

Solutions to sheet 2

1. (a)

$$f_x = e^{x-y} + e^{y-x}, \quad f_y = -e^{x-y} - e^{y-x}.$$

(b)

$$g_x = z \cos(x-y), \quad g_y = -z \cos(x-y), \quad g_z = \sin(x-y).$$

(c)

$$\rho_\theta = e^{\theta+\phi}(\cos(\theta-\phi) - \sin(\theta-\phi)), \quad \rho_\phi = e^{\theta+\phi}(\cos(\theta-\phi) + \sin(\theta-\phi)).$$

(d)

$$r_x = \frac{\sin(y)(\cos(x) + x \sin(x))}{y \cos^2(x)}, \quad r_y = \frac{x(y \cos(y) - \sin(y))}{y^2 \cos(x)}.$$

(e)

$$h_x = 2xy + 3x^2 + y^2, \quad h_y = x^2 + 3y^2 + 2yx.$$

(f)

$$k(s, u) = e^{u \log s + s \log u}, \quad k_s = (u/s + \log u)s^u u^s, \quad k_u = (s/u + \log s)s^u u^s.$$

2.

$$f_x = 2xy, \quad f_y = x^2, \quad g_x = \frac{2}{x}, \quad g_y = \frac{1}{y}.$$

3. Here we have to use the geometrical definition of partial derivative. For the function $z = f(x, y) = \sqrt{4 - x^2 - y^2}$ we have that

$$f_x = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{4 - x^2 - y^2}}, \quad f_y = \frac{-y}{\sqrt{4 - x^2 - y^2}}.$$

At the point $(x, y, z) = (1, 1, \sqrt{2})$ the value of the partial derivatives is

$$f_x(1, 1) = f_y(1, 1) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

By definition $f_x(1, 1) = -1/\sqrt{2}$ is the slope of the curve of intersection of the hemisphere z with the plane $y = 1$ at $x = 1$ (this is the geometrical definition of derivative we saw in the class). Similarly, the slope of the curve of intersection of the hemisphere z with the plane $x = 1$ at $y = 1$ is $f_y(1, 1) = -1/\sqrt{2}$. Therefore the equation of the tangent line to the hemisphere which passes by the point $(1, 1, \sqrt{2})$ is of the form:

$$z = a + by,$$

with

$$b = f_y(1, 1) = -1/\sqrt{2},$$

and $a = 3/\sqrt{2}$ being fixed by the condition that the line passes by the point $(1, 1, \sqrt{2})$.

4.

$$f_x = \frac{y}{x(x+y)}, \quad f_y = -\frac{1}{x+y},$$

$$f_{xx} = -\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{(x+y)^2}, \quad f_{yy} = \frac{1}{(x+y)^2}, \quad f_{xy} = f_{yx} = \frac{1}{(x+y)^2}.$$

For the function g it is useful to write $g = e^{\ln(x^y)} = e^{y \ln(x)}$ in order to compute the derivatives:

$$g_x = x^{y-1}y, \quad g_y = x^y \ln(x),$$

$$g_{xx} = y(y-1)x^{y-2}, \quad g_{yy} = x^y \ln^2(x), \quad g_{xy} = g_{yx} = x^{y-1}(1 + y \ln(x)).$$

$$r_x = e^y + ye^x, \quad r_y = xe^y + e^x,$$

$$r_{xx} = ye^x, \quad r_{yy} = xe^y, \quad r_{xy} = r_{yx} = e^y + e^x.$$

5. Here the best way to proceed is to use the definitions of f_{xy} and f_{yx} given in page 16 and compute explicitly the limits. By doing that one obtains:

$$f_{xy}(0, 0) = -1, \quad f_{yx}(0, 0) = 1.$$