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SECTION 2.3

Math 2000 Worksheet

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For practice only. Not to be submitted.

1. Find all the first-order partial derivatives for each of the following functions.

(a) $z = \sin(x) \cos(y)$

(b) $f(x, y) = y^x$

(c) $f(s, t) = \arctan\left(\frac{s^2}{t^2}\right)$

(d) $z = \cos(3x - 5y)$ at the point $\left(\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{15}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

(e) $w = xy^2z^3$

(f) $f(x, y, z) = \frac{6xy}{\sqrt{25 - z^2}}$ at the point $(1, 2, 4)$.

2. Find all the second-order partial derivatives of $f(x, y) = xye^y$. Does Clairaut's Theorem hold for this function?

3. Consider the function $z = e^{3x} \sin(5y)$. Find the third-order partial derivatives z_{xxy} , z_{yxx} , z_{yxy} and z_{yyx} . Are your results consistent with Clairaut's Theorem?

4. Determine which of the following functions are solutions of Laplace's equation.

(a) $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$

(b) $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$

(c) $f(x, y) = \ln[(x^2 + y^2)^2]$

(d) $f(x, y) = e^{-x} \cos(y) - e^{-y} \cos(x)$

5. Show that $u = \sin(kx) \sin(\alpha kt)$ is a solution of the **wave equation**

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2},$$

where α and k are constants.

6. Show that $f(x, y) = xe^y + ye^x$ is a solution of the partial differential equation

$$f_{xxx}(x, y) + f_{yyy}(x, y) = xf_{xyy}(x, y) + yf_{xxy}(x, y).$$