arc-length parameter  $t$ . This means that the curvature is indeed equal to the magnitude of its derivative with respect to arc-length parameter:  $\kappa(t) = |d/dt(1 / \kappa(t))|$ .

**Question:** The curvature of a curve is given by its tangent vector's derivative multiplied by its position vector's magnitude, regardless of whether it's in 2D or 3D space.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The curvature of a curve is typically described by its tangent vector's derivative multiplied by its position vector's magnitude in 2D space, but this description does not generalize to higher-dimensional spaces. In fact, the curvature of a curve can have different meanings depending on whether it's in Euclidean or non-Euclidean geometry.

In Euclidean geometry, the curvature of a curve is often described as the reciprocal of the radius of the osculating circle at each point, where the tangent vector and its derivative are used to define this osculating circle. This definition does not involve the magnitude of the position vector directly.

In non-Euclidean geometries, such as Riemannian manifolds, the concept of curvature is more subtle and involves the metric tensor, which describes how distances and angles are measured on

the manifold. The curvature of a curve in this context cannot be described simply by its tangent vector's derivative multiplied by its position vector's magnitude.

Therefore, while the given description might be true for specific cases or limited contexts, it is not universally applicable to all curves in all dimensions. Hence, the answer is False.

**Question:** Is the principal unit normal vector  $N(t)$  at any point  $t$  on a 3D smooth curve  $C$  equal to  $T'(t)$ , where  $T(t)$  is the unit tangent vector?

**Answer:** False.

**Explanation:** Here's a concise explanation for the answer:

The principal unit normal vector  $N(t)$  is perpendicular to the curve  $C$  at any point  $t$ , whereas the unit tangent vector  $T'(t)$  lies in the direction of the curve. To see why  $N(t) \neq T'(t)$ , consider a small arc length  $ds$  on the curve. The normal vector  $N(t)$  is proportional to the cross product  $(dR/ds \times dR/dt)$ , where  $R(t)$  is the position vector of the curve. On the other hand, the unit tangent vector  $T'(t)$  is simply the derivative of the unit tangent vector with respect to arc length.

These two vectors have different orientations and cannot be equal for all  $t$  on the curve  $C$ . In fact,  $N(t)$  and  $T'(t)$  are typically orthogonal, which is a fundamental property in differential geometry.

**Question:** The acceleration vector of an object is equal to its velocity vector.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The acceleration vector of an object is not equal to its velocity vector.

To understand why this is false, let's consider a simple example. Imagine you're driving a car and accelerating from 0 to 60 miles per hour in just 5 seconds. In the first second, your velocity might be 10 mph, then 20 mph, and finally 30 mph before reaching 60 mph.

During each of these time intervals, your acceleration is not equal to your velocity. For instance, when you're going from 0-10 mph in the first second, your acceleration is high because you're rapidly increasing your speed. However, your velocity at this point is still relatively low (just 10 mph). Your acceleration and velocity are not the same.

This example illustrates that acceleration and velocity are distinct physical quantities. Acceleration measures how quickly an object's velocity is changing, while velocity represents the rate of change of position. The two are related but are not equal.

**Question:** The acceleration vector of an object lies in the plane formed by the unit tangent vector and the principal unit normal vector to its curve of motion. True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The acceleration vector of an object lies in the plane formed by the unit tangent vector and the principal unit normal vector to its curve of motion.

This statement is true because the unit tangent vector, denoted as  $T$ , and the principal unit normal vector, denoted as  $N$ , are both perpendicular to the curve at any point. The acceleration vector  $a$  can be expressed as the sum of two vectors:

$$a = vT + rN$$

where  $v$  is the velocity vector and  $r$  is the curvature of the curve. Since  $T$  and  $N$  are perpendicular, the dot product (or scalar product) of  $a$  with either vector is zero:

$$a \cdot T = 0 \quad a \cdot N = 0$$

This implies that  $a$  lies in the plane formed by  $T$  and  $N$ , as any vector orthogonal to both vectors

must also be orthogonal to the plane itself. Therefore, it can be concluded that the acceleration vector indeed lies in this plane.

**Question:** The tangential component of acceleration is always equal to zero. True or False?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The tangential component of acceleration is the part of an object's acceleration that is parallel to its velocity vector. This means it is the rate of change of velocity in a direction tangent to the path of motion.

In general, an accelerating object has both radial and tangential components of acceleration. The radial component causes the object's speed to increase or decrease, while the tangential component changes the direction of the velocity vector.

Therefore, the statement "The tangential component of acceleration is always equal to zero" is false. There are many situations where an object accelerates in a way that its velocity vector changes direction, resulting in a non-zero tangential component of acceleration.

**Question:** According to Kepler's Laws, the path of any planet about the Sun is: True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Kepler's Laws of Planetary Motion describe the paths of planets around the Sun. According to Kepler's First Law, also known as the Law of Elliptical Paths, the path of a planet about the Sun is an ellipse. This means that the planet moves in an elliptical shape, with the Sun at one of the two foci (or focal points) of the ellipse.

In other words, the planet does not move in a perfect circle around the Sun, but rather in an oval-shaped path where the Sun is located at one end. This is why we see planets having slightly curved orbits as they revolve around the Sun.

Therefore, according to Kepler's Laws, the statement "The path of any planet about the Sun is: True."

**Question:** A function of two variables  $z=f(x,y)$  maps each ordered pair  $(x,y)$  in a subset DD of the real plane to a unique real number  $z$ , but it is possible for more than one ordered pair  $(x,y)$  to map to the same value  $z$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** A function of two variables  $z=f(x,y)$  maps each ordered pair  $(x,y)$  in a subset DD of the real plane to a unique real number  $z$ , but it is possible for more than one ordered pair  $(x,y)$  to map to the same value  $z$ .

This statement is true. A function  $f(x,y)$  is a relation between two variables that assigns to each ordered pair  $(x,y)$  in its domain DD exactly one real number  $z$ . This means that every point  $(x,y)$  in the domain corresponds to one and only one output or image, which we denote as  $z$ .

However, it is possible for multiple input points  $(x,y)$  to have the same output or image  $z$ . For instance, consider a function  $f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$  that maps every point on the unit circle to 1. In this case, different points  $(x,y)$  can correspond to the same value of  $z=1$ , which is an example of a many-to-one relationship.

Therefore, it is possible for more than one ordered pair  $(x,y)$  in DD to map to the same real number  $z$ , making the statement true.

**Question:** Is a level curve of a function  $f(x,y)$  for a value  $c$  defined as the set of points satisfying the equation  $f(x,y)=c$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** A level curve of a function  $f(x,y)$  for a value  $c$  is indeed defined as the set of points satisfying the equation  $f(x,y)=c$ .

To see why, consider a surface in three-dimensional space described by the equation  $z=f(x,y)$ . A level curve is a curve that lies in this surface and has the property that every point on the curve has the same  $z$ -value. In other words, it's a curve where the function takes on a constant value.

Now, let  $c$  be any real number. The set of points  $(x,y)$  that satisfy the equation  $f(x,y)=c$  is precisely the level curve corresponding to this value of  $c$ . This is because every point on the level curve has the same  $z$ -value, which is  $c$ . Therefore, the set of points satisfying  $f(x,y)=c$  is indeed the level curve of the function  $f$  for the value  $c$ .

So, the answer to our question is: True.

**Question:** A vertical trace of a function  $z=f(x,y)$  is always defined by solving the equation  $f(a,y)=z$  for a given constant  $x=a$ .

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** A vertical trace of a function  $z=f(x,y)$  is not always defined by solving the equation  $f(a,y)=z$  for a given constant  $x=a$ .

This is because a vertical trace can also involve finding all points  $(x,z)$  such that  $z=f(x,y_0)$  where  $y_0$  is a constant. In this case, we would be solving the equation  $f(x,y_0)=z$  instead of  $f(a,y)=z$ .

For example, consider the function  $z=x^2+y^2$ . A vertical trace at  $x=a$  would involve finding all points  $(x,z)$  such that  $z=(a)^2+y^2$ , whereas a horizontal trace at  $y=y_0$  would involve finding all points  $(x,z)$  such that  $z=x^2+(y_0)^2$ .

Therefore, the statement is false and a vertical trace of a function can be defined by solving for either  $f(a,y)=z$  or  $z=f(x,y_0)$ .

**Question:** A level surface of a function of three variables is defined to be the set of points satisfying the equation  $f(x,y,z)=c$ , where  $c$  is in the range of  $f$ . True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** A level surface of a function  $f(x,y,z)$  is defined as the set of points  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  satisfying  $f(x_0, y_0, z_0) = c$ . This definition can be rewritten as  $\{ (x,y,z) \mid f(x,y,z) = c \}$ , which is equivalent to the set of points in the range of  $f$  that are equal to a constant  $c$ .

In general, the range of a function  $f$  is the set of all possible outputs or values it can take. For a function of three variables like  $f(x,y,z)$ , the range would include all possible values of  $f$  that result from varying its input variables  $(x, y, \text{ and } z)$ .

Accordingly, the set of points satisfying  $f(x,y,z) = c$  is indeed the level surface of the function  $f$ , as it contains all points where the value of  $f$  equals a specific constant. This definition ensures that the level surface is not just any arbitrary set of points but rather a set of points sharing a common characteristic - the same output or value for the given function.

Therefore, the statement "A level surface of a function of three variables is defined to be the set of points satisfying the equation  $f(x,y,z)=c$ , where  $c$  is in the range of  $f$ " is indeed TRUE.

**Question:** A  $\delta\delta$  disk centered at point  $(a,b)$  is defined to be an open region in the plane that includes only points with distances from  $(a,b)$  less than  $\delta$ , but does not include any points with



distances equal to  $\delta$ .

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The statement "A  $\delta\delta$  disk centered at point (a,b) is defined to be an open region in the plane that includes only points with distances from (a,b) less than  $\delta$ , but does not include any points with distances equal to  $\delta$ ." is actually TRUE.

To see why, recall that a  $\delta\delta$  disk is typically defined as the set of all points in the plane whose distance from the center point (a,b) is strictly less than  $\delta$ . This means that the disk includes all points within a certain radius of the center, but does not include any points on the boundary of this region.

Notice that the phrase "but does not include any points with distances equal to  $\delta$ " is actually redundant, since by definition the distance from (a,b) to a point on the boundary would be precisely equal to  $\delta$ . Therefore, we only need to consider points whose distance from (a,b) is strictly less than  $\delta$ .

In this sense, the statement accurately captures the essence of what a  $\delta\delta$  disk centered at point (a,b) should mean.

**Question:** True or False: The limit of a function  $f(x,y)$  as  $(x,y)$  approaches (a,b) is defined as  $L$  if for any positive value  $\varepsilon$ , there exists a number  $\delta$  such that  $|f(x,y) - L| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $0 < (x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 < \delta$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed TRUE.

To understand this, let's break down what the limit of a function  $f(x,y)$  as  $(x,y)$  approaches (a,b) means. It essentially asks us to examine how close our function value gets to some number  $L$  when we're very close to the point (a,b).

In other words, for any tiny positive distance  $\varepsilon$ , we want to find a corresponding small region around (a,b) such that whenever we choose a point inside this region, our function value is at most  $\varepsilon$  away from  $L$ .

The  $\delta$  in the statement represents this small region. It's the "distance" from (a,b) within which all points are guaranteed to have an  $f(x,y)$  value close to  $L$  by at least  $\varepsilon$ .

The inequality  $|f(x,y) - L| < \varepsilon$  ensures that our function value is within  $\varepsilon$  of  $L$ , while  $0 < (x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 < \delta$  specifies the small region around (a,b) where this happens. The combination of these two conditions defines what we mean by the limit of  $f(x,y)$  as  $(x,y)$  approaches (a,b), and it's precisely what the given statement describes.

**Question:** If  $f(x,y)$  and  $g(x,y)$  are functions of two variables that satisfy certain conditions, then the following statements are true:

The Constant Law is: If  $c$  is a constant, then  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} c = c$ .

The Identity Laws are:  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} x = a$   $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} y = b$

The Sum Law is:  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} (f(x,y) + g(x,y)) = L + M$

The Difference Law is:  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} (f(x,y) - g(x,y)) = L - M$

The Constant Multiple Law is: If  $c$  is a constant, then  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} (cf(x,y)) = cL$

The Product Law is:  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} (f(x,y)g(x,y)) = LM$

The Quotient Law is: If  $M \neq 0$ , then  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y)/g(x,y) = L/M$

The Power Law is: For any positive integer  $n$ ,  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} (f(x,y))^n = L^n$

The Root Law is: For all  $L$  and for odd and positive  $n$ , or for  $L \geq 0$  and even and positive  $n$  provided  $f(x,y) \geq 0$  for all  $(x,y) \neq (a,b)$ , then  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \sqrt[n]{f(x,y)} = \sqrt[n]{L}$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Here is a concise explanation for each of the laws:

The Constant Law: This law states that the limit of a constant  $c$  as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(a,b)$  is simply  $c$ . This makes sense because the value of  $c$  does not depend on  $x$  and  $y$ , so it remains unchanged as they approach their limits.

The Identity Laws:  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} x = a$  This law says that the limit of  $x$  as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(a,b)$  is simply  $a$ . This is because the value of  $x$  depends only on itself, not on  $y$ , so it will always be equal to  $a$ .

$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} y = b$  Similarly, this law states that the limit of  $y$  as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(a,b)$  is simply  $b$ . Again, the value of  $y$  depends only on itself, not on  $x$ , so it will always be equal to  $b$ .

The Sum Law: This law states that the limit of the sum of two functions  $f$  and  $g$  as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(a,b)$  is the same as the sum of their limits. In other words:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} (f(x,y) + g(x,y)) = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) + \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} g(x,y)$$

The Difference Law: This law states that the limit of the difference of two functions  $f$  and  $g$  as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(a,b)$  is the same as the difference of their limits. In other words:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} (f(x,y) - g(x,y)) = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) - \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} g(x,y)$$

The Constant Multiple Law: This law states that the limit of a constant multiple  $c$  times a function  $f$  as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(a,b)$  is simply  $c$  multiplied by the limit of  $f$ . In other words:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} (cf(x,y)) = c \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y)$$

The Product Law: This law states that the limit of the product of two functions  $f$  and  $g$  as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(a,b)$  is the same as the product of their limits. In other words:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} (f(x,y)g(x,y)) = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) * \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} g(x,y)$$

The Quotient Law: This law states that the limit of a function  $f$  divided by another function  $g$  as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(a,b)$  is the same as the quotient of their limits, provided the limit of  $g$  is not zero. In other words:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y)/g(x,y) = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) / \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} g(x,y)$$

The Power Law: This law states that the limit of a function  $f$  raised to the power  $n$  as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(a,b)$  is the same as the result of raising the limit of  $f$  to the power  $n$ . In other words:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} (f(x,y))^n = (\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y))^n$$

The Root Law: This law states that the limit of the square root of a function  $f$  as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(a,b)$  is the same as the square root of the limit of  $f$ , provided certain conditions are met. In other words:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \sqrt{f(x,y)} = \sqrt{\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y)}$$

Note that some of these laws require additional conditions, such as the function being positive or the limit of  $g$  not being zero.

**Question:** Is an interior point of a set always a boundary point?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** An interior point of a set is a point that has some neighborhood entirely contained within the set. A boundary point, on the other hand, is a point that is approached arbitrarily closely by points in the set and also by points not in the set.

These two concepts are distinct because an interior point can always be moved slightly to create another interior point, whereas a boundary point cannot be moved without leaving the set or entering it. This difference is critical when working with sets of real numbers or other continuous domains.

A simple example illustrates this distinction. Consider the open interval  $(0,1)$  in the real line. The number  $1/2$  is an interior point because it has some neighborhood, say  $(1/4, 3/4)$ , that lies entirely within  $(0,1)$ . On the other hand, the endpoints 0 and 1 are boundary points because they can be approached arbitrarily closely by numbers in  $(0,1)$  but cannot be moved without leaving or entering the interval.

In general, interior points of a set are characterized by having some neighborhood entirely contained within the set, whereas boundary points are characterized by being approached by points both inside and outside the set. This fundamental distinction is essential for many applications in mathematics, including calculus, topology, and functional analysis.

**Question:** Is every point of an open set considered to be a boundary point?

**Answer:** False.

**Explanation:** Here is a concise explanation:

A point in an open set is not necessarily considered a boundary point. In fact, by definition, an open set contains none of its boundary points. An open set is a set that does not contain any of its boundary points, whereas a closed set is one that does contain all its boundary points. Therefore, it's false to say every point of an open set is considered a boundary point.

**Question:** Is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that cannot be represented as the union of two or more disjoint, nonempty open subsets connected?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The given set is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that cannot be represented as the union of two or more disjoint, nonempty open subsets. This implies that the set is connected because any attempt to separate it into two nonempty open sets would result in one of those sets being empty, which contradicts the condition.

In other words, if such a subset existed and could not be expressed as the union of two or more disjoint, nonempty open subsets, then it would have to be disconnected. However, since we know that any set that cannot be expressed as the union of two or more disjoint, nonempty open subsets must be connected, our initial assumption leads to a contradiction. Therefore, the statement "a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that cannot be represented as the union of two or more disjoint, nonempty open subsets is connected" is true.

**Question:** True or False: The concept of limit as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(a,b)$  for a function  $f(x,y)$  requires that there exists a positive number  $\delta$  such that  $|f(x,y) - L| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $0 < (x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 < \delta$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The concept of limit as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(a,b)$  for a function  $f(x,y)$  indeed requires that there exists a positive number  $\delta$  such that  $|f(x,y) - L| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $0 < (x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 < \delta$ .

This is because the definition of a limit involves checking the behavior of the function as the input  $(x,y)$  gets arbitrarily close to the point  $(a,b)$ . In other words, we want to know if the output  $f(x,y)$  gets arbitrarily close to some value  $L$  as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(a,b)$ .

The condition stated in the true or false question ensures that the function values  $f(x,y)$  are within a distance  $\varepsilon$  of the limit  $L$  whenever the point  $(x,y)$  is within a sphere of radius  $\delta$  centered at  $(a,b)$ . This is a precise mathematical way to describe the concept of approaching a point, and it's essential for defining limits in multivariable functions.

**Question:** For a function  $f(x, y)$  to be continuous at point  $(a, b)$ , it is necessary that:  
f exists at  $(a, b)$  The limit as  $(x, y)$  approaches  $(a, b)$  of  $f(x, y)$  exists The value of the limit as  $(x, y)$  approaches  $(a, b)$  of  $f(x, y)$  equals  $f(a, b)$

True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed TRUE.

For a function  $f(x, y)$  to be continuous at point  $(a, b)$ , it must satisfy three conditions:

Firstly, the function must exist at that point. This means that we can evaluate  $f(a, b)$  without encountering any issues like division by zero or undefined expressions.

Secondly, the limit as  $(x, y)$  approaches  $(a, b)$  of  $f(x, y)$  must exist. In other words, the value of the expression  $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (a, b)} f(x, y)$  must be finite and not infinite or indeterminate.

Thirdly, the value of that limit, if it exists, must equal the value of the function at point  $(a, b)$ . This is often expressed mathematically as:

$$\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (a, b)} f(x, y) = f(a, b)$$

If all three conditions are met, then we say that the function is continuous at point  $(a, b)$ .

It's worth noting that if any one of these conditions fails to hold true, then the function will not be considered continuous at that point.

**Question:** True or False: If two continuous functions are added together, their sum is also continuous?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement "If two continuous functions are added together, their sum is also continuous" is indeed true.

To see why, consider two continuous functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ . By definition, a function  $f(x)$  is continuous at a point  $x=a$  if and only if it has no jump discontinuity or removable discontinuity at that point. This means that as  $x$  approaches  $a$  from either side, the value of  $f(x)$  approaches some limit, say  $L$ .

Now, when we add these two functions together to get  $h(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ , we can see that:

1. If both  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous at  $x=a$ , then so is their sum  $h$ , since the limits of each function as  $x$  approaches  $a$  will be preserved in the sum. 2. The only way for the sum of two functions to have a jump discontinuity or removable discontinuity is if one or both of the original functions had such a discontinuity, but this would contradict our assumption that  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous.

Therefore, since both  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are continuous at every point in their domains, so must be their sum  $h(x)$ . This shows that the statement "If two continuous functions are added together, their sum is also continuous" is true.

**Question:** Is it true that if  $g(x)$  is continuous at  $x_0$  and  $h(y)$  is continuous at  $y_0$ , then  $f(x, y) = g(x)h(y)$  is continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$ ?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The statement is false.

To see why, consider the function  $f(x, y) = xy$  if  $x > 0, y > 0$  and  $f(x, y) = 0$  otherwise. This function is continuous at  $(x_0, y_0) = (1, 1)$ , since it is defined there and has a finite limit. However,  $g(x) = x$  and  $h(y) = y$  are both continuous at  $x_0 = 1$  and  $y_0 = 1$  respectively. Nevertheless, the product  $f(x, y) = xy$  is not continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$  because its partial derivatives are not simultaneously continuous there. Specifically, the partial derivative with respect to  $x$  is zero if  $y=0$  but the

partial derivative with respect to  $y$  is zero only if  $x=0$ . This is a counterexample showing that the statement is false.

**Question:** Is it true that if  $g$  is continuous at some point  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $f$  is continuous at  $z_0 = g(x_0, y_0)$ , then the composition  $f \circ g$  is also continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The composition  $f \circ g$  is continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$  because continuity of  $f$  at  $z_0 = g(x_0, y_0)$  implies that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|f(z) - f(z_0)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $z$  satisfying  $|z - z_0| < \delta$ .

Since  $g$  is continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$ , it follows that for any  $\eta > 0$ , there exists a  $\mu > 0$  such that  $|g(x, y) - g(x_0, y_0)| < \eta$  for all  $(x, y)$  satisfying  $((x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2)^{1/2} < \mu$ .

Let's define  $\delta = \mu$  and consider any  $(x, y)$  satisfying  $((x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2)^{1/2} < \delta$ . Then, we have  $|g(x, y) - g(x_0, y_0)| < \eta$ .

Now, since  $f \circ g$  is defined as  $f(g(x, y))$ , we can substitute  $z = g(x, y)$  in the definition of continuity for  $f$  at  $z_0$ :

$$|f(g(x, y)) - f(z_0)| = |f(g(x, y)) - f(g(x_0, y_0))| < \varepsilon.$$

Combining this with our previous inequality, we get  $|g(x, y) - g(x_0, y_0)| < \eta$  implies  $|f(g(x, y)) - f(z_0)| < \varepsilon$ . This shows that  $f \circ g$  is continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

**Question:** The partial derivative of a function with respect to  $x$  is defined as the limit of the difference quotient as  $h$  approaches 0, where  $h$  is an infinitesimally small change in  $x$ .

True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The partial derivative of a function  $f(x, y)$  with respect to  $x$  is indeed defined as the limit of the difference quotient as  $h$  approaches 0, where  $h$  represents an infinitesimally small change in  $x$ . This can be written mathematically as:

$$f'_x(x, y) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)]/h$$

The partial derivative captures the rate of change of the function with respect to changes in the  $x$ -coordinate while keeping the  $y$ -coordinate constant. It's a fundamental concept in calculus and is used extensively in optimization, physics, and other fields where understanding how functions behave is crucial.

**Question:** Is the partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  defined as the limit as  $h$  approaches 0 of the difference quotient  $(f(x+h, y, z) - f(x, y, z))/h$ ?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  is defined as the limit as  $h$  approaches 0 of the difference quotient  $(f(x+h, y, z) - f(x, y, z))/h$  only if the function  $f$  is continuous and has a unique value at each point in its domain.

However, if the function  $f$  is not continuous or does not have a unique value at each point in its domain, then this definition may not apply. For example, if we consider a function that has a jump discontinuity, such as Heaviside step function, then the above definition would not be applicable.

Therefore, the statement "the partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  is defined as the limit as  $h$  approaches 0 of the difference quotient  $(f(x+h, y, z) - f(x, y, z))/h$ " is false.

**Question:** True or False: If  $f(x, y)$  is defined on an open disk  $D$  containing  $(a, b)$ , and both

mixed partial derivatives  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are continuous, then they must be equal?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed TRUE.

Let's consider two functions  $f(x,y)$  that satisfy the conditions: they are defined on an open disk  $D$  containing  $(a,b)$ , and both mixed partial derivatives  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are continuous.

Since  $f_{xy}$  is a function of  $x$  only, its value depends solely on  $x$  and does not change as  $y$  varies. Similarly, since  $f_{yx}$  is a function of  $y$  only, its value depends solely on  $y$  and does not change as  $x$  varies.

Now, let's evaluate the partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $y$  at  $(a,b)$  in two different ways:

1. Using the definition of mixed partial derivatives:  $f_{xy}(a,b) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f((a,h),b) - f((a,0),b)]/h$
2. Using the definition of  $f_{yx}$  and the fact that its value depends solely on  $y$ :  $f_{xy}(a,b) = f_{yx}(b,a)$

Since both  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are continuous at  $(a,b)$ , this limit exists and equals their values at  $(a,b)$ .

Comparing these two expressions, we see that:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f((a,h),b) - f((a,0),b)]/h = f_{yx}(b,a)$$

The left-hand side is the definition of  $f_{xy}$ , so we can equate it to the right-hand side:  $f_{xy}(a,b) = f_{yx}(b,a)$

Since  $(a,b)$  was an arbitrary point in  $D$ , this equality holds for all points in the open disk. Therefore, we conclude that  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are equal.

This result is known as Clairaut's Theorem and is a fundamental property of multivariable functions with continuous mixed partial derivatives.

**Question:** True or False: The tangent plane to a surface at a given point is defined as the plane that contains the tangent lines of all curves passing through that point and lying entirely in the surface?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The tangent plane to a surface at a given point is indeed defined as the plane that contains the tangent lines of all curves passing through that point and lying entirely in the surface. This definition is based on the concept of limits and continuity.

Consider a curve  $c(t) = (x(t), y(t))$  that lies entirely within the surface  $S$ . The tangent line to this curve at a given point  $t_0$  is defined as the limit of the secant lines formed by the points  $c(t_0)$  and  $c(t)$ , as  $t$  approaches  $t_0$ .

The key observation here is that if we fix the value of  $t = t_0$ , then the curve  $c(t)$  becomes a constant point within  $S$ . The tangent line to this curve at  $t_0$  is therefore the best linear approximation of all such curves passing through  $(x(t_0), y(t_0))$  and lying in  $S$ .

The set of all such tangent lines forms a plane, which is precisely the tangent plane to  $S$  at the given point. This plane contains the tangents to every curve that passes through this point and lies within  $S$ , thereby capturing the local geometry of the surface at that point.

In summary, the tangent plane to a surface at a given point is defined as the unique plane that contains all the tangent lines to curves passing through that point and lying in the surface.

**Question:** Is the equation of the tangent plane to a surface defined by  $z=f(x,y)$  at a point  $P_0=(x_0,y_0)$  given by  $z=f(x_0,y_0)+f_x(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0)+f_y(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0)$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The equation of the tangent plane to a surface defined by  $z = f(x,y)$  at a point  $P_0 = (x_0, y_0)$  is given by:

$$z = f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

This equation represents the plane that best approximates the surface at the point  $P_0$ . The tangent plane is a linear approximation of the surface at this point, and it is given by the first two terms in the Taylor series expansion of  $z = f(x,y)$  around  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

**Question:** The linear approximation of a function  $z=f(x,y)$  at the point  $(x_0,y_0)$  is given by the equation  $f(x_0,y_0)+f_x(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0)+f_y(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0)$ . True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The linear approximation of a function  $z=f(x,y)$  at the point  $(x_0,y_0)$  is given by the equation  $f(x_0,y_0)+f_x(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0)+f_y(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0)$ . This is true.

To see why, let's consider the Taylor series expansion of  $f$  around the point  $(x_0,y_0)$ :

$$f(x,y) = f(x_0,y_0) + f_x(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0) + f_y(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0) + \dots$$

We can truncate this series at the linear term to obtain the linear approximation:

$$f(x,y) \approx f(x_0,y_0) + f_x(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0) + f_y(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0)$$

This is the equation given in the question, and it represents the best linear fit to the function  $f$  around the point  $(x_0,y_0)$ .

**Question:** Is a function differentiable at a point if it can be written in the form  $f(x,y)=f(x_0,y_0)+f_x(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0)+f_y(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0)+E(x,y)$ , where the error term  $E(x,y)$  approaches zero as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(x_0,y_0)$ ?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** A function  $f(x,y)$  is differentiable at a point  $(x_0,y_0)$  if its partial derivatives exist and are continuous at that point.

The given condition is a Taylor series expansion of the function  $f$  around the point  $(x_0,y_0)$ , which implies that the function has some kind of local behavior around this point, but it does not necessarily imply differentiability. In fact, there can be functions that satisfy this condition without being differentiable at the point.

For example, consider the function  $f(x,y) = -x-y-$ , which is not differentiable at  $(0,0)$ . However, the Taylor series expansion of  $f$  around  $(0,0)$  would be:

$$f(x,y) = -0-0- + E(x,y)$$

where  $E(x,y)$  approaches zero as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(0,0)$ .

This shows that just because a function can be written in this form, it does not necessarily mean it is differentiable.

**Question:** True or False: If a function of two variables is differentiable at a point, then it must also be continuous at that same point?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement "If a function of two variables is differentiable at a point, then it must also be continuous at that same point" is indeed TRUE.

A function of two variables  $f(x,y)$  is said to be differentiable at a point  $(a,b)$  if its partial derivatives exist and are continuous at that point. In other words, the limit as  $(x-a,y-b)$  approaches  $(0,0)$  of  $[f(a+x,b+y)-f(a,b)]/((x^2 + y^2)^{1/2})$  must exist and be finite.

On the other hand, a function is said to be continuous at a point if its value can be made arbitrarily close to that point by taking values sufficiently close to it. In other words, if  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) = f(a,b)$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $(a,b)$ .

Now, consider a differentiable function  $f$  at a point  $(a,b)$ . By definition of differentiation, the limit as  $(x-a,y-b)$  approaches  $(0,0)$  of  $[f(a+x,b+y)-f(a,b)]/((x^2 + y^2)^{1/2})$  exists and is finite. This means that we can make the value of  $f(x,y)$  arbitrarily close to its value at  $(a,b)$  by taking values sufficiently close to it. In other words,  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) = f(a,b)$ , which means that  $f$  is continuous at  $(a,b)$ .

Therefore, if a function of two variables is differentiable at a point, then it must also be continuous at that same point.

**Question:** Continuity of first partials implies differentiability.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement "Continuity of first partials implies differentiability" is indeed TRUE.

To see why, recall that a function  $f(x,y)$  is said to be differentiable at a point  $(a,b)$  if its derivative exists at that point. The derivative can be thought of as the rate of change of the function with respect to one variable while keeping the other fixed.

Now, suppose we have a function  $f(x,y)$  that has continuous first partial derivatives, i.e.,  $\partial f/\partial x$  and  $\partial f/\partial y$  are both continuous at  $(a,b)$ . This means that the rate of change of  $f$  in the  $x$ -direction and  $y$ -direction is well-defined and does not jump or oscillate wildly as we approach  $(a,b)$ .

However, having continuous first partial derivatives does not necessarily mean that the function is differentiable. For instance, consider a function that has a "kink" or a sharp corner at some point. The function might have continuous first partial derivatives everywhere except at this kink, but it would still not be differentiable.

But suppose we also know that the function  $f(x,y)$  is continuous at  $(a,b)$ . This means that as we approach  $(a,b)$ , the value of the function does not jump or oscillate wildly either. In fact, continuity implies that the rate of change of the function in any direction should be well-defined and continuous.

Now, given this combination of properties - continuity of first partial derivatives and continuity of the function itself - we can conclude that  $f(x,y)$  is indeed differentiable at  $(a,b)$ . This is because the "kink" or corner that might have caused trouble earlier no longer exists due to the continuity of the function.

In summary, the condition of having continuous first partial derivatives together with being continuous implies that a function is differentiable.

**Question:** The differential  $dz$  of  $z=f(x,y)$  at  $(x_0,y_0)$  is defined as  $dz=fx(x_0,y_0)dx+fy(x_0,y_0)dy$ , where  $dx$  and  $dy$  are both equal to the change in  $x$  and  $y$  respectively.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The differential  $dz$  of  $z=f(x,y)$  at  $(x_0,y_0)$  is defined as  $dz=fx(x_0,y_0)dx+fy(x_0,y_0)dy$ , where  $dx$  and  $dy$  are both equal to the change in  $x$  and  $y$  respectively.

Answer: False

Explanation:

This definition is incorrect because it equates the differential  $dz$  with a finite difference approximation. In reality, the differential  $dz$  should be defined as the limit of the ratio of the change in  $z$  to the change in  $(x,y)$  as the change approaches zero. This is often denoted as:

$$dz = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(x_0+h,y_0)-f(x_0,y_0)]/h$$

where  $h$  is a small positive number representing the change in  $(x,y)$ . The correct definition of  $dz$  can be rewritten using the partial derivatives  $fx$  and  $fy$  at the point  $(x_0,y_0)$  as:



$$dz = f_x(x_0, y_0)dx + f_y(x_0, y_0)dy$$

However,  $dx$  and  $dy$  are not equal to the change in  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. Instead, they should represent small changes in the independent variables  $x$  and  $y$  around the point  $(x_0, y_0)$ , which would result in a small change in  $z$ .

**Question:** Is it true that a function is differentiable at a point if, for every point in a small disk around that point, the function can be written as its value at that point plus first-order terms times the differences of the input coordinates, plus an error term that approaches zero as the input gets arbitrarily close to the point?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** A function  $f(x)$  is differentiable at a point  $p$  if and only if it can be written in the form:

$$f(p + h) = f(p) + Df(p) * h + o(\|h\|)$$

where  $Df(p)$  is the partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to each variable evaluated at  $p$ , and  $o(\|h\|)$  represents an error term that approaches zero as  $\|h\|$  approaches zero. In other words, for every point in a small disk around  $p$ , we can write the value of the function as its value at  $p$  plus first-order terms times the differences of the input coordinates, plus an error term that gets arbitrarily small as the input gets arbitrarily close to  $p$ . This is the definition of differentiability at a point.

**Question:** According to the chain rule for one independent variable, when  $z=f(x(t), y(t))$  is differentiable with respect to  $t$ , its derivative  $dz/dt$  can be computed using partial derivatives as follows:

True or False: The formula for  $dz/dt$  is  $dz/dt = (\partial z/\partial x)dx/dt + (\partial z/\partial y)dy/dt$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The chain rule for one independent variable states that when  $z=f(x(t), y(t))$  is differentiable with respect to  $t$ , its derivative  $dz/dt$  can be computed as the sum of two partial derivatives.

The formula for  $dz/dt$  is indeed:  $dz/dt = (\partial z/\partial x)dx/dt + (\partial z/\partial y)dy/dt$

This expression represents the rate at which  $z$  changes with respect to  $t$ , in terms of how  $x$  and  $y$  change with respect to  $t$ . The partial derivatives  $\partial z/\partial x$  and  $\partial z/\partial y$  capture the relationships between  $z$ ,  $x$ , and  $y$ , while  $dx/dt$  and  $dy/dt$  represent the rates at which  $x$  and  $y$  change with respect to  $t$ .

By combining these terms using the chain rule, we can calculate the derivative  $dz/dt$  of  $z$  with respect to  $t$ . This formula is a powerful tool for analyzing complex functions and their dependencies on multiple variables.

**Question:** When finding partial derivatives with respect to  $u$  and  $v$  in a function  $z=f(g(u, v), h(u, v))$ , you can simplify the calculations by using the chain rule for two independent variables, which states that:

True or False: The partial derivative of  $z$  with respect to  $u$  is equal to the partial derivative of  $z$  with respect to  $x$  times the partial derivative of  $x$  with respect to  $u$ , plus the partial derivative of  $z$  with respect to  $y$  times the partial derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $u$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Here is a concise explanation for the true statement:

When finding partial derivatives of  $z=f(g(u,v),h(u,v))$  with respect to  $u$  and  $v$ , we can apply the chain rule for two independent variables.

The chain rule states that if  $z=g(x,y)$  where  $x=x(u,v)$  and  $y=y(u,v)$ , then the partial derivative of  $z$  with respect to  $u$  is given by:

$$\partial z/\partial u = (\partial z/\partial x)(\partial x/\partial u) + (\partial z/\partial y)(\partial y/\partial u)$$

In our case,  $x=g(u,v)$  and  $y=h(u,v)$ , so we can substitute these expressions into the chain rule formula:

$$\partial z/\partial u = (\partial f/\partial g)(\partial g/\partial u) + (\partial f/\partial h)(\partial h/\partial u)$$

This is indeed true.

**Question:** True or False: When differentiating a function with respect to one of its variables, we can chain together partial derivatives for each intermediate variable to find the total derivative.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** When differentiating a function  $f(x,y) = x^2y + 3x - 2y$ , we can chain together partial derivatives to find the total derivative. Let's break it down step by step.

The total derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  is given by the chain rule as:

$$df/dx = (\partial f/\partial x)(dx/dx) + (\partial f/\partial y)(dy/dx)$$

Here,  $\partial f/\partial x$  represents the partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $x$ , which is  $2xy + 3$ . The second term  $(\partial f/\partial y)(dy/dx)$  vanishes since  $y$  is not a function of  $x$ .

Now, let's say we're differentiating  $f$  with respect to  $x$  at some point  $(x_0, y_0)$ . We can evaluate the partial derivative  $\partial f/\partial x = 2x_0y_0 + 3$  at this point. Then,  $df/dx$  evaluated at  $(x_0, y_0)$  is simply:

$$df/dx(x_0, y_0) = (2x_0y_0 + 3)(1)$$

This shows that we can indeed chain together partial derivatives to find the total derivative.

This process generalizes to functions of multiple variables, allowing us to efficiently compute the total derivative by successive application of partial derivatives.

**Question:** True or False: When solving for  $dy/dx$  implicitly, you can use the formula  $dy/dx = -\partial f/\partial x * \partial f/\partial y$  as long as  $f_y(x,y) \neq 0$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The formula  $dy/dx = -\partial f/\partial x * \partial f/\partial y$  is indeed a valid method to implicitly find the derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $x$ , given that  $f(x,y) \neq 0$ .

To understand why this works, let's start by recalling the definition of an implicit function. An implicit function  $f(x,y) = c$ , where  $c$  is some constant, describes a relationship between  $x$  and  $y$ , such that for any fixed value of  $c$ , all points  $(x,y)$  satisfying  $f(x,y) = c$  lie on a certain curve.

The partial derivatives  $\partial f/\partial x$  and  $\partial f/\partial y$  measure the rate of change of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  and  $y$  respectively, while keeping the other variable constant. In this case, we're interested in finding the derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $x$ , which can be interpreted as the rate of change of the curve  $f(x,y) = c$  with respect to  $x$ .

The formula  $dy/dx = -\partial f/\partial x * \partial f/\partial y$  arises from the fact that the derivative of an implicit function  $f(x,y)$  is perpendicular to the level curves of  $f$ . Specifically, if we move along a level curve in the positive  $x$ -direction, the value of  $f$  remains constant. The rate at which  $y$  changes as we move along this curve in the positive  $x$ -direction is given by  $dy/dx$ .

Now, let's see why the formula only applies when  $f_y(x,y) \neq 0$ . If  $f_y(x,y) = 0$ , then the level curves of  $f$  have a tangent line parallel to the  $y$ -axis at that point, which means that there is no well-defined rate of change in the  $y$ -direction as we move along this curve. In other words, the implicit function is not differentiable at points where  $f_y(x,y) = 0$ .

On the other hand, if  $f_y(x,y) \neq 0$ , then the level curves of  $f$  have a unique tangent line at that point, which allows us to define the derivative  $dy/dx$  as the rate of change along this curve. The formula  $dy/dx = -\partial f/\partial x * \partial f/\partial y$  is simply a convenient way to compute this derivative, using the partial derivatives of  $f$ .

**Question:** True or False: The directional derivative of  $f(x,y)$  in the direction of  $u = \cos\theta i + \sin\theta j$  is given by  $Duf(a,b) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(a+h\cos\theta, b+h\sin\theta) - f(a,b)h$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The directional derivative of a function  $f(x,y)$  in the direction of  $u = \cos\theta i + \sin\theta j$  is given by:

$$Duf(a,b) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(a+h\cos\theta, b+h\sin\theta) - f(a,b)h$$

This is indeed true. To see why, consider a small change  $\Delta x = h\cos\theta$  and  $\Delta y = h\sin\theta$  in the point  $(a,b)$ . The new point is  $(a+h\cos\theta, b+h\sin\theta)$ , which can be approximated by a line segment in the direction of  $u$ .

The directional derivative  $Duf(a,b)$  measures the rate at which  $f$  changes as we move along this line segment. It is given by the limit of the average rate of change as the point  $(a+h\cos\theta, b+h\sin\theta)$  approaches  $(a,b)$ .

In other words,  $Duf(a,b)$  is the best linear approximation to  $f$  at  $(a,b)$  in the direction  $u$ . This makes sense because the directional derivative is a measure of the rate at which  $f$  changes along a particular direction.

The expression  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(a+h\cos\theta, b+h\sin\theta) - f(a,b)h$  can be interpreted as the average rate of change over the small distance  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta y$ . As  $h$  approaches zero, this average rate of change converges to the instantaneous rate of change in the direction  $u$ , which is precisely what  $Duf(a,b)$  measures.

Therefore, we have:

$$Duf(a,b) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(a+h\cos\theta, b+h\sin\theta) - f(a,b)h$$

True.

**Question:** The directional derivative of a function of two variables in the direction of  $u$  is calculated by using only the partial derivatives of  $x$ , ignoring the partial derivative of  $y$ .

**Answer:** False.

**Explanation:** The directional derivative of a function  $f(x,y)$  in the direction of  $u$  is calculated using the formula:

$$\nabla u \cdot \nabla f = \partial f/\partial x * u_x + \partial f/\partial y * u_y$$

where  $\nabla u$  is the gradient vector of  $u$  and  $\nabla f$  is the gradient vector of  $f$ .

In this calculation, both partial derivatives  $\partial f/\partial x$  and  $\partial f/\partial y$  are used. The partial derivative  $\partial f/\partial y$  is not ignored; it plays a crucial role in determining the directional derivative.

Therefore, the original statement "The directional derivative of a function of two variables in the direction of  $u$  is calculated by using only the partial derivatives of  $x$ , ignoring the partial derivative of  $y$ " is false.

**Question:** The gradient of a function  $f(x,y)$  is defined as  $f_x(x,y)i + f_y(x,y)j$ .

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The gradient of a function  $f(x,y)$  is actually defined as the vector-valued function  $\nabla f(x,y) = \langle \partial f/\partial x, \partial f/\partial y \rangle$ , where the partial derivatives are taken at the point  $(x,y)$ . This means

that the gradient is a vector pointing in the direction of the greatest rate of increase of the function.

The statement " $f_x(x,y)i + f_y(x,y)j$ " is incorrect because it suggests that the gradient is a linear combination of  $i$  and  $j$  vectors, which is not accurate. The correct notation for the gradient uses the del operator  $\nabla$  and the partial derivatives of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  and  $y$ .

Therefore, the answer to this true or false question is FALSE.

**Question:** True or False: If the gradient of a function  $f(x,y)$  is zero at some point  $(x_0,y_0)$ , then the directional derivative in any direction is also zero.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** Here's a concise explanation:

The statement is false because having a zero gradient does not imply that all directional derivatives are also zero.

To see why, consider the function  $f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$ . At the point  $(0,0)$ , the gradient of  $f$  is zero since both partial derivatives are zero. However, if we take any direction, say towards  $(1,1)$ , the directional derivative of  $f$  in that direction is not zero.

In fact, the directional derivative at  $(0,0)$  towards  $(1,1)$  is equal to  $2\sqrt{2}$ , which is clearly non-zero. This shows that having a zero gradient does not guarantee that all directional derivatives are also zero.

**Question:** Is it true that if  $f(x,y)$  has continuous first-order partial derivatives in an open disk centered at  $(x_0,y_0)$  and  $\nabla f(x_0,y_0) \neq 0$ , then  $\nabla f(x_0,y_0)$  is normal to the level curve of  $f$  at  $(x_0,y_0)$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The given conditions ensure that  $f$  is differentiable in an open neighborhood of  $(x_0,y_0)$  and  $\nabla f(x_0,y_0) \neq 0$ . According to the gradient formula, the directional derivative of  $f$  at  $(x_0,y_0)$  in the direction of a unit vector  $v$  is the dot product of  $\nabla f(x_0,y_0)$  with  $v$ .

Since the level curve of  $f$  at  $(x_0,y_0)$  is tangent to the line passing through  $(x_0,y_0)$  with direction parallel to  $\nabla f(x_0,y_0)$ , it means that the directional derivative of  $f$  at  $(x_0,y_0)$  in the direction of  $\nabla f(x_0,y_0)$  is zero. This implies that the dot product of  $\nabla f(x_0,y_0)$  with itself, which is  $\|\nabla f(x_0,y_0)\|^2$ , must be zero.

However, since  $\nabla f(x_0,y_0) \neq 0$ , this means that  $\|\nabla f(x_0,y_0)\|^2$  must be non-zero. Therefore, the unit vector  $v = \nabla f(x_0,y_0) / \|\nabla f(x_0,y_0)\|$  is perpendicular to the level curve of  $f$  at  $(x_0,y_0)$ , which confirms that  $\nabla f(x_0,y_0)$  is normal to the level curve of  $f$  at  $(x_0,y_0)$ .

**Question:** Is the gradient of a function  $f$  that depends on three variables  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  defined as a vector in the form of  $f_x i + f_y j + f_z k$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The gradient of a function  $f$  that depends on three variables  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  is indeed defined as a vector in the form of  $f_x i + f_y j + f_z k$ .

To see why, let's start by recalling the definition of a partial derivative. The partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  at a point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is the rate of change of  $f$  when all variables except for  $x$  are held constant. In other words, it measures how much  $f$  changes as we move in the  $x$ -direction while keeping  $y$  and  $z$  fixed.

Similarly, the partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $y$  at a point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  measures how much  $f$  changes as we move in the  $y$ -direction while keeping  $x$  and  $z$  fixed. And finally, the partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $z$  at a point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  measures how much  $f$  changes as we move in

the z-direction while keeping x and y fixed.

Now, the gradient of f is defined as the vector whose components are these three partial derivatives. In other words, it's the vector that points in the direction of the steepest ascent (or descent) of f at a given point.

In terms of the variables xi, jy, and kz, this means that the gradient is simply  $f_x i + f_y j + f_z k$ , where  $f_x$ ,  $f_y$ , and  $f_z$  are the partial derivatives of f with respect to x, y, and z, respectively. This makes sense because if we were to move in the direction given by the gradient, we would be moving in the direction of the steepest ascent or descent of f.

So, in conclusion, the answer to this question is indeed True: the gradient of a function that depends on three variables x, y, and z is defined as a vector in the form of  $f_x i + f_y j + f_z k$ .

**Question:** Is the directional derivative of a function  $f(x,y,z)$  in the direction of  $u = \cos\alpha i + \cos\beta j + \cos\gamma k$  always given by the formula  $D_u f(x_0,y_0,z_0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (f(x_0+t\cos\alpha, y_0+t\cos\beta, z_0+t\cos\gamma) - f(x_0,y_0,z_0))/t$ ?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The directional derivative of a function  $f(x,y,z)$  in the direction of  $u = \cos\alpha i + \cos\beta j + \cos\gamma k$  is not always given by the formula  $D_u f(x_0,y_0,z_0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (f(x_0+t\cos\alpha, y_0+t\cos\beta, z_0+t\cos\gamma) - f(x_0,y_0,z_0))/t$ . This is because this formula only applies to functions that are differentiable in the direction u. If a function has a discontinuity or singularity along the line of direction u, then this formula will not give the correct value for the directional derivative.

In order to find the directional derivative, we need to use the definition of the directional derivative as a limit:  $D_u f(x_0,y_0,z_0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (f(x_0+tu) - f(x_0,y_0,z_0))/t$ . This formula applies to all functions that are continuous in some neighborhood of  $(x_0,y_0,z_0)$ .

**Question:** The directional derivative of a function of three variables in the direction of a unit vector is equal to the dot product of its gradient with that unit vector, which is a weighted sum of its partial derivatives where the weights are the cosine of the angles between the gradient and each coordinate axis.

**Answer:** \*\*True\*\*

**Explanation:** The directional derivative of a function  $f(x,y,z)$  in the direction of a unit vector  $u = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$  is given by:

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(x+tu_1, y+tu_2, z+tu_3) \text{ — when } t \text{ approaches } 0$$

This can be rewritten as:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [f(x+tu_1, y+tu_2, z+tu_3) - f(x,y,z)]/t$$

The gradient of f at a point  $x = \langle x_1, x_2, x_3 \rangle$  is given by:

$$\nabla f(x) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} i_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} i_2 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} i_3$$

where  $i_1$ ,  $i_2$ , and  $i_3$  are unit vectors in the direction of the x, y, and z axes.

The dot product of  $\nabla f(x)$  with u is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f(x) \cdot u &= \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} i_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} i_2 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} i_3 \right) \cdot \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} u_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} u_2 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} u_3 \right) \end{aligned}$$

This is a weighted sum of the partial derivatives where the weights are the cosine of the angles between  $\nabla f(x)$  and each coordinate axis. This is because the dot product is equal to the sum of the products of corresponding components, which can be interpreted as the projection of  $\nabla f(x)$  onto u.

Therefore, the directional derivative in the direction of u is indeed given by the dot product of the gradient with that unit vector.

**Question:** A point  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a critical point of a function  $f(x, y)$  if either  $f_x(x_0, y_0) = 0$  or  $f_y(x_0, y_0) = 0$ , or both do not exist.

**Answer:** False.

**Explanation:** A point  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a critical point of a function  $f(x, y)$  if either  $f_x(x_0, y_0) = 0$  or  $f_y(x_0, y_0) = 0$ , or both do not exist. FALSE.

This statement is incorrect because it does not consider the third condition for a point to be a critical point: that the partial derivatives exist at that point and satisfy  $\nabla f = 0$ . In other words, a critical point must also have both  $f_x(x_0, y_0)$  and  $f_y(x_0, y_0)$  equal to zero simultaneously.

**Question:** Is a function that has a local maximum at a point  $(x_0, y_0)$  if it is greater than or equal to its value at any other point within some disk centered at  $(x_0, y_0)$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** A function  $f(x, y)$  has a local maximum at  $(x_0, y_0)$  if it is greater than or equal to its value at any other point within some disk centered at  $(x_0, y_0)$ . This means that for every point  $(x, y)$  in the disk,  $f(x, y) \leq f(x_0, y_0)$ .

To see why this definition makes sense, consider a small neighborhood around  $(x_0, y_0)$ , say a circle with radius  $\varepsilon$ . If  $f$  has a local maximum at  $(x_0, y_0)$ , then it is greater than or equal to its value on the entire boundary of this circle. This implies that  $f(x_0, y_0) \geq f(x, y)$  for all  $(x, y)$  in the disk, since any point outside the disk would be farther from  $(x_0, y_0)$  and hence have a smaller function value.

Conversely, if there is some point  $(x_1, y_1)$  in the disk where  $f(x_1, y_1) > f(x_0, y_0)$ , then we can draw an arc of a circle centered at  $(x_0, y_0)$  through  $(x_1, y_1)$ . This arc would have points with function values strictly greater than  $f(x_0, y_0)$ , which contradicts our assumption that  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a local maximum. Therefore, the condition that  $f(x, y) \leq f(x_0, y_0)$  for all  $(x, y)$  in the disk is necessary and sufficient for  $(x_0, y_0)$  to be a local maximum.

**Question:** True or False: If a function has a local extremum at a point, then that point must also be a critical point of the function.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed TRUE.

A local extremum of a function  $f(x)$  occurs when the function has a maximum or minimum value within a certain neighborhood or interval of  $x$ . A critical point, on the other hand, is a point where the derivative of the function ( $f'(x)$ ) is zero or undefined.

Now, consider a function that has a local extremum at some point  $x_0$ . This means that there exists some small neighborhood  $N$  around  $x_0$  such that  $f(x)$  achieves its maximum or minimum value at  $x_0$  for all  $x$  in  $N$ .

Since  $f(x)$  is continuous within the neighborhood  $N$ , it follows that the function must also be bounded within this region. Therefore, there exists a smallest distance  $d$  from  $x_0$  to the boundary of  $N$  (if  $N$  is not compact) such that  $f(x)$  does not change significantly over any interval  $[x_0 - d, x_0 + d]$ .

Now, let's examine the derivative of the function at  $x_0$ :  $f'(x_0)$ . If this derivative is non-zero, then there exists some small neighborhood  $M$  around  $x_0$  such that  $f(x)$  increases or decreases as you move away from  $x_0$  within this region. This contradicts our assumption that  $x_0$  is a local extremum.

Therefore, we must have  $f'(x_0) = 0$ . Moreover, if the derivative was undefined at  $x_0$  (i.e., there's a jump discontinuity), then we would still have a contradiction since the function cannot achieve its maximum or minimum value at  $x_0$  without changing in some small neighborhood.

In conclusion, every local extremum is necessarily a critical point because it requires the derivative to be zero or undefined at that point.

**Question:** The point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is a saddle point of the function  $z=f(x, y)$ .

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** A saddle point is a critical point of a function where the Hessian matrix has one positive eigenvalue and one negative eigenvalue. This implies that the function has both a local maximum and a local minimum in the same direction, making it neither a minimum nor a maximum.

Since the point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is not a saddle point, the function  $f(x, y)$  must have a different type of critical point or no critical point at all. The true/false answer is therefore False.

**Question:** If  $D > 0$ ,  $f_{xx}(x_0, y_0) > 0$ , then  $f$  has a local \_\_\_\_\_ at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed TRUE.

If  $D > 0$ , it means that the second partial derivatives of the function  $f_{xx}(x_0, y_0)$  are positive (or negative). Since  $f_{xx}(x_0, y_0) > 0$ , we can conclude that the Hessian matrix at point  $(x_0, y_0)$  is positive definite. This implies that  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a local minimum.

Therefore, if  $D > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(x_0, y_0) > 0$ , then the function  $f$  has a local minimum at point  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

**Question:** Does a continuous function  $f(x, y)$  on a closed and bounded set  $D$  in the plane attain an absolute maximum value at some point of  $D$  and an absolute minimum value at some point of  $D$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is true due to Weierstrass's Extreme Value Theorem. This theorem states that every continuous function  $f(x, y)$  on a closed and bounded set  $D$  in the plane attains an absolute maximum value at some point of  $D$  and an absolute minimum value at some point of  $D$ .

To see why this is true, consider any sequence  $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$  such that  $(x_n, y_n)$  is in  $D$  for all  $n$ . Since  $D$  is closed and bounded,  $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$  has a subsequence  $\{(x_m, y_m)\}$  that converges to some point  $(a, b)$  in  $D$ .

Since  $f(x, y)$  is continuous, it follows that  $\lim [(x_m, y_m)] = f(a, b)$ . Also, since  $f(x, y)$  is defined on the closed set  $D$ , it attains its maximum and minimum values at points within  $D$ . Hence, there exists a point  $(c, d)$  in  $D$  such that  $f(c, d) \geq f(x_m, y_m)$  for all  $m$ .

Taking the limit as  $m$  goes to infinity, we get  $f(a, b) \geq f(c, d)$ . Similarly, there is another point  $(e, f)$  in  $D$  such that  $f(e, f) \leq f(x_n, y_n)$  for all  $n$ . Taking the limit as  $n$  goes to infinity, we get  $f(a, b) \leq f(e, f)$ .

Combining these results, we find that  $f(a, b)$  is both an upper bound and a lower bound of the possible values of  $f(x, y)$ . By the property of real numbers that the supremum (least upper bound) of a set is the smallest value above all elements in the set, and the infimum (greatest lower bound) of a set is the largest value below all elements in the set, we have  $f(a, b) = \sup [f(x, y)] = \inf [f(x, y)]$ , which implies that  $f(a, b)$  is both an absolute maximum and an absolute minimum.

Therefore, every continuous function on a closed and bounded set attains an absolute maximum at some point of the set and an absolute minimum at some point of the set.

**Question:** Do differentiable functions of two variables always attain their absolute maximum and minimum values among critical points within the domain and on its boundary?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The statement is false because it implies that every differentiable function of two variables has extrema at critical points, which is not always true.

For example, consider the function  $f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$ . The critical points are  $(0,0)$ , and the absolute maximum and minimum values occur on the boundary, specifically at infinity in all directions. However, there are no extrema at this point because it's a saddle point.

In general, a function may have saddle points or other types of non-extreme critical points that do not correspond to maxima or minima. Therefore, the statement is false.

**Question:** Is it true that when  $f$  and  $g$  are functions of two variables with continuous partial derivatives, and  $f$  has a local extremum on the curve  $g(x,y)=0$ , then there exists a Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda$  such that  $\nabla f(x_0,y_0) = \lambda \nabla g(x_0,y_0)$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed true.

When  $f$  and  $g$  are functions of two variables with continuous partial derivatives, and  $f$  has a local extremum on the curve  $g(x,y)=0$ , then we can apply the Lagrange multiplier method to find the extremum.

This method states that there exists some  $\lambda$  such that  $\nabla f(x_0,y_0) = \lambda \nabla g(x_0,y_0)$ , where  $(x_0,y_0)$  is a point on the curve  $g(x,y)=0$  at which  $f$  has its local extremum.

The idea behind this approach is to consider the function  $F(x,y,\lambda) = f(x,y) - \lambda g(x,y)$ . We want to find the points  $(x,y)$  that satisfy  $\partial F/\partial x = 0$  and  $\partial F/\partial y = 0$ .

These points are precisely those for which  $\nabla f(x,y) = \lambda \nabla g(x,y)$ , which is exactly what we were seeking.

This result is a consequence of the implicit function theorem, which ensures that  $g$  has a continuous inverse near  $(x_0,y_0)$ . This allows us to solve the equations  $\partial F/\partial x = 0$  and  $\partial F/\partial y = 0$  for  $\lambda$ .

Therefore, the statement is true: when  $f$  has a local extremum on the curve  $g(x,y)=0$ , there exists some Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda$  such that  $\nabla f(x_0,y_0) = \lambda \nabla g(x_0,y_0)$ .

**Question:** The double integral of a function over a rectangular region is defined as the limit of a Riemann sum, where the function values are evaluated at specific points within each subregion, rather than being averaged over the entire subregion. True or False?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The double integral of a function over a rectangular region is actually defined as the limit of a Riemann sum, where the function values are evaluated at the center of each subregion, not specific points within each subregion. This means that the average value of the function over the entire subregion is used to approximate the value of the double integral, rather than evaluating the function at specific points.

**Question:** Is it TRUE that if  $f(x,y)+g(x,y)$  is integrable over the rectangular region  $R$ , then its double integral can be written as the sum of the double integrals of  $f(x,y)$  and  $g(x,y)$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Here's a concise explanation:



The given statement is indeed TRUE.

To see why, let us consider the following:

Given that  $f(x,y) + g(x,y)$  is integrable over the rectangular region  $R$ , we can write its double integral as  $\iint [f(x,y) + g(x,y)] \, dx \, dy$ . Now, by the linearity of integration (which states that for continuous functions  $u$  and  $v$ , and a constant  $c$ , we have  $\int [cu+v] \, dx = c \int u \, dx + \int v \, dx$ ), we can split the double integral into two separate integrals:

$$\iint [f(x,y) + g(x,y)] \, dx \, dy = \iint [f(x,y)] \, dx \, dy + \iint [g(x,y)] \, dx \, dy$$

This is because the function  $f(x,y)$  is being added to the function  $g(x,y)$ , and integration distributes over addition.

Now, since both functions are integrable over  $R$ , we can separately evaluate their double integrals:

$$\iint f(x,y) \, dx \, dy \text{ and } \iint g(x,y) \, dx \, dy$$

Thus, it is indeed true that the double integral of  $f(x,y) + g(x,y)$  can be written as the sum of the double integrals of  $f(x,y)$  and  $g(x,y)$ .

**Question:** When evaluating an iterated integral, the order of integration can be changed to: True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The order of integration in an iterated integral can indeed be changed from True.

This is because Fubini's theorem states that if a double integral exists, it can be evaluated in any order. In other words, if the function being integrated is continuous and satisfies certain conditions, the order of integration does not affect the final result. This means that we can integrate with respect to one variable first, then integrate with respect to the other variable, or vice versa, without changing the value of the integral.

In general, Fubini's theorem applies to iterated integrals in multiple dimensions as well. It is a fundamental result in real analysis and has far-reaching implications for many areas of mathematics and physics, including differential equations, vector calculus, and quantum mechanics.

**Question:** True or False: Fubini's Theorem is only applicable if  $f(x,y)$  is continuous over a rectangular region  $R = \{(x,y) \mid a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d\}$ .

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** Fubini's Theorem states that if a function  $f(x,y)$  is continuous over a region  $R$  in the  $xy$ -plane, then the order of integration can be interchanged. However, it does not require the function to be defined over a rectangular region.

In fact, Fubini's Theorem applies to any region  $R$  in the  $xy$ -plane where  $f(x,y)$  is continuous. This includes regions that are not rectangles, such as circles, ellipses, or even fractals.

The key requirement for Fubini's Theorem is that  $f(x,y)$  be continuous over the entire region  $R$ , not just a rectangular subset of it. As long as this condition is met, the order of integration can be interchanged.

**Question:** True or False: The area of the region  $R$  is given by  $A(R) = \iint_R 1 \, dA$ .

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The area of the region  $R$  is given by  $A(R) = \iint_R 1 \, dA$ .

This statement is false because it implies that the area of a region can be found by integrating the function 1 over all points in the region, which is not correct. The area of a region depends on its

shape and size, not just its location or orientation in space. A more accurate formula for the area of  $R$  would depend on the specific properties of the region, such as its boundary curve or surface.

In general, finding the area of a region involves calculating the integral of a function over that region, but this depends on the specific characteristics of the region and not just the constant function 1.

**Question:** True or False: The average value of a function of two variables over a region is equal to 1 divided by the area of the region times the double integral of the function with respect to  $x$  and  $y$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed true.

To see why, consider the region  $R$  in the  $xy$ -plane and the function  $f(x,y)$  defined on it. The average value of  $f$  over  $R$  is given by:

$$((1/A) * \iint_R f(x,y) dx dy)$$

where  $A$  is the area of  $R$ . This can be rewritten as:

$$((1/A) * (\int (\int f(x,y) dx) dy))$$

Now, using Fubini's theorem on the order of integration, we can swap the order of integration and get:

$$((1/A) * (\int (\int f(x,y) dy) dx))$$

This is precisely the definition of a double integral. Therefore, the average value of  $f$  over  $R$  is equal to 1 divided by the area  $A$  times the double integral of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  and  $y$ .

**Question:** A region in the  $(x,y)$  plane is of Type I if it lies between two vertical lines and the graphs of two continuous functions, where  $a \leq x \leq b$  and  $g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x)$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed true.

A region in the  $(x,y)$  plane being of Type I means that it lies between two vertical lines and the graphs of two continuous functions, denoted as  $g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x)$ . The conditions for this to be true are:

\* There exist two real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $a \leq x \leq b$ . \* The functions  $g_1(x)$  and  $g_2(x)$  are continuous in the interval  $[a,b]$ . \* The inequality  $g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x)$  holds for all values of  $x$  in the interval  $[a,b]$ .

This definition is well-defined and accurately captures the notion of a Type I region. Therefore, the answer to this question is true.

**Question:** The double integral of  $f(x,y)$  over  $DD$  is defined as the same value as the double integral of  $g(x,y)$  over  $RR$ , whether  $RR$  contains  $DD$  or not. True or False?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The statement is False.

For two regions  $DD$  and  $RR$ , if the double integral of  $f(x,y)$  over  $DD$  is defined as the same value as the double integral of  $g(x,y)$  over  $RR$ , whether  $RR$  contains  $DD$  or not, then this implies that the value of the double integral depends only on the boundary of the region, not its shape or interior.

However, in general, the value of a double integral can depend significantly on the shape and interior of the region. For example, consider two regions: one is a circle with area  $4\pi$  and another is

an ellipse with major axis length 2 and minor axis length 1. Both regions have the same boundary (the curve), but their interiors are different.

The double integral of  $f(x,y)$  over these two regions can be different, even if they have the same value on the boundary. This means that the statement is False.

**Question:** Fubini's Theorem states that for a function  $f(x,y)$  continuous on a region, the order of integration can be switched if the region is:

True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Fubini's Theorem states that if  $f(x,y)$  is continuous on a region  $R$  in the  $xy$ -plane, then the order of integration can be switched if and only if the partial derivatives of  $f$  exist and are continuous on  $R$ .

In other words, if we define  $F(y,z) = \int [a,b] f(x,y) dx$ , where  $[a,b]$  is an interval in the  $x$ -direction, then  $F(y,z)$  is a function of  $y$  and  $z$  that satisfies:

$$\int [a,b] (\int [c,d] f(x,y) dy) dx = \int [c,d] (\int [a,b] f(x,y) dx) dy$$

provided the partial derivatives of  $f$  exist and are continuous on  $R$ . This means that if we integrate with respect to  $y$  first, then  $x$ , we get the same result as integrating with respect to  $x$  first, then  $y$ .

Fubini's Theorem is a powerful tool in calculus and is used extensively in applied mathematics, physics, engineering, and many other fields where multiple integration is involved.

**Question:** Is it true that if a region can be divided into smaller non-overlapping regions, then its integral over that original region is equal to the sum of integrals over those smaller regions?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed true. This is a fundamental property of integrals known as the "Additivity" or "Linearity" of the integral.

When we divide a region into smaller non-overlapping regions, we can compute the integral over each small region separately and then add up these values to get the total integral over the original region. This is because the integral measures the accumulation of a function's values over a given domain, and the value accumulated by the function within one region does not depend on the presence or absence of other regions.

Mathematically speaking, if we have a function  $f(x)$  defined over some region  $R$ , and we can partition  $R$  into smaller non-overlapping regions  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$ , then the integral of  $f(x)$  over  $R$  is equal to the sum of integrals of  $f(x)$  over each  $R_i$ . This is denoted as:

$$\int_R f(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{R_i} f(x) dx$$

This property makes it possible to break down complex integrals into smaller, more manageable pieces, which can be a powerful tool in many applications of mathematics and physics.

**Question:** The area of a plane-bounded region  $D$  is defined as the double integral  $\iint_D 1 dA$   $\iint_D 1 dA$ , which is equal to: True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed true.

In mathematics, the area of a plane-bounded region  $D$  can be defined as the double integral  $\iint_D 1 dA$ . This definition is based on the concept that for any given region  $D$ , we can find a function  $f(x,y)$  such that its area is equal to the definite integral of  $f(x,y)$  over the region.

In other words, if we let  $A$  be the area of region  $D$ , then  $\iint_D 1 \, dA = A$ . This definition is often used in real analysis and applied mathematics, particularly when dealing with regions that cannot be expressed as simple functions or curves.

The reason this definition works is because it takes into account both the magnitude and direction of the infinitesimal areas within the region  $D$ . The  $dx \, dy$  terms can be thought of as representing the area of a small rectangle in the  $xy$ -plane, which is then integrated over the entire region to give us the total area.

**Question:** True or False: If  $f(x,y)$  is integrable over a plane-bounded region  $D$  with positive area, then the average value of the function is given by  $\text{fave} = \frac{1}{A(D)} \iint_D f(x,y) \, dA$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed true.

To prove this, we can start by recalling the definition of average value: it's the ratio of the volume under the surface to the area of the region. In other words, if  $A(D)$  is the area of the region  $D$ , then the average value  $\text{fave}$  is given by:

$$\text{fave} = \frac{1}{A(D)} \cdot (\text{the volume under the surface})$$

Now, we know that for a plane-bounded region with positive area, the function  $f(x,y)$  is integrable. This means that the double integral  $\iint_D f(x,y) \, dA$  exists and is finite.

Using this fact, we can rewrite the definition of average value as:

$$\text{fave} = \frac{1}{A(D)} \cdot \left( \iint_D f(x,y) \, dA \right)$$

But wait - this looks suspiciously like the formula for the volume under the surface! And indeed it is. The double integral  $\iint_D f(x,y) \, dA$  represents the volume under the surface, and dividing by  $A(D)$  gives us the average value.

So, we can conclude that:

$$\text{fave} = \frac{1}{A(D)} \cdot \iint_D f(x,y) \, dA$$

which is exactly what the statement claims. Therefore, the answer is indeed True.

**Question:** Fubini's Theorem for Improper Integrals states that if  $D$  is a bounded rectangle or simple region, and  $f$  is a nonnegative function on  $D$  with finitely many discontinuities in the interior of  $D$ , then the order of integration does not matter: True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Fubini's Theorem for Improper Integrals states that if  $D$  is a bounded rectangle or simple region, and  $f$  is a nonnegative function on  $D$  with finitely many discontinuities in the interior of  $D$ , then the order of integration does not matter. This means that we can integrate first with respect to one variable and then with respect to another, or vice versa, and the result will be the same.

The proof of this theorem is based on the fact that a bounded rectangle or simple region can be broken down into smaller rectangles or regions, each containing a finite number of discontinuities. Since  $f$  is nonnegative, we can use the fact that the integral of a nonnegative function over a set is equal to the supremum of the function over that set.

By using this property and the properties of improper integrals, we can show that the order of integration does not matter. Specifically, let  $D$  be a bounded rectangle or simple region and  $f$  be a nonnegative function on  $D$  with finitely many discontinuities in the interior of  $D$ . Let  $I$  and  $J$  be two intervals, one containing all  $x$ -coordinates of the rectangles or regions making up  $D$  and the other containing all  $y$ -coordinates.

Then, we can write the double improper integral as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int (\int f(x,y) dx) dy \\ &= \int (\int f(x,y) dy) dx \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f$  is nonnegative, we know that the order of integration does not matter. This means that the value of the double improper integral will be the same regardless of whether we integrate with respect to  $x$  first or  $y$  first.

In summary, Fubini's Theorem for Improper Integrals states that if  $D$  is a bounded rectangle or simple region and  $f$  is a nonnegative function on  $D$  with finitely many discontinuities in the interior of  $D$ , then the order of integration does not matter. This means that we can integrate first with respect to one variable and then with respect to another, or vice versa, and the result will be the same.

**Question:** When an improper integral is evaluated over an unbounded region, the order in which the integrals are computed does not affect the result.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** When an improper integral is evaluated over an unbounded region, the order in which the integrals are computed can affect the result.

This is because improper integrals typically involve limits of integration extending to infinity. If we compute the integral by integrating the function first and then taking the limit, the order may not matter. However, if we take the limit first and then integrate, the order can become important due to the possibility of infinite values being present in the intermediate steps.

For example, consider the improper integral  $\int_0^\infty e^{-x} dx$ . If we compute this as  $\int (e^{-x}) dx$  from 0 to  $\infty$ , the result is simply 1. However, if we take the limit first and then integrate, we get  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (\int_0^t e^{-x} dx) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (1 - e^{-t}) = 1$ . In this case, the order of integration and taking the limit matters.

**Question:** True or False: The joint density function of two continuous random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , which represents the probability that  $(X,Y)$  lies in a certain region  $D$ , must satisfy the inequality  $f(x,y) \geq 0$  and equation  $\iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x,y) dA = 1$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The joint density function  $f(x,y)$  of two continuous random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  must satisfy two properties: non-negativity and normalization.

Non-negativity means that the probability of being in a particular region  $D$  is never negative. Mathematically, this is expressed as  $f(x,y) \geq 0$  for all  $(x,y)$  in the support of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Normalization requires that the total area under the density curve is equal to 1, which represents the unit probability. This is mathematically expressed as  $\iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x,y) dA = 1$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^2$  denotes the two-dimensional region over which  $X$  and  $Y$  are defined.

These two properties together ensure that  $f(x,y)$  indeed represents a valid joint density function.

**Question:** Two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if their joint probability density function is equal to the product of their individual probability density functions.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if their joint probability density function (PDF) is equal to the product of their individual PDFs.

In other words, if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $P(X,Y) = P(X)P(Y)$ . This means that the occurrence of one event does not affect the probability of another event. The probability of both

events occurring is simply the product of their individual probabilities.

For example, suppose we have two random variables representing the number of heads and tails in a coin toss. If the coin tosses are independent, then the joint PDF would be  $P(\text{heads}, \text{tails}) = P(\text{heads})P(\text{tails})$ . This means that the probability of getting one head and one tail is simply the product of the probabilities of getting one head and one tail separately.

This definition of independence is often referred to as "statistical independence" or "stochastic independence". It's an important concept in statistics and probability theory, as it allows us to model and analyze complex systems that involve multiple random variables.

**Question:** True or False: The expected values  $E(X)$  and  $E(Y)$  are given by the integrals of the product of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $f(x,y)$  over the sample space  $S$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The expected value  $E(X)$  of a random variable  $X$  is defined as the weighted average of all possible values that  $X$  can take, where the weights are given by the probability distribution function  $f(x)$ . Similarly, the expected value  $E(Y)$  of another random variable  $Y$  is defined in terms of its own probability distribution function  $g(y)$ .

Given two continuous random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  with a joint probability density function  $f(x,y)$ , we want to find their respective expected values. The expected value  $E(X)$  is given by the integral:

$$E(X) = \int \int x \cdot f(x,y) dx dy$$

This integral is taken over the sample space  $S$ , which represents all possible pairs of values that  $X$  and  $Y$  can take.

The expected value  $E(Y)$  is defined similarly as:

$$E(Y) = \int \int y \cdot f(x,y) dx dy$$

Again, this integral is taken over the same sample space  $S$ . In both cases, the integrand  $x$  or  $y$  is multiplied by the joint probability density function  $f(x,y)$ , which gives the likelihood of each possible pair of values that  $X$  and  $Y$  can take.

Therefore, the expected values  $E(X)$  and  $E(Y)$  are indeed given by the integrals of the product of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $f(x,y)$  over the sample space  $S$ .

**Question:** The double integral of a function  $f(r,\theta)$  over a polar rectangular region  $R$  in the  $r\theta$ -plane is defined as the sum of values of the function at a finite number of points within  $R$ , regardless of how many points are included.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The double integral of a function  $f(r,\theta)$  over a polar rectangular region  $R$  in the  $r\theta$ -plane is defined as the limit of the sum of values of the function at a finite number of points within  $R$ , as the number of points increases without bound. This is a Riemann sum that approaches the definite integral as the sample size grows.

The double integral is not simply the sum of values of the function at a finite number of points. Rather, it is a limiting process that captures the accumulation of values over the entire region. The value of the double integral depends on how the region is partitioned into small pieces and how the function is evaluated at each point.

Therefore, the statement that the double integral is defined as the sum of values of the function at a finite number of points within  $R$ , regardless of how many points are included, is false.

**Question:** Is it true that if  $f(r,\theta)$  is continuous on a general polar region  $DD$  as described above,

then  $\int \int Df(r, \theta) r dr d\theta = \int \theta \alpha \theta \beta \int r f(r, \theta) r dr d\theta$  ?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The given statement is false.

To understand why, let's consider the following example:  $f(r, \theta) = \theta$ , where  $D$  is the region bounded by  $r=1$  and  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ . The function  $f$  is continuous on this region, but the integral  $\int \int Df(r, \theta) r dr d\theta$  does not equal  $\int \pi \int 0 \int 1 \theta r dr d\theta$ .

To see why, recall that the integral of a function with respect to polar area coordinates can be expressed as an iterated integral in terms of  $r$  and  $\theta$ . In this case, we have:

$$\int \int Df(r, \theta) r dr d\theta = \int_0^\pi \int_0^1 f(r, \theta) r dr d\theta$$

Now, let's evaluate the right-hand side of the original equation:

$$\int \theta \alpha \theta \beta \int r f(r, \theta) r dr d\theta$$

Using our example function  $f(r, \theta) = \theta$ , we get:

$$\int \pi \int 0 \int 1 \theta r dr d\theta = \int \pi \int 0 (1/2)(\pi^2) r - 1 \int 0 dr d\theta = (1/2)(\pi^3)$$

However, the actual value of the original integral is:

$$\int_0^\pi \int_0^1 \theta r dr d\theta = \int_0^\pi (1/4)(\pi^2) r - 1 \int 0 dr = (1/8)(\pi^3)$$

As you can see, these two values are not equal. Therefore, the statement that if  $f(r, \theta)$  is continuous on a general polar region  $D$ , then  $\int \int Df(r, \theta) r dr d\theta = \int \theta \alpha \theta \beta \int r f(r, \theta) r dr d\theta$  is false.

**Question:** Is the triple integral of a function  $f(x, y, z)$  over a rectangular box  $B$  equal to the sum of  $f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*)$  evaluated at each point in the box, multiplied by the volume of the box?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The triple integral of a function  $f(x, y, z)$  over a rectangular box  $B$  can be evaluated as:

$$\int \int \int f(x, y, z) dx dy dz = \sum [f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*)] * V(B)$$

where  $(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*)$  are the coordinates of the  $k$ th point in the box, and  $V(B)$  is the volume of the box. This is because a rectangular box can be partitioned into small cubes, each with its own integral value  $f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*)$ . The sum of these values multiplied by the volume of each cube (and hence the entire box) gives the total triple integral.

The triple integral and the sum over the points in the box are equivalent because they both measure the amount of "stuff" within the box, which is the value of the function  $f(x, y, z)$ . The integral evaluates this quantity by summing up the values of the function over all possible combinations of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  coordinates, while the sum does the same thing but explicitly lists each point in the box.

**Question:** True or False: If  $f(x, y, z)$  is continuous on a rectangular box  $B=[a, b] \times [c, d] \times [e, f]$ , then the order of integration does not matter when evaluating the triple integral.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed TRUE.

When evaluating a triple integral over a rectangular box  $B=[a, b] \times [c, d] \times [e, f]$ , continuity of the function  $f(x, y, z)$  on  $B$  ensures that the order of integration does not matter. This is because continuity implies that the function has no "sharp" corners or edges, which could affect the result of integration if the order were changed.

In particular, Fubini's theorem states that if a continuous function  $f(x, y, z)$  is integrable over a rectangular box  $B$  in 3D space, then its triple integral can be evaluated by first integrating with respect to one variable, then another, and finally the third. The result is independent of the order in which these integrations are performed.

Since  $f(x,y,z)$  is continuous on  $B$ , Fubini's theorem applies, guaranteeing that the order of integration does not affect the final result.

**Question:** Is it true that if  $f(x,y,z)$  is integrable over a solid bounded region  $E$  with positive volume  $V(E)$ , then the average value of the function is  $f_{ave} = \frac{1}{V(E)} \iiint_E f(x,y,z) dV$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed true.

To see why, recall that the average value of a function  $f(x,y,z)$  over a solid bounded region  $E$  with positive volume  $V(E)$  is defined as the ratio of the integral of the function to the volume of the region:

$$f_{ave} = (1/V(E)) \iiint_E f(x,y,z) dV$$

Now, since  $f(x,y,z)$  is integrable over  $E$ , we know that the double integral  $\iiint_E -f(x,y,z)- dV$  exists and is finite. This implies that the absolute value of  $f(x,y,z)$  is bounded by some constant  $M$ .

Using this fact, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} -f_{ave} &= (1/V(E)) \iiint_E f(x,y,z) dV \\ &= (1/V(E)) \iiint_E -f(x,y,z) dV \\ &\leq (1/V(E)) \iiint_E -M dV \end{aligned}$$

Since the volume of  $E$  is positive, we can conclude that:

$$-f_{ave} \leq M/V(E)$$

This shows that the average value  $f_{ave}$  is indeed bounded by the maximum value of the function divided by the volume of the region. This result holds for any integrable function over a solid region with positive volume.

**Question:** Is the triple integral in cylindrical coordinates defined as the limit of a triple Riemann sum for any continuous function  $f(r,\theta,z)$  on the rectangular subbox  $B_{ijk}=[r_{i-1},r_i] \times [\theta_{j-1},\theta_j] \times [z_{k-1},z_k]$ ?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The triple integral in cylindrical coordinates is defined as the limit of a double Riemann sum, not a triple Riemann sum, for any continuous function  $f(r,\theta,z)$  on the rectangular subbox  $B_{ijk}=[r_{i-1},r_i] \times [\theta_{j-1},\theta_j] \times [z_{k-1},z_k]$ .

In cylindrical coordinates, the limits of integration are typically specified as  $0 \leq r \leq R$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ , and  $-h \leq z \leq h$ . The function  $f(r,\theta,z)$  is evaluated at the points  $(r_j,\theta_k,z_k)$  in the rectangular subbox  $B_{ijk}=[r_{i-1},r_i] \times [\theta_{j-1},\theta_j] \times [z_{k-1},z_k]$ , where  $r_{i-1} \leq r \leq r_i$ ,  $\theta_{j-1} \leq \theta \leq \theta_j$ , and  $z_{k-1} \leq z \leq z_k$ . The double Riemann sum is then used to approximate the integral of  $f(r,\theta,z)$  over this rectangular subbox.

Therefore, it is false that the triple integral in cylindrical coordinates is defined as the limit of a triple Riemann sum for any continuous function  $f(r,\theta,z)$  on the rectangular subbox  $B_{ijk}=[r_{i-1},r_i] \times [\theta_{j-1},\theta_j] \times [z_{k-1},z_k]$ .

**Question:** The triple integral in spherical coordinates is the limit of a single Riemann sum.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The triple integral in spherical coordinates is not the limit of a single Riemann sum.

This is because the triple integral in spherical coordinates typically involves multiple shells and wedges, which cannot be captured by a single Riemann sum. The triple integral in spherical coordinates is instead evaluated using a sequence of nested shells and wedges, where each shell and



wedge is approximated by a finite number of small volumes, and the total volume is computed as the limit of this approximation.

In particular, the triple integral in spherical coordinates typically involves an inner integral over the radial coordinate  $r$ , a middle integral over the polar angle  $\theta$ , and an outer integral over the azimuthal angle  $\varphi$ . Each of these integrals can be approximated using a Riemann sum, but the overall triple integral requires combining the results of these individual sums. This combination cannot be captured by a single Riemann sum.

**Question:** Is Fubini's Theorem for Spherical Coordinates only applicable when  $f$  is continuous on a spherical solid box  $B=[a,b] \times [\alpha,\beta] \times [\gamma,\psi]$ ?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** Fubini's Theorem for Spherical Coordinates is actually applicable whenever the function  $f$  is integrable over the region in spherical coordinates. This means that if we can define a Lebesgue integral of  $f$  over this region, then Fubini's Theorem applies.

In particular, continuity of  $f$  on the rectangular solid box  $B=[a,b] \times [\alpha,\beta] \times [\gamma,\psi]$  is not required for Fubini's Theorem to hold. Instead, we only need that the function be Lebesgue integrable over this region. This is a much weaker condition than continuity, and it allows us to apply Fubini's Theorem in many more situations.

For example, we could have a function  $f$  that is piecewise continuous on  $B$ , meaning it is continuous except for possibly at some discrete points. In this case,  $f$  would still be Lebesgue integrable over the region, but not necessarily continuous. Yet, Fubini's Theorem would still apply to the integral of  $f$  over this region.

In summary, Fubini's Theorem for Spherical Coordinates is applicable whenever the function  $f$  is integrable over the region in spherical coordinates, without any requirement for continuity on a rectangular solid box.

**Question:** The center of mass of a solid object can be calculated by finding its moments about the  $xy$ -plane,  $xz$ -plane, and  $yz$ -plane separately.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The center of mass (CM) of a solid object is calculated by finding its moments about three perpendicular planes:  $xy$ ,  $xz$ , and  $yz$ . These moments are combined using the following formula:

$$\bar{x} = (1/m) * \iiint (y * dV)$$

where  $\bar{x}$  is the  $x$ -coordinate of the CM,  $m$  is the total mass of the object,  $dV$  is an infinitesimal volume element, and the integral is taken over the entire volume of the solid.

Similarly, the  $y$ -coordinate of the CM can be calculated using:

$$\bar{y} = (1/m) * \iiint (x * dV)$$

and the  $z$ -coordinate can be found by:

$$\bar{z} = (1/m) * \iiint (z * dV)$$

However, this does not mean that one can calculate the CM separately about each plane and then combine the results. The correct method involves calculating the moments about each plane simultaneously and combining them using the above formulas.

Therefore, it is false to say that the center of mass of a solid object can be calculated by finding its moments about the  $xy$ -plane,  $xz$ -plane, and  $yz$ -plane separately.

**Question:** Is it true that in a transformation, if no two points map to the same image point, then the transformation is said to be one-to-one?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** In a transformation, if no two points map to the same image point, then the transformation is said to be one-to-one.

This means that every input point has a unique corresponding output point. In other words, for every point in the original set, there is only one possible point in the transformed set. This property ensures that each point in the original set has a distinct and separate image point, without any duplicates or overlapping points.

In a one-to-one transformation, it's impossible to find two different input points that map to the same output point. If this were the case, it would mean that some input points are "duplicated" or equivalent to each other in terms of their transformed images, which contradicts the definition of a one-to-one transformation.

Conversely, if a transformation is not one-to-one, then at least two input points must map to the same image point. This can occur when there is some degree of redundancy or ambiguity in the transformation, where multiple inputs can produce the same output.

**Question:** The Jacobian of the C1C1 transformation  $T(u,v)=(g(u,v),h(u,v))$  is denoted by  $J(u,v)$  and is defined as a 2x2 determinant equal to  $(\partial x/\partial u \partial y/\partial v - \partial x/\partial v \partial y/\partial u)$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The Jacobian of the C1C1 transformation  $T(u,v) = (g(u,v),h(u,v))$  is denoted by  $J(u,v)$  and is defined as a 2x2 determinant equal to  $(\partial x/\partial u \partial y/\partial v - \partial x/\partial v \partial y/\partial u)$ .

This statement is true. The Jacobian matrix of the transformation  $T$  is given by:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \partial g/\partial u & \partial g/\partial v \\ \partial h/\partial u & \partial h/\partial v \end{bmatrix}$$

The determinant of this 2x2 matrix, denoted by  $J(u,v)$ , can be calculated using the formula:

$$J(u,v) = (\partial g/\partial u \partial h/\partial v - \partial g/\partial v \partial h/\partial u)$$

which is equivalent to the given definition.

**Question:** When using the change of variables formula for double integrals, is it true that if  $f(x,y)$  is continuous on  $R$ , then the integral is equal to  $\int \int_S f(g(u,v),h(u,v)) \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} du dv$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The change of variables formula for double integrals states that if we have a function  $f(x,y)$  defined on the region  $R$ , and we define new variables  $u$  and  $v$  such that  $x = g(u,v)$ ,  $y = h(u,v)$ , then the double integral can be written as:

$$\int \int_S f(g(u,v),h(u,v)) \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} du dv$$

This formula holds true whenever  $f(x,y)$  is continuous on  $R$ .

The reason for this is that the Jacobian determinant  $\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)}$  represents the scale factor by which the area element  $du dv$  in the  $(u,v)$  plane gets mapped to an area element  $dx dy$  in the  $(x,y)$  plane. When  $f(x,y)$  is continuous, the value of the function at each point in the region  $R$  does not depend on how we choose to parametrize that point in terms of  $u$  and  $v$ .

As a result, the value of the double integral remains unchanged, regardless of whether we use the original variables  $(x,y)$  or the new variables  $(u,v)$ . This is reflected mathematically by the formula above.

**Question:** Is the Jacobian determinant  $J(u,v,w)$  in three variables defined as the absolute value

of the determinate of the matrix formed by the partial derivatives of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  with respect to  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The Jacobian determinant  $J(u,v,w)$  in three variables is defined as the absolute value of the determinate of the matrix formed by the partial derivatives of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  with respect to  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$ . This definition is based on the concept of multivariable functions and their corresponding Jacobian matrices.

In particular, consider a function  $f(u,v,w)$  that maps the three-dimensional space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to itself, where  $f = (x,y,z)$ . The partial derivatives of this function with respect to  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  are given by:

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}, \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial w}, \frac{\partial y}{\partial w}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial w}$$

These partial derivatives form the Jacobian matrix  $J(u,v,w)$ , which is a square matrix with dimensions  $3 \times 3$ . The determinant of this matrix is denoted as  $\det(J)$ .

The absolute value of the determinant is then defined as:

$$-\det(J) = -\frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial w} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial w} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u}$$

This absolute value is the Jacobian determinant  $J(u,v,w)$ , which measures the linear transformation properties of the function  $f$ .

**Question:** True or False: When performing a change of variables for a triple integral, if the transformation is one-to-one with a nonzero Jacobian, then the value of the original integral can be computed by evaluating the transformed function over the region in the new coordinate system, multiplying by the absolute value of the Jacobian determinant.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Here is a concise explanation:

The change of variables formula states that if  $T(x,y,z) = (u,v,w)$  is a one-to-one transformation from the region  $R$  in the original coordinate system to the region  $S$  in the new coordinate system, and if  $\det(J(T)) \neq 0$ , then the value of the original triple integral  $\iiint f(x,y,z) dV$  can be computed as:

$$\iiint f(u,v,w) |\det(J(T))| du dv dw$$

where  $f$  is the original function and  $J(T)$  is the Jacobian matrix of  $T$ .

This result follows from the inverse function theorem, which guarantees that  $T$  is invertible and that its inverse has a nonzero Jacobian determinant. Therefore, we can write the integral in terms of  $u,v,w$  as:

$$\iiint f(T^{-1}(u,v,w)) |\det(J(T))| du dv dw$$

where  $T^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $T$ . By substituting  $x,y,z = T^{-1}(u,v,w)$ , we obtain the original integral in terms of  $u,v,w$ :

$$\iiint f(x,y,z) dV = \iiint f(T^{-1}(u,v,w)) |\det(J(T))| du dv dw$$

which is equivalent to the formula stated in the true or false question.

**Question:** True or False: A vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is an assignment of a one-dimensional vector  $\mathbf{F}(x,y)$  to each point  $(x,y)$  of a subset  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** A vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is indeed an assignment of a one-dimensional vector  $\mathbf{F}(x,y)$  to each point  $(x,y)$  of a

subset  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , where  $F(x,y)$  is typically written as  $F = F(x,y)\mathbf{i} + G(x,y)\mathbf{j}$ .

This means that each point in the domain  $D$  has an associated vector attached to it.

**Question:** A vector field  $F$  is a gradient field if there exists a scalar function  $f$  such that  $\nabla f = F$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** A vector field  $F$  is said to be a gradient field if there exists a scalar function  $f$  such that  $\nabla f = F$ .

This statement is indeed true. A gradient field is a vector field whose curl is zero and divergence is the negative of its own Laplacian. The given condition,  $\nabla f = F$ , implies that the curl of  $F$  is zero (since the curl of a gradient is zero) and that the divergence of  $F$  is the derivative of  $f$  with respect to its coordinates (since the derivative of a function with respect to its coordinates corresponds to the negative of its own Laplacian).

Therefore, given any scalar function  $f$ , we can construct a vector field  $F$  such that  $\nabla f = F$ . This means that every gradient field satisfies the condition  $\nabla f = F$ , and hence the statement is true.

**Question:** If  $F$  is a conservative vector field on an open and connected domain, and  $f$  and  $g$  are functions such that  $\nabla f = F$  and  $\nabla g = F$ , then there exists a constant  $C$  such that  $f = g + C$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Given that  $F$  is conservative, it can be expressed as the gradient of some function  $f$ , i.e.,  $F = \nabla f$ . Similarly, since  $g$  satisfies  $F = \nabla g$ , we have  $F = \nabla g$ .

By definition, a vector field  $F$  is conservative if and only if there exists a function  $f$  such that  $F = \nabla f$ . Therefore, we can equate the expressions for  $F$ :

$$\nabla f = \nabla g$$

This equation implies that both sides are equal to some constant multiple of the gradient operator  $\nabla$ . Since the gradient operator  $\nabla$  is linear, it distributes across addition and scalar multiplication. Hence,

$$\nabla(f-g) = 0$$

Since the Laplacian  $\Delta$  is also a linear operator, we have:

$$\Delta(\nabla(f-g)) = 0$$

The only function whose Laplacian is zero is the constant function  $c$ , so:

$$\nabla(f-g) = \nabla c$$

This implies that there exists some constant  $C$  such that  $f - g = C$ . Adding  $g$  to both sides yields the desired result:  $f = g + C$ .

**Question:** Is it true that if  $F$  is a conservative vector field in two or three dimensions, then its partial derivatives satisfy certain cross-partial conditions?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is true. A vector field  $F$  in two or three dimensions is conservative if its curl is zero, i.e.,  $\nabla \times F = 0$ .

Since  $F$  is a conservative vector field, there exists a potential function  $\varphi$  such that  $F = \nabla \varphi$ .

Now, let's consider the partial derivatives of  $\varphi$  with respect to  $x$  and  $y$  (or  $z$  in 3D). These are denoted by  $\varphi_x$  and  $\varphi_y$  (or  $\varphi_z$ ).

We can rewrite the equation  $F = \nabla \varphi$  as:

$F_x = \partial\varphi/\partial x$ ,  $F_y = \partial\varphi/\partial y$ , and  $F_z = \partial\varphi/\partial z$ .

The cross-partial condition states that:

$$(\partial F_x/\partial y) = (\partial F_y/\partial x)$$

This can be proved by taking the curl of both sides of the equation  $F = \nabla\varphi$ . Using the fact that  $\nabla \times \nabla\varphi = 0$  and the definition of curl, we get:

$$\nabla \times F = \nabla \times \nabla\varphi = 0$$

Expanding this expression in terms of partial derivatives, we get:

$$(\partial F_x/\partial y) - (\partial F_y/\partial x) = 0$$

This is exactly the cross-partial condition.

Similarly, if  $F$  has three components (3D), we would have another condition:

$$(\partial F_x/\partial z) = (\partial F_z/\partial x)$$

and

$$(\partial F_y/\partial z) = (\partial F_z/\partial y)$$

These conditions together ensure that the curl of  $F$  is zero, and thus  $F$  is a conservative vector field.

**Question:** The scalar line integral of  $f$  along  $CC$  is defined as the limit of a sum of function values evaluated at points  $P_i^*$  multiplied by the distance between those points, as the number of points increases without bound, if this limit exists.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The scalar line integral of  $f$  along  $CC$  is defined as the limit of a sum of function values evaluated at points  $P_i^*$  multiplied by the distance between those points, as the number of points increases without bound, if this limit exists. This definition accurately captures the essence of the concept.

In particular, it highlights that the line integral is scalar-valued (since we're talking about real numbers) and refers to the path  $CC$  along which the function  $f$  is evaluated. The phrase "as the number of points increases without bound" emphasizes the notion that this limit exists when taking an infinite number of sub-intervals in the definition, rather than just a finite number.

Given this context, it's reasonable to conclude that the statement is indeed TRUE.

**Question:** Here is your request:

Evaluating a scalar line integral, if  $f$  is a continuous function with domain that includes the smooth curve  $CC$  parameterized by  $r(t)$ , then true or false:  $\int_C f ds = \int_a^b f(r(t)) \|r'(t)\| dt$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The scalar line integral  $\int_C f ds$  can be evaluated by substituting  $f(r(t))$  into the integrand, where  $r(t)$  is a smooth curve parameterized by  $t$ . Since the function  $f$  is continuous and the curve  $C$  is smooth, we can apply the fundamental theorem of calculus to rewrite the integral as:

$$\int_a^b f(r(t)) \|r'(t)\| dt$$

The absolute value sign in the integrand represents the magnitude of the tangent vector  $r'(t)$  to the curve at each point  $t$ . This ensures that the integral is well-defined and gives us a correct measure of the area under the curve.

In summary, the scalar line integral  $\int_C f ds$  can be evaluated by substituting  $f(r(t))$  into the integrand and applying the fundamental theorem of calculus, resulting in an equivalent expression  $\int_a^b f(r(t)) \|r'(t)\| dt$ .

**Question:** The scalar line integral calculation for a curve  $C$  with parameterization  $r(t)$  is calculated using:

True or False: The value of the integral is determined by integrating  $f(r(t))$  with respect to the arc length  $ds$  along the curve, where the function  $f$  has domain that includes the range of  $r(t)$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The scalar line integral calculation for a curve  $C$  with parameterization  $r(t)$  is indeed calculated using the following formula:

$$\int_C f(r(t)) \, ds$$

where the function  $f$  has domain that includes the range of  $r(t)$ . In other words, the value of the integral is determined by integrating  $f$  evaluated at the point  $r(t)$  along the curve, with respect to the arc length  $ds$ . This means that we are essentially averaging the values of the function  $f$  over the entire curve, giving more weight to regions where the curve spends more time.

**Question:** Does the vector line integral of a vector field  $F$  along an oriented smooth curve  $C$  exist as the limit of the sum of values of  $F$  evaluated at discrete points  $P_i^*$  on the curve, multiplied by the magnitude of the tangent to the curve at each point  $P_i^*$ , with the distance between consecutive points approaching zero?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The vector line integral of a vector field  $F$  along an oriented smooth curve  $C$  exists as the limit of the sum of values of  $F$  evaluated at discrete points  $P_i^*$  on the curve, multiplied by the magnitude of the tangent to the curve at each point  $P_i^*$ , with the distance between consecutive points approaching zero. This is true because the vector line integral can be approximated using Riemann sums, where the curve  $C$  is partitioned into small sub-intervals and  $F$  is evaluated at the midpoint of each sub-interval. As the size of the sub-intervals decreases to zero, the sum of these values approaches the definite integral of  $F$  along  $C$ .

**Question:** True or False: If  $F$  and  $G$  are continuous vector fields with domains that include the oriented smooth curve  $C$ , then the line integral of their sum is equal to the sum of their individual line integrals?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The given statement is indeed true.

For any continuous vector fields  $F$  and  $G$ , we know that their line integrals along a curve  $C$  are defined as:

$$\int_C (F(x) \cdot dx) = \int_C [F(x)]$$

and

$$\int_C (G(x) \cdot dx) = \int_C [G(x)]$$

Since the sum of  $F$  and  $G$  is another continuous vector field  $H = F + G$ , we can define its line integral along  $C$  as:

$$\int_C (H(x) \cdot dx) = \int_C [(F(x) + G(x)) \cdot dx]$$

Now, let's use the linearity property of definite integrals to break down the right-hand side into two parts:

$$\int_C [H(x) \cdot dx] = \int_C [F(x) \cdot dx] + \int_C [G(x) \cdot dx]$$

This shows that the line integral of  $H$  is equal to the sum of the individual line integrals of  $F$  and  $G$ , which confirms our initial statement.

**Question:** The flux of  $F$  across  $C$  is equal to the line integral of the dot product of  $F$  and the normal vector  $n$ , times the magnitude of the normal vector, over the curve  $C$ . True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed true.

To elaborate, consider a vector field  $F$  defined in three-dimensional space and a closed curve  $C$  in that same space. The normal vector  $n$  at any point on the curve is perpendicular to both the curve and the plane containing the curve.

The flux of  $F$  across  $C$ , denoted  $\int_C F \cdot n \, ds$ , can be thought of as the total amount of "flux" or "flow" of the vector field  $F$  through the surface enclosed by  $C$ .

The formula for this flux is a line integral that evaluates the dot product of  $F$  and the normal vector  $n$  at each point on the curve, multiplied by the magnitude of the normal vector. This is represented mathematically as  $\int_C (F \cdot n) \, ds$ .

This formula can be derived using the definition of flux and the properties of the dot product and the magnitude of a vector. It's a fundamental result in vector calculus that finds widespread application in fields like physics, engineering, and computer graphics.

**Question:** The flux of a vector field across a smooth curve is calculated by integrating the dot product of the vector field and the unit normal vector along the curve.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed TRUE.

In mathematics, a vector field is a function that assigns a vector to each point in space. The flux of a vector field across a smooth curve is a measure of the amount of "flow" or "flux" of the vector field through the curve. To calculate this flux, we use the concept of the dot product (also known as the inner product) of two vectors.

Given a smooth curve  $C$ , we can define a unit normal vector  $n(s)$  at each point  $s$  on the curve. The unit normal vector is a vector that is perpendicular to the curve and has a length of 1. We then take the dot product of the original vector field  $F(s)$  with the unit normal vector  $n(s)$  at each point  $s$  on the curve.

Mathematically, this can be represented as:

$$F(s) \cdot n(s)$$

The dot product is calculated by multiplying corresponding components of the two vectors and summing them. This gives us a scalar value that represents the "flux" or "flow" of the vector field through the curve at each point  $s$ .

To calculate the total flux of the vector field across the entire curve, we integrate this scalar value with respect to arc length  $s$  along the curve:

$$\int_C F(s) \cdot n(s) \, ds$$

This integral represents the total amount of "flux" or "flow" of the vector field through the curve. The answer is indeed TRUE because this formula accurately captures the concept of flux across a smooth curve in terms of the dot product and integration along the curve.

**Question:** A closed curve can be simple, but it does not have to be.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** A closed curve can indeed be simple, but it does not have to be. A simple closed curve is one that intersects itself only at its endpoints, meaning it has no holes or gaps. However, a closed curve can also be non-simple, meaning it contains holes or gaps. For instance, a doughnut-shaped curve is a closed curve with a hole in the middle, making it non-simple.

To illustrate this concept further, consider the following examples:

\* A circle is a simple closed curve because it has no holes or gaps. \* An ellipse is also a simple closed curve because it only intersects itself at its endpoints and does not have any holes. \* On the other hand, a doughnut-shaped curve with a hole in the middle is a non-simple closed curve because it contains a gap.

In summary, while a closed curve can be simple, it is not a requirement for all closed curves.

**Question:** A region D is simply connected if for any two points P1 and P2, there exists a continuous path from P1 to P2 that stays entirely within D without crossing its boundary, regardless of whether D has holes or not. True or False?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** A simply connected region D is defined as a region that has only one connected component and no holes.

Given any two points P1 and P2 in D, it is possible to draw a continuous curve from P1 to P2 without leaving the region. This means that every point in D can be connected to every other point by a curve within D, without crossing its boundary.

The above definition implies that simply connected regions do not have holes or separate components. Therefore, if D has one or more holes, it is not considered a simply connected region.

In this context, the statement "A region D is simply connected if for any two points P1 and P2, there exists a continuous path from P1 to P2 that stays entirely within D without crossing its boundary" is false.

**Question:** Is the Fundamental Theorem for Line Integrals stated as: "The line integral of the gradient of a function around a closed curve is equal to the difference between the values of the function at the curve's endpoints?"

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The Fundamental Theorem of Line Integrals states that if C is a closed curve in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  or  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and f is a function defined on the region enclosed by C, then:

$$\oint_C \text{grad}(f) \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(b) - f(a)$$

where (a) and (b) are the endpoints of C. This theorem can be understood as saying that the line integral of the gradient of a function around a closed curve is equal to the difference between the values of the function at the curve's endpoints.

In other words, if you imagine moving a small particle along the curve C while keeping track of its position and velocity, then the total change in its potential energy due to the force field defined by f will be equal to the difference between its final and initial energies. This is because the line integral measures the work done on the particle as it moves around the curve, which can also be expressed as the difference in potential energy.

This theorem has many important implications for physics and engineering, particularly when dealing with conservative forces, where the force field is defined by a potential function. It provides a powerful tool for computing the total change in energy associated with moving an object along a closed path.

**Question:** Is a vector field F considered path independent if its line integral is the same for any two paths C1 and C2 in D with the same initial and terminal points?

**Answer:** True



**Explanation:** A vector field  $F$  is considered path independent if its line integral is the same for any two paths  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  in a simply connected domain  $D$ , as long as they have the same initial and terminal points. This means that the value of the line integral only depends on the start and end points of the curve, not on the specific path taken.

In other words, if you take two different paths from point  $A$  to point  $B$ , and both paths are within a simply connected domain  $D$ , then the line integral of  $F$  along those paths will be equal. This property is often referred to as being "path independent" because it doesn't matter what path you take to get from one point to another - the result will always be the same.

For example, imagine you're standing at the North Pole and you want to get to the South Pole. You could walk due south along the Arctic Circle, or you could follow a winding route that takes you through some mountain ranges first. As long as both paths start at the North Pole and end at the South Pole, the line integral of  $F$  (say, the gravitational force) will be the same for both paths - it's path independent.

**Question:** True or False: If  $F$  is a conservative vector field, then the value of the line integral of  $F$  over any closed curve is independent of the path taken to traverse the curve?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** If  $F$  is a conservative vector field, then the value of the line integral of  $F$  over any closed curve is not necessarily independent of the path taken to traverse the curve.

This is because while being conservative ensures that the line integral only depends on the initial and final points of the curve, it does not guarantee that the value will be the same for all possible paths connecting these two points. In other words, even if  $F$  is conservative, we can still have different values for the line integral depending on the specific path taken.

This might seem counterintuitive at first, but it's actually a consequence of the definition of a conservative field and the properties of line integrals. To see why this is true, recall that a vector field  $F$  is conservative if its curl (or rotation) is zero everywhere. This means that for any closed curve  $C$ , we have

$$\int_C \nabla \times F \cdot dR = 0$$

where  $R(t)$  is the position vector of points on the curve as we traverse it.

Now, suppose we take two different paths,  $A$  and  $B$ , between the same initial and final points. We can think of these paths as being equivalent to two different curves,  $C_A$  and  $C_B$ . Then, using the fact that  $F$  is conservative, we have

$$\int_{C_A} \nabla \times F \cdot dR = 0 \quad \int_{C_B} \nabla \times F \cdot dR = 0$$

Since the curl is zero for both paths, the line integrals of  $F$  over these curves will be equal. However, this does not mean that the values will be the same - we can still have different line integrals for different paths connecting the same initial and final points.

Therefore, while being conservative ensures that the line integral only depends on the end points of the curve, it does not guarantee independence from the path taken. This is why the statement "If  $F$  is a conservative vector field, then the value of the line integral of  $F$  over any closed curve is independent of the path taken to traverse the curve" is false.

**Question:** If  $F$  is a continuous vector field that is independent of path and the domain  $D$  of  $F$  is open and connected, then  $F$  is conservative. True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement "If  $F$  is a continuous vector field that is independent of path and the domain  $D$  of  $F$  is open and connected, then  $F$  is conservative" is true.

To prove this, let's consider the following: if  $F$  is conservative, then there exists a scalar function  $\varphi$  such that  $\nabla\varphi = F$ . This means that the curl of  $F$  is zero everywhere in the domain  $D$ .

Since the domain  $D$  is open and connected, it can be covered by a countable collection of closed balls  $\{B_i\}$  whose interiors are disjoint. For each  $i$ , let  $C_i$  be a curve in  $B_i$  such that the interior of  $C_i$  lies entirely within  $B_i$ . Since  $F$  is independent of path, we know that  $\int C_i F \cdot dr = 0$  for all  $i$ .

Now, by Stokes' theorem, we have  $\oint C_i F \cdot dr = \iint B_i \nabla \times F \cdot dA = 0$ . But since the curl of  $F$  is zero everywhere in  $D$ , this means that  $\oint C_i F \cdot dr = 0$  for all  $i$ .

By the open and connected nature of  $D$ , we can choose a sequence of curves  $\{C_k\}$  such that  $C_k$  lies entirely within  $B_k$  for all  $k$ , and  $C_k$  approaches some curve  $C$  as  $k$  approaches infinity. By the continuity of  $F$ , we know that  $\int C_k F \cdot dr \rightarrow \int C F \cdot dr$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

Taking the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the equation  $\oint C_k F \cdot dr = 0$ , we get  $\int C F \cdot dr = 0$ . But since  $C$  is an arbitrary curve in  $D$ , this means that  $F$  is conservative. Therefore, if  $F$  is a continuous vector field that is independent of path and the domain  $D$  of  $F$  is open and connected, then  $F$  is indeed conservative.

**Question:** If a vector field  $F$  has  $P=Q_x$ ,  $P_z=R_x$ ,  $Q_z=R_y$  throughout its domain  $D$ , is it necessarily conservative?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The given vector field  $F$  has  $P=Q_x$ ,  $P_z=R_x$ ,  $Q_z=R_y$  throughout its domain  $D$ . To determine if this is necessarily conservative, we need to check if the curl of  $F$  is zero.

We have:

$$\nabla \times F = (\partial Q / \partial z - \partial R / \partial y) i + (\partial R / \partial x - \partial P / \partial z) j + (\partial P / \partial y - \partial Q / \partial x) k$$

Since  $P=Q_x$ ,  $P_z=R_x$ , and  $Q_z=R_y$ , we can substitute these into the above equation to get:

$$\nabla \times F = (0 - 0) i + (R - R_x) j + (R_x - Q_x) k$$

This simplifies to:

$$\nabla \times F = (R - R_x) j + (R_x - Q_x) k$$

Since  $R$  and  $R_x$  are constants, we have:

$$\nabla \times F = 0j + 0k$$

Thus,  $\nabla \times F$  is zero. This implies that the vector field  $F$  is conservative. Therefore, the answer to this question is true.

**Question:** True or False: A vector field  $F$  with  $P=yQ_x$ ,  $P_z=R_x$  is conservative if and only if  $Q_z=R_y$  throughout its domain.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The statement is false.

A vector field  $F$  with  $P=yQ_x$ ,  $P_z=R_x$  is conservative if and only if its curl is zero everywhere in its domain. The curl of the given vector field can be computed as follows:

$$\partial R / \partial y - \partial Q / \partial z = 0$$

$$\partial R / \partial y - \partial Q / \partial z \neq 0 \text{ (in general)}$$

Therefore, the vector field is not conservative in general. The condition  $Q_z=R_y$  throughout its domain is not sufficient to ensure that the vector field is conservative.

Note that conservativity of a vector field does not imply any specific relation between its components, such as  $Q_z=R_y$ .

**Question:** True or False: Green's Theorem states that for an open, simply connected region  $D$

with boundary curve  $C$  oriented counterclockwise, and a vector field  $F = \langle P, Q \rangle$ , the line integral of  $F$  around  $C$  is equal to the double integral of  $(Qx - Py)$  over  $D$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Green's Theorem states that the line integral of a vector field  $F = \langle P, Q \rangle$  around the boundary curve  $C$  of an open, simply connected region  $D$  is equal to the double integral of  $(Qx - Py)$  over  $D$ . This theorem provides a powerful tool for evaluating line integrals in terms of area integrals.

To understand why Green's Theorem is true, let's start by considering the line integral of  $F$  around  $C$ :

$$\int_C P \, dx + Q \, dy$$

This line integral can be rewritten as:

$$\int (PQ - PRy) \, dx$$

where  $R$  is the region enclosed by  $C$ . Now, if we apply the Fundamental Theorem of Line Integrals to this expression, we get:

$$\int (PQ - PRy) \, dx = \iint_R (-Py + Qx) \, dx \, dy$$

This is where Green's Theorem comes in. It states that for an open, simply connected region  $D$  and a vector field  $F = \langle P, Q \rangle$ , the double integral of  $(Qx - Py)$  over  $D$  is equal to:

$$\iint_D (-Py + Qx) \, dx \, dy$$

Therefore, we have:

$$\int_C P \, dx + Q \, dy = \iint_D (Qx - Py) \, dx \, dy$$

which is Green's Theorem.

**Question:** Green's Theorem states that for an open, simply connected region  $D$  with boundary curve  $C$ , if  $F$  is a vector field with continuous partial derivatives on an open region containing  $D$ , then the line integral of  $F$  around  $C$  equals the double integral of the  $x$ -component of  $F$  times  $y$  plus the  $y$ -component of  $F$  times  $x$  over the area enclosed by  $C$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Green's Theorem states that if  $F$  is a vector field with continuous partial derivatives on an open region containing a simply connected region  $D$ , then the line integral of  $F$  around the boundary curve  $C$  is equal to the double integral of the  $x$ -component of  $F$  times  $y$  plus the  $y$ -component of  $F$  times  $x$  over the area enclosed by  $C$ .

The theorem holds because it's equivalent to Stokes' Theorem for vector calculus. The left-hand side of Green's Theorem is a line integral, which can be rewritten as an integral of the curl of  $F$  around the curve  $C$ . The right-hand side is a double integral that, using the definition of curl, can be seen as an integral of the curl of  $F$  over the area enclosed by  $C$ .

Since both sides are equal, we have that the line integral of  $F$  around  $C$  equals the double integral of the  $x$ -component of  $F$  times  $y$  plus the  $y$ -component of  $F$  times  $x$  over the area enclosed by  $C$ .

**Question:** The divergence of a vector field  $F$  in 3D space is defined as the sum of the partial derivatives of its components with respect to their respective coordinates.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The divergence of a vector field  $F$  in 3D space is indeed defined as the sum of the partial derivatives of its components with respect to their respective coordinates.

In particular, if  $F(x, y, z) = (F_1(x, y, z), F_2(x, y, z), F_3(x, y, z))$ , then the divergence  $\text{div}(F)$  is given by:

$$\text{div}(\mathbf{F}) = \partial F_1/\partial x + \partial F_2/\partial y + \partial F_3/\partial z$$

This definition captures the notion of how much a small region in space is being "pushed" or "pulled" by the vector field  $\mathbf{F}$ , and it plays a crucial role in many areas of physics, engineering, and mathematics.

**Question:** For a source-free vector field  $\mathbf{F}$ , where  $\mathbf{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ , if the component functions are differentiable, then  $\text{div}\mathbf{F}=0$  is -----.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** For a source-free vector field  $\mathbf{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ , where the component functions  $P$  and  $Q$  are differentiable,  $\text{div}\mathbf{F}=0$  is True.

The divergence of  $\mathbf{F}$ , denoted by  $\text{div}\mathbf{F}$ , is defined as the sum of the partial derivatives of  $P$  and  $Q$  with respect to their respective variables. In other words:

$$\text{div}\mathbf{F} = \partial P/\partial x + \partial Q/\partial y$$

Since  $\mathbf{F}$  is source-free, this means that the net "flow" out of a small region is zero. Mathematically, this is equivalent to saying that  $\text{div}\mathbf{F}=0$ .

Given that  $P$  and  $Q$  are differentiable, we can apply the fundamental theorem of calculus to each partial derivative, which yields:

$$\int [\partial P/\partial x + \partial Q/\partial y] \, dx \, dy = 0$$

This shows that the total "outflow" is zero, confirming that  $\mathbf{F}$  is indeed source-free. As a result,  $\text{div}\mathbf{F}=0$  must be True for any differentiable vector field  $\mathbf{F}$ .

**Question:** True or False: If  $\text{div}\mathbf{F}=0$ , then  $\mathbf{F}$  is source free for any vector field  $\mathbf{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ .

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The statement "If  $\text{div}\mathbf{F}=0$ , then  $\mathbf{F}$  is source free" is false.

To see why, consider the vector field  $\mathbf{F} = (1, x)$  in two dimensions. This has a divergence of 0, since  $\partial/\partial x (1, x) = 0$ . However,  $\mathbf{F}$  is not source-free because its curl is  $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = (-1, 0)$ , which is non-zero at  $x=0$ .

In general, having zero divergence does not imply that the vector field has zero curl or is source-free. These are separate conditions that must be checked independently.

**Question:** The curl of a vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  is a scalar value.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The curl of a vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  is actually a vector value, not a scalar one. This is because it represents the amount by which the vector field rotates as you move along a closed curve. In other words, the curl measures the tendency of the vector field to produce circulation.

To be more specific, if we take a small loop or circuit in the plane and integrate the dot product of  $\mathbf{F}$  with the unit tangent vector to the loop, this gives us the magnitude of the curl. So, the curl is a vector that describes how much the vector field "curls" around each point.

It's worth noting that while the curl is not a scalar value, it does have some scalar properties - for example, we can talk about the magnitude or norm of the curl, which would be a non-negative real number. But as a physical quantity in its own right, the curl is indeed a vector.

**Question:** Is it true that the divergence of the curl of a vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  is always zero?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The divergence of the curl of a vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  is indeed always zero.

To see why this is true, let's start by recalling the definitions of divergence and curl. The divergence of a vector field  $F$  at a point  $P$  is the scalar value that measures how much  $F$  "flows out" from  $P$  in all directions. Mathematically, it's denoted as  $\text{div}(F)$  and can be expressed as the sum of the partial derivatives of the components of  $F$ .

On the other hand, the curl of  $F$  at  $P$  measures how much  $F$  "rotates" or "spins" around  $P$ . It's also a scalar value that can be thought of as the magnitude of the rotation.

Now, when we take the divergence of the curl of  $F$ , we're essentially asking about the rate of change of this spinning motion in all directions. And this is where the magic happens: the result is always zero!

This makes sense intuitively because the curl of  $F$  measures a rotation around some axis, and taking its divergence tells us how this rotation changes as we move away from that axis. But since the rotation itself doesn't change direction or magnitude, the rate of change (or divergence) must be zero.

Formally, if we write  $F = F_1i + F_2j + F_3k$  for some scalar components  $F_i$ , then the curl is  $\nabla \times F = (\partial F_3/\partial y - \partial F_2/\partial z)k - (\partial F_1/\partial z - \partial F_3/\partial x)i + (\partial F_2/\partial x - \partial F_1/\partial y)j$ . Taking the divergence of this curl gives us:

$$\text{div}(\nabla \times F) = (\partial/\partial x)(\partial F_3/\partial y - \partial F_2/\partial z) + (\partial/\partial y)(\partial F_2/\partial x - \partial F_1/\partial y) + (\partial/\partial z)(\partial F_1/\partial z - \partial F_3/\partial x)$$

After some manipulation and simplification, we can show that this expression indeed evaluates to zero for any vector field  $F$ .

**Question:** Is it true that if  $F = (P, Q, R)$  is conservative, then  $\text{curl}(F) = 0$ ?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** A fundamental theorem in vector calculus!

If  $F = (P, Q, R)$  is conservative, that means there exists a scalar function  $\varphi$  such that:

$$F = \nabla \varphi$$

Now, the curl of  $F$  is defined as:

$$\text{curl}(F) = (\partial R/\partial y - \partial Q/\partial z), (\partial P/\partial z - \partial R/\partial x), (\partial Q/\partial x - \partial P/\partial y)$$

Since  $F$  is conservative, we can rewrite it using the gradient of  $\varphi$ :

$$F = (\partial \varphi/\partial x), (\partial \varphi/\partial y), (\partial \varphi/\partial z)$$

Evaluating the curl of this expression, we get:

$$\text{curl}(F) = (\partial^2 \varphi/\partial y \partial z - \partial^2 \varphi/\partial z \partial x), (\partial^2 \varphi/\partial x \partial z - \partial^2 \varphi/\partial x \partial y), (\partial^2 \varphi/\partial x \partial y - \partial^2 \varphi/\partial y \partial x)$$

Now, since  $\varphi$  is a scalar function, its second partial derivatives are interchangeable. This means that:

$$\partial^2 \varphi/\partial y \partial z = \partial^2 \varphi/\partial z \partial y \quad \partial^2 \varphi/\partial x \partial z = \partial^2 \varphi/\partial z \partial x \quad \partial^2 \varphi/\partial x \partial y = \partial^2 \varphi/\partial y \partial x$$

Substituting these equalities back into the curl expression, we get:

$$\text{curl}(F) = 0, 0, 0$$

Therefore, if  $F$  is conservative, then indeed  $\text{curl}(F) = 0$ .

**Question:** If a vector field  $F$  has zero curl, then it must be conservative.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The statement is false because having zero curl does not guarantee that the vector field  $F$  is conservative.

To illustrate this, consider a vector field  $F$  given by  $F(x,y) = (x^2y, x^3)$ . This field has zero curl, but it is not conservative. In fact, there is no potential function  $\varphi$  such that  $F = \nabla \varphi$ . To see why, note that the line integral of  $F$  along any closed curve enclosing a portion of the  $x$ -axis will be

non-zero. For example, if we integrate  $F$  along a circle of radius  $r$  centered at  $(r,0)$ , we get  $\pi r^3$ , which is not zero.

This shows that having zero curl does not guarantee conservativity, so the statement is false.

**Question:** True or False: The parameter domain of a surface is always equal to the  $uv$ -plane?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The parameter domain of a surface refers to the region in the  $uv$ -plane where the parametric equations are defined and continuous. This does not necessarily mean that every point in this region corresponds to a unique point on the surface.

For example, consider the surface given by the parametric equations  $x = u^2$ ,  $y = v^2$ ,  $z = 0$  for  $0 \leq u \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq v \leq 1$ . The parameter domain is the entire  $uv$ -plane, but the corresponding surface only exists in a quarter of this plane (where both  $u$  and  $v$  are non-negative). This is because when  $u$  or  $v$  is negative, the  $x$  and  $y$  values become negative, which is not possible for this specific surface.

Therefore, we can conclude that the parameter domain of a surface is not always equal to the entire  $uv$ -plane.

**Question:** Is a regular parameterization one where  $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$  is zero for every point  $(u,v)$  in the parameter domain?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** A regular parameterization is one where the Jacobian matrix of the transformation has rank  $r$ , where  $r$  is the number of dimensions of the image space. In other words, a regular parameterization is one where the parameterization is invertible almost everywhere in the parameter domain.

The condition  $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$  being zero for every point  $(u,v)$  in the parameter domain is not sufficient to guarantee that a parameterization is regular. For example, consider a simple 2D parameterization where  $u$  and  $v$  are both linear functions of some higher-dimensional parameter  $t$ . In this case,  $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$  would always be zero, but the Jacobian matrix would still have full rank if the linear functions are independent.

Conversely, there exist regular parameterizations where  $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$  is not identically zero. For instance, consider a 2D parameterization where  $u = x^2$  and  $v = xy$ , both defined over some region in the  $(x,y)$  plane. The Jacobian matrix would have full rank since the partial derivatives of  $u$  and  $v$  with respect to  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly independent. However,  $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$  could still be zero at certain points where  $u$  and  $v$  happen to be equal.

In conclusion, a regular parameterization is not characterized by the condition  $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$  being zero for every point in the parameter domain.

**Question:** A smooth surface parameterization  $\mathbf{r}(u,v)$  is defined to have non-zero vector product  $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$  for any choice of  $u$  and  $v$  in its parameter domain, regardless of the specific values  $x(u,v)$ ,  $y(u,v)$ , and  $z(u,v)$ . True or False?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** A smooth surface parameterization  $\mathbf{r}(u,v)$  has non-zero vector product  $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$  if and only if the partial derivatives  $\partial x/\partial u$ ,  $\partial y/\partial u$ ,  $\partial z/\partial u$ ,  $\partial x/\partial v$ ,  $\partial y/\partial v$ , and  $\partial z/\partial v$  are linearly independent. This is because the cross product  $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$  can be written as a determinant of the  $3 \times 3$  matrix consisting of these partial derivatives.

In particular, if we have a surface with zero normal vector  $\nabla f = (\partial f/\partial u, \partial f/\partial v, 0)$  for some function  $f(u,v)$ , then the tangent vectors  $\mathbf{r}_u$  and  $\mathbf{r}_v$  will also be perpendicular to each other, and hence their cross product will be zero. This shows that having non-zero cross product does not imply linear independence of the partial derivatives.

Conversely, if the partial derivatives are linearly independent, it is possible to have a surface with non-zero normal vector and therefore non-zero cross product. For example, consider the function  $f(u,v) = u + v$  on the parameter domain  $[0,1] \times [0,1]$ . The partial derivatives are  $(\partial f/\partial u, \partial f/\partial v) = (1, 1)$ , which are linearly independent. However, the normal vector is not zero, and hence the surface has non-zero cross product.

Therefore, it is false that a smooth surface parameterization  $\mathbf{r}(u,v)$  always has non-zero vector product  $\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v$  for any choice of  $u$  and  $v$  in its parameter domain.

**Question:** The surface area of a smooth parameterization of a surface  $S$  is given by the integral of the magnitude of the cross product of the partial derivatives with respect to the parameters, over the domain of the parameters.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The surface area of a smooth parameterization of a surface  $S$  is indeed given by the integral of the magnitude of the cross product of the partial derivatives with respect to the parameters, over the domain of the parameters.

This is because the surface area of  $S$  can be represented as an integral of the differential area elements on the surface. The differential area element at a point  $(u,v)$  on the surface is given by  $|\partial \mathbf{S}/\partial u \times \partial \mathbf{S}/\partial v| du dv$ , where  $\partial \mathbf{S}/\partial u$  and  $\partial \mathbf{S}/\partial v$  are the partial derivatives of  $\mathbf{S}$  with respect to  $u$  and  $v$ .

The magnitude of the cross product  $|\partial \mathbf{S}/\partial u \times \partial \mathbf{S}/\partial v|$  is the area of the differential element, while the  $du dv$  represents the infinitesimal area elements. Thus, the integral of  $|\partial \mathbf{S}/\partial u \times \partial \mathbf{S}/\partial v|$  over the domain of  $(u,v)$  gives us the total surface area of  $S$ .

This formula is a fundamental result in the field of differential geometry and is used extensively in various areas of mathematics, physics, and engineering.

**Question:** Is it true that the surface integral of a scalar-valued function  $f$  over a piecewise smooth surface  $S$  is equal to the sum of values at each small piece of the surface multiplied by its area?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The surface integral of a scalar-valued function  $f$  over a piecewise smooth surface  $S$  is indeed equal to the sum of values at each small piece of the surface multiplied by its area.

This can be proven using the definition of a surface integral. A surface integral is defined as the limit of a Riemann sum, where the sum is taken over smaller and smaller pieces of the surface.

Given a piecewise smooth surface  $S$ , we can divide it into smaller regions or patches, denoted by  $P_i$ . Each patch has area  $A_i$  and lies above the point  $\mathbf{x}$  in 3-space.

The surface integral of  $f$  over  $S$  is then given by:

$$\iint_S f(x,y,z) dS = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum (f(P_i)/A_i)$$

where  $n$  is the number of patches, and  $P_i$  represents the patch with area  $A_i$ .

As we divide the surface into smaller and smaller pieces, the sum becomes a Riemann sum. The value of  $f$  at each patch is multiplied by the area of that patch, and then these products are summed up.

In the limit as  $n$  approaches infinity, this sum converges to the surface integral of  $f$  over  $S$ .

This shows that the surface integral of  $f$  over  $S$  is indeed equal to the sum of values at each small piece of the surface multiplied by its area.

**Question:** True or False: The surface integral of a continuous vector field over an oriented surface is equal to the dot product of the field with the unit normal vector of the surface multiplied by the area of the surface?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed true.

The surface integral of a continuous vector field  $F$  over an oriented surface  $S$  can be written as:

$$\iint F \cdot dS$$

Using the divergence theorem, we can rewrite this as:

$$\iint F \cdot dS = \iiint (\nabla \cdot F) dV$$

where  $dV$  is the volume element.

Now, consider a small area element  $ds$  on the surface  $S$ . The unit normal vector  $n$  to the surface at that point points in the direction of the positive side of the surface (i.e., the side with the orientation). We can write the unit normal as:

$$n = \pm(\nabla \cdot F) / |\nabla \cdot F|$$

where the sign is chosen such that  $n \cdot dS > 0$ .

Using this expression for  $n$ , we can rewrite the surface integral as:

$$\iint F \cdot dS = \iint F \cdot n \, ds$$

Since  $F$  and  $n$  are both normal to the surface, their dot product is equal to the component of  $F$  in the direction of  $n$ . This component is simply the magnitude of  $F$  multiplied by the cosine of the angle between  $F$  and  $n$ .

The area element  $ds$  can be written as:

$$ds = |\nabla \cdot F| \, dA$$

where  $dA$  is the area element.

Substituting these expressions, we get:

$$\iint F \cdot dS = \iint (F \cdot n) |\nabla \cdot F| \, dA$$

Since  $F \cdot n = |F| \cos(\theta)$ , this becomes:

$$\iint F \cdot dS = \iint |F| \cos(\theta) |\nabla \cdot F| \, dA$$

Finally, we can simplify this to:

$$\iint F \cdot dS = \left( \iint |F| \cos(\theta) \, ds \right) |\nabla \cdot F|$$

The expression inside the parentheses is just the area of the surface  $S$  multiplied by the component of  $F$  in the direction of  $n$ , which is simply  $F \cdot n$ . This can be written as:

$$F \cdot n \, dA$$

Putting it all together, we get:

$$\iint F \cdot dS = \iint (F \cdot n) \, dA$$

which is equal to the dot product of  $F$  with the unit normal vector  $n$  multiplied by the area of the surface  $S$ .

**Question:** Stokes' Theorem states that the line integral of a vector field around a simple closed curve is equal to the double integral of its curl over the surface enclosed by the curve. True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Here's the explanation:



Stokes' Theorem is a fundamental result in vector calculus that relates the line integral of a vector field around a simple closed curve to the double integral of its curl over the surface enclosed by the curve. The theorem states that if  $C$  is a simple, smooth, and oriented curve in 3-dimensional space, and  $F = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j} + R\mathbf{k}$  is a continuously differentiable vector field defined on some region containing  $C$ , then:

$$\oint_C (\mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}) = \iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

where the line integral on the left-hand side represents the circulation of the vector field around the curve  $C$ , and the double integral on the right-hand side represents the flux of the curl of the vector field through the surface  $S$  enclosed by  $C$ .

To see why this is true, let's use a parametric representation of the curve  $C$ :  $\mathbf{r}(t) = x(t)\mathbf{i} + y(t)\mathbf{j} + z(t)\mathbf{k}$  for  $0 \leq t \leq L$ . The line integral can then be written as:

$$\oint_C (\mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}) = \int_{[0,L]} (\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t)) dt$$

where  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t))$  is the value of the vector field at point  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ , and  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$  is the tangent vector to the curve at that point.

Using the definition of the curl, we can rewrite this as:

$$\oint_C (\mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}) = \int_{[0,L]} [(\nabla \times \mathbf{F})(\mathbf{r}(t))] \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt$$

Now, let's use a parametric representation of the surface  $S$ :  $\mathbf{x}(u,v) = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$  for  $0 \leq u \leq U$  and  $0 \leq v \leq V$ . The double integral can be written as:

$$\iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{[0,U]} \int_{[0,V]} [(\nabla \times \mathbf{F})(\mathbf{x}(u,v))] \cdot \mathbf{n} \, du dv$$

where  $\mathbf{n}$  is the normal vector to the surface at point  $\mathbf{x}(u,v)$ .

Using Stoke's Theorem, we can rewrite this as:

$$\iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \oint_C (\mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r})$$

which shows that the line integral and double integral are equal. This completes the proof of Stokes' Theorem.

**Question:** The Divergence Theorem states that for any closed surface  $S$  and vector field  $F$ , if  $S$  is oriented outward and  $F$  has continuous partial derivatives on an open region containing the enclosed solid  $E$ , then the integral of the divergence of  $F$  over the volume of  $E$  is equal to the flux of  $F$  through the surface  $S$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The Divergence Theorem states that for any closed surface  $S$  and vector field  $F$ , if  $S$  is oriented outward and  $F$  has continuous partial derivatives on an open region containing the enclosed solid  $E$ , then the integral of the divergence of  $F$  over the volume of  $E$  is equal to the flux of  $F$  through the surface  $S$ .

This theorem provides a powerful tool for relating the behavior of a vector field inside a solid to its behavior on the boundary. It can be used to solve problems involving fluid flow, electric currents, and other physical phenomena where the divergence and flux of a vector field are important.

The Divergence Theorem is often applied in cases where it is easier to compute the integral of the divergence over the volume than to compute the flux through the surface. For example, if we have a vector field  $F$  that represents the flow of a fluid, we can use the Divergence Theorem to relate the rate at which the fluid is entering or leaving the solid to the velocity of the fluid along its boundary.

The theorem also has important implications for the behavior of vector fields in general. For instance, it can be used to prove that the divergence of a conservative vector field (i.e., one that can be expressed as the gradient of a potential function) is always zero. This result has important consequences for our understanding of physical systems governed by these types of vector fields.

In summary, the Divergence Theorem provides a fundamental connection between the behavior of a vector field inside a solid and its behavior on the boundary, making it an essential tool in many areas of mathematics and physics.

**Question:** True or False: The flux across a smooth surface that does not encompass the origin is equal to  $4\pi$ ?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The statement is false because the flux across a smooth surface that does not encompass the origin depends on the orientation of the surface and the direction of the vector field. The flux can take any value between 0 and  $4\pi$ , depending on how much of the surface lies in the same direction as the vector field.

To be precise, if the surface is oriented such that it is parallel to the direction of the vector field, then the flux will be  $4\pi$ . However, if the surface is tilted or angled relative to the vector field, then the flux will be less than  $4\pi$ . The maximum value of  $4\pi$  can only be achieved if the entire surface lies in the same direction as the vector field.

**Question:** Is a second-order differential equation that can be written in the form  $a_2(x)y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = r(x)$  where  $r(x) \neq 0$  for some value of  $x$  considered nonhomogeneous linear?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The given second-order differential equation can be written in the form:

$$a_2(x)y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = r(x)$$

where  $r(x) \neq 0$  for some value of  $x$ . This is considered nonhomogeneous linear because it contains both a homogeneous part (the left-hand side) and a non-zero right-hand side, which represents the external forcing or driving term  $r(x)$ . The presence of this non-zero forcing term distinguishes this equation from a homogeneous linear differential equation, where the right-hand side would be zero.

**Question:** True or False: If  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are solutions to a linear homogeneous differential equation, then the function  $y(x) = c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x)$ , where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are constants, is also a solution.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Here's a concise explanation for the answer:

The given linear homogeneous differential equation can be written as  $L(y) = 0$ , where  $L$  is a linear operator. Since  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are both solutions to this equation, we have  $L(y_1) = 0$  and  $L(y_2) = 0$ .

Now, consider the function  $y(x) = c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x)$ . Let's apply the linear operator  $L$  to this function:

$$L(y) = L(c_1y_1 + c_2y_2) = c_1L(y_1) + c_2L(y_2) = 0 \text{ (since } y_1 \text{ and } y_2 \text{ are solutions)}$$

Thus, we have shown that  $L(y) = 0$ , which means  $y(x) = c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x)$  is also a solution to the linear homogeneous differential equation.

**Question:** Is a set of functions considered linearly dependent if there exist constants that, when multiplied by the functions and added together, equal zero for all values within the interval of interest?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** A set of functions is considered linearly dependent if there exist constants  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  such that:

$$c_1 f_1(x) + c_2 f_2(x) + \dots + c_n f_n(x) = 0$$

for all values  $x$  within the interval of interest. In other words, a set of functions is linearly dependent if one function can be expressed as a linear combination of the others with zero coefficients.

**Question:** Two functions,  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$ , are said to be linearly dependent if either one of them is identically zero OR if  $f_1(x) = C f_2(x)$  for some constant  $C$  and for all  $x$  over the interval of interest. True or False?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The statement is indeed true.

Two functions  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$  are said to be linearly dependent if one of them is identically zero, meaning that it equals zero for every value of  $x$  within the interval of interest. This can happen when  $f_1(x) = 0$  or  $f_2(x) = 0$ . In this case, we say that one function is a constant multiple of the other.

The second part of the definition states that if  $f_1(x) = C f_2(x)$ , where  $C$  is some constant, then  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are also linearly dependent. This means that for every value of  $x$  within the interval of interest,  $f_1(x)$  equals the product of  $C$  and  $f_2(x)$ . In other words,  $f_1(x)$  changes in proportion to  $f_2(x)$  with a scaling factor of  $C$ .

In both cases, whether one function is identically zero or if they are related by a constant multiple, we can conclude that  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are linearly dependent.

**Question:** The general solution to a homogeneous differential equation is  $y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$ , where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are constants, if  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The general solution to a homogeneous differential equation is indeed  $y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$ , where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are constants, if  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are linearly independent solutions of the same homogeneous differential equation.

To see why this is true, consider the following. Suppose we have a homogeneous differential equation involving the derivatives of  $y$  with respect to  $x$ , say  $dy/dx + P(x)y = 0$ , where  $P(x)$  is some function of  $x$ . The solutions of this equation are functions  $y(x)$  that satisfy this equation.

Now, suppose we can find two linearly independent solutions,  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$ , of this differential equation. By linearly independent, we mean that neither solution is a multiple of the other; i.e., there do not exist constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that  $c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x) = 0$  for all  $x$ .

Using these two solutions, we can write down a general solution to the differential equation by forming linear combinations of them. Specifically, we have  $y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$ . This is because any linear combination of solutions is also a solution: just differentiate both sides with respect to  $x$  and use the fact that  $dy/dx + P(x)y = 0$ .

Conversely, suppose we know that every solution to the differential equation can be written in the form  $y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$ . Then, for any two solutions,  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$ , there exist constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that  $y_1(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_0 y_2(x)$  for some constant  $c_0$ . But this implies that  $y_1(x)$  is a linear combination of  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$ , so  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are linearly dependent.

Since we assumed that every solution can be written in the form  $y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$ , it follows that  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are not linearly independent. Therefore, there exists a nontrivial linear combination of them that is zero; i.e., there exist constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that  $c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x) = 0$  for all  $x$ .

But this implies that the only solution to the differential equation is  $y(x) = 0$ , which contradicts our assumption that we can find at least two linearly independent solutions. Therefore, it must be

the case that every solution to the differential equation can be written in the form  $y(x) = c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x)$ , where  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are linearly independent.

In summary, the general solution to a homogeneous differential equation is  $y(x) = c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x)$ , where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are constants, if  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are linearly independent solutions of the same homogeneous differential equation.

**Question:** The characteristic equation of the differential equation  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$  is  $a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0$ . True or False?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The characteristic equation of the differential equation  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$  is actually  $(a\lambda^2) + (b\lambda) + c = 0$ , which is obtained by substituting  $\lambda$  for  $y$  and  $\lambda'$  for  $y'$  in the differential equation. The correct characteristic equation has only one  $\lambda$  term raised to the power of 1 or 2, whereas the given equation has a combination of terms involving  $\lambda^2$  and  $\lambda$ . Hence, the answer is FALSE.

**Question:** Is a solution  $y_p(x)$  of a differential equation that contains no arbitrary constants considered a particular solution to the equation?

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** A solution  $y_p(x)$  of a differential equation that contains no arbitrary constants is considered a particular solution to the equation because it satisfies the equation uniquely, without any freedom to choose the value of an arbitrary constant. In other words, a particular solution is one that meets the conditions specified by the equation and does not involve any unknown or unspecified constants. Since this solution has no such constants, it can be considered a particular solution in its own right, rather than just being a family of solutions parameterized by an arbitrary constant.

**Question:** Is the general solution to a nonhomogeneous equation equal to  $c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x) + y_p(x)$ , where  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are any two linearly independent solutions of the complementary equation?

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** The general solution to a nonhomogeneous equation is actually  $c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x) + P(x)$ , where  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are any two linearly independent solutions of the complementary equation, and  $P(x)$  is the particular solution that satisfies the nonhomogeneous equation.

To see why this is true, let's start with the general form of a second-order linear homogeneous differential equation:  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$ . When we add a nonhomogeneous term,  $g(t)$ , to this equation, we get the general form of a second-order linear nonhomogeneous differential equation:  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$ .

The solution to this equation is the sum of two parts: the complementary solution (which satisfies the original homogeneous equation) and the particular solution (which satisfies the nonhomogeneous equation). The general form of the complementary solution is  $c_1y_1(t) + c_2y_2(t)$ , where  $y_1(t)$  and  $y_2(t)$  are any two linearly independent solutions to the original homogeneous equation.

The particular solution, on the other hand, can be found using an integrating factor or by using the method of undetermined coefficients. Once we have found the particular solution, we add it to the complementary solution to get the general solution:  $c_1y_1(t) + c_2y_2(t) + P(t)$ .

So, while  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are indeed linearly independent solutions to the complementary equation, we need to include the particular solution term,  $P(x)$ , in order to have the complete general

solution.

**Question:** The function  $x(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t)$  can always be written in the form  $x(t) = A \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$ , where  $A = \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}$  and  $\tan \varphi = c_1/c_2$ .

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** The given function  $x(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t)$  represents a simple harmonic motion, which is a common model for many physical systems. To convert this function to the desired form  $x(t) = A \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$ , we can use trigonometric identities and algebraic manipulations.

First, we can simplify the given function by combining the terms using the sum-to-product formula:

$$x(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t) = \sqrt{(c_1)^2 + (c_2)^2} [\cos(\omega t) \cos(\varphi) - \sin(\omega t) \sin(\varphi)]$$

where  $\varphi$  is some angle that will be determined later.

Next, we can use the product-to-sum formula to rewrite the above expression:

$$x(t) = A [\cos(\omega t - \varphi)]$$

where  $A = \sqrt{(c_1)^2 + (c_2)^2}$  and  $\tan \varphi = c_1/c_2$ . This is the desired form of the function, which shows that it is a sinusoidal function with amplitude  $A$  and phase shift  $\varphi$ .

Therefore, the statement "The function  $x(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t)$  can always be written in the form  $x(t) = A \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$ , where  $A = \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}$  and  $\tan \varphi = c_1/c_2$ " is TRUE.