Instructions for written homework.

- You are encouraged to work with others on these problems. You are expected to write the solutions yourself.
- Your solutions should be legible and well organized. Graders will deduct points for solutions that are difficult to read, or are disorganized. For the benefit of the grader, please turn in solutions to problems in the assigned order, i.e. #1, then #2, then #3, etc.
- Staple your pages together. Do not turn in notebook paper with tattered edges. Homework that is unstapled or is lacking a name will not be graded.

Problem 1 (Fall 2011). Which of the following limits exist?

a.

$$\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)}\frac{x^4-y^4}{x^2-y^2}$$

b.

$$\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)}\frac{x-y}{x^2+y^2}$$

c.

$$\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$$

for $0 \le t \le 2$

Problem 2. Does the following limit exist

$$\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)}\frac{(x^2+y^2)\sin(x^2+y^2)}{x^4+y^4}?$$

If yes, find the limit.

Problem 3 (Fall 2010). The function z = f(x, y) is given implicitly by the equation $z^3 + z = x^2 + y^2$. Note that when x = 1 and y = 1, z = 1 as well. Compute $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1.1)$

Problem 4 (Fall 2010). Consider the surface $z = x^2 + x + 2y^2$. At what point (x_0, y_0, z_0) is the tangent plane parallel to the plane x + 4y + z = 0? What is the z coordinate of that point?

Problem 5 (Sprint 2008). Let f be the function

$$f(x,y) = \ln(x+y)$$

for every $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and x + y > 0. A unit vector in \mathbb{R}^2 is a vector of length 1. What is the maximum value of the directional derivative $D_{\vec{u}}(f)$ of f at the point (x, y) = (2, -1) as \vec{u} ranges over all unit vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Problem 6 (Spring 2008). Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface

$$4x^4 + 2y^4 + z^4 = 22$$

at the point (1, 1, 2).

Problem 7 (Fall 2008). Let $T(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - x - y$ be the temperature of at the point (x, y) in the plane. A lizard sitting at the point (1, 3) wants to increase his surrounding temperature as quickly as possible. In which direction should he move?

Problem 8 (Spring 2013). Let

$$f(x, y, z) = \ln(x^2 + y^2) - z^3.$$

Using the linearization of f at (-1, 1, 1) estimate the value of f(-0.9, 1.2, 1.1). (Your final answer can contain $\ln 2$.)

Problem 9 (Spring 2013). Find the local minimum of the following function

$$f(x,y) = x^3 - 3xy + y^2$$

Problem 10 (Fall 2012). Find all the critical points of the function $h(x, y) = 2x \sin(y) + y^2 - x^2$ and determine which is a local maximum, which is a local minimum and which is saddle point.