

## Chapter 4

# FUNCTIONS OF SEVERAL VARIABLES

### 1.1. Areas of function definition. Lines and surfaces of the level.

Let two non-empty sets  $D$  and  $U$ . If each pair of real numbers  $(x, y)$  belonging to the set  $D$ , according to a certain rule, one and only one element  $u$  of  $U$  is matched, then it is said that the set  $D$  has a function  $f$  (or a mapping) with a set of values  $U$ .

At the same time, write  $D \xrightarrow{f} U$ , either  $f : D \rightarrow U$  or  $u = f(x, y)$ .

The set  $D$  is called the domain of the function definition, and the set  $U$ , consisting of all numbers of the form  $f(x, y)$ , where  $(x, y) \in D$ , is the set of function values. The value of the function  $u = f(x, y)$  at point  $M(x_0, y_0)$  is called the private value of the function and is denoted  $f(x_0, y_0)$  or  $f(M)$ .

The domain of definition of function  $u = f(x, y)$  in the simplest cases is either a part of the plane bounded by a closed curve, and the points of this curve (the boundaries of the domain) may or may not belong to the domain of definition, or the entire plane, or a collection of several parts of the  $xOy$  plane.

The geometric image of function  $u = f(x, y)$  in a rectangular coordinate system  $Oxyu$  (graph of the function) is a certain surface.

Similarly, the function of any finite number of independent variables  $u = f(x, y, z, \dots, t)$  is defined.

**The line of the level of function**  $u = f(x, y)$  is called the line  $f(x, y) = C$  on the plane of  $xOy$ , at the points of which the function retains a constant value  $u = C$ .

**The surface of the level of function**  $u = f(x, y, z)$  is called the surface  $f(x, y, z) = C$ , at the points of which the function retains a constant value  $u = C$ .

#### Exercise 1.

Find the domain of definition of function  $u = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2 - y^2}$ .

#### Solution:

function  $u$  takes valid values under the condition  $a^2 - x^2 - y^2 \geq 0$ , that is,  $x^2 + y^2 \leq a^2$ . The area of definition of this function is a circle of radius  $a$  centered at the origin, including the boundary circle.

#### Exercise 2.

Find the domain of definition of function  $u = \arcsin(x/y^2)$ .

**Solution:**

This function is defined if  $y \neq 0$  and  $-1 \leq x/y^2 \leq 1$ , that is,  $-y^2 \leq x \leq y^2$ . The domain of definition of a function is the part of the plane enclosed between two parabolas  $y^2 = x$  and  $y^2 = -x$ , with the exception of point  $O(0; 0)$ .

**Exercise 3.**

Find the lines of the level of function  $u = x^2 + y^2$ .

**Solution:**

The equation of the family of lines of the level has the form  $x^2 + y^2 = C (C > 0)$ . By giving  $C$  different real values, we get concentric circles centered at the origin.

**Exercise 4.**

Find the level surfaces of the function  $u = x^2 + z^2 - y^2$ .

**Solution:**

The equation of the family of level surfaces has the form  $x^2 + z^2 - y^2 = C$ . If  $C = 0$ , then we get  $x^2 + z^2 - y^2 = 0$  - a cone, if  $C > 0$ , then  $x^2 + z^2 - y^2 = C$  is a family of single-cavity hyperboloids, if  $C < 0$ , then  $x^2 + z^2 - y^2 = C$  is a family of double-cavity hyperboloids.

**1.2. Derivatives and differentials of functions of several variables.****1. Partial derivatives of the first order.**

The first-order partial derivative of the function  $z = f(x, y)$  with respect to the independent variable  $x$  is called the finite limit

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = f'_x(x, y),$$

calculated at constant  $y$ .

The partial derivative of  $y$  is called the finite limit

$$\lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y + \Delta y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta y} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = f'_y(x, y),$$

calculated at constant  $x$ .

For partial derivatives, the usual rules and formulas of differentiation are valid.

Exercise 1.

$$u = x^2 - 3xy - 4y^2 - x + 2y + 1.$$

Find  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ .

Solution:

$$\text{Considering } y \text{ as a constant value, we get } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2x - 3y - 1.$$

$$\text{Considering } x \text{ as a constant, we find } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -3x - 8y + 2.$$

Exercise 2.

$$z = e^{x^2+y^2}.$$

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

Solution:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = e^{x^2+y^2} (x^2+y^2)'_x = 2xe^{x^2+y^2}, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = e^{x^2+y^2} (x^2+y^2)'_y = 2ye^{x^2+y^2}.$$

Exercise 3.

$$\rho = u^4 \cos^2 \varphi.$$

Find  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial u}$  and  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \varphi}$ .

Solution:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial u} = 4u^3 \cos^2 \varphi, \quad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \varphi} = u^4 \cdot 2 \cos \varphi (-\sin \varphi) = -u^4 \sin 2\varphi.$$

Exercise 4.

To show that the function  $z = y \ln(x^2 - y^2)$  satisfies the equation

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

**Solution:**

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{2xy}{x^2 - y^2}, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \ln(x^2 - y^2) - \frac{2y^2}{x^2 - y^2}.$$

We find

Substitute the found expressions in the left part of the equation:

$$\frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{2xy}{x^2 - y^2} + \frac{1}{y} \left[ \ln(x^2 - y^2) - \frac{2y^2}{x^2 - y^2} \right] = \frac{2y}{x^2 - y^2} - \frac{2y}{x^2 - y^2} + \frac{\ln(x^2 - y^2)}{y} = \frac{z}{y^2}.$$

We obtain the identity, that is, the function  $z$  satisfies this equation.

**Exercise 5.**

To show that the function  $z = y^{y/x} \sin(y/x)$  satisfies the equation

$$x^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + xy \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = yz.$$

**Solution:**

We find

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= y^{y/x} \cdot \ln y \left( -\frac{y}{x^2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) + y^{y/x} \cos \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \cdot \left( -\frac{y}{x^2} \right), \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= \left[ y^{y/x} \cdot \ln y \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) + \frac{y}{x} \cdot y^{y/x-1} \right] \sin \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) + y^{y/x} \cos \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{x}. \end{aligned}$$

Substitute the found expressions in the left part of the equation:

$$\begin{aligned} &-x^2 \frac{y}{x^2} \cdot y^{y/x} \cdot \ln y \cdot \sin \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) - x^2 \cdot \frac{y}{x^2} \cdot y^{y/x} \cos \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) + \\ &+ xy \cdot \frac{y}{x} \cdot y^{y/x-1} \cdot \sin \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) + xy \cdot \frac{1}{x} \cdot y^{y/x} \cdot \ln y \cdot \sin \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) + \\ &+ xy \cdot \frac{1}{x} \cdot y^{y/x} \cos \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) = yy^{y/x} \sin \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) = yz. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain the identity, that is, the function  $z$  satisfies this equation.

## 2. Full differential.

The total increment of the function  $z = f(x, y)$  at point  $M(x, y)$  is the difference  $\Delta z = f(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) - f(x, y)$ , where  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta y$  are arbitrary increments of the arguments.

A function  $z = f(x, y)$  is called **differentiable** at point  $(x, y)$  if at this point the total increment can be represented as  $\Delta z = A \Delta x + B \Delta y + o(\rho)$ , where  $\rho = \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}$ .

**The full differential of the function**  $z = f(x, y)$  is the main part of the full increment  $\Delta z$ , linear with respect to the increments of the arguments  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta y$ , that is,  $dz = A \Delta x + B \Delta y$ .

The differentials of the independent variables coincide with their increments, that is,  $dx = \Delta x$  and  $dy = \Delta y$ .

The full differential of the function  $z = f(x, y)$  is calculated by the formula

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

Similarly, the total differential of the function of the three arguments  $u = f(x, y, z)$  is calculated using the formula

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

For a sufficiently small  $\rho = \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}$ , approximate equalities  $\Delta z \approx dz$ ;  $f(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) \approx f(x, y) + dz$  are valid for the differentiable function  $z = f(x, y)$ .

### Exercise 1.

$$z = \operatorname{arctg} \frac{x+y}{x-y}.$$

Find  $dz$ .

### Solution:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{x+y}{x-y}\right)^2} \cdot \frac{-2y}{(x-y)^2} = -\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{x+y}{x-y}\right)^2} \cdot \frac{2x}{(x-y)^2} = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}.$$

Therefore

$$dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy = \frac{x dy - y dx}{x^2 + y^2}.$$

### Exercise 2.

$$u = x^{y^2 z}.$$

Find  $du$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{We have } du = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} dz,$$

$$\text{We find } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = y^2 z \cdot x^{y^2 z - 1}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x^{y^2 z} \cdot \ln x \cdot 2yz, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = x^{y^2 z} \cdot \ln x \cdot y^2.$$

Therefore

$$du = y^2 z x^{y^2 z - 1} dx + 2yz \cdot x^{y^2 z} \cdot \ln x dy + y^2 x^{y^2 z} \cdot \ln x dz.$$

**Exercise 3.**

Calculate approximately  $\sqrt{\sin^2 1,55 + 8e^{0,015}}$ , based on the function  $z = \sqrt{\sin^2 x + 8e^y}$  for  $x = \pi/2 \approx 1,571$ ,  $y = 0$ .

**Solution:**

The desired number is the incremented value of the function  $z$  at  $\Delta x = 0,021$ ,  $\Delta y = 0,015$ . Find the value of  $z$  for  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $y = 0$ , we have  $z = \sqrt{\sin^2(\pi/2) + 8e^0} = 3$ .

We find the increment of the function:

$$\Delta z \approx dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \Delta y = \frac{\sin 2x \Delta x + 8ey \Delta y}{2 \sqrt{\sin^2 x + 8ey}} = \frac{8 \cdot 0,015}{6} = 0,02.$$

Hence  $\sqrt{\sin^2 1,55 + 8e^{0,015}} \approx 3,02$ .

**Exercise 4.**

Calculate approximately  $\arctg(1,02/0,95)$ , based on the function  $z = \arctg(y/x)$  for  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 1$ .

**Solution:**

The value of the function  $z$  at  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 1$  is  $z = \arctg(1/1) = \pi/4 \approx 0,785$ . Let's find the increment of the function  $\Delta z$  for  $\Delta x = -0,05$ ,  $\Delta y = 0,02$ :

$$\Delta z \approx dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \Delta y = -\frac{y \Delta x}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{x \Delta y}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{x \Delta y - y \Delta x}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{1 \cdot 0,02 + 1 \cdot 0,05}{2} = 0,035.$$

Therefore,  $\arctg(1,02/0,95) = z + \Delta z \approx 0,785 + 0,035 = 0,82$ .

### 3. Partial derivatives and differentials of higher orders.

Second-order partial derivatives of function  $z = f(x, y)$  are called partial derivatives of its first-order partial derivatives.

Notation of partial derivatives of the second order:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) &= \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = f''_{xx}(x, y); \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = f''_{xy}(x, y); \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) &= \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} = f''_{yx}(x, y); \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = f''_{yy}(x, y).\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, partial derivatives of the third and higher orders are defined and denoted, for example:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \right) = \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^3} = f'''_{xxx}(x, y); \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \right) = \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^2 \partial y} = f'''_{xxy}(x, y)$$

The so-called "mixed" derivatives, differing from each other only by the sequence of differentiation, are equal if they are continuous, for example,

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

**A second-order differential from function**  $z = f(x, y)$  is called a differential from its full differential, that is,  $d^2 z = d(dz)$ .

Differentials of the third and higher orders are defined similarly:

$$d^3 z = d(d^2 z); \quad d^n z = d(d^{n-1} z).$$

If  $x$  and  $y$  are independent variables and the function  $f(x, y)$  has continuous partial derivatives, then higher-order differentials are calculated using formulas

$$\begin{aligned}d^2 z &= \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} dx^2 + 2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} dx dy + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} dy^2; \\ d^3 z &= \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^3} dx^3 + 3 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^2 \partial y} dx^2 dy + 3 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x \partial y^2} dx dy^2 + \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial y^3} dy^3.\end{aligned}$$

Generally speaking, there is a symbolic formula

$$d^n z = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} dy \right)^n z,$$

which formally it is revealed according to the binomial law.

### Exercise 1.

$$z = y \ln x.$$

$$\text{Find } \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}, \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}.$$

### Solution:

Let's find partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{y}{x}; \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \ln x.$$

Differentiating again we get:

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) = -\frac{y}{x^2}; \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\ln x) = 0; \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) = \frac{1}{x}.$$

### Exercise 2.

$$z = \ln \operatorname{tg}(y/x).$$

$$\text{Find: } \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}.$$

### Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= \frac{1}{\operatorname{tg}(y/x)} \cdot \sec^2(y/x) \left( -\frac{y}{x^2} \right) = -\frac{y}{x^2} \cdot \frac{2}{\sin(2y/x)}, \\ \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} &= -\frac{1}{x^2} \cdot \frac{2}{\sin(2y/x)} - \frac{y}{x^2} \cdot \frac{-2 \cos(2y/x) \cdot (2/x)}{\sin^2(2y/x)} = \\ &= \frac{2}{x^3 \sin^2(2y/x)} \cdot (2y \cos(2y/x) - x \sin(2y/x)). \quad \blacktriangle \end{aligned}$$

### Exercise 3.

$$z = \sin x \sin y.$$

Find:  $d^2z$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= \cos x \sin y, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \sin x \cos y, \\ \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} &= -\sin x \sin y, \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \cos x \cos y; \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = -\sin x \sin y, \\ d^2z &= -\sin x \sin y dx^2 + 2 \cos x \cos y dx dy - \sin x \sin y dy^2. \quad \blacktriangle \end{aligned}$$

### Exercise 4.

$$z = x^2 y.$$

Find:  $d^3z$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= 2xy, \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = 2y, \quad \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^3} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x^2, \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 0, \\ \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial y^3} &= 0, \quad \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^2 \partial y} = 2, \quad \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x \partial y^2} = 0; \\ d^3z &= 0 \cdot dx^3 + 3 \cdot 2dx^2 dy + 3 \cdot 0 \cdot dx \cdot dy^2 + 0 \cdot dy^3 = 6dx^2 dy. \quad \blacktriangle \end{aligned}$$

## 4. Differentiation of complex functions.

Let  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = \varphi(t)$ ,  $y = \psi(t)$  and the functions  $f(x, y)$ ,  $\varphi(t)$ ,  $\psi(t)$  are differentiable. Then the derivative of the complex function  $z = f(\varphi(t), \psi(t))$  is calculated using the formula

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

If  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $y = \varphi(x)$ , then the **full derivative** of  $z$  by  $x$  is found by the formula

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

If  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = \varphi(\xi, \eta)$ ,  $y = \psi(\xi, \eta)$ , then the partial derivatives are expressed as follows:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial \xi} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \text{ и } \frac{\partial z}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta}.$$

### Exercise 1.

$$z = e^{x^2+y^2}, \text{ where } x = a \cos t, y = a \sin t.$$

Find:

$$\frac{dz}{dt}.$$

### Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dz}{dt} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = e^{x^2+y^2} \cdot 2x (-a \sin t) + e^{x^2+y^2} \cdot 2y (a \cos t) = \\ &= 2ae^{x^2+y^2} (y \cos t - x \sin t).\end{aligned}$$

Let's express  $x$  and  $y$  through  $t$ , we get

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = 2ae^{a^2} (a \sin t \cos t - a \cos t \sin t) = 0.$$

### Exercise 2.

$$z = \ln(x^2 - y^2), \text{ where } y = e^x.$$

Find:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, \frac{dz}{dx}.$$

### Solution:

We have

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{2x}{x^2 - y^2}.$$

Using the full derivative formula, we find

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{x^2 - y^2} - \frac{2ye^x}{x^2 - y^2} = \frac{2(x - ye^x)}{x^2 - y^2}.$$

5. A derivative in this direction. The gradient of the function.

The derivative of the function  $z = f(x, y)$  at point  $M(x, y)$  in the direction of vector  $l = \overrightarrow{MM_1}$  is called the limit

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial l} = \lim_{|MM_1| \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(M_1) - f(M)}{|MM_1|} = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta z}{\rho},$$

where  $\rho = \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}$ .

If the function  $f(x, y)$  is differentiable, then the derivative in this direction is calculated by the formula

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial l} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cos \alpha + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \sin \alpha,$$

where  $\alpha$  is the angle formed by the vector and the Ox-axis.

In the case of a function of three variables  $u = f(x, y, z)$ , the derivative in this direction is determined similarly. The corresponding formula has the form

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial l} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cos \alpha + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cos \beta + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \cos \gamma,$$

where  $\cos \alpha, \cos \beta, \cos \gamma$  are the guiding cosines of the vector  $l$ .

**The gradient of the function**  $z = f(x, y)$  at point  $M(x, y)$  is a vector with a beginning at point  $M$ , having its coordinates partial derivatives of the function  $z$ :

$$\text{grad } z = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \mathbf{j}.$$

The gradient of the function and the derivative in the direction of vector  $l$  are related by the formula  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial l} = \text{grad } z \cdot l$ .

The gradient indicates the direction of the fastest growth of the function at a given point. The derivative  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial l}$  in the direction of the gradient has the highest value equal to

$$\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial l}\right)_{\text{max}} = |\text{grad } z| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)^2}.$$

In the case of function  $u = f(x, y, z)$ , the gradient of the function is

$$\text{grad } u = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \mathbf{k}.$$

### Exercise 1.

Find the derivative of the function  $z = x^2 - y^2$  at point  $M(1; 1)$  in the direction of the vector  $l$ , which makes up the angle  $\alpha = 60^\circ$  with the positive direction of the Ox-axis.

#### Solution:

Find the values of partial derivatives at point M:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -2y, \quad \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_M = 2, \quad \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)_M = -2.$$

Since  $\cos \alpha = \cos 60^\circ = 1/2$ ,  $\sin \alpha = \sin 60^\circ = \sqrt{3}/2$ ,

$$\text{then } \frac{\partial z}{\partial l} = 2 \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = 1 - \sqrt{3} \approx -0.7.$$

### Exercise 2.

Find the derivative of the function  $u = xy^2z^3$  at point  $M(3; 2; 1)$  in the direction of the vector  $\overline{MN}$ , where  $N(5; 4; 2)$ .

#### Solution:

Let's find the vector  $\overline{MN}$ , and its guiding cosines:

$$\overline{MN} = l = (5-3)\mathbf{i} + (4-2)\mathbf{j} + (2-1)\mathbf{k} = 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k};$$

$$\cos \alpha = 2/\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 1^2} = 2/3; \quad \cos \beta = 2/3; \quad \cos \gamma = 1/3.$$

Let's calculate the values of the partial derivatives at point M:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = y^2 z^3; \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2xyz^3; \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 3xy^2 z^2; \quad \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_M = 4; \quad \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)_M = 12; \quad \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}\right)_M = 36.$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 4 \cdot \frac{2}{3} + 12 \cdot \frac{2}{3} + 36 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 22 \frac{2}{3}.$$

### Exercise 3.

Find the derivative of the function  $z = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$  at point  $M(3; 4)$  in the direction of the gradient of the function  $z$ .

#### Solution:

The vector  $l$  coincides with the gradient of the function  $z = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$  at point  $M(3; 4)$  and is equal to  $\text{grad } z = \left( \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2} \right)_M \mathbf{i} + \left( \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2} \right)_M \mathbf{j} = \frac{6}{25} \mathbf{i} + \frac{8}{25} \mathbf{j}$ .

Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial l} = |\text{grad } z| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{6}{25}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{8}{25}\right)^2} = \frac{2}{5}.$$

### Exercise 4.

Find the magnitude and direction of the gradient of the function  $u = \operatorname{tg} x - x + 3 \sin y - \sin^3 y + z + \operatorname{ctg} z$  at point  $M(\frac{\pi}{4}; \frac{\pi}{3}; \frac{\pi}{2})$ .

#### Solution:

Find the partial derivatives of

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \sec^2 x - 1, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 3 \cos y - 3 \sin^2 y \cos y, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 1 - \operatorname{cosec}^2 z$$

and calculate their values at point  $M(\frac{\pi}{4}; \frac{\pi}{3}; \frac{\pi}{2})$ :

$$\left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_M = 2 - 1 = 1, \quad \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)_M = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} - 3 \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{8}, \quad \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)_M = 1 - 1 = 0.$$

Therefore,

$$(\text{grad } u)_M = \mathbf{i} + \frac{3}{8} \mathbf{j}; \quad |\text{grad } u|_M = \sqrt{1^2 + (3/8)^2} = \sqrt{73}/8;$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{73}/8} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{73}}; \quad \cos \beta = \sin \alpha = \frac{3}{\sqrt{73}}. \quad \blacktriangle$$

## 6. Differentiation of implicit functions.

The derivative of the implicit function  $y = y(x)$ , given by the equation  $F(x, y) = 0$ , where  $F(x, y)$  is a differentiable function of variables  $x$  and  $y$ , can be calculated using the formula

$$y' = -\frac{\partial F / \partial x}{\partial F / \partial y}, \text{ provided } \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \neq 0.$$

Higher-order derivatives of an implicit function can be found by sequentially differentiating the specified formula, while considering  $y$  as a function of  $x$ .

Similarly, the partial derivatives of an implicit function of two variables  $z = \varphi(x, y)$ , given by the equation  $F(x, y, z) = 0$ , where  $F(x, y, z)$  is a differentiable function of variables  $x, y$  and  $z$ , can be calculated using the formulas

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial F / \partial x}{\partial F / \partial z}, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial F / \partial y}{\partial F / \partial z} \text{ under the condition } \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \neq 0.$$

### Exercise 1.

$$\cos(x + y) + y = 0.$$

Find:  $y'$ .

#### **Solution:**

$$F(x, y) = \cos(x + y) + y.$$

Let's find  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = -\sin(x + y)$ ,  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = -\sin(x + y) + 1$ .

$$\text{Hence } y' = -\frac{-\sin(x + y)}{1 - \sin(x + y)} = \frac{\sin(x + y)}{1 - \sin(x + y)}.$$

### Exercise 2.

$$y - \sin y = x.$$

Find:  $y'$  and  $y''$ .

#### **Solution:**

$$F(x, y) = y - \sin y - x.$$

$$\text{We have } \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = -1, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 1 - \cos y = 2 \sin^2 \frac{y}{2},$$

where  $y' = -\frac{1}{2 \sin^2(y/2)} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{cosec}^2 \frac{y}{2}$ .

Let's find the second derivative:

$$y'' = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \operatorname{cosec} \frac{y}{2} \left( -\operatorname{cosec} \frac{y}{2} \operatorname{ctg} \frac{y}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} y' = -\frac{1}{4} \operatorname{cosec}^4 \frac{y}{2} \operatorname{ctg} \frac{y}{2}.$$

### Exercise 3.

$$z^3 - 3xyz = a^3.$$

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

### Solution:

$$F(x, y, z) = z^3 - 3xyz - a^3.$$

Let's find  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = -3yz$ ,  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = -3xz$ ,  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 3z^2 - 3xy$ .

Then  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{-3yz}{3z^2 - 3xy} = \frac{yz}{z^2 - xy}$ ;  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{-3xz}{3z^2 - 3xy} = \frac{xz}{z^2 - xy}$ .

### Exercise 4.

$$xyz = x + y + z.$$

Find  $dz$ .

### Solution:

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

At first, we find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ :

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{yz - 1}{xy - 1}, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{xz - 1}{xy - 1}.$$

Therefore

$$dz = -\frac{1}{xy - 1} [(yz - 1) dx + (xz - 1) dy].$$

### 1.3. Tangent plane and normal to the surface.

A tangent plane to a surface at point  $M$  is a plane passing through a point  $M$  of the surface if the angle between this plane and the secant passing through point  $M$  to any point  $M_1$  of the surface tends to zero when  $M_1$  tends to  $M$ .

**The tangent plane to the surface** at point  $M$  contains tangents to all curves drawn on the surface through the point  $M$ .

**The normal to the surface** at point  $M$  is a straight line passing through  $M$  perpendicular to the tangent plane at this point.

If the surface is given by the equation  $F(x, y, z) = 0$  and at point  $M(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  the partial derivatives of  $\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}\right)_M, \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}\right)_M, \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}\right)_M$  are finite and do not vanish at the same time, then the equation of the tangent plane to the surface at point  $M(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is written as  $\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}\right)_M(x - x_0) + \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}\right)_M(y - y_0) + \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}\right)_M(z - z_0) = 0$ , and the equation of the normal to the surface at the same point is written as

$$\frac{x - x_0}{\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}\right)_M} = \frac{y - y_0}{\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}\right)_M} = \frac{z - z_0}{\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}\right)_M}.$$

If the equation of the surface is given explicitly:  $z = f(x, y)$ , where the partial derivatives  $\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_M$  and  $\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)_M$  at point  $M(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  are finite (and can be equal to zero at the same time), then the equation of the tangent plane at point  $M$  is written as

$$z - z_0 = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_M(x - x_0) + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)_M(y - y_0),$$

and the equation of the normal as

$$\frac{x - x_0}{\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_M} = \frac{y - y_0}{\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)_M} = \frac{z - z_0}{-1}.$$

Equality to zero, for example,  $\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_M$ , means that the tangent plane is parallel to the Ox- axis, and the normal lies in the plane  $x = x_0$ .

#### Exercise 1.

The surface is given:  $z = x^2 - 2xy + y^2 - x + 2y$ . Make up the equation of the tangent plane and the equation of the normal to the surface at point  $M(1; 1; 1)$ .

### **Solution:**

Find the partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x - 2y - 1$  и  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -2x + 2y + 2$  and their values at point  $M(1; 1; 1)$ :  $\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_M = -1$ ,  $\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)_M = 2$ .

The equation is tangent to the plane:  $z - 1 = -(x - 1) + 2(y - 1)$ , or  $x - 2y + z = 0$ .

The normal equation is:  $(x - 1)/(-1) = (y - 1)/2 = (z - 1)/(-1)$ .

### **Exercise 2.**

To draw tangent planes parallel to the plane  $x + y + z = 1$  to the surface  $x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 = 11$ .

### **Solution:**

$$F(x, y, z) = x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 - 11.$$

Find partial derivatives:  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 2x$ ,  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 4y$ ,  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 6z$ .

From the condition of parallelism of the tangent plane and the given plane, it follows that  $(\partial F / \partial x) / 1 = (\partial F / \partial y) / 1 = (\partial F / \partial z) / 1$ , or  $(2x) / 1 = (4y) / 1 = (6z) / 1$ .

By adding surfaces  $x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 = 11$  to these equations, we find the coordinates of the tangent points:  $M_1(\sqrt{6}; \sqrt{6}/2; \sqrt{6}/3)$  and  $M_2(-\sqrt{6}; -\sqrt{6}/2; -\sqrt{6}/3)$ . Therefore, the equations of tangent planes have the form  $1 \cdot (x \pm \sqrt{6}) + 1 \cdot (y \pm \sqrt{6}/2) + 1 \cdot (z \pm \sqrt{6}/3) = 0$ , that is,  $x + y + z + 11/\sqrt{6} = 0$  and  $x + y + z - 11/\sqrt{6} = 0$ .

## **1.4. The extremum of a function of two independent variables.**

### *1. The extremum of the function.*

The function  $z = f(x, y)$  has a **maximum (minimum)** at point  $M_0(x_0, y_0)$  if the value of the function at this point is greater (less) than the value at any other point  $M(x, y)$  of some neighborhood of point  $M_0$ , that is,  $f(x_0, y_0) > f(x, y)$  (respectively,  $f(x_0, y_0) < f(x, y)$ ) for all points  $M(x, y)$  satisfying the condition  $|M_0M| < \delta$ , where  $\delta$  is a sufficiently small positive number.

The maximum or minimum of a function is called its **extremum**. The point  $M_0$  at which the function has an extremum is called the **extremum point**.

If the differentiable function  $z = f(x, y)$  reaches an extremum at point  $M_0(x_0, y_0)$ , then its partial derivatives of the first order at this point are zero, that is,

$$\frac{\partial f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial y} = 0 \quad . \quad (\text{necessary extreme conditions}).$$

The points at which the partial derivatives are zero are called **stationary points**. Not every stationary point is an extremum point.

Let  $M_0(x_0, y_0)$  be the stationary point of the function  $z = f(x, y)$ . Denote

$$A = \frac{\partial^2 f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial x^2}, \quad B = \frac{\partial^2 f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial x \partial y}, \quad C = \frac{\partial^2 f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial y^2}$$

and make up the discriminant  $\Delta = AC - B^2$ .

Then:

- if  $\Delta > 0$ , then the function has an extremum at point  $M_0$ , namely a maximum at  $A < 0$  (or  $C < 0$ ) and a minimum at  $A > 0$  (or  $C > 0$ ).
- if  $\Delta < 0$ , then there is no extremum at the point  $M_0$ . (**sufficient conditions for the presence or absence of an extremum**).
- if  $\Delta = 0$ , then further investigation is required (doubtful case).

### Exercise 1.

Find the extremum of the function:  $z = x^2 + xy + y^2 - 3x - 6y$ .

#### Solution:

We find partial derivatives of the first order:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x + y - 3, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x + 2y - 6.$$

Using the necessary conditions of the extremum, we find the stationary points:

$$\begin{cases} 2x + y - 3 = 0, \\ x + 2y - 6 = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $x = 0, y = 3; M(0; 3)$ .

We find the values of the second-order partial derivatives at the point M:

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = 2, \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 2, \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = 1$$

We make up the discriminant  $\Delta = AC - B^2 = 2 \cdot 2 - 1 = 3 > 0$ ;  $A > 0$ .

Therefore, at the point  $M(0;3)$ , the given function has a minimum. The value of the function at this point is  $z_{\min} = -9$ .

### Exercise 2.

Find the extremum of the function  $z = \frac{1}{2}xy + (47 - x - y) \left( \frac{x}{3} + \frac{y}{4} \right)$ .

#### Solution:

We find partial derivatives of the first order:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{12}y - \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{47}{3}, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{2}y - \frac{1}{12}x + \frac{47}{4}.$$

Using the necessary conditions of the extremum, we find the stationary points:

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{1}{12}y - \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{47}{3} = 0, \\ -\frac{1}{2}y - \frac{1}{12}x + \frac{47}{4} = 0, \end{cases}$$

or

$$\begin{cases} 8x + y = 188, \\ x + 6y = 141. \end{cases}$$

Hence  $x = 21$ ,  $y = 20$ ; the stationary point  $M(21; 20)$ .

Let's find the values of the second derivatives at the point  $M$ :

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{2}{3}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = -\frac{1}{12}.$$

Then  $\Delta = AC - B^2 = (-2/3)(-1/2) - (-1/12)^2 = 1/3 - 1/144 > 0$ .

Since  $A < 0$ , the function has a maximum at point  $M(21; 20)$ ;  $z_{\max} = 282$ .

2. Conditional extremum. The largest and smallest values of a function in a closed domain.

The conditional extremum of a function  $z = f(x, y)$  is called the extremum of this function, achieved under the condition that the variables  $x$  and  $y$  are connected by the equation  $\varphi(x, y) = 0$  (**coupling equation**).

Finding a conditional extremum can be reduced to examining the usual extremum of the so-called **Lagrange function**  $u = f(x, y) + \lambda\varphi(x, y)$ , where  $\lambda$  is an indefinite constant multiplier.

The necessary conditions for the extremum of the Lagrange function have the form:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \lambda \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} = 0, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \lambda \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} = 0, \\ \varphi(x, y) = 0. \end{cases}$$

From this system of three equations, the unknowns,  $x, y$  and  $\lambda$  can be found.

In order to find the **largest or smallest values of a function** in a closed domain, it is necessary:

- 1) find stationary points located in a given area and calculate the values of the function at these points.
- 2) find the largest and smallest values of the function on the lines forming the boundary of the region.
- 3) choose the largest and smallest of all the values found.

### Exercise 1.

Find the extremum of the function  $z = xy$ , provided that  $x$  and  $y$  are connected by the equation  $2x + 3y - 5 = 0$ .

#### Solution:

Consider the Lagrange function  $u = xy + \lambda(2x + 3y - 5)$ .

We have  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = y + 2\lambda$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x + 3\lambda$ .

From the system of equations (necessary conditions of the extremum)

$$\begin{cases} y + 2\lambda = 0, \\ x + 3\lambda = 0, \\ 2x + 3y - 5 = 0 \end{cases}$$

we find  $\lambda = -5/12$ ,  $x = 5/4$ ,  $y = 5/6$ .

It is not difficult to see that at point  $(5/4; 5/6)$  the function  $z = xy$  reaches the highest value of  $z_{\max} = 25/24$ .

### Exercise 2.

Of all right-angled triangles with a given area  $S$ , find one whose hypotenuse has the least value.

#### Solution:

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be the legs of a triangle, and  $z$  be the hypotenuse.

Since  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$ , the problem boils down to finding the smallest value of the function  $x^2 + y^2$ , provided that  $x$  and  $y$  are connected by the equation  $xy/2 = S$ , that is,  $xy - 2S = 0$ . Consider the function  $u = x^2 + y^2 + \lambda(xy - 2S)$  and find its partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2x + \lambda y$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2y + \lambda x$ .

$$\begin{cases} 2x + \lambda y = 0, \\ 2y + \lambda x = 0, \\ xy/2 = S \end{cases}$$

Since  $x > 0, y > 0$ , then from the system of equations we get the solution  $\lambda = -2$ ,  $x = y = \sqrt{2S}$ .

Thus, the hypotenuse matters if the legs of the polygon are equal to each other.