

5. SAMPLE QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS TEST #2 PAPERS.

1. Let  $f(x, y) = x^2 - xy - y^2$ .

a) (6 marks) Compute the directional derivative  $D_{\mathbf{u}_1} f(2,1)$ , where  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$ .

b) (4 marks) Find all unit vectors  $\mathbf{u}_2$  for which  $D_{\mathbf{u}_2} f(2,1) = 0$ .

c) (5 marks) Find the unit vector  $\mathbf{u}_3$  for which  $D_{\mathbf{u}_3} f(2,1)$  attains its maximum value and the unit vector  $\mathbf{u}_4$  for which  $D_{\mathbf{u}_4} f(2,1)$  attains its minimum value.

2. Let  $S$  denote the surface given by the equation  $x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2 - xz + yz - z = 6$ .

a) (8 marks) Find an equation of the plane that is tangent to the surface  $S$  at the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

b) (7 marks) At what points of the surface  $S$  is the tangent plane parallel to the  $xy$ -plane?

3. a) (10 marks) Consider the function  $f(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} e^{-u}$ , where  $u = \frac{(x-b)^2}{a^2 t}$ ,  $a \neq 0$ ,  $t > 0$ . Simplify the expression  $a^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x, t) - 4 \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(x, t)$ .

b) (10 marks) Show that  $g(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial r}$ , where  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$  satisfies the differential equation  $x \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} = (1-r)g$ .

4. Indicate in each of the following cases whether the given statement is true or false. Give a brief and clear explanation for each of your answers.

d) (3 marks) Any level surface of the function  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z^2$  is either a cone or a hyperboloid of one sheet.

b) (3 marks) The function  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-y}{x+y} & \text{if } y \neq -x \\ 1 & \text{if } y = -x \end{cases}$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .

c) (3 marks) Let  $f(x, y) = x^{xy}$ . Then  $f_{xx}(1, 1) = 2$ .

d) (3 marks) Let  $y$  be implicitly defined as a function of  $x$  by the equation  $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 3x^2y + y$ , then when  $x = 1$  and  $y = 1$ , the value of  $dy/dx$  is  $-1/2$ .

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5. Let  $w$  denote a function of the variables  $u$  and  $v$ . If the change of variables  $u = a x + y$  and  $v = x + b y$  is made, then  $w$  can also be regarded as a function of  $x$  and  $y$ .
- a) (5 marks) Express  $\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y}$  in terms of  $\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial u^2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial u \partial v}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial v^2}$ .
- b) (5 marks) Suppose that the function  $w$  satisfies the equation  $\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial u^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial u \partial v} - 8 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial v^2} = 0$ . Find suitable values of  $a$  and  $b$  for which this given equation can be converted to the simpler form  $\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} = 0$ .
- c) (5 marks) Can you guess the general form of the function  $w$  of the variables  $x$  and  $y$  which satisfies the equation  $\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} = 0$ ? If so, then state the general form of the function  $w(x, y)$ .
6. a) (10 marks) Use differentials to approximate the value of the function  $f(x, y) = (x^3 + x y^2 - 6 y)^{2/3}$  at the point  $(1.99, 0.02)$ .
- b) (10 marks) Let  $S$  be the surface given by the equation  $x^2 + x z = y^2 + z^2 - 4 y + 5 z$ . Determine the coordinates of all points on the surface  $S$  (if any), at which the tangent plane to  $S$  is parallel to the plane  $y = 0$ .
7. (20 marks) A rectangular box is placed inside the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} + \frac{z^2}{16} = 1$  with sides parallel to the axes. What dimensions will give the box with the maximum volume?
8. Given the function  $f(x, y) = x y + 24 \ln x - 3 y^2 / 2 - 18 y$ , where  $x > 0$ .
- a) (5 marks) Find all the critical points of this function.
- b) (5 marks) Use the second-derivative test to classify each of the critical points found in part (a) as a saddle point, a local maximum or a local minimum.
- c) (10 marks) Find the absolute maximum and the absolute minimum values of the given function  $f$  over the triangle  $1 \leq x \leq 3$ ,  $2 x \leq y \leq 6$ .
9. (15 marks) Find the maximum and minimum values of the function  $f(x, y) = x - 2 y$ , subject to the constraint  $x^2 - 6 x + 2 y^2 = 39$ .
10. a) (7 marks) Evaluate  $\iint_R y \, dA$ , where  $R$  is the region  $0 \leq x \leq y - y^2$ .
- b) (8 marks) Evaluate the integral  $\int_0^4 \int_{\sqrt{x}}^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+y^3}} \, dy \, dx$ .
11. (10 marks) Compute the volume of the region above the triangle with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 1)$  and  $(0, 2)$  and under the surface  $z = 9 - x^2 - y^2$ .