

**Problem 1.** Let  $f(x, y) = (\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y})^3$ .

- a) Using the definition, compute the partial derivatives at  $(0, 0)$  of the function  $f$ .
- b) Let  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 1, 1 \rangle$ . Compute, using the definition, the directional derivative  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(0, 0)$  of the function  $f$  at the point  $(0, 0)$  in the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{u}$ .
- c) Compare  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(0, 0)$  and  $\nabla f(0, 0) \cdot \mathbf{u}$ . Can you explain why this does not contradict our theorems.