

# Assignment 1: Functions of several variables.

1. State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification for each of the following statements.
  - (a) There exists a continuous function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $f(\cos n) = (n, \frac{1}{n})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
  - (b) There exists a non-constant continuous function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x, y) = 5$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $x^2 + y^2 < 1$ .
  - (c) There exists a one-one continuous function from  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - (d) There exists a continuous function from  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - (e) If  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous such that  $f_x(0, 0)$  exists, then  $f_y(0, 0)$  must exist.
  - (f) There exists a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  which is differentiable only at  $(1, 0)$ .
  - (g) If  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous such that all the directional derivatives of  $f$  at  $(0, 0)$  exist, then  $f$  must be differentiable at  $(0, 0)$ .
  - (h) If  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is differentiable with  $f(0, 0) = (1, 1)$  and  $[f'(0, 0)] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then there cannot exist a differentiable function  $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $g(1, 1) = (0, 0)$  and  $(f \circ g)(x, y) = (y, x)$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - (i) A continuously differentiable function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  cannot be one-one and onto if  $\det[f'(x, y)] = 0$  for some  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - (j) The equation  $\sin(xyz) = z$  defines  $x$  implicitly as a differentiable function of  $y$  and  $z$  locally around the point  $(x, y, z) = (\frac{\pi}{2}, 1, 1)$ .
  - (k) The equation  $\sin(xyz) = z$  defines  $z$  implicitly as a differentiable function of  $x$  and  $y$  locally around the point  $(x, y, z) = (\frac{\pi}{2}, 1, 1)$ .

2. Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and let  $\mathbf{x}_n = (n^3\alpha^n, \frac{1}{n}[n\alpha])$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . (For each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $[x]$  denotes the greatest integer not exceeding  $x$ .) Examine whether the sequence  $(\mathbf{x}_n)$  converges in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Also, find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{x}_n$  if it exists.

3. Examine whether the following limits exist and find their values if they exist.

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 (a) \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 y}{x^4 + y^2} & (b) \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x^2 + y^2} & (c) \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^2 y^2 + (x^2 - y^2)^2} \\
 (d) \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|}{y^2} e^{-|x|/y^2} & (e) \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{1 - \cos(x^2 + y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} & (f) \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 y^2 + 1} - 1}{x^2 + y^2}
 \end{array}$$

4. Examine the continuity of  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  at  $(0, 0)$ , where for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 (a) \quad f(x, y) = \begin{cases} xy & \text{if } xy \geq 0, \\ -xy & \text{if } xy < 0. \end{cases} \\
 (b) \quad f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \text{ and } 0 < y < x^2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \\
 (c) \quad f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}
 \end{array}$$

5. Determine all the points of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  where  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, if for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 (a) \quad f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{x-y} & \text{if } x \neq y, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = y. \end{cases} \\
 (b) \quad f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{x^2 - y^2} & \text{if } x^2 \neq y^2, \\ 0 & \text{if } x^2 = y^2. \end{cases} \\
 (c) \quad f(x, y) = \begin{cases} xy & \text{if } xy \in \mathbb{Q}, \\ -xy & \text{if } xy \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}. \end{cases}
 \end{array}$$

6. Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be continuous at  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \Omega$ . If for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in B_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}_0)$  such that  $f(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{y})$ , then show that  $f(\mathbf{x}_0) = g(\mathbf{x}_0)$ .
7. Let  $A(\neq \emptyset) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be such that every continuous function  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded. Show that  $A$  is a closed and bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
8. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous at  $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and let  $f(x_0, y_0) \neq 0$ . Show that there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(x, y) \neq 0$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  satisfying  $(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 < \delta$ .
9. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be linear and let  $f(\mathbf{x}) = T(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{x}$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Find  $f'(\mathbf{x})$ , where  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
10. Examine the differentiability of  $f$  at  $\mathbf{0}$ , where
- $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies  $|f(\mathbf{x})| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{|xy|}$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x, y) = ||x| - |y|| - |x| - |y|$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{y}{|y|} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } y \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } y = 0. \end{cases}$
  - $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$
  - $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(x^2 y^2)}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$
  - $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is defined by  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} (\sin^2 x + x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}, y^2) & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ (0, y^2) & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$
  - $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined by  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \mathbf{x}$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
11. Let  $f(x, y) = (x^2 + y^3, x^3 + y^2, 2x^2 y^2)$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Examine whether  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is differentiable at  $(1, 2)$  and find  $f'(1, 2)$  if  $f$  is differentiable at  $(1, 2)$ .
12. Determine all the points of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  where  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable, if for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,
- $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 & \text{if both } x, y \in \mathbb{Q}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
  - $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^{4/3} \sin(\frac{y}{x}) & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$
13. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} (x^2 + y^2) \sin(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}) & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$   
Show that  $f$  is differentiable at  $(0, 0)$  although neither  $f_x$  nor  $f_y$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .
14. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 y(x-y)}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$   
Examine whether  $f_{xy}(0, 0) = f_{yx}(0, 0)$ .

15. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy(x^2-y^2)}{x^2+y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$   
Determine all the points of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  where  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are continuous.
16. Let  $\Omega$  be a nonempty open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable at  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \Omega$ , let  $f(\mathbf{x}_0) = 0$  and let  $g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ . Prove that  $fg : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , defined by  $(fg)(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{x})$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ , is differentiable at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ .
17. Let  $\Omega$  be a nonempty open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be continuous at  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \Omega$ . If  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is such that  $f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x}_0) = g(\mathbf{x}) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ , then show that  $f$  is differentiable at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ .
18. The directional derivatives of a differentiable function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  at  $(0, 0)$  in the directions of  $(1, 2)$  and  $(2, 1)$  are 1 and 2 respectively. Find  $f_x(0, 0)$  and  $f_y(0, 0)$ .
19. Find all  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  for which the directional derivative  $f'_{\mathbf{v}}(0, 0)$  exists, where for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,
- $f(x, y) = \sqrt{|x^2 - y^2|}$ .
  - $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$
  - $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{y} & \text{if } y \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } y = 0. \end{cases}$
  - $f(x, y) = ||x| - |y|| - |x| - |y|$ .
20. Let  $f(x, y, z) = (x^3y + y^2z, xyz)$  and  $g(x, y) = (x^2y, xy, x - 2y, x^2 + 3y)$  for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ . Use chain rule to find  $(g \circ f)'(\mathbf{a})$ , where  $\mathbf{a} = (1, 2, -3)$ .
21. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable such that  $f(1, 1) = 1$ ,  $f_x(1, 1) = 2$  and  $f_y(1, 1) = 5$ . If  $g(x) = f(x, f(x, x))$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , determine  $g'(1)$ .
22. Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable. Show that  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , defined by  $f(x, y) = \varphi(x) + \psi(y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , is differentiable.
23. Prove that a differentiable function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is homogeneous of degree  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  (*i.e.*  $f(t\mathbf{x}) = t^\alpha f(\mathbf{x})$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$  and for all  $t > 0$ ) iff  $f'(\mathbf{x})(\mathbf{x}) = \alpha f(\mathbf{x})$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .
24. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuously differentiable such that  $f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b)$  for all  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $f(a, 0) > 0$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $f(a, b) > 0$  for all  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .
25. Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \Omega$  and  $S = \{(1-t)\mathbf{a} + t\mathbf{b} : t \in [0, 1]\} \subset \Omega$ . If  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is differentiable at each point of  $S$ , then show that there exists a linear map  $L : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  such that  $f(\mathbf{b}) - f(\mathbf{a}) = L(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a})$ .
26. Let  $f(x, y) = (2ye^{2x}, xe^y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Show that there exist open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  containing  $(0, 1)$  and  $(2, 0)$  respectively such that  $f : U \rightarrow V$  is one-one and onto.
27. Determine all the points of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  where  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is locally invertible, if for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,
- $f(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2, xy)$ .
  - $f(x, y) = (x^2 + xy + y^2, xy)$ .
  - $f(x, y) = (\cos x + \cos y, \sin x + \sin y)$ .

28. Determine all the points of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  where  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is locally invertible, if for all  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,
- $f(x, y, z) = (x + y, xy + z, y + z)$ .
  - $f(x, y, z) = (x - xy, xy - xyz, xyz)$ .
  - $f(x, y, z) = (x^2 + y^2, y^2 + z^2, z^2 + x^2)$ .

29. Let  $f(x, y) = (3x - y^2, 2x + y, xy + y^3)$  and  $g(x, y) = (2ye^{2x}, xe^y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Examine whether  $(f \circ g^{-1})'(2, 0)$  exists (with a meaningful interpretation of  $g^{-1}$ ) and find  $(f \circ g^{-1})'(2, 0)$  if it exists.

30. For  $n \geq 2$ , let  $B = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 < 1\}$  and let  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \mathbf{x}$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in B$ . Show that  $f : B \rightarrow B$  is differentiable and invertible but that  $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow B$  is not differentiable at  $\mathbf{0}$ .

31. Using implicit function theorem, show that the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x^3(y^3 + z^3) &= 0, \\(x - y)^3 - z^2 &= 7,\end{aligned}$$

can be solved locally near the point  $(1, -1, 1)$  for  $y$  and  $z$  as a differentiable function of  $x$ .

32. Show that the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - y \cos(uv) + z^2 &= 0, \\x^2 + y^2 - \sin(uv) + 2z^2 &= 2, \\xy - \sin u \cos v + z &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

implicitly defines  $(x, y, z)$  as a differentiable function of  $(u, v)$  near  $x = 1, y = 1, z = 0, u = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $v = 0$ .

33. Using implicit function theorem, show that in a neighbourhood of any point  $(x_0, y_0, u_0, v_0) \in \mathbb{R}^4$  which satisfies the equations

$$\begin{aligned}x - e^u \cos v &= 0, \\v - e^y \sin x &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

there exists a unique solution  $(u, v) = \varphi(x, y)$  satisfying  $\det[\varphi'(x, y)] = v/x$ .

34. Show that in a neighbourhood of any point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  which satisfies the equations

$$\begin{aligned}x^4 + (x + z)y^3 - 3 &= 0, \\x^4 + (2x + 3z)y^3 - 6 &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

there is a unique continuous solution  $y = \varphi_1(x), z = \varphi_2(x)$  of these equations.

35. Show that around the point  $(0, 1, 1)$ , the equation  $xy - z \log y + e^{xz} = 1$  can be solved locally as  $y = f(x, z)$  but cannot be solved locally as  $z = g(x, y)$ .

36. Show that the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}3x + y - z + u^2 &= 0, \\x - y + 2z + u &= 0, \\2x + 2y - 3z + 2u &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

can be solved locally for  $x, y, u$  in terms of  $z$ ; for  $x, z, u$  in terms of  $y$ ; for  $y, z, u$  in terms of  $x$ , but not for  $x, y, z$  in terms of  $u$ .

37. Show that the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + y^2 - u^2 - v &= 0, \\x^2 + 2y^2 + 3u^2 + 4v^2 &= 1,\end{aligned}$$

defines  $(u, v)$  implicitly as a differentiable function of  $(x, y)$  locally around the point  $(x, y, u, v) = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$  but does not define  $(x, y)$  implicitly as a differentiable function of  $(u, v)$  locally around the same point.

38. Show that there are points  $(x, y, z, u, v, w) \in \mathbb{R}^6$  which satisfy the equations

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + u + e^v &= 0, \\y^2 + v + e^w &= 0, \\z^2 + w + e^u &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Prove that in a neighbourhood of such a point there exist unique differentiable solutions  $u = \varphi_1(x, y, z)$ ,  $v = \varphi_2(x, y, z)$ ,  $w = \varphi_3(x, y, z)$ . If  $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3)$ , find  $\varphi'(x, y, z)$ .

39. Find the 3rd order Taylor polynomial of  $f(x, y, z) = x^2y + z$  about the point  $(1, 2, 1)$ .

40. Find the 4th order Taylor polynomial of  $g(x, y) = e^{x-2y}/(1+x^2-y)$  about the point  $(0, 0)$ .

41. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuously differentiable. Show that  $f$  is not one-one.