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Homework 08

1. Section 14.3: Problems 19, 21, 53, 60, 65, 67, 69, 72, 81, 91. Hint for problem 72:

To compute

$$f_{xy}(0,0) = \lim_{y \to 0} \frac{f_x(0,y) - f_x(0,0)}{y - 0},$$

we need $f_x(0, y)$ for $y \neq 0$ (direct differentiation) and

$$f_x(0,0) = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x,0) - f(0,0)}{x - 0}.$$

The procedure for computing $f_{yx}(0,0)$ is similar.

2. Section 14.3: Further explanation on definition of differentiability on Lecture 14, page 6:

Show that

$$h(x,y) = \varepsilon_1 \cdot (x - x_0) + \varepsilon_2 \cdot (y - y_0) \text{ with } \lim_{(x,y) \to (x_0,y_0)} (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = (0,0) \tag{1}$$

is the same as

$$h(x,y) = \varepsilon \cdot \sqrt{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2} \text{ with } \lim_{(x,y) \to (x_0,y_0)} \varepsilon = 0.$$
(2)

That is, if h(x, y) is given by (1), then it can be rewritten (combined) as (2). Also, if h(x, y) is given by (2), then it can be rewritten (split) as (1).

Hint: Use

$$\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2} = \frac{\Delta x}{\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}} \Delta x + \frac{\Delta y}{\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}} \Delta y$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta x| &\leq \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}, \quad |\Delta y| &\leq \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}, \\ \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2} &\leq |\Delta x| + |\Delta y| \end{aligned}$$

Remark: In terms of the notation 'O' ('Big O') and 'o' ('Big o') in Section 7.4 (page 464), the above statement can be recast as:

$$o(1) \cdot \Delta x + o(1) \cdot \Delta y = o(1) \cdot \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2},\tag{3}$$

or

$$o(\Delta x) + o(\Delta y) = o(\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}), \tag{4}$$

where the small $o(\cdot)$'s refer to 2D limit $\lim_{(\Delta x, \Delta y) \to (0,0)}$, same as $\lim_{(x,y) \to (x_0,y_0)}$. The statements (3) or (4) are more concise and widely used.