

Homework 3

The following are due on Friday, September 21:

§2.3 #7, 12, 15;

§2.4 #17, 23, 24;

§2.5 #5, 19, 20, and the chain rule problem below;

§2.6 #5, 6, 25.

Chain Rule Problem: We call $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ *homogeneous of degree p* if¹

$$f(\lambda x, \lambda y) = \lambda^p f(x, y).$$

Find a formula for such a function f in terms of its derivatives by differentiating both sides of the above with respect to λ and letting $\lambda = 1$.

¹More generally, we can replace 2 with n .