

MATH 280 – QUIZ #2

Name: Key

Directions: Please show all work for maximum credit. This quiz is worth 14 points. Good luck!

1. Find $f_{xx}, f_{xy}, f_{yx}, f_{yy}$: Given $f(x, y) = ye^x + x - 1$. Determine the following.

(1 point) a. $f_x = ye^x + 1$

(1 point) b. $f_y = e^x$

(1 point) c. $f_{xx} = ye^x$

(1 point) d. $f_{xy} = e^x$

(1 point) e. $f_{yy} = 0$

(3 points) 2. Find the following limit: $\lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,2) \\ x+y \neq 4}} \frac{x+y-4}{\sqrt{x+y}-2}$

$$= \lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,2) \\ x+y \neq 4}} \frac{x+y-4}{\sqrt{x+y}-2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+y}+2}{\sqrt{x+y}+2} = \lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,2) \\ x+y \neq 4}} \frac{(x+y-4)(\sqrt{x+y}+2)}{x+y-4}$$

$$= \lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,2) \\ x+y \neq 4}} (\sqrt{x+y}+2) = \sqrt{2+2}+2 = \sqrt{4}+2 = 4$$

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(3 points) 3. Show that $f(x, y) = \frac{x^4}{x^4 - y^2}$ does not have a limit as $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ by considering the different paths of approach. Use $y = kx^2$ where k represents two different integers.

$$\lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0) \\ y = kx^2}} \frac{x^4}{x^4 - (kx^2)^2} = \lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0) \\ y = kx^2}} \frac{x^4}{x^4 - k^2x^4} = \lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0) \\ y = kx^2}} \frac{1}{1 - k^2} = \frac{1}{1 - k^2}$$

Since the limit depends on k only and not on x and y ($k \neq 1$), the limit does not exist.

(Another option is to use two paths i.e. $y = 2x^2$ and $y = 3x^2$ and obtain two different limits.)

(3 points) 4. Find the equation of the tangent plane at the point $P_0(1, 1, -1)$ on the surface $z = x^2 - xy - y^2$. Write the equation in slope-intercept form.

$$f_x = 2x - y \quad f_y = -x - 2y$$

$$f_x(1, 1) = 1 \quad f_y(1, 1) = -3$$

$$z - (-1) = 1(x - 1) - 3(y - 1)$$

$$z + 1 = x - 1 - 3y + 3$$

$$z + 1 = x - 3y + 2$$

$$z = x - 3y + 1$$