Quiz 5

Answer all questions in a clear and concise manner. Unsupported answers will receive *no credit*.

1. (2 points) Find the first partial derivatives of the function $u(r, \theta) = \sin(r \cos \theta)$

Solution:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \cos(r\cos\theta)\cos(\theta)$$
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -r\cos(r\cos\theta)\sin(\theta)$$

2. (3 points) The function $f(x,y) = \sqrt{xy}$ is differentiable at the point (1,4). Find the linearization L(x,y) of the function at this point.

Solution: Computing the partial derivatives, we get

$$f_x(x,y) = \frac{y}{2\sqrt{xy}}$$

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Then we find the linearization

$$L(x,y) = f_x(1,4)(x-1) + f_y(1,4)(y-4) + f(1,4)$$
$$= (x-1) + \frac{1}{4}(y-4) + 2$$