

**Difficulty guide for worksheet:**

*C-level or B-level exam problem:* 3, 4, 5, 6

*A-level exam problem or challenge for extra study:* 1

*beyond the scope and/or removed from syllabus:* 2

1. Let  $r$ ,  $s$ , and  $t$  be independent parameters and suppose  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are given by

$$x = 4r - s - 6t$$

$$y = -r + 2s + 5t$$

$$z = 7r + 3s - t$$

Let  $w = f(x, y, z)$  where  $f$  is an arbitrary differentiable function. Calculate the sum

$$A(r, s, t) = \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} - 2\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}$$

Write your answer as a function of  $r$ ,  $s$ , and  $t$ . Simplify as much as possible.

*Since  $f$  is arbitrary, your answer may still contain the symbol  $f$  or related symbols. But you must write your answer as a function of  $r$ ,  $s$ , and  $t$ .*

2. Let  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $f$  is an arbitrary differentiable function. Suppose  $x = r \cos(\theta)$  and  $y = r \sin(\theta)$ . Calculate both  $z_r$  and  $z_\theta$ . Express your answer in terms of  $r$  and  $\theta$  only.

*This exercise shows how the derivatives in polar coordinates are related to the derivatives in rectangular coordinates.*

3. Use the multivariable chain rule to calculate the specified partial derivatives.

(a)  $z_s$  and  $z_t$ , where  $z = x^2 \sin(y)$ ,  $x = s - t$ , and  $y = t^2$

(b)  $w_s$  and  $w_t$ , where  $w = \frac{x - z}{y + z}$ ,  $x = s + t$ ,  $y = st$ , and  $z = s - t$

(c)  $\frac{dU}{dt}$ , where  $U = \frac{xy^2}{z^8}$ ,  $x = e^t$ ,  $y = \sin(3t)$ , and  $z = 4t + 1$

4. Suppose  $x$  and  $y$  are implicitly related by the equation  $F(x, y) = 0$ . Use the multivariable chain rule to show

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y}$$

Then use this result to find  $y'(x)$  if  $x^2 = xy^2 + \sin(y) + 3$ .

5. Suppose  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are implicitly related by the equation  $F(x, y, z) = 0$ . Use the multivariable chain rule to show

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z}, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z}$$

Then use this result to find  $z_x$  and  $z_y$  if  $x^2yz^2 = 10 - 3xz^3$ .

6. For each implicit equation, calculate the specified partial derivative.

(a)  $z_x$  if  $\sqrt{x^2 + 2xz + z^4} = 3$

(b)  $y_z$  if  $y \ln(x^2 + y^2 + 4z) = 1$