

Unit 2: Derivatives of multivariable functions

Partial derivatives

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Gradient and directional derivatives

▼ **Ex1:** $f(x, y) = x^2y$

▼ What are directional derivatives?

Notion: $\nabla \vec{v}$

The changing rate along a vector (a, b) .

▼ How compute directional derivatives?

$\nabla \vec{w} = a * \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + b * \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$ or we can use the matrix representation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then you could synthesize as } \vec{w} \nabla f$$

Exercises

✓ ~~Finding~~gradients

☒ Visual gradient

☐ Finding directional derivatives