

15.5 Directional Derivatives  
Multivariable Calculus

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**Directional Derivative**

1. Find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y) = 2 - x^2 - y^2$  at  $(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$  in the

direction of  $\vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\rangle$

Consider the angle the unit vector  $\vec{u}$  makes.  $\vec{u} =$

2. Let  $f(x, y) = xe^y$ , at the point  $(2, -1)$  find the directional derivative in the direction of  $\vec{v} = \langle 2, 3 \rangle$ .

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3. Find the rate of change of  $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2xy - 3y^2$  at the point  $(1, 2)$  in the direction indicated by the angle  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

4. Find the gradient and the directional derivative of the function  $f(x, y) = x^2y^3 - 4y$  at the point  $(2, -1)$  in the direction of the vector  $\vec{v} = \langle 2, 5 \rangle$

5. Find the directional derivative of the function  $f(x, y, z) = z^4 - x^3y^2$  at the point  $P(1, 3, 2)$  in the direction of point  $Q(2, 4, 3)$ .