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## Partial Derivatives

Example 1

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{x+y} = (x+y)^{-1} \text{ Find } f_x \quad f_y$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= \frac{d}{dx} (x+y)^{-1} = -1(x+y)^{-2} (1+0) \\ &= \frac{-1}{(x+y)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_y &= -1(x+y)^{-2} (0+1) = -1(x+y)^{-2} \\ &= \frac{-1}{(x+y)^2} \end{aligned}$$

## Example 2

$$\cancel{f(z)} = f(x, y) = (x) \cdot (e^{x^2 y})$$

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$$f_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y) = z_x = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= (x) (e^{x^2 y} \cdot 2xy) + e^{x^2 y} \cdot (1) \\ &= 2x^2 y e^{x^2 y} + e^{x^2 y} \end{aligned}$$

~~$f_x(1)$~~ ,

$$f_y = x \cdot e^{x^2 y} \cdot x^2 = x^3 \cdot e^{x^2 y}$$

When  $x = 1$ ,  ~~$y$~~   $y = \ln 2$ ,  $z = 2$

$$z = f(1, \ln 2) = (1) e^{(1)^2 \cdot \ln 2} = e^{\ln 2} = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(1, \ln 2) &= 2x^2 e^{x^2 y} + e^{x^2 y} \\ &= 2 \cdot (1)^2 e^{(1)^2 \ln 2} + e^{(1)^2 \ln 2} \\ &= 2 \cdot 2 + 2 = 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_y(1, \ln 2) &= x^3 \cdot e^{x^2 y} = (1)^3 \cdot e^{1^2 \ln 2} \\ &= e^{\ln 2} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

### Example 3

$$f(x, y) = 3x - x^2 y^2 + 2x^3 y$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= 3 - (y^2)(2x) + (2y)(3x^2) \\ &= 3 - 2xy^2 + 6x^2y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_y &= 0 - (x^2)(2y) + (2x^3)(1) \\ &= -2x^2y + 2x^3 \end{aligned}$$

### Example 4

$$z = f(x, y) = \frac{-x^2}{2} - y^2 + \frac{25}{8}$$

When  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $y = 1$ ,  $z = 2$

$$z = \frac{-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2}{2} - (1) + \frac{25}{8} = 2$$

$$f_x = -\frac{1}{2}(2x) = -x$$

$$f_y = -2y$$

$$f_x\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right) = -\frac{1}{2}\left(2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$f_y\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right) = -2(1) = -2$$

### Example 5

$$f(x, y) = 1 - (x-1)^2 - (y-2)^2$$

$$\text{At } x=1, y=2 \quad f(1, 2) = 1$$

$$f_x(x, y) = -2(x-1)$$

$$f_y(x, y) = -2(y-2)$$

$$f_x(1, 2) = -2(1-1) = 0$$

$$f_y(1, 2) = -2(\underline{2}-2) = 0$$

$$f_{xx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$$

$$f_{yy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$$

$$f_{xy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$$

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$$f_{yx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$$

### Example 6

$$f(x, y) = 3xy^2 - 2y + 5x^2y^2$$

$$f_x = (3y^2)(1) - 0 + (5y^2) \cdot (2x)$$

$$f_x = 3y^2 + 10xy^2$$

$$f_{xx} = 0 + (10y^2)(1) = 10y^2$$

$$f_{xy} = 6y + (10x)(2y) = 6y + 20xy$$

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$$f_y = (3x)(2y) - 2 + 0 = 6xy - 2$$

$$f_{yy} = 6x$$

$$f_{yx} = 6y$$

### Example 7

$$f(x, y, z) = y \cdot e^x + x \cdot \ln z$$

$$f_x = (y) \cdot e^x + (\ln z) \cdot (1) = ye^x + \ln z$$

$$f_{xz} = 0 + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{z}$$

$$f_{xzz} = -\frac{1}{z^2}$$

### Example 8

$$f(x, y) = x^2 - xy + y^2 - 5x + y$$

Find  $x, y$  such that  $f_x = 0$  and  $f_y = 0$

$$f_x = 2x - y - 5$$

$$f_y = -x + 2y + 1$$

Set  $f_x = 0$

$$2x - y - 5 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$f_y = 0$

$$-x + 2y + 1 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$(1) \quad 4x - 2y - 10 = 0$$

$$(2) \quad -x + 2y + 1 = 0$$

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$$3x \quad -9 = 0$$

$$x = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad 2x - y - 5 &= 0 \\ 2(3) - y - 5 &= 0 \\ y &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

When  $x=3, y=1$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= (3)^2 - (3)(1) + (1)^2 - 5(3) + 1 \\ z &= -7 \end{aligned}$$

$(3, 1, -7)$

### Example 9

Laplace's Equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow f_{xx} + f_{yy} = 0$$

$$z = e^x \cdot \sin y$$

Does equation satisfy Laplace's equation?

$$f_x = (\sin y) \cdot e^x$$

$$f_y = e^x \cdot (\cos y)$$

$$f_{xx} = (\sin y) e^x$$

$$f_{yy} = e^x \cdot (-\sin y)$$

$$f_{xx} + f_{yy} = (\sin y) e^x + (-\sin y) e^x = 0$$

## Example 10

Wave Equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \right) \Leftrightarrow z_{tt} = c^2 z_{xx}$$

$z = \cos(4x + 4ct)$  Does this ~~exp~~ function satisfy the wave equation?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = z_t &= -\sin(4x + 4ct) (4c) \\ &= -4c \cdot \sin(4x + 4ct) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t^2} = z_{tt} &= (-4c) (\cos(4x + 4ct)) (4c) \\ &= c^2 (-16 \cos(4x + 4ct)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = z_x = -\sin(4x + 4ct)(4)$$

$$z_{xx} = \therefore -4 \cos(4x + 4ct)(4) = -16 \cos(4x + 4ct)$$

$$z_{tt} = c^2 \cdot z_{xx}$$