

1. (a) This can be done in various ways:

- Best is to take a value on each side of the (50,15) entry and form the finite difference:

$$w_s(50, 15) \approx \frac{47 - 25}{60 - 40} = \frac{22}{20} \quad \text{and} \quad w_t(50, 15) \approx \frac{40 - 29}{20 - 10} = \frac{11}{10}.$$

- Not as good is to take a value at the point and a point on one side (but this is still acceptable):

$$w_s(50, 15) \approx \frac{47 - 36}{60 - 50} = \frac{11}{10} \quad \text{or} \quad w_s(50, 15) \approx \frac{36 - 25}{50 - 40} = \frac{11}{10}$$

and

$$w_t(50, 15) \approx \frac{40 - 36}{20 - 15} = \frac{4}{5} \quad \text{or} \quad w_t(50, 15) \approx \frac{36 - 29}{15 - 10} = \frac{7}{5}.$$

(b) The units of w_s are feet per knot and those of w_t feet per hour.

If you have singular or plural where you should not (foot, knots, hours), you will still receive credit.

(c) The answer is $w(50, 15) + w_s(50, 15) \times 1 + w_t(50, 15) \times (-1)$. You should plug in the numbers you got in (a).

2. By the chain rule

$$\begin{aligned} f'(1) &= g_x(x(1), y(1))x'(1) + g_y(x(1), y(1))y'(1) \\ &= 2 \times 2 + (-1) \times 1 = 3. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Since $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$, we'll compute f_y first. It is $2xy$. Thus $f_{xy} = \partial(2xy)/\partial x = 2y$.

(c) $|\langle 2, 1 \rangle| = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{5}$. Thus $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2/\sqrt{5}, 1/\sqrt{5} \rangle$. Since $\nabla f = \langle 2x + 2y, 2x \rangle$, we have $\nabla f(1, 0) = \langle 2, 2 \rangle$. Finally $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, 0) = \nabla f(1, 0) \cdot \mathbf{u} = 6/\sqrt{5}$.

3. The gradient is $\langle 4x, 6y, 2z \rangle$, which equals $\langle 4, -6, 8 \rangle$ at $(1, -1, 4)$. Thus the equation of the plane is

$$0 = \langle 4, -6, 8 \rangle \cdot \langle x - 1, y + 1, z - 4 \rangle = 4x - 6y + 8z - 42,$$

which can be rewritten as $2x - 3y + 4z = 21$. Any of these forms, including the dot product form, is acceptable.

4. Since we are given the critical points, we only need to compute f_{xx} , f_{xy} , f_{yy} and $D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$ there.

quantity	at (x, y)	at $(0, 0)$	at $(\sqrt{2}, 1)$	at $(-\sqrt{2}, 1)$
f_{xx}	$2 - 2y$	2	0	0
f_{xy}	$-2x$	0	$-2\sqrt{2}$	$2\sqrt{2}$
f_{yy}	2	2	2	2
D	$4(1 - y - x^2)$	4	-8	-8

By the second derivative test, $(0, 0)$ is a local minimum and the other two are saddle points.