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$$f_x(x, y, z) = 3x^2yz^2 - 4y$$

$$\implies f_x(1, -1, 2) = 3(1)(-1)(4) + 4 = -8$$

$$f_y(x, y, z) = x^3z^2 - 4x$$

$$\implies f_y(1, -1, 2) = (1)(4) - 4 = 0$$

$$f_z(x, y, z) = 2x^3yz$$

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$$\implies D_{\vec{u}} f(1, -1, 2) = \langle -8, 0, -4 \rangle \cdot \frac{\langle 2, 0, -1 \rangle}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{-16 + 4}{\sqrt{5}} = -\frac{12}{\sqrt{5}}.$$