3.1 求偏导

例 3.1 设函数
$$z = (x^2 - y^2)e^{\frac{x}{y}}$$
, 求 $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ 和 $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$.

解解法一

引入中间变量 $u=x^2-y^2, v=\frac{x}{y}$,则 $z=u\mathrm{e}^v$.

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = e^{v} \cdot 2x + ue^{v} \cdot \frac{1}{y} = 2xe^{\frac{x}{y}} + \frac{x^{2} - y^{2}}{y}e^{\frac{x}{y}},$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = e^{v} \cdot (-2y) + ue^{v} \cdot \left(-\frac{x}{y^{2}}\right) = -2ye^{\frac{x}{y}} - \frac{x^{2} - y^{2}}{y^{2}}e^{\frac{x}{y}}.$$

解解法二

固定 y, 将 z 视为只与 x 有关的函数, 则

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= \left(2x + \frac{x^2 - y^2}{y}\right) \mathrm{e}^{\frac{x}{y}} = 2x \mathrm{e}^{\frac{x}{y}} + \left(2x + \frac{x^2 - y^2}{y}\right) \mathrm{e}^{\frac{x}{y}} \cdot \frac{1}{y} = 2x \mathrm{e}^{\frac{x}{y}} + \frac{x^2 - y^2}{y} \mathrm{e}^{\frac{x}{y}}, \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= -\left(2y + \frac{(x^2 - y^2)x}{y^2}\right) \mathrm{e}^{\frac{x}{y}} = -2y \mathrm{e}^{\frac{x}{y}} - \left(2y + \frac{(x^2 - y^2)x}{y^2}\right) \mathrm{e}^{\frac{x}{y}} \cdot \frac{1}{y} = -2y \mathrm{e}^{\frac{x}{y}} - \frac{x^2 - y^2}{y^2} \mathrm{e}^{\frac{x}{y}}. \end{split}$$

解解法三(这是我最推荐的解法)

对等式两边求微分, 得

$$dz = e^{\frac{x}{y}} d(x^2 - y^2) + (x^2 - y^2)e^{\frac{x}{y}} d\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$$

$$= e^{\frac{x}{y}} (2x dx - 2y dy) + (x^2 - y^2)e^{\frac{x}{y}} \left(\frac{y dx - x dy}{y^2}\right)$$

$$= \left(2xe^{\frac{x}{y}} + \frac{x^2 - y^2}{y}e^{\frac{x}{y}}\right) dx + \left(-2ye^{\frac{x}{y}} - \frac{x^2 - y^2}{y^2}e^{\frac{x}{y}}\right) dy.$$
Example 4.25 dx $+ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy$ Example 4.25 dx

将上式对照全微分 $\mathrm{d}z = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\,\mathrm{d}x + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\,\mathrm{d}y$ 比较,得 $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x\mathrm{e}^{\frac{x}{y}} + \frac{x^2 - y^2}{y}\mathrm{e}^{\frac{x}{y}},$

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

注 第三种方法的优势在于,一次性写出了 dz,从而避免了中间变量的引入,也避免了计算过程中的繁琐.而且能够很好的处理各种中间变量以及隐函数带来的麻烦.

我们用一些例子说明用微分来求偏导的优势.

求高阶偏导

例 3.2 设函数
$$z = f(x^2 - y, g(xy))$$
, 求 $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ 和 $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y \partial x}$. 解 对等式两边求微分. 得

$$\begin{split} \mathrm{d}z &= f_1'\,\mathrm{d}(x^2-y) + f_2'\,\mathrm{d}(g(xy)) \\ &= f_1'\,(2x\,\mathrm{d}x - \mathrm{d}y) + f_2'g'\,(y\,\mathrm{d}x + x\,\mathrm{d}y) \\ &= (2xf_1' + yf_2'g')\,\mathrm{d}x + (-f_1' + xf_2'g')\,\mathrm{d}y. \end{split}$$
 将上式对照全微分 $\mathrm{d}z = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\,\mathrm{d}x + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\,\mathrm{d}y$ 比较,得
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2xf_1' + yf_2'g', \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -f_1' + xf_2'g'. \end{split}$$

这里要想清楚,这里简写的f'是什么?他在这里全部展开来写是

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2xf_1' + yf_2'g' = 2xf_1'(x^2 - y, g(xy)) + yf_2'(x^2 - y, g(xy))\frac{\partial g}{\partial xy},$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -f_1' + xf_2'g' = -f_1'(x^2 - y, g(xy)) + xf_2'(x^2 - y, g(xy))\frac{\partial g}{\partial xy}.$$

对 $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ 再求 x 的偏导, 得

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(2x f_1' + y f_2' g' \right)
= 2x \left(-f_{11}' + x g' f_{12}' \right) + g' f_2' + y \left(-f_2 1'' + x g' f_{22}'' \right) g' + y f_2' g'' x
= (g' + x y g'') f_2' - 2x f_{11}'' + (2x^2 - y) g' f_{12}'' + x y (g')^2 f_{22}''.$$

求变上限积分的偏导

例 3.3 设函数 $u(x,y) = \varphi(x,y) + \varphi(x-y) + \int_{x-y}^{x+y} \psi(t) dt$, 其中函数 φ 具有二阶导数, 函数 ψ 具 有一阶导数,证明:

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

 \mathbf{M} 对 u(x,y) 求微分, 得

$$du = (dx + dy)\varphi'(x + y) + (dx - dy)\varphi'(x - y) + \psi(x + y) d(x + y) - \psi(x - y) d(x - y)$$

$$= (\varphi'(x + y) + \varphi'(x - y) + \psi(x + y) - \psi(x - y)) dx + (\varphi'(x + y) - \varphi'(x - y) + \psi(x + y) + \psi(x - y)) dx$$

由此得

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \varphi'(x+y) + \varphi'(x-y) + \psi(x+y) - \psi(x-y),$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \varphi'(x+y) - \varphi'(x-y) + \psi(x+y) + \psi(x-y).$$

从而

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\varphi'(x+y) + \varphi'(x-y) + \psi(x+y) - \psi(x-y) \right)$$

$$= \varphi''(x+y) + \varphi''(x-y) + \psi'(x+y) - \psi'(x-y),$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\varphi'(x+y) - \varphi'(x-y) + \psi(x+y) + \psi(x-y) \right)$$

$$= \varphi''(x+y) - \varphi''(x-y) + \psi'(x+y) + \psi'(x-y).$$

隐函数的偏导

例 3.4 设
$$z = z(x, y)$$
 是由方程 $2\sin(x + 2y - 3z) = x + 2y - 3z$ 确定的隐函数, 求
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 1.$$

解对方程两边求微分,得

$$2\cos(x + 2y - 3z)(dx + 2dy - 3dz) = dx + 2dy - 3dz$$

整理得

$$(3 - 6\cos(x + 2y - 3z)) dz = (1 - 2\cos(x + 2y - 3z)) dx + 2(1 - 2\cos(x + 2y - 3z)) dy$$

由此得

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1 - 2\cos(x + 2y - 3z)}{3 - 6\cos(x + 2y - 3z)},$$
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{2(1 - 2\cos(x + 2y - 3z))}{3 - 6\cos(x + 2y - 3z)}$$

于是

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{1 - 2\cos(x + 2y - 3z) + 2(1 - 2\cos(x + 2y - 3z))}{3 - 6\cos(x + 2y - 3z)} = 1.$$

求复杂变量代换的偏导

例 3.5 变量代换

$$u = \frac{x}{y}, v = x, w = xz - y,$$

把函数 z = z(x, y) 的方程

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

化为u,v,w的方程w=w(u,v),求w=w(u,v)所满足的方程.

解全部都求微分,得

$$du = \frac{1}{y} dx - \frac{x}{y^2} dy$$
$$dv = dx$$
$$dw = z dx + x dz - dy$$

由
$$dw = w'_1 du + w'_2 dv$$
 得

$$z dx + x dz - dy = w'_1 \left(\frac{1}{y} dx - \frac{x}{y^2} dy\right) + w'_2 dx$$

由此得

$$dz = \left(\frac{w_1'}{xy} + \frac{w_2'}{x} - \frac{z}{x}\right) dx + \left(-\frac{w_1'}{y^2} + \frac{1}{x}\right) dy$$

因此

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{w_1'}{y^2} + \frac{1}{x}$$

对此作微分,得

$$d\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right) = w_1' \left(-\frac{2}{y^3} dy\right) + \frac{1}{y^2} (w_{11}'' du + w_{12}'' dv) - \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

$$d\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right) = w_1' \left(-\frac{2}{y^3} dy\right) + \frac{1}{y^2} (w_{11}'' du + w_{12}'' dv) - \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

$$= \left(\frac{xw_{11}''}{y^4} + \frac{2w_1'}{y^3}\right) dy + \left(-\frac{w_{11}''}{y^3} - \frac{w_{12}''}{y^2} - \frac{1}{x^2}\right) dx$$

由此得

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} &= \frac{xw_{11}''}{y^4} + \frac{2w_1'}{y^3} \\ \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} &= -\frac{w_{11}''}{y^3} - \frac{w_{12}''}{y^2} - \frac{1}{x^2} \\ \text{K.A.} \ y \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} + x \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= \frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{y} \text{ A.S.} \\ y \left(\frac{xw_{11}''}{y^4} + \frac{2w_1'}{y^3} \right) + x \left(-\frac{w_{11}''}{y^3} - \frac{w_{12}''}{y^2} - \frac{1}{x^2} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{w_1'}{y^2} + \frac{1}{x} \right) &= \frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{y} \end{split}$$

化简得

$$w_{12}'' = y = \frac{x}{u} = \frac{v}{u}$$

或者写为

$$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial v \partial u} = \frac{v}{u}$$

 $\frac{\partial z}{\partial (x+y)}$,尽管这个的意义是明确的,但是大家要到第五周或者第六周学了 Jacobin 矩阵之后,才能理解这个的意义.