

**Problem 1**

Given  $f(x, y, z) = 2z^3 - 3(x^2 + y^2)z + \tan^{-1} z$ , find  $\nabla f$  at the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

*Solution*

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f &= \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle -6xz, -6yz, 6z^2 - 3(x^2 + y^2) + \frac{1}{1+z^2} \right\rangle \\ \nabla f(1, 1, 1) &= \left\langle -6(1)(1), -6(1)(1), 6(1)^2 - 3(1^2 + 1^2) + \frac{1}{1+(1)^2} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle -6, -6, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 2 (Parts)**

Find the derivative of the function at the point in the direction of  $\mathbf{u}$ :

**Note**

For the actual direction vector, I'll be notating it was  $\mathbf{v}$ .

**(a)**  $f(x, y) = 2xy - 3y^2$  at  $(5, 5)$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 4, 3 \rangle$

*Solution*

First, let's make our actual direction (unit) vector.

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4^2 + 3^2}} \langle 4, 3 \rangle = \frac{1}{5} \langle 4, 3 \rangle$$

Now, let's set up our directional derivative and then plug in the point  $(5, 5)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}D_{\mathbf{v}}f &= \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{v} \\ &= \langle 2y, 2x - 6y \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{5} \langle 4, 3 \rangle \\ D_{\mathbf{v}}f(5, 5) &= \langle 2(5), 2(5) - 6(5) \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{5} \langle 4, 3 \rangle \\ &= 10 \left( \frac{4}{5} \right) - 20 \left( \frac{3}{5} \right) \\ &= -4\end{aligned}$$

**(b)**  $f(x, y) = \frac{x-y}{xy+2}$  at  $(1, -1)$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 12, 5 \rangle$

*Solution*

First, let's make our actual direction (unit) vector.

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12^2 + 5^2}} \langle 12, 5 \rangle = \frac{1}{13} \langle 12, 5 \rangle$$

Now, let's set up our directional derivative and then plug in the point  $(1, -1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{\mathbf{v}}f &= \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{v} \\
 &= \left\langle \frac{(xy+2) - y(x-y)}{(xy+2)^2}, \frac{-(xy+2) - x(x-y)}{(xy+2)^2} \right\rangle \cdot \frac{1}{13} \langle 12, 5 \rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \frac{2+y^2}{(xy+2)^2}, \frac{-2-x^2}{(xy+2)^2} \right\rangle \cdot \frac{1}{13} \langle 12, 5 \rangle \\
 D_{\mathbf{v}}f(1, -1) &= \left\langle \frac{2+(-1)^2}{((1)(-1)+2)^2}, \frac{-2-(1)^2}{((1)(-1)+2)^2} \right\rangle \cdot \frac{1}{13} \langle 12, 5 \rangle \\
 &= \frac{36}{13} - \frac{15}{13} \\
 &= \frac{21}{13}
 \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + 2y^2 - 3z^2$  at  $(1, 1, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$

*Solution*

First, let's make our actual direction (unit) vector.

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2}} \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle$$

Now, let's set up our directional derivative and then plug in the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{\mathbf{v}}f &= \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{v} \\
 &= \langle 2x, 4y, -6z \rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle \\
 D_{\mathbf{v}}f(1, 1, 1) &= \langle 2(1), 4(1), -6(1) \rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle \\
 &= 2 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) + 4 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) + (-6) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

(d)  $f(x, y, z) = \cos xy + e^{yz} + \ln zx$  at  $\left(1, 0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$

*Solution*

First, let's make our actual direction (unit) vector.

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2}} \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle = \frac{1}{3} \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right\rangle$$

Now, let's set up our directional derivative and then plug in the point  $\left(1, 0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{\mathbf{v}}f &= \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{v} \\
 &= \left\langle -y \sin xy + \frac{1}{x}, -y \sin yx + ze^{yz}, ye^{yz} + \frac{1}{z} \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle -0 \sin 1(0) + \frac{1}{1}, -0 \sin 0(1) + \frac{1}{2} e^{0(\frac{1}{2})}, 0 e^{0(\frac{1}{2})} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle 1, \frac{1}{2}, 2 \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right\rangle \\
 &= 1 \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) + 2 \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) \\
 &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 3 (Parts)**

Find the directions in which the function increases and decreases most rapidly at the point. Then find the derivatives of the function in those directions:

**Note**

There are two ways to solve this problem. In (a), I show the literal dot product computation. In (b) and (c), I show the nifty trick that the function increase and decreases most rapidly at  $\pm\|\nabla f\|$ . Both methods are fine. Though, the latter method is nicer imo

The proof for both methods is in lecture notes 2/28.

(a)  $f(x, y) = x^2y + e^{xy} \sin y$  at  $(1, 0)$

*Solution*

First, let's figure out what our  $\nabla f$  is.

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f &= \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= \langle 2xy + ye^{xy} \sin y, x^2 + xe^{xy} \cos y \rangle \\ \nabla f(1, 0) &= \langle 2(1)(0) + (0)e^{1(0)} \sin(0), 1^2 + (1)e^{1(0)} \cos(0) \rangle \\ &= \langle 0, 2 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Let's make this a unit vector.

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{0^2 + 2^2}} \langle 0, 2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle 0, 2 \rangle = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$$

Recall that the function increase most rapidly at the point in the direction of  $\nabla f$  and decreases most rapidly at the point in the direction of  $-\nabla f$ .

Therefore,  $f(x, y)$  increases most rapidly in the direction of  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$  and decreases most rapidly in the direction of  $-\mathbf{u} = -\langle 0, 1 \rangle$ .

Let's find the derivative of the function in these directions.

For  $\mathbf{u}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, 0) &= \nabla f(1, 0) \cdot \mathbf{u} \\ &= \langle 0, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 1 \rangle \\ &= 0(0) + 2(1) \\ &= 2\end{aligned}$$

For  $-\mathbf{u}$

$$\begin{aligned}D_{-\mathbf{u}}f(1, 0) &= \nabla f(1, 0) \cdot (-\mathbf{u}) \\ &= \langle 0, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, -1 \rangle \\ &= 0(0) + (-2)(1) \\ &= -2\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $f(x, y, z) = \frac{x}{y} - yz$  at  $(4, 1, 1)$

*Solution*

First, let's figure out what our  $\nabla f$  is.

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f &= \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{1}{y}, -\frac{x}{y^2} - z, -y \right\rangle \\ \nabla f(4, 1, 1) &= \left\langle \frac{1}{1}, -\frac{4}{1^2} - 1, -1 \right\rangle \\ &= \langle 1, -5, -1 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Let's make this a unit vector.

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-5)^2 + (-1)^2}} \langle 1, -5, -1 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{27}} \langle 1, -5, -1 \rangle = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \langle 1, -5, -1 \rangle$$

Recall that the function increase most rapidly at the point in the direction of  $\nabla f$  and decreases most rapidly at the point in the direction of  $-\nabla f$ .

Therefore,  $f(x, y)$  increases most rapidly in the direction of  $\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \langle 1, -5, -1 \rangle$  and decreases most rapidly in the direction of  $-\mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \langle 1, -5, -1 \rangle$ .

Let's find the derivative of the function in these directions.

For  $\mathbf{u}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{u}}f(4, 1, 1) &= \nabla f(4, 1, 1) \cdot \mathbf{u} \\ &= \|\nabla f(4, 1, 1)\| \\ &= \sqrt{1^2 + (-5)^2 + (-1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{27} \\ &= 3\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

For  $-\mathbf{u}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} D_{-\mathbf{u}}f(4, 1, 1) &= \nabla f(4, 1, 1) \cdot (-\mathbf{u}) \\ &= -\|\nabla f(4, 1, 1)\| \\ &= -\sqrt{1^2 + (-5)^2 + (-1)^2} \\ &= -\sqrt{27} \\ &= -3\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $f(x, y, z) = \ln(x^2 + y^2 - 1) + y + 6z$  at  $(1, 1, 0)$

*Solution*

First, let's figure out what our  $\nabla f$  is.

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f &= \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2 - 1}, \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2 - 1} + 1, 6 \right\rangle \\ \nabla f(1, 1, 0) &= \left\langle \frac{2(1)}{1^2 + 1^2 - 1}, \frac{2(1)}{1^2 + 1^2 - 1} + 1, 6 \right\rangle \\ &= \langle 2, 3, 6 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Let's make this a unit vector.

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 6^2}} \langle 2, 3, 6 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{49}} \langle 2, 3, 6 \rangle = \frac{1}{7} \langle 2, 3, 6 \rangle$$

Recall that the function increase most rapidly at the point in the direction of  $\nabla f$  and decreases most rapidly at the point in the direction of  $-\nabla f$ .

Therefore,  $f(x, y)$  increases most rapidly in the direction of  $\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{7} \langle 2, 3, 6 \rangle$  and decreases most rapidly in the direction of  $-\mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{7} \langle 2, 3, 6 \rangle$ .

Let's find the derivative of the function in these directions.

For  $\mathbf{u}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, 1, 0) &= \nabla f(1, 1, 0) \cdot \mathbf{u} \\ &= \|\nabla f(1, 1, 0)\| \\ &= \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 6^2} \\ &= \sqrt{49} \\ &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

For  $-\mathbf{u}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{-\mathbf{u}}f(1, 1, 0) &= \nabla f(1, 1, 0) \cdot (-\mathbf{u}) \\
 &= -\|\nabla f(1, 1, 0)\| \\
 &= -\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 6^2} \\
 &= -\sqrt{49} \\
 &= -7
 \end{aligned}$$

#### Problem 4 (Parts)

Find an equation for the tangent line to the level curve  $f(x, y) = c$  at the point and then sketch the curve together with the tangent line and the vector  $\nabla f$ :

(a)  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  at  $(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$

*Solution*

First, let's figure out what our  $\nabla f$  is.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla f &= \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\
 &= \langle 2x, 2y \rangle \\
 \nabla f(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}) &= \langle 2\sqrt{2}, 2\sqrt{2} \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Recall that the equation for a tangent line to the level curve  $f(x, y) = c$  is

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(y - y_0) = 0$$

Let's do some plug-n-chug :)

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\sqrt{2}(x - \sqrt{2}) + 2\sqrt{2}(y - \sqrt{2}) &= 0 \\
 2\sqrt{2}x - 4 + 2\sqrt{2}y - 4 &= 0 \\
 2\sqrt{2}x + 2\sqrt{2}y &= 8 \\
 \sqrt{2}x + \sqrt{2}y &= 4
 \end{aligned}$$

Below is the sketch of the curve together with the tangent line and vector  $\nabla f$ .

The green curve is  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ , the red curve is the tangent line  $\sqrt{2}x + \sqrt{2}y = 4$ , and the black "vector" is  $\nabla f = \langle 2\sqrt{2}, 2\sqrt{2} \rangle$ .



(b)  $xy = -4$  at  $(2, -2)$

*Solution*

First, let's figure out what our  $\nabla f$  is.

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f &= \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= \langle y, x \rangle \\ \nabla f(2, -2) &= \langle -2, 2 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Recall that the equation for a tangent line to the level curve  $f(x, y) = c$  is

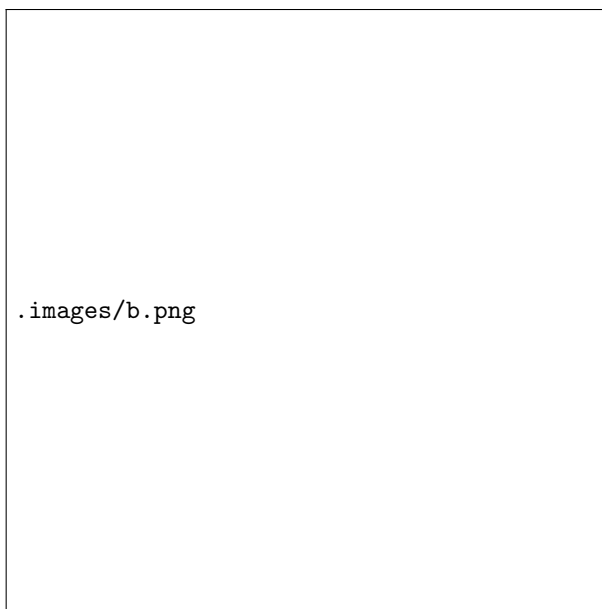
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(y - y_0) = 0$$

Let's do some plug-n-chug :)

$$\begin{aligned}-2(x - 2) + 2(y + 2) &= 0 \\ -2x + 4 + 2y + 4 &= 0 \\ -2x + 2y &= -8 \\ -x + y &= -4\end{aligned}$$

Below is the sketch of the curve together with the tangent line and vector  $\nabla f$ .

The green curve is  $xy = -4$ , the red curve is the tangent line  $-x + y = -4$ , and the black “vector” is  $\nabla f = \langle -2, 2 \rangle$ .

**Problem 5 (Parts)**

Given  $f(x, y) = x^2 - xy + y^2 - y$ , find the directions  $\mathbf{u}$  and the values of  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1)$  for which:

(a)  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1)$  is largest

*Solution*

First, let's find  $\nabla f$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f &= \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= \langle 2x - y, -x + 2y - 1 \rangle \\ \nabla f(1, -1) &= \langle 2(1) - (-1), -1 + 2(-1) - 1 \rangle \\ &= \langle 3, -4 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1)$  is largest when  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1) = \|\nabla f(1, -1)\|$ . That is,  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1)$  is largest in the direction of  $\frac{\nabla f}{\|\nabla f\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2}} \langle 3, -4 \rangle = \frac{1}{5} \langle 3, -4 \rangle$ . Therefore,  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1) = \|\nabla f(1, -1)\| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2} = 5$ .

(b)  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1)$  is smallest

*Solution*

From (a),  $\nabla f(1, -1) = \langle 3, -4 \rangle$ .

$D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1)$  is smallest when  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1) = -\|\nabla f(1, -1)\|$ . That is,  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1)$  is largest in the direction of  $-\frac{\nabla f}{\|\nabla f\|} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2}} \langle 3, -4 \rangle = -\frac{1}{5} \langle 3, -4 \rangle$ . Therefore,  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1) = -\|\nabla f(1, -1)\| = -\sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2} = -5$ .

(c)  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1) = 0$

*Solution*

From (a),  $\nabla f(1, -1) = \langle 3, -4 \rangle$ .

$D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1) = 0$  in the direction orthogonal to  $\nabla f$ . This only occurs when  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 4, 3 \rangle$  or when  $\mathbf{u} = \langle -4, -3 \rangle$ . We're not done yet!

Making these two vectors unit vectors, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4^2 + 3^2}} \langle 4, 3 \rangle = \frac{1}{5} \langle 4, 3 \rangle \\ \text{or} \\ \mathbf{u} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-3)^2}} \langle -4, -3 \rangle = \frac{1}{5} \langle -4, -3 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Clearly,  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1) = 0$ .

(d)  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1) = 4$

*Solution*

From (a),  $\nabla f(1, -1) = \langle 3, -4 \rangle$ .

Recall that  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1) = \nabla f(1, -1) \cdot \mathbf{u}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(1, -1) \cdot \mathbf{u} &= 4 = \langle 3, -4 \rangle \cdot \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle \\ &= 3u_1 - 4u_2 \\ 4 - 3u_1 &= -4u_2 \\ -1 + \frac{3}{4}u_1 &= u_2\end{aligned}$$

We also know that  $\mathbf{u}$  must be a unit vector. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{u}\| &= 1 \\ \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 &= \\ u_1^2 + u_2^2 &= \\ u_1^2 + \left(-1 + \frac{3}{4}u_1\right)^2 &= \\ \frac{25}{16}u_1^2 - \frac{3}{2}u_1 &= 0 \\ u_1 = 0 \text{ or } \frac{24}{25} & \quad \text{(thank you mathway!)} \\ u_2 = -1 \text{ or } -\frac{7}{25} & \quad (u_2 = -1 + \frac{3}{4}u_1)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 0, -1 \rangle$  or  $\mathbf{u} = \langle \frac{24}{25}, -\frac{7}{25} \rangle$ . Clearly,  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1) = 4$ .

(e)  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1) = 4$

*Solution*

From (a),  $\nabla f(1, -1) = \langle 3, -4 \rangle$ .

Recall that  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1) = \nabla f(1, -1) \cdot \mathbf{u}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(1, -1) \cdot \mathbf{u} &= -3 = \langle 3, -4 \rangle \cdot \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle \\ &= 3u_1 - 4u_2 \\ 3 + 4u_2 &= 3u_1 \\ 1 + \frac{4}{3}u_2 &= u_1\end{aligned}$$

We also know that  $\mathbf{u}$  must be a unit vector. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{u}\| &= 1 \\ \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 &= \\ u_1^2 + u_2^2 &= \\ \left(1 + \frac{4}{3}u_2\right)^2 + u_2^2 &= \\ \frac{25}{9}u_2^2 - \frac{8}{3}u_2 &= 0 \\ u_2 = 0 \text{ or } \frac{24}{25} & \quad \text{(thank you mathway!)} \\ u_1 = -1 \text{ or } \frac{7}{25} & \quad (u_1 = 1 + \frac{4}{3}u_2)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\mathbf{u} = \langle -1, 0 \rangle$  or  $\mathbf{u} = \langle \frac{7}{25}, \frac{24}{25} \rangle$ . Clearly,  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -1) = -3$ .



**Problem 6**

In what directions is the derivative of  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$  at  $(3, 2)$  equal to 0?

*Solution*

First, let's figure out what  $\nabla f$  is.

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f &= \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{2x(x^2 + y^2) - 2x(x^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \frac{-2y(x^2 + y^2) - 2y(x^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{4xy^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \frac{4x^2y}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right\rangle \\ \nabla f(3, 2) &= \left\langle \frac{4(3)(2)^2}{(3^2 + 2^2)^2}, -\frac{4(3)(2)^2}{(3^2 + 2^2)^2} \right\rangle \\ &= \langle 1, -1 \rangle \quad (\text{thank you mathway!})\end{aligned}$$

The directional derivative is only equal to 0 in the direction of a vector orthogonal to  $\nabla f$ . That is,

$$\nabla f(3, 2) \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

Therefore,  $\mathbf{u} \langle 1, 1 \rangle$  or  $-\mathbf{u} = -\langle 1, 1 \rangle$ .

But we're not done yet!

We need to make  $\mathbf{u}$  a unit vector. Our final answer is,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2}} \langle 1, 1 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle 1, 1 \rangle \\ \text{or} \\ -\frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2}} \langle 1, 1 \rangle = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle 1, 1 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 7**

Prove the derivative rules for gradients.

*Solution*

**Constant Rule**

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla(cf) &= \left\langle \frac{\partial(cf)}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial(cf)}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle c \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, c \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= c \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= c \nabla f\end{aligned}$$

□

**Sum & Difference Rule**

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla(f \pm g) &= \left\langle \frac{\partial(f \pm g)}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial(f \pm g)}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \pm \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \pm \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle \pm \left\langle \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= \nabla f \pm \nabla g\end{aligned}$$

□

**Product Rule**

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla(fg) &= \left\langle \frac{\partial(fg)}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial(fg)}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}g + f \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}g + f \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= f \left\langle \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right\rangle + g \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= f \nabla g + g \nabla f\end{aligned}$$

(Chain Rule)

□

**Quotient Rule**

Not too sure about my method for this one!

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \left( \frac{f}{g} \right) &= \left\langle \frac{\partial(f(g)^{-1})}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial(f(g)^{-1})}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(g)^{-1} - f(g)^{-2} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(g)^{-1} - f(g)^{-2} \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{g}{g^2} - \frac{f}{g^2} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{g}{g^2} - \frac{f}{g^2} \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{g^2} \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}g - f \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}g - f \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{g^2} \left( g \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle - f \left\langle \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{g^2} (g \nabla f - f \nabla g) \\ &= \frac{g \nabla f - f \nabla g}{g^2}\end{aligned}$$