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You requested solutions for exam problem 92.

Problem 92

(a) Put $F(x, y) = xe^{x^2y} + 3x^2 - 2y - 4$. We have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F_1'(x,y)}{F_2'(x,y)} = -\frac{e^{x^2y} + 2x^2ye^{x^2y} + 6x}{x^3e^{x^2y} - 2} \,.$$

At (x, y) = (1, 0) we have $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{e^0 + 0 + 6}{e^0 - 2} = 7$.

(b) Taking *z*-derivatives gives

$$\frac{dx}{dz}e^y + xe^y\frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{dy}{dz}f(z) + yf'(z) = 0$$
$$\frac{dx}{dz}g(x,y) + x\left(g_1'(x,y)\frac{dx}{dz} + g_2'(x,y)\frac{dy}{dz}\right) + 2z = 0$$

(Note: We could have calculated differentials, but since there is only one free variable z, we can then just «divide by dz».) Rearranging,

$$e^{y}\frac{dx}{dz} + \left(xe^{y} + f(z)\right)\frac{dy}{dz} = -yf'(z)$$
$$\left(g(x,y) + xg'_{1}(x,y)\right)\frac{dx}{dz} + xg'_{2}(x,y)\frac{dy}{dz} = -2z$$

This is a linear system with dx/dz and dy/dz as the unknowns. The determinant of the system is

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} e^y & xe^y + f(z) \\ g(x,y) + xg'_1(x,y) & xg'_2(x,y) \end{vmatrix}$$

= $xe^y (g'_2(x,y) - g(x,y) - xg'_1(x,y)) - f(z) (g(x,y) - xg'_1(x,y)),$

and by Cramér's rule,

$$\frac{dx}{dz} = \frac{1}{D} \begin{vmatrix} -yf'(z) & xe^y + f(z) \\ -2z & xg'_2(x,y) \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{D} \left[-xyf'(z)g'_2(x,y) + 2z\left(xe^y + f(z)\right) \right]$$

and

$$\frac{dy}{dz} = \frac{1}{D} \begin{vmatrix} e^y & -yf'(z) \\ g(x,y) + xg_1'(x,y) & -2z \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{D} \left[-2e^y z + y \left(g(x,y) + xg_1'(x,y) \right) f'(z) \right].$$