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**MATH-I ■ Assignment #9**

(Real-valued Functions of Several Variables: Differentiability and partial derivatives)

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Q1. Examine the following functions for differentiability at the point  $(0, 0)$  where  $f(0, 0) = 0$  and  $f(x, y)$  for  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$  is given by

(a)  $\frac{-3x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$ , (b)  $\frac{5x}{x^2+x+y^2}$ , (c)  $x^2y(\frac{x^2-y^2}{x^2+y^2})$ , (d)  $\frac{3x^2y}{x^2+2y^2}$  (e)  $x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} + y^2 \sin \frac{1}{y}$ .

Q2. Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ or if } y = 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Show that the function satisfy the following:

- (a)  $f(x, y)$  is not continuous at  $(0, 0)$ ,
- (b) the partial derivatives exist at  $(0, 0)$ .

Q3. Let

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} xy \left( \frac{x^2-y^2}{x^2+y^2} \right), & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

Prove that

- (a)  $f_x(0, y) = -y$  and  $f_y(x, 0) = x$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ ,
- (b)  $f_{xy}(0, 0) = 1$  and  $f_{yx}(0, 0) = -1$  and
- (c)  $f(x, y)$  is differentiable at  $(0, 0)$ .

Q4. Let

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

Prove that  $f_{xy}(0, 0) \neq f_{yx}(0, 0)$ , but  $f(x, y)$  is differentiable at  $(0, 0)$ .

Q5. Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

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

Show that  $f$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ , it has partial derivatives at  $(0, 0)$  but not differentiable at  $(0, 0)$ .