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No calculators needed or allowed.

Let $f(x, y, z) = x^3y + y^2z$.

1. Compute the gradient ∇f .
2. Compute the directional derivative $D_{\vec{u}}f$ if $\vec{u} = (1, 1, 0)$.
3. Observe that $f(1, 3, 4) = 39$. Compute the tangent plane to $f(x, y, z) = 39$ at the point $(1, 3, 4)$.
4. Use this tangent plane to estimate the value of z for which $f(1.1, 3.1, z) = 39$.
5. Find $\partial z / \partial x$ if $z(x, y)$ is implicitly defined by the condition $f(x, y, z) = 39$.

1. $\nabla f = (3x^2y, x^3 + 2yz, y^2)$

2. $D_{\vec{u}}f = (3x^2y, x^3 + 2yz, y^2) \cdot (1, 1, 0) = 3x^2y + x^3 + 2yz$
At $(1, 3, 4)$ $D_{\vec{u}}f = (9, 25, 9) \cdot (1, 1, 0) = 9 + 25 = 34$ OR at (x, y, z) it is

3. $\nabla f(1, 3, 4) = (9, 25, 9)$ so the tangent plane is

$$9(x-1) + 25(y-3) + 9(z-4) = 0$$

4. $9(1.1-1) + 25(3.1-3) + 9(z-4) = 0$ gives

$$.9 + 2.5 + 9(z-4) = 0, \text{ so } 9(z-4) = -3.4, \quad z-4 = \frac{-3.4}{9}$$

and so $z = 4 - \frac{3.4}{9}$

5. $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^3y + y^2z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (39)$

$$3x^2y + y^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$y^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -3x^2y$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-3x^2y}{y^2} = \frac{-3x^2}{y}$$