

$$f(x, y, z) = xe^{4yz}$$

$$(a) \nabla f(x, y, z) = \langle f_x(x, y, z), f_y(x, y, z), f_z(x, y, z) \rangle = \langle e^{4yz}, 4xze^{4yz}, 4xye^{4yz} \rangle$$

$$(b) \nabla f(2, 0, 1) = \langle 1, 8, 0 \rangle$$

$$(c) \text{ By equation } D_{\mathbf{u}}f(x, y, z) = \nabla f(x, y, z) \cdot \mathbf{u},$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{u}}f(2, 0, 1) &= \nabla f(2, 0, 1) \cdot \mathbf{u} = \langle 1, 8, 0 \rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right\rangle = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{16}{3} + 0 \\ &= -\frac{14}{3}. \end{aligned}$$