

5. Derivatives and differentiability of multivariable functions.

1. Calculate all second order partial derivatives of the functions below and verify validity of Schwarz's theorem.

(a) $f(x, y) = (2x + y^2 + 3)^7$.

(b) $f(x, y) = \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + y^2}$.

(c) $f(x, y) = x \ln(xy^2 + y + 1)$.

(d) $f(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{x^4 + y^4 + z^4}$.

(e) $f(x, y, z) = \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{y}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt[3]{z}} + \frac{z}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$.

2. Using Schwarz's theorem find all

(a) third order partial derivatives of $f(x, y) = \cos(xy^2)$,

(b) third order partial derivatives of $f(x, y, z) = x^2 \cdot \sqrt[4]{y} \cdot z$,

(c) fourth order partial derivatives of $f(x, y) = \frac{y^3}{x^2}$,

(d) n th order partial derivatives of $f(x, y) = e^{2x-y}$.

3. Verify that

(a) $f(x, y) = \log(x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 2y + 2)$ is a solution to the equation $f_{xx} + f_{yy} = 0$,

(b) $f(x, y, z) = \sqrt[3]{(2 + \sin(x-z)) \cdot (y-2z)^4}$ is a solution to the equation $f_x + 2f_y + f_z = 0$.

4. Let $f(x, y) = \ln(2y+8-x^2-y^2)$. Identify and draw the set of all points (x, y) for which $f_{xy}(x, y) \leq 0$.

5. (*) All n th order partial derivatives of some function f of k variables are to be calculated, on a given open subset of the domain of f . How many formulas, maximally, may we obtain if all these derivatives are continuous on this set?

6. Find an equation of the tangent plane to the graph of

(a) $f(x, y) = \operatorname{tg}(x + 2y)$, at $P = (0, 0, f(0, 0))$,

(b) $f(x, y) = \operatorname{arctg}(x^2 - y)$, at its intersection point with the Y -axis,

(c) $f(x, y) = (2x + y - 1)^5$, at its intersection point with the line

$$L : \begin{cases} x = 1 + t \\ y = -1 + 2t \\ z = -t \end{cases}, t \in \mathbf{R},$$

(d) $f(x, y) = (x + 3y + 1)^4 + (x - y)^2$, at its common point with the XY -plane.

Prove that these planes are really tangent planes by testing differentiability of these functions at suitable points.

7. A surface is represented by the equation $z = \sqrt{2x - y^2}$. Find its all points at which the tangent plane

- (a) is perpendicular to the line $L : \begin{cases} x = 3t \\ y = -t \\ z = 1 - 2t \end{cases}, t \in \mathbf{R},$
- (b) is parallel to the plane $\Pi : -2x + 3z + 1 = 0,$
- (c) is parallel to the plane $\Pi : x + 2y + 3z = 0,$
8. (*) The graph of $f = f(x, y)$ is a surface of revolution around the Z -axis. Assume that some neighbourhood of $P = (0, 0)$ is included in the domain of f .
- (a) Show that a given point P either both derivatives f_x, f_y exist or none of them. In the first case find the values of these derivatives at P .
- (b) Show that existence of $f_x(P)$ implies differentiability of f at P and find the tangent plane to the graph of f at P .
9. Let $f(x, y) = |x| \cdot |y|$ and $\vec{v} = \left[-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right]$. Evaluate $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{v}}(0, 2)$.
10. Evaluate directional derivatives of the functions below, at given points, in the directions of give vectors \vec{v} .
- (a) $f(x, y) = x^{xy}, P = (2, 1), \vec{v} = \left[-\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right]$.
- (b) $f(x, y) = \sin(2\pi \cos(xtgy))$, $P = \left(\frac{\pi}{3}, -\frac{\pi}{4} \right), \vec{v} = \left[-\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right]$.
- (c) $f(x, y, z) = (y + 2z)^x, P = (2, 2, 0), \vec{v} = \left[-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right]$.
11. Let $f(x, y) = \frac{3x + y}{x^2 + 1}$ and $P = (1, 1)$.
- (a) Find all unit vectors \vec{v} along which $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{v}}(P)$ attains its greatest value.
Find this value.
- (b) Find all unit vectors \vec{v} along which $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{v}}(P)$ attains its least value.
Find this value.
- (c) Find all unit vectors \vec{v} along which $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{v}}(P) = 0$.
- (d) For $\vec{v} = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}, -\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \right]$ identify and draw the set of all points (x, y) at which $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{v}}(x, y) = 0$.

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