

Homework 3

Due February 5th at the beginning of class, or by 12:30 pm in MATH 602. Justify your answers. Please let me know if you have a question or find a mistake.

1. Let $f(x, y) = \sin(x + y^2)$. Find the linear approximation to f at $(0, \sqrt{\pi/4})$
2. Let $f(x, y, z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$. Without using a calculator, find the linear approximation to f at $(1320231, -2640462, 3960693)$.
3. A terrain of hills has altitude in meters at a horizontal point (x, y) given by $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - x^4 - y^6$. The horizontal position at time t of a train traveling these hills is given by $g(t) = (\cos t, \frac{1}{2} \sin t)$. In meters per second, what is the instantaneous rate of change of altitude of the train at time $t = 0$?
4. (a) Let $z = \sin(x - y)$. Use the chain rule to evaluate

$$\partial_x z + \partial_y z.$$

- (b) Let $z = f(ax + by)$, where a and b are given constants, and f is a given differentiable function. Use the chain rule to find all constants c and d such that

$$c\partial_x z + d\partial_y z = 0.$$

5. Let $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ and $g: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be given by

$$f(x_1, x_2) = (e^{x_1+2x_2}, x_1^2 - \cos x_2, x_1^2 + x_2 - 2)$$

$$g(y_1, y_2, y_3) = (y_1^2 + y_2^4 + \cos y_3, y_1 + y_2^2 + \sin y_3).$$

- (a) Let $F(y_1, y_2, y_3) = f(g(y_1, y_2, y_3))$. Find $DF(0, 0, 0)$.

- (b) Let $G(x_1, x_2) = g(f(x_1, x_2))$. Find $DG(0, 0)$.

Hint: It is not necessary to write out F or G .