

# 21-268 Multidimensional Calculus: Midterm 1.

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- This is a closed book test. No electronic devices may be used. You may not give or receive assistance.
- You have 50 minutes. The exam has a total of 5 questions and 25 points.
- You may use any result proved in class or any regular homework problem **PROVIDED** it is independent of the problem you want to use the result in. (You must also **CLEARLY** state the result you are using.)
- The questions are roughly in increasing order of difficulty. Good luck ☺.

- 5 1. Let  $f$  be a differentiable function of two variables,  $y_1, y_2$ . Suppose the variables  $y_1, y_2$  are each in turn differentiable functions of three variables  $x_1, x_2, x_3$ . Finally suppose each variable  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  is a differentiable function of one variable  $t$ . Find  $\frac{df}{dt}$  in terms of the partial derivatives of  $f$  with respect to  $y_1, y_2$ , the partial derivatives of  $y_1, y_2$  with respect to  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  and the derivatives of  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  with respect to  $t$ . [Since there are many variables here, to avoid ambiguity please denote derivatives as  $\partial f / \partial y_i$  etc. and not simply  $\partial_i f$ .]
- 5 2. Suppose  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable at a point  $a \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Let  $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be a non-zero vector. Does the directional derivative of  $f$  in the direction  $v$  exist at the point  $a$ ? Prove it. [This is something we did in class. Please provide a direct, complete proof here without simply quoting the result from class.]
- 5 3. Let  $f(x_1, x_2) = 2x_1 - 3x_2^2$ . Show directly using the  $\varepsilon$ - $\delta$  definition that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow (1,2)} f(x) = -10$ .
- 5 4. Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = x_1^{2/3} x_2^{2/3}$ . Is  $f$  differentiable at the point  $(0,1)$ ? Prove your answer.
- 5 5. Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = x_1^{2/3} x_2^{2/3}$ . Is  $f$  differentiable at the point  $(0,0)$ ? Prove your answer.