

1. Partial derivatives revisited

Given an n -variable real function, $f : D \rightarrow C$, where $D = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{R}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, and $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $n \geq 2$, we will have

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i + h, \dots, x_n) - f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)}{h}$$

Ex.: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(e^{\sin x y}) = e^{\sin x y} \cdot \cos x$, while $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(e^{\sin x y}) = e^{\sin x y}$.

Problems

2. Find $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ (in the last case $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$, too).

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

(b) $f(x, y) = e^{\sin x y}$

(c) $f(x, y) = \frac{xy^2}{x+y}$

(d) $f(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$

(e) $f(x, y) = x^{2y}$

(f) $f(x, y) = e^{-xy}$

(g) $f(x, y) = x \ln y + tg(xy)$

(h) $f(x, y, z) = x^2 y - \frac{y}{z} + 2\sqrt[3]{\sin z}$

3. State the second derivatives of the following functions.

(a) $f(x, y) = ch(xy) + x \ln y$

(b) $f(x, y) = x^3 y^5 - 2x^2 y^3 + 8x$

(c) $f(x, y) = e^{-(x^2+y^2)}$, $P_0(2, 0)$

4. Investigate the stationary points of the following functions, deciding in each case whether the point is a maximum or a minimum.

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

(b) $f(x, y) = xy$

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

(d) $f(x, y) = e^{-(x^2+y^2-xy)}$

(e) $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + xy$

(f) $f(x, y) = 4x^2 + 2xy - 5y^2 + 2$