

1. Let $f: D \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be single variable, real-valued function that is differentiable on domain D . Derive the limit definition of the ordinary derivative of f at input a , given by:

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

Solution:

We construct the derivative operation with the idea of the secant line:

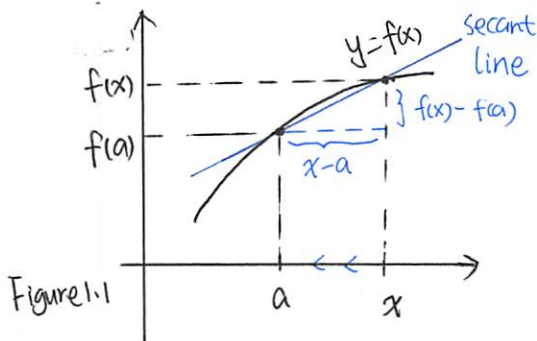


Figure 1.1

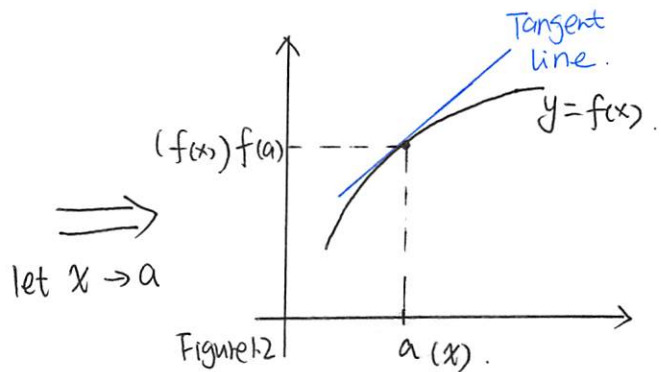


Figure 1.2

We can measure the slope of the secant line thru $(a, f(a))$ and $(x, f(x))$ by slope formula:

$$m = \frac{\text{change in output}}{\text{change in input}} = \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

Figure 1.1

To find the slope at point $(a, f(a))$,

we force the input x to a ,

then change of input $(x-a)$ approaches to zero,

& change of output $(f(x)-f(a))$ goes to some number,

Let's say:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x-a) \text{ (I)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x)-f(a)) \text{ (II)}$$

the ratio: $\frac{\text{(II)}}{\text{(I)}}$ is the slope of the curve at $(a, f(a))$.

slope of this tangent line at $x=a$:

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

Figure 1.2

2. Let $f : D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a two-variable, real valued function that is differentiable on domain D . Discuss the five step process for constructing the partial derivative of f with respect to x .

A. derive limit definition of partial derivative in slope notation

$$f_x(a,b) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x,b) - f(a,b)}{x - a}$$

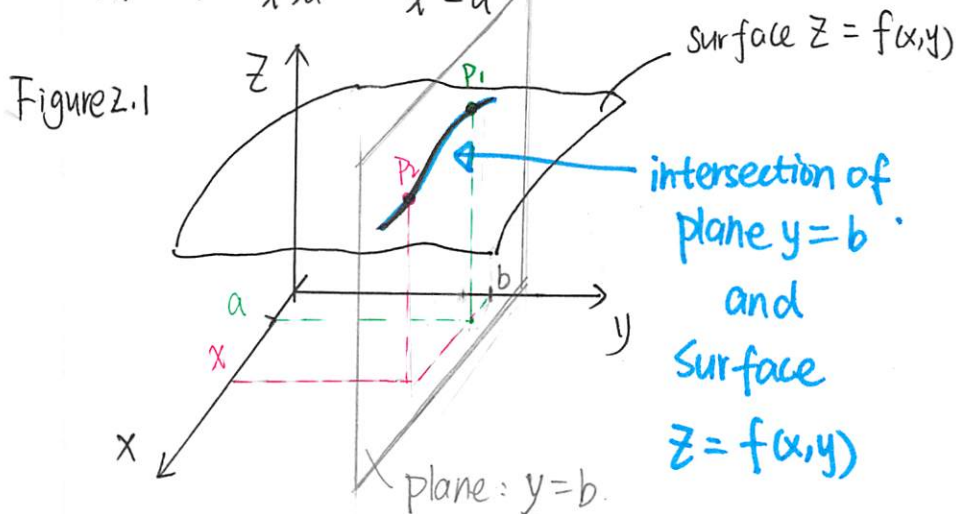
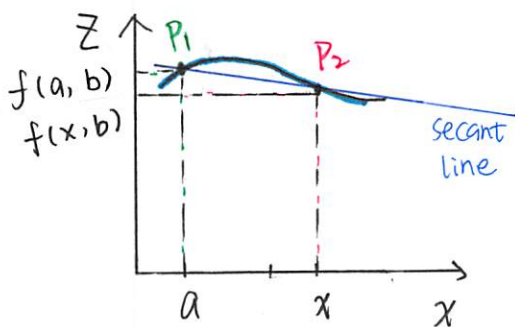


Figure 2.2



Since y is a constant ($y=b$), we can think the intersection in x - z coordinate.

(which is similar to ordinary derivative, so use same idea)

The slope of secant line P_1P_2 is:

$$m = \frac{f(x,b) - f(a,b)}{x - a}$$

to find the slope at $x=a$ (P_1), we let $x \rightarrow a$, so $x - a$ approaches 0, and $f(x,b) - f(a,b)$ approaches a number.

$$f_x(a,b) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x,b) - f(a,b)}{x - a}$$

This is the slope at $x=a$, also the limit definition of partial derivative.

Note: this slope is negative b/c $f(a,b) > f(x,b)$ which is consistent with the graph.

Note: $f_x(a,b)$ is the slope at $x=a$, here $y=b$ is a constant.

Lesson 9 Activities. (Part II)

4. Let $f: D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a two-variable, real-valued function.

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

A. Find $f_x(x, y)$ and use this result to calculate $f_x(2, 1)$

Solution: Derivative with respect to x ,
hold y as constant.

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

$$f_x(2, 1) = 3(2)^2 + 2(2)(1)^3 = \boxed{16}$$

B. Find $f_y(x, y)$ and use this result to calculate $f_y(2, 1)$

Solution:

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

$$f_y(2, 1) = 3(2)^2(1)^2 - 4(1) = \boxed{8}$$

C. Find the higher-order derivatives f_{xx} , f_{yx} , f_{xy} , and f_{yy} .

Solution:

$$f_x(x, y) = 3x^2 + 2xy^3 \quad f_y(x, y) = 3x^2y^2 - 4y$$

$$f_{xx} = 6x + 2y^3 \quad f_{yy} = 6x^2y - 4$$

$$f_{xy} = \boxed{6xy^2} \quad f_{yx} = \boxed{6xy^2}$$

*Notice: $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$ (Clairaut's Theorem)

5. Let $f: D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a two-variable, real-valued function given by: $f(x, y) = \sin\left(\frac{x}{1+y}\right)$

Find $f_x(x, y)$ and $f_y(x, y)$

Solution:

$$f_x(x, y) = \boxed{\frac{1}{1+y} \cdot \cos\left(\frac{x}{1+y}\right)}$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \left[x \cdot (1+y)^{-1}\right]' \cdot \cos\left(\frac{x}{1+y}\right)$$

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

Notice:

① apply chain rule

② hold y as a constant.

#2 continue...

B. Explain how this definition of $f_x(a,b)$ relates to Path 1 for taking multivariable limits.

Solution:

When we take path 1 for multivariable function, we control y as a constant, and think $z = f(x, y)$ as a single variable function w.r.t x , this is the same idea when we derive the definition of $f_x(a,b)$.

C. Using proper algebraic substitution, create limit definition of the partial derivatives in derivative notation given by:

$$f_x(a,b) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h, b) - f(a,b)}{h}$$

Solution: From (A) we have:

$$f_x(a,b) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x,b) - f(a,b)}{x-a}$$

(same as: $x-a \rightarrow 0$)

let $h = x-a$,

$$f_x(a,b) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h, b) - f(a,b)}{h}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x-a \rightarrow 0 \\ h \rightarrow 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} h = x-a \\ x = h+a \end{array}$$

6. Let $f: D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a three-variable, real-valued function

$$f(x, y, z) = e^{xy} \cdot \ln(z)$$

Find $f_x(x, y, z)$, $f_y(x, y, z)$, $f_z(x, y, z)$.

Solution:

$$f_x(x, y, z) = (y \cdot \ln z) e^{xy}$$

$$f_y(x, y, z) = (x \cdot \ln z) e^{xy}$$

$$f_z(x, y, z) = (e^{xy}) \cdot \frac{1}{z}$$

Note: this is a constant term.

Recall:
 $(e^{2x})' = 2e^{2x}$

Recall:
 $[\ln(z)]' = \frac{1}{z}$

7. Let $f: D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a three-variable, real-valued function

$$f(x, y, z) = 3xy \arcsin(yz)$$

Find $f_x(x, y, z)$, $f_y(x, y, z)$ and $f_z(x, y, z)$

Solution:

$$f_x(x, y, z) = \arcsin(yz) \cdot 3y$$

$$f_y(x, y, z) = 3x \cdot \arcsin(yz) + 3xy \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(yz)^2}} \cdot (yz)'$$

$$= 3x \cdot \arcsin(yz) + \frac{3xyzy}{\sqrt{1-y^2z^2}}$$

Recall: Product Rule

$$(f \cdot g)' = f' \cdot g + f \cdot g'$$

$$(\arcsin(x))' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

8. Consider relation

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 6xyz = 1$$

Assume $z = z(x, y)$, use implicit differentiation to find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$

Solution: take derivative of each term WRT x .

$$3x^2 + 3z^2 \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + (6y \cdot z + 6xy \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}) = 0$$

product rule, $z = z(x)$.

(detailed steps on following page).

W.R.T
with respect to

detailed steps for #8.

$$3x^2 + 3z^2 \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 6yz + 6xy \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} (3z^2 + 6xy) = -3x^2 - 6yz$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \boxed{\frac{-3x^2 - 6yz}{3z^2 + 6xy}}$$

To find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$, take derivatives of each term wRT y,

$$2y^2 + 3z^2 \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + (6x \cdot z + 6xy \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}) = 0.$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} (3z^2 + 6xy) = -3y^2 - 6xz$$

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