

**1. Evaluate the following limits or determine that the limit does not exist**

**a.)**  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2+y^2-4}{x+y+2}$

We can simply plug in  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  and we obtain

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 + y^2 - 4}{x + y + 2} = \frac{-4}{2} = -2$$

**b.)**  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} \frac{xy-y-2x+2}{x-1}$

Unlike in **a.)**, if we simply plug in  $(1,1)$  for  $(x, y)$  we get an undefined value. This is because of the  $x - 1$  in the denominator. Thus, we need to remove this discontinuity. To do this we need to factor the top. Notice that we have,

$$xy - y - 2x + 2 = (xy - 2x) - (y - 2) = x(y - 2) - (y - 2) = (y - 2)(x - 1)$$

Thus the limit becomes

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} \frac{xy - y - 2x + 2}{x - 1} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} \frac{(y - 2)(x - 1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} y - 2 = -1$$

**c.)**  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,2)} \frac{x+y-4}{\sqrt{x+y}-2}$

Let  $r = \sqrt{x + y}$ , then notice that we have

$$\frac{x + y - 4}{\sqrt{x + y} - 2} = \frac{r^2 - 2^2}{r - 2} = \frac{(r - 2)(r + 2)}{r - 2} = r + 2 = \sqrt{x + y} + 2$$

Thus we can evaluate the limit as

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,2)} \frac{x + y - 4}{\sqrt{x + y} - 2} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,2)} \sqrt{x + y} + 2 = \sqrt{4} + 2 = 4$$

**d.)**  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sin(x^2+y^2)}{x^2+y^2}$

Let  $r = x^2 + y^2$ , then we obtain

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sin(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(r)}{r} = {}^1 1$$

**e.)**  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} \frac{\sin(x^2-y^2)}{x-y}$

Here we can't use the same trick as before. However, we see that we have  $x^2 - y^2 = (x - y)(x + y)$  in the numerator, which could cancel the denominator if we didn't have the sine. Note that we could use a Taylor series trick here. Recall that

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} + \dots$$

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<sup>1</sup>Note: This limit can be easily found now that you know Taylor series. Just let  $\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots$ , then  $\sin(x)/x$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$  is clearly 1

so we obtain

$$\sin(x^2 - y^2) = \sin((x - y)(x + y)) = [(x - y)(x + y)] - \frac{[(x - y)(x + y)]^3}{3!} + \frac{[(x - y)(x + y)]^5}{5!} + \dots$$

and so our limit is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sin(x^2 - y^2)}{x - y} &= \frac{(x - y)(x + y)}{x - y} - \frac{[(x - y)(x + y)]^3}{3!(x - y)} + \frac{[(x - y)(x + y)]^5}{5!(x - y)} + \dots \\ &= [(x + y)] - \frac{(x - y)^2(x + y)^3}{3!} + \frac{(x - y)^4(x + y)^5}{5!} \end{aligned}$$

and taking the limit we see that the only non-zero term is the first term, thus

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} \frac{\sin(x^2 - y^2)}{x - y} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} x + y = 2$$

f.)  $\lim_{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow (1, -1)} \arcsin\left(\frac{\mathbf{xy}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{x}^2 + \mathbf{y}^2}}\right)$

We can just plug into this one

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,-1)} \arcsin\left(\frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}\right) = \arcsin\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \arcsin\left(\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

g.)  $\lim_{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\mathbf{x}^3}{\mathbf{x}^4 + \mathbf{y}^3}$

I'm guessing this doesn't exist because the function  $1/x$  doesn't exist as  $x \rightarrow 0$ . Thus we need to approach the limit from two directions that yield different values. Consider the case when  $y = 0$ , then from  $x \rightarrow 0^+$  we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^3}{x^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow \infty$$

and from the left we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x^3}{x^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow -\infty$$

thus, that is enough to show the limit does not exist.

h.)  $\lim_{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\mathbf{xy}}{\mathbf{x}^2 + \mathbf{y}^2}$

Similar to above, consider the direction when  $x = y$ , then we have

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y^2}{2y^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

and when  $x = 0$ , we have

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{y^2} = 0$$

thus the limit does not exist.

i.)  $\lim_{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\mathbf{xy}^2}{\mathbf{x}^2 + \mathbf{y}^4}$

Same as above, but let's compare  $x = y^2$  with  $x = 0$ .

$$x = y^2:$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y^4}{2y^4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = 0:$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{y^4} = 0$$

thus the limit does not exist.

$$\textbf{j.) } \lim_{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow (2, -2)} \frac{4 - \mathbf{xy}}{4 + \mathbf{xy}}$$

$$x = y:$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow -2} \frac{4 - y^2}{4 + y^2} = 0$$

$$x = 0:$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow -2} \frac{4}{4} = 1$$

thus the limit does not exist.

$$\textbf{k.) } \lim_{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow (0, 0)} (1 + 3\mathbf{xy}^2)^{\frac{2}{\mathbf{xy}^2}}$$

This looks like the goofy  $e^x$  limits of the past. Let  $u = \frac{2}{xy^2}$ , then we have

$$(1 + 3xy^2)^{2/xy^2} = \left(1 + \frac{3}{u/2}\right)^u = \left(1 + \frac{6}{u}\right)^u$$

Moreover, notice that

$$\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \frac{xy^2}{2} = \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{u}$$

thus we have

$$\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} (1 + 3xy^2)^{\frac{2}{xy^2}} = \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{6}{u}\right)^u = e^6$$

$$\textbf{l.) } \lim_{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \frac{\mathbf{xy}^2}{\mathbf{x}^2 + \mathbf{y}^4}$$

Same as above, but let's compare  $x = y^2$  with  $x = 0$ .

$$x = y^2:$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y^4}{2y^4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$x = 0$ :

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{y^4} = 0$$

thus the limit does not exist.

$$\text{m.) } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,-2)} \frac{(x-1)^2 + 3(y+2)^2}{x-1 + (y+2)^2}$$

Let  $y = -2$ :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)^2}{(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x - 1 = 0$$

Let  $x = 1$ :

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow -2} \frac{3(y+2)^2}{(y+2)^2} = \lim_{y \rightarrow -2} 3 = 3$$

Thus the limit does not exist.

$$\text{n.) } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,2)} \frac{xy + 2x - y - 2}{xy - y + 3x - 3}$$

**2.) Compute  $z_x$  and  $z_y$  for each of the following functions**

$$\text{a.) } z = xy^2 + \ln x + e^y + 5$$

$$z_x = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = y^2 + \frac{1}{x}$$
$$z_y = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2xy + e^y$$

$$\text{b.) } z = xe^{2y} \arctan x$$

$$z_x = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = e^{2y} \arctan(x) + xe^{2y} \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$
$$z_y = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2x \arctan x e^{2y}$$

$$\text{c.) } z = \sqrt{x - y^2}$$

$$z_x = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x - y^2}}$$
$$z_y = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{-2y}{\sqrt{x - y^2}}$$

d.)  $z = \frac{x^3}{y^2} + \sin(xy)$

$$z_x = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{3x^2}{y^2} + y \cos(xy)$$

$$z_y = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^3 + x \cos(xy)$$

e.)  $z = \frac{x+4}{x^2+y^2}$

$$z_x = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - 2x^2 - 8x}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$z_y = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{2y(x+4)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

f.)  $z = \left[ e^{x^2 y} + \tan(3y + 4x) \right]^5$

$$z_x = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 5 \left[ e^{x^2 y} + \tan(3y + 4x) \right]^4 \left[ 2xye^{x^2 y} + 4 \sec(3y + 4x) \right]$$

$$z_y = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 5 \left[ e^{x^2 y} + \tan(3y + 4x) \right]^4 \left[ x^2 e^{x^2 y} + 3 \sec(3y + 4x) \right]$$

g.)  $z = y^{1+x^3}$

$$z_x = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 3x^2 y^{1+x^3} \ln y$$

$$z_y = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = (1 + x^3) y^{x^3}$$

**3.) Show that  $z = \ln(1 + x^2 + y^2)$  satisfies the equation  $z_{xy} + z_x z_y = 0$**

We are going to show this by showing that  $z_{xy} = -z_x z_y$ . Let  $z = \ln(1 + x^2 + y^2)$ , then

$$z_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{2y}{1 + x^2 + y^2} \right) = \frac{-4xy}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$-z_x z_y = -\left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = -\left( \frac{2x}{1 + x^2 + y^2} \right) \left( \frac{2y}{1 + x^2 + y^2} \right) = \frac{-4xy}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

Thus we conclude that  $z_{xy} + z_x z_y = 0$ .

**4. Verify that  $w_{xy} = w_{yx}$  for  $w = y + \frac{x}{y}$**

Since this function is a combination of continuous functions it is also continuous. Thus this must be true. To verify, notice that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{y^2} \right) = -\frac{1}{y^2} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{1}{y} \right) = -\frac{1}{y^2}\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $w_{xy} = w_{yx}$

**5. Determine functions  $z$  whose partial derivatives are given, or state that this is impossible**

**a.)  $z_x = 2x$  and  $z_y = 3y^2 + 1$**

$$\int z_x dx = x^2 + g(y) \int z_y dy = y^3 + y + f(x)$$

Thus we can define a function of the form

$$z = x^2 + y + y^3 + c$$

**b.)  $z_x = xy^2 - y$  and  $z_y = x^2y - x$**

$$\int z_x dx = \frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 - xy + g(y) \int z_y dy = \frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 - xy + f(x)$$

Thus

$$z = \frac{1}{2}(xy)^2 - xy + c$$

**c.)  $z_x = e^y - 1$  and  $z_y = e^x - x$**

$$\int z_x dx = xe^y - x + g(y) \int z_y dy = ye^x - xy + g(x)$$

This can't be solved because the the difference between  $\int z_x dx$  and  $\int z_y dy$  are not functions of purely  $x$  or  $y$ .

**d.)  $ye^x \cos(xy) + e^x \sin(xy) - 2$  and  $z_y = xe^x \cos(xy) + 1$**

$$\int z_x dx = \int z_y dy =$$

6. Consider the function

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

a.) Determine  $f_x(x, y)$  when  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ .

$$f_x(x, y) = \frac{3x^2 \cos(x^3 + y) - 2x \sin(x^3 + y)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

b.) Determine  $f_x(0, 0)$  (Use limit definition of partial derivatives).

$$f_x(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\sin(h^3)}{h^2}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h^3)}{h^3} = 1$$

c.) Determine  $f_y(0, 0)$  (Use limit definition of partial derivatives).

$$f_y(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, h) - f(0, 0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\sin(h)}{h^2}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \frac{1}{h^2} = \text{DNE}$$

7. Plane A, parallel to the xz-plane, and plane B, parallel to the yz-plane, pass through the surface determined by the equation  $z = xy^2 - x^3 + 7$ . Both planes include the point (1,0,6), which lies on the surface.

Let  $p = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ , then the equation of A is  $y = y_0$ , B is  $x = x_0$ , and the tangent plane at  $p$  is

$$z_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + z_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) + z_0$$

a.) Determine the slope of the line tangent to the surface at the point (1,0,6) if the line lies in

i.) Plane A

We want to find the intersection of the A and the tangent plane, thus  $x, y, z$  that satisfy

$$y = y_0 = 0$$

$$z = z_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + z_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) + z_0 = -3(x - 1) + 0(y - 0) + 6 = -3x + 9$$

The line is given by this system of equations.

i.) Plane B

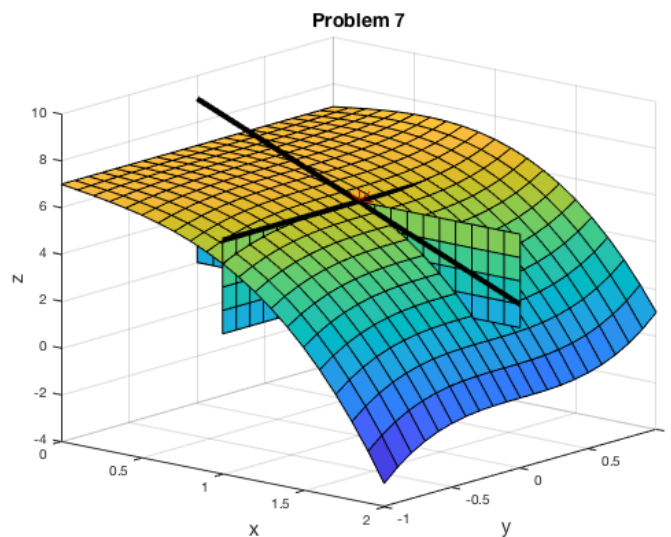
b.) Determine an equation of the plane tangent to the surface at the point (1,0,6).

We want to find the intersection of the A and the tangent plane, thus  $x, y, z$  that satisfy

$$x = x_0 = 1$$

$$z = z_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + z_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) + z_0 = -3(x - 1) + 0(y - 0) + 6 = -3x + 9$$

The line is given by this system of equations.



1. Plotting the planes  $A$  and  $B$  with the intersecting tangent line at the point  $p$ .

8. Compute  $z_x$  and  $z_y$  for each of the following functions

a.)  $z = x^3y + y^4 - 2x + 5$

$$z_x = 3x^2y - 2$$

$$z_y = x^3 + 4y^3$$

b.)  $z = f(x) + g(y)$

$$z_x = f_x(x)$$

$$z_y = g_y(y)$$

c.)  $z = f(x^3) + g(4y)$

$$z_x = 3x^2 f_x(x)$$

$$z_y = 4g_y(y)$$

d.)  $z = f(x^2 + y^3) + g(xy^2)$

$$z_x = 2x f_x(x^2 + y^3) + y^2 g_x(xy^2)$$

$$z_y = 3y^2 f_x(x^2 + y^3) + 2xy g_y(xy^2)$$



e.)  $y^2 + z^2 + \sin(xz) = 4$

$$2zz_x + (xz_x + z) \cos(xz) = 0 \iff z_x(2z + x \cos(xz)) = -z \cos(xz) \iff z_x = -\frac{z \cos(xz)}{2z + x \cos(xz)}$$

$$2y + 2zz_y + xz_y \cos(xz) = 0 \iff z_y = -\frac{2y}{2z + x \cos(xz)}$$

f.)  $z = f(u, v)$  where  $u = \ln(x - y)$  and  $v = e^{xy}$

$$z_x = f_u u_x + f_v v_x = \frac{1}{x-y} f_u + \frac{1}{x-y} f_v$$

$$z_y = f_u u_y + f_v v_y = -\frac{1}{x-y} f_u - \frac{1}{x-y} f_v$$

9. Find  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial t}$  and  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial s}$  if  $w = f(4t^2 - 3s)$  and  $f'(x) = \ln x$

Let  $x = 4t^2 - 3s$ , then  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 8t \iff dx = 8t dt$ . Then

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f(4t^2 - 3s)}{\partial t} = 8t \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x} = 8t \ln(x) = 8t \ln(4t^2 - 3s)$$

Let  $x = 4t^2 - 3s$ , then  $\frac{dx}{ds} = 3 \iff dx = 3ds$ . Then

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial f(4t^2 - 3s)}{\partial s} = 3 \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x} = 3 \ln(x) = 3 \ln(4t^2 - 3s)$$

10. Assume that  $f$  is a differentiable function of one variable with  $z = xf(xy)$ . Show that  $xz_x - yz_y = z$ .

$$xz_x = x(f(xy) + xf_x(xy)) = z + xyf_x(xy)$$

$$yz_y = y(xf_y(xy)) = xyf_y(xy)$$

since  $f$  is a differentiable function of one variable,  $f' := f_y = f_x$  and thus

$$xz_x - yz_y = z + xyf' - xyf' = z$$

11. Assume that  $f$  and  $g$  are twice differentiable functions of one variable. Show that  $u = f(x + at) + g(x - at)$  satisfies  $a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial f_x(x + at) + g_x(x - at)}{\partial x} = f_{xx}(x + at) + g_{xx}(x - at)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial a f_t(x + at) - g_t(x - at)}{\partial t} = a^2 f_{tt}(x + at) + a^2 g_{tt}(x - at)$$

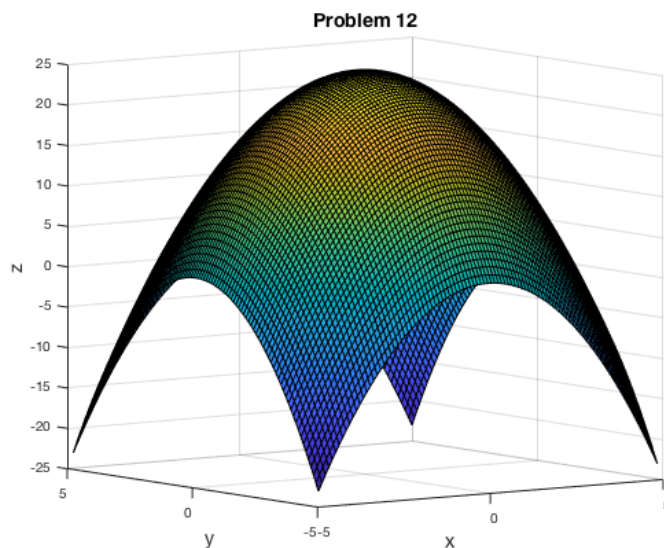
Since  $f$  and  $g$  are twice differentiable of one variable  $f'' := f_{xx} = f_{tt}$  and  $g'' := g_{xx} = g_{tt}$  and

$$a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = a^2 (f_{xx}(x + at) + g_{xx}(x - at)) = a^2 f_{tt}(x + at) + a^2 g_{tt}(x - at) = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

Therefore we conclude that  $a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$ .

12. Consider the paraboloid given by  $f(x, y) = 25 - x^2 - y^2$

a.) Sketch the surface



2. Paraboloid given by  $z = 25 - x^2 - y^2$

b.) Let  $P = (2, -2)$ . Compute the derivative of the function  $f$  at the point  $P$  in the direction

The derivative of  $f$  at the point  $P$  is given by

$$df = \nabla f(P) \cdot \hat{u}$$

where  $\hat{u} = \frac{\vec{u}}{|\vec{u}|}$ . Thus

$$dF = \langle -2(2), -2(-2) \rangle \cdot \hat{u} = \langle -4, 4 \rangle \cdot \hat{u}$$

i.)  $\vec{A} = \overrightarrow{(-3, 4)}$

$$dF = \langle -4, 4 \rangle \cdot \hat{A} = \langle -4, 4 \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{5} \langle -3, 4 \rangle = \frac{1}{5} (12 + 16) = \frac{28}{5}$$

ii.)  $\vec{A} = \overrightarrow{(3, -4)}$

$$dF = \langle -4, 4 \rangle \cdot \hat{A} = \langle -4, 4 \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{5} \langle 3, -4 \rangle = \frac{1}{5} (-12 - 16) = -\frac{28}{5}$$

iii.)  $\vec{A} = \overrightarrow{(1, 0)}$

$$dF = \langle -4, 4 \rangle \cdot \hat{A} = \langle -4, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 0 \rangle = -4$$

iv.)  $\vec{A} = \overrightarrow{(0, -1)}$

$$dF = \langle -4, 4 \rangle \cdot \hat{A} = \langle -4, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, -1 \rangle = -4$$

c.) In what directions is the derivative of  $f$  at point  $P = (2, -2)$  equal to zero?

$$dF = \langle -4, 4 \rangle \cdot \hat{A} = \langle 0, 0 \rangle \iff -4a_1 + 4a_2 = 0 \iff a_1 = a_2$$

thus any vector where  $a_1 = a_2$ .

d.) In what directions is the derivative of  $f$  at point  $P = (-1, 1)$  equal to 2?

$$df = \nabla f(P) \cdot \hat{u} = \langle -2(-1), -2(1) \rangle \cdot \hat{u} = 2u_1 - 2u_2 = 2 \iff u_1 = u_2 + 1$$

Thus any vector where  $u_1 = u_2 + 1$ .