

**Assessment 8**  
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Math 163

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All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them.

**No work = no credit**  
**No CAS Calculators**

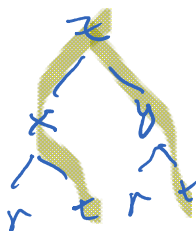
Galileo Galilei  
1564 - 1642 (Italian mathematician)

Warm-ups (1 pt each):  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{1}{x} = -\frac{1}{x^2}$     $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$     $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \tan^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

1.) (1 pt) Please paraphrase the quote by Galileo (above). Answer using complete English sentences.

The challenge is in discovering what you don't already know.

2.) (8 pts) If  $z = x^3 y^9$ ,  $x = r \cos(t)$ , and  $y = r \sin(t)$ , find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \\ &= 3x^2 y^9 (-r \sin t) + 9x^3 y^8 (r \cos t) \end{aligned}$$

3.) (8 pts) Consider the function  $f(x,y) = \sqrt{20-x^2-7y^2}$  at  $(2,1)$ .

a.) Find the linearization and use it to approximate  $f(1.95, 1.12)$ .

$$\nabla f = \left\langle \frac{-x}{\sqrt{20-x^2-7y^2}}, \frac{-7y}{\sqrt{20-x^2-7y^2}} \right\rangle \Big|_{(2,1)} \left( \frac{f_x}{3}, \frac{f_y}{3} \right)$$

Also:  $f(2,1) = 3$ . Linearization:  $L(x,y) = -\frac{2}{3}(x-2) - \frac{7}{3}(y-1) + 3$

b.) Find the directional derivative in the direction of the vector  $\vec{v} = \langle -5, 12 \rangle$

$$\vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{-5}{13}, \frac{12}{13} \right\rangle$$

$$\nabla_z f = \left\langle -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{7}{3} \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{-5}{13}, \frac{12}{13} \right\rangle = -\frac{74}{39}$$

side check  
 $(2,1) \rightarrow (1.95, 1.12)$   
is a distance of 0.13

$$f(1.95, 1.12) \approx L(1.95, 1.12)$$

$$= -\frac{2}{3}(-0.05) - \frac{7}{3}(0.12) + 3 = 2.75\bar{3}$$

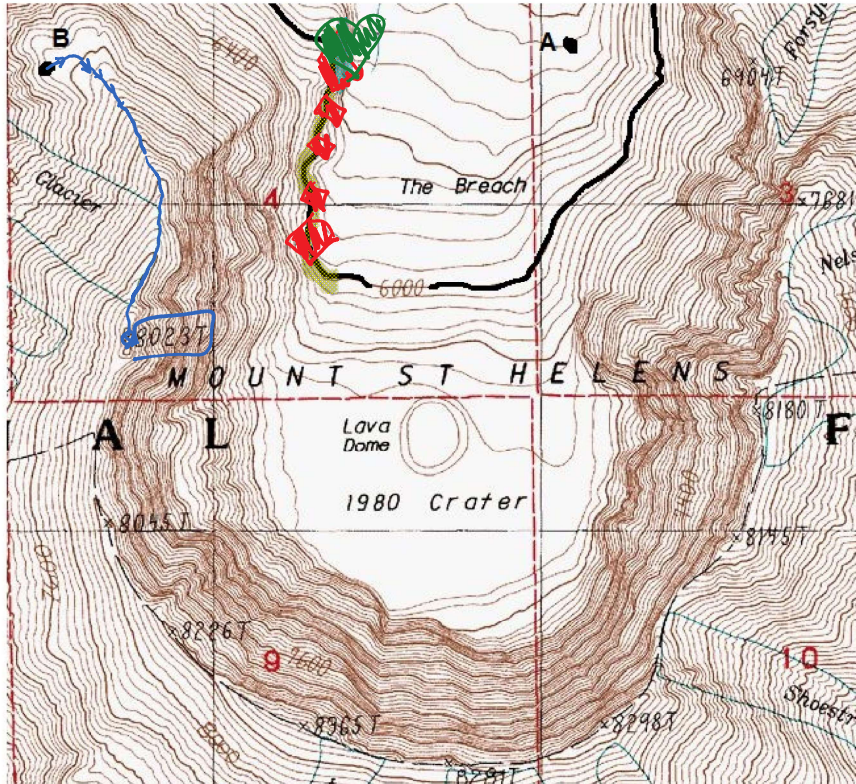
c.) If  $(x,y)$  changes from  $(2,1)$  to  $(1.95, 1.12)$ , compare the exact change  $\Delta z$  and approximate change  $dz$

$$\Delta z \approx 2.7234 - 3 = -0.2766$$

$$dz = -0.2967$$

vs. the actual of 2.7234

4.) (8 pts) Consider the contour plot (topographical map) of the crater of Mt Saint Helens where  $z = f(x, y)$  gives the altitude (in feet) at point  $(x, y)$  where  $x$  and  $y$  have the traditional orientation. The solid black line shows the level curve at 6,000 feet.



- On the contour plot, clearly mark with a diamond  $\blacklozenge$  the point(s) of the level curve  $f(x, y) = 6,000$  at which  $f_x < 0$  and  $f_y = 0$ .
  - On the contour plot, clearly mark with a heart  $\heartsuit$  the point(s) of the level curve  $f(x, y) = 6,000$  at which the slope is steepest ( $|\nabla f|$  is large).
  - Beginning at point **B**, clearly sketch the path of steepest ascent.
- 5.) (0 pts). Would you like this Assessment to count double? Clearly circle one: YES  NO

