

# Practice for Quiz 5

## Math 2580

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If you can answer the following problems, you should be well-prepared for Quiz 5:

1. Let  $f(x, y) = xy$  and suppose  $x = g(t)$  and  $y = h(t)$ . Show that applying the chain rule to the derivative  $\frac{d}{dt}f(g(t), h(t)) = \frac{d}{dt}(g(t)h(t))$  produces the product rule for derivatives in one variable.

2. Suppose an insect is flying through a room along the path

$$r(t) = (e^t, t^2, \sin t),$$

and that the temperature in the room is given by  $T(x, y, z) = \sin(x) \cos(y) \sqrt{z}$ . Find the rate  $\frac{dT}{dt}$  at which the temperature experienced by the insect changes as it flies through the room.

3. Consider the function  $F : D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , where  $D = \{(u, v) | v \geq 1\}$ , given by

$$F(u, v) = \left( \sqrt[3]{uv}, \sqrt[3]{\frac{u}{v^2}} \right).$$

Calculate the derivative matrix  $D_{(u,v)}f$  at a general point  $(u, v) \in D$ .

*Suggestion:* When computing partial derivatives, you could go ahead and work with the functions as given, using the chain rule and product/quotient rules, or you could write, for example,  $\sqrt[3]{uv} = u^{1/3}v^{1/3}$ . (Always choose the most convenient possible form for your functions before differentiating!)

4. Let  $g(x, y) = xy^2 \cos(xy)$ , where  $x = \sqrt[3]{uv}$  and  $y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{u}{v^2}}$ . Compute  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial u}$  and  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial v}$  using the Chain Rule.

(Note that  $(x, y) = F(u, v)$ , where  $F$  is the function from the previous problem.)

5. What is the **gradient** of a continuously differentiable function  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ? How is the gradient of  $f$  related to the derivative  $D_{(x,y,z)}f$ ?
6. Calculate the gradient of the function  $f(x, y) = 3x^2 - 4xy$  at the point  $(1, 2)$ .