

Partial derivatives

Find partial derivatives with respect to each independent variable

1. $z = x^3y - y^3x$
2. $z = x\sqrt{y} + \frac{y}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$
3. $z = \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^2 + y^2}$
4. $z = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$
5. $z = y^x$
6. $z = \arctan \frac{x}{y}$
7. $z = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2})$
8. $z = e^{-\frac{x}{y}}$
9. $z = \sin \frac{x}{y} \cos \frac{y}{x}$
10. $z = \arcsin(y^2\sqrt{x})$
11. $u = x^3 + yz^2 + 3yx - x + z$
12. $w = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$
13. $w = x^{\frac{y}{z}}$
14. $w = x^{y^z}$
15. Let $z = \ln(x^2 + xy + y^2)$. Prove that $x\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2$
16. Let $z = xy + xe^{\frac{y}{x}}$. Prove that $x\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = xy + z$
17. Let $u = (x - y)(y - z)(z - x)$. Prove that $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$
18. Let $w = x + \frac{x - y}{y - z}$. Prove that $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 1$

Total differential

Total differential of function $z = f(x, y)$ is

$$dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}dy$$

19. $z = \sin(xy)$

$$dz = \cos(xy)ydx + \cos(xy)xdy = \cos(xy)(ydx + xdy)$$

20. $z = \arcsin \frac{x}{y}$

Total differential of function $w = f(x, y, z)$ is

$$dw = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} dz$$

21. $w = x^{yz}$

$$dw = yz \cdot x^{yz-1} dx + x^{yz} \ln x \cdot z dy + x^{yz} \ln x \cdot y dz = x^{yz} \left(\frac{yz}{x} dx + z \ln x dy + y \ln x dz \right)$$

22. Evaluate dz if $z = x + y - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, $x = 3$, $y = 4$, $\Delta x = 0,1$ and $\Delta y = 0,2$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 1 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \cdot 2x = 1 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 1 - \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$dz = \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right) \Delta x + \left(1 - \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right) \Delta y$$

$$dz = \left(1 - \frac{3}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2}} \right) \cdot 0,1 + \left(1 - \frac{4}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2}} \right) \cdot 0,2 = 0,08$$

23. Evaluate dz and Δz if $z = \frac{xy}{x+y}$, $x = 1$, $y = 2$, $\Delta x = 0,4$ and $\Delta y = 0,2$

$$f(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) \approx f(x, y) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Delta y$$

Using the total differential compute the approximate value

24. $1,04^{2,02}$

$$f(x, y) = x^y$$

$$x = 1 \quad \Delta x = 0,04 \quad y = 2 \quad \Delta y = 0,02$$

$$f(1, 2) = 1^2 = 1$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = yx^{y-1} \right|_{(1;2)} = 2 \cdot 1^1 = 2$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^y \ln x \right|_{(1;2)} = 1^2 \cdot \ln 1 = 0$$

$$1,04^{2,02} \approx 1 + 2 \cdot 0,04 + 0 \cdot 0,02 = 1,08$$

25. $\arctan \frac{1,02}{0,96}$ and $\arctan \frac{0,97}{1,04}$

$$\arctan \frac{1,02}{0,96}$$

$$f(x, y) = \arctan \frac{x}{y}$$

$$x = 1 \quad \Delta x = 0,02 \quad y = 1 \quad \Delta y = -0,04$$

$$f(1; 1) = \arctan \frac{1}{1} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{1 + (\frac{x}{y})^2} \cdot \frac{1}{y} = \frac{y^2}{y^2 + x^2} \cdot \frac{1}{y} = \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(1;1)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{1 + (\frac{x}{y})^2} \cdot \left(-\frac{x}{y^2}\right) = -\frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(1;1)} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\arctan \frac{1,02}{0,96} \approx \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0,02 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot (-0,04) = \frac{\pi}{4} + 0,03$$

$$\arctan \frac{0,97}{1,04}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x = 1 \quad \Delta x = -0,03 \quad y = 1 \quad \Delta y = 0,04 \\ \arctan \frac{0,97}{1,04} \approx \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (-0,03) - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0,04 = \frac{\pi}{4} - 0,035 \end{aligned}$$

$$26. \ln(\sqrt[3]{1,03} + \sqrt[4]{0,98} - 1)$$

$$f(x, y) = \ln(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[4]{y} - 1)$$

$$x = 1 \quad \Delta x = 0,03 \quad y = 1 \quad \Delta y = -0,02$$

$$f(1; 1) = \ln(\sqrt[3]{1} + \sqrt[4]{1} - 1) = \ln 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[4]{y} - 1} \cdot \frac{1}{3} x^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[4]{y} - 1)}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(1;1)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[4]{y} - 1} \cdot \frac{1}{4} y^{-\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt[4]{y^3}(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[4]{y} - 1)}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(1;1)} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\ln(\sqrt[3]{1,03} + \sqrt[4]{0,98} - 1) \approx 0 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 0,03 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot (-0,02) = 0,005$$

Derivative and partial derivatives of implicit functions

$$F(x, y) = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F'_x}{F'_y}$$

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for

27. $xy - \ln y = a$

$$xy - \ln y - a = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x - \frac{1}{y}} = -\frac{y^2}{xy - 1} = \frac{y^2}{1 - xy}$$

28. $x^3y - xy^3 = a^4$

$$x^3y - xy^3 - a^4 = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3x^2y - y^3}{x^3 - 3xy^2} = -\frac{y(3x^2 - y^2)}{x(x^2 - 3y^2)}$$

29. $x^2y^2 - x^4 - y^4 = a^4$

30. $xe^y + ye^x - e^{xy} = 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{e^y + ye^x - ye^{xy}}{xe^y + e^x - xe^{xy}}$$

31. Evaluate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at the point $(a; a)$ if $x^4y + xy^4 - ax^2y^2 = a^5$

$$F(x, y, z) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F'_x}{F'_z} \qquad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F'_y}{F'_z}$$

Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$

32. $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{\frac{1}{a^2} \cdot 2x}{\frac{1}{c^2} \cdot 2z} = -\frac{c^2 x}{a^2 z}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{\frac{1}{b^2} \cdot 2y}{\frac{1}{c^2} \cdot 2z} = -\frac{c^2 y}{b^2 z}$$

33. $z^3 + 3xyz = a^3$

$$z^3 + 3xyz - a^3 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{3yz}{3z^2 + 3xy} = -\frac{yz}{z^2 + xy}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{3xz}{3z^2 + 3xy} = -\frac{xz}{z^2 + xy}$$

34. $e^z - xyz = 1$

$$e^z - xyz - 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{-yz}{e^z - xy} = \frac{yz}{e^z - xy}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{xz}{e^z - xy}$$

Partial derivatives of a higher order

$$\begin{aligned} z &= f(x, y) & \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} & \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) & \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \\ \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) & \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \\ \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^3} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \right) \\ \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial y \partial x \partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} \right) \end{aligned}$$

35. Let $z = \frac{x-y}{x+y}$. Find $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$, $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$, $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$

36. Let $z = x^y$. Prove that $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x}$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = yx^{y-1} \qquad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x^y \ln x$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (yx^{y-1}) = x^{y-1} + yx^{y-1} \ln x = x^{y-1}(1 + y \ln x)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^y \ln x) = yx^{y-1} \ln x + x^y \cdot \frac{1}{x} = x^{y-1}(y \ln x + 1)$$

37. Find $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$, $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$ if $z = y^{\ln x}$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = y^{\ln x} \ln y \cdot \frac{1}{x} \qquad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \ln x \cdot y^{\ln x - 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} &= \ln y \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(y^{\ln x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right) = \\ &= \ln y \left(y^{\ln x} \ln y \cdot \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} - y^{\ln x} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{x^2} y^{\ln x} \ln y (\ln y - 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} &= \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y^{\ln x} \ln y) = \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \left(\ln x y^{\ln x - 1} \ln y + y^{\ln x} \cdot \frac{1}{y} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{xy} y^{\ln x} (\ln x \ln y + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \ln x \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y^{\ln x - 1}) = \ln x (\ln x - 1) y^{\ln x - 2}$$

- 38.** Find $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$, $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$ if $z = \sin^2(ax + by)$

Here we use the formula

$$\sin 2\alpha = 2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2 \sin(ax + by) \cos(ax + by) \cdot a = a \sin(2ax + 2by)$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2 \sin(ax + by) \cos(ax + by) \cdot b = b \sin(2ax + 2by)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (a \sin(2ax + 2by)) = a \cos(2ax + 2by) \cdot 2a = 2a^2 \cos(2ax + 2by)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (a \sin(2ax + 2by)) = a \cos(2ax + 2by) \cdot 2b = 2ab \cos(2ax + 2by)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (b \sin(2ax + 2by)) = b \cos(2ax + 2by) \cdot 2b = 2b^2 \cos(2ax + 2by)$$

- 39.** Let $z = \frac{y}{y^2 - a^2 x^2}$. Prove that $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$

- 40.** Let $w = \ln \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$. Prove that $\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} = 0$

41. Find $\frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^2 \partial y}$ for $z = e^{xy^2}$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = e^{xy^2} \cdot y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = y^2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (e^{xy^2}) = y^2 e^{xy^2} \cdot y^2 = y^4 e^{xy^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^2 \partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y^4 e^{xy^2}) = 4y^3 e^{xy^2} + y^4 e^{xy^2} \cdot 2xy = \\ &= 2y^3 e^{xy^2} (2 + xy^2) \end{aligned}$$

42. Find $\frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x \partial y^2}$ for $z = \sin(xy)$

43. Find $\frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x \partial y \partial z}$ for $w = e^{xyz}$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = e^{xyz} \cdot yz$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (e^{xyz} \cdot yz) = \\ &= e^{xyz} \cdot xz \cdot yz + e^{xyz} \cdot z = e^{xyz} \cdot xyz^2 + e^{xyz} \cdot z \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x \partial y \partial z} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (e^{xyz} \cdot xyz^2 + e^{xyz} \cdot z) = \\ &= e^{xyz} \cdot xy \cdot xyz^2 + e^{xyz} \cdot 2xyz + e^{xyz} \cdot xy \cdot z + e^{xyz} = \\ &= e^{xyz} (x^2 y^2 z^2 + 3xyz + 1) \end{aligned}$$

44. Let $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$. Prove that

$$\frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial z^2} = \frac{2}{r}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2 (\ln r)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (\ln r)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (\ln r)}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{r^2}$$