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Test #2

FOR EACH PROBLEM SHOW ALL ESSENTIAL STEPS.

1. Use the chain rule to find the derivatives  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial s}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$  at the point  $(s, t)$ , where  $z = xy - x^2y$ ,  $x = s + t$ ,  $y = s - t$ .

2. Evaluate  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  if  $y = y(x)$  is defined implicitly by  $\sqrt{x^2 + 2xy + y^4} = 3$ .

3. Compute the directional derivative of  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{4 - x^2 - 2y}$  at the point  $P(2, -2)$  in the direction  $\mathbf{u} = \langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \rangle$ .



4. Find an equation of the plane tangent to the surface  $x^2 + y + z = 3$  at the point  $P(2, 0, -1)$ .

5. For the function  $f(x, y) = x^4 - x^2y + y^2 + 6$  at the point  $P(-1, 1)$ ,  
(a) find the unit vector that gives the direction of steepest ascent, and  
(b) find the slope of the graph in that direction.

6. Find the linear approximation of the function  $f(x, y) = xy + x - y$  at the point  $(2, 3)$ .  
Use it to estimate  $f(2.1, 2.99)$ .

7. For the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 5$ , find the critical points, and determine whether each is a local maximum, local minimum, or saddle point.

8. Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of the function  $f(x, y) = 4 + 2x^2 + y^2$  on the region  $R = \{(x, y) : -1 \leq x \leq 1, -1 \leq y \leq 1\}$ .