

# Solutions Guide to Differential Geometry

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## Abstract

Solutions to the textbook “Elementary Differential Geometry”, Revised Second Edition by Barrett O’Neill.

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# 1 Calculus on Euclidean Space

## 1.1 Euclidean Space

1. (a)  $fg^2 = (x^2y)(y\sin(z))^2 = x^2y^3\sin^2(z)$   
(b)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}g + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}f = (2xy)(y\sin(z)) + \sin(z)(x^2y) = (2xy^2 + x^2y)\sin(z)$   
(c)  $fg = (x^2y)(y\sin(z)) = x^2y^2\sin(z) \implies \frac{\partial(fg)}{\partial z} = x^2y^2\cos(z) \implies \frac{\partial^2(fg)}{\partial y\partial z} = 2x^2y\cos(z)$   
(d)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\sin(f) = \cos(f)\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \cos(x^2y) \cdot 2xy$
2. (a)  $1^2 \cdot 1 - 1^2 \cdot 1 = 0$   
(b)  $3^2 \cdot (-1) - (-1)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = -9.5$   
(c)  $a^2 \cdot 1 - 1^2 \cdot (1 - a) = a^2 + a - 1$   
(d)  $t^2 \cdot t^2 - (t^2)^2 \cdot t^3 = t^4 - t^7$
3. (a)  $\sin(xy) + x\cos(xy)y - y\sin(xz)z = \sin(xy) + xy\cos(xy) - yz\sin(xz)$   
(b)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \cos(g)\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = \cos(e^h)e^h\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = \cos(e^{x^2+y^2+z^2})e^{x^2+y^2+z^2}2x$
4. With a slight abuse of notation<sup>1</sup>, the chain rule in this case gives us  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}\frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y}\frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial z}\frac{\partial g_3}{\partial x}$ .  
For the given  $h$ , we can write this as  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x\frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x} - z\frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x} - y\frac{\partial g_3}{\partial x}$ . We need only compute the partial derivatives with respect to  $x$  of each coordinate function.  
(a)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x \cdot 1 - z \cdot 0 - y \cdot 1 = 2x$   
(b)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x \cdot 0 - ze^{x+y} - ye^x = -ze^{x+y} - ye^x$   
(c)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x \cdot 1 - z \cdot (-1) - y \cdot 1 = 2x + z - y$

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<sup>1</sup>The abuse is that when we say for example  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  we really mean “partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to the first component.” (And similarly for  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$ ).