

Math 402/502, Spring 2018
Assignment 11, due Wednesday, April 25

Problems to hand in:

1. Wade, Exercise 11.2.7.
2. Wade, Exercise 11.2.10.

Note: Solve this exercise without using the chain rule from §11.4.

3. Wade, Exercise 11.3.6.
4. Wade, Exercise 11.4.3.

Hint: For each \mathbf{x} , compute $\frac{\partial}{\partial \rho}(f(\rho\mathbf{x}))$ at $\rho = 1$ in 2 different ways.

5. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a C^2 function on \mathbb{R}^2 and set $u(r, \theta) = f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$.
 - (a) Show that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} &= \cos \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} &= -r \sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Show that

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$$

On your own: Wade 11.2.3, 11.2.6, 11.2.8, 11.2.9¹, 11.3.2, 11.3.5, 11.4.2, 11.4.4, 11.4.5, 11.4.8.

Reading: Wade, sections 11.3, 11.4, 11.5.

¹Using this exercise and the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality $|xy| \leq \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)$, you can make quick work of 11.2.6, so go for it!