

# Week 6,, Differential Calculus & Coordinate Geometry

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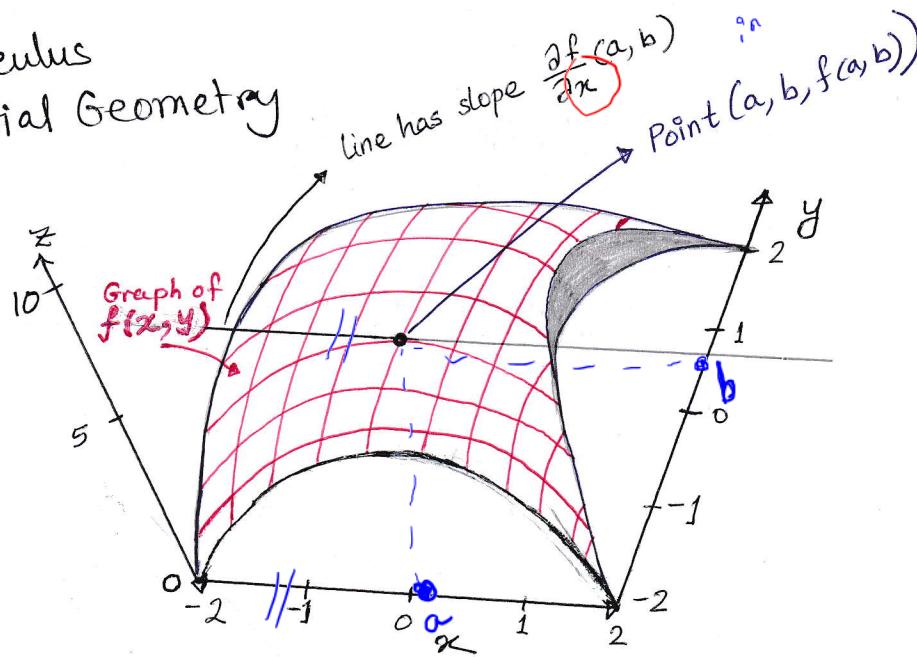
## PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

In mathematics a partial derivative of a function of several variables is its derivative w.r.t. (with respect to) one of those variables, with the others held constant (as opposed to the total derivative, in which all variables are allowed to vary).

Partial Derivatives are used in:

→ Vector Calculus

→ Differential Geometry



$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \underset{y \rightarrow \text{constant}}{=} \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \underset{x \rightarrow \text{constant}}{=} \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+\Delta y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta y}$$

Compare the limit def<sup>n</sup> of one variable

$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

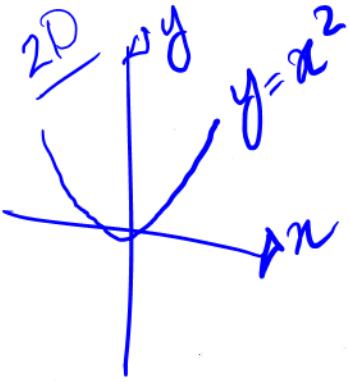
or  $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$

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

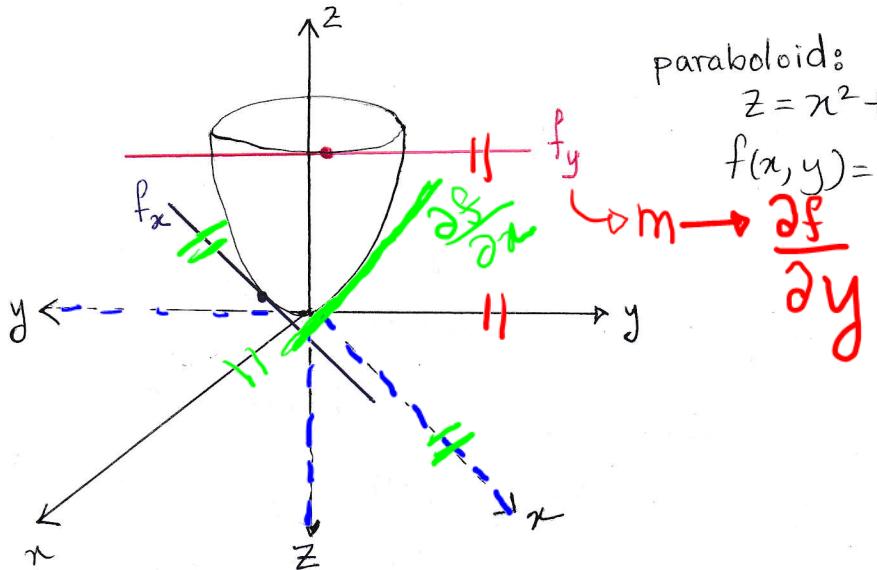
$\Delta x = x_2 - x_1$

$= x - a$

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$\frac{d f(x)}{dx} \rightarrow 2D$

paraboloid:  

$$z = x^2 + y^2$$

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

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

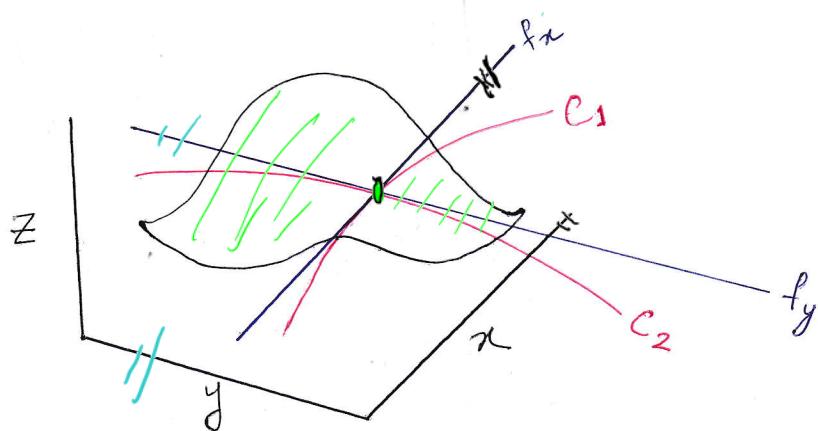
3D Mathematical Notation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y) = f_x(x, y) = f_x \rightarrow \text{slope}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y) = f_y(x, y) = f_y \rightarrow \text{slope}$$

$f'(x)$   
 $f''(x)$   
 $f_{xx}, f_{yy}, f_{xy}$   
 $f_{yx}$

Geometric Significance



### Exercise

[1] Let  $f(x, y) = 3x^3y^2$ . Find the followings

a)  $f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3x^3y^2) = 3(3x^2)y^2 = 9x^2y^2$

b)  $f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3x^3y^2) = 3x^3(2y) = 6x^3y$

c)  $f_x(x, 1) = 9x^2(1^2) = 9x^2$  — refer (a)

d)  $f_y(1, 2) = 6(1)^3(2) = 12$  — refer (b)

[2] Let  $f(x, y) = \cancel{3x^2 - 2y + 7x^4y^5}$ . Find the following:

a)  $f_{xx}$

$$f(x, y) = 4x^2 - 2y + 7x^4y^5$$

$$f_x(x, y) = 8x - 0 + 28x^3y^5$$

$$f_{xx}(x, y) = 8 + 84x^2y^5$$

b)  $f_{yy}$

$$f(x, y) = 4x^2 - 2y + 7x^4y^5$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 35x^4y^4 - 2$$

$$f_{yy}(x, y) = 35x^4 \cdot 4y^3 - 0 \\ = 140x^4y^3$$

c)  $f_{xy}$

$$f(x, y) = 4x^2 - 2y + 7x^4y^5$$

$$f_x(x, y) = 8x + 28x^3y^5$$

$$f_{xy}(x, y) = 0 + 28x^3 \cdot 5y^4 \\ = 140x^3y^4$$

d)  $f_{yx}$

$$f(x, y) = 4x^2 - 2y + 7x^4y^5$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 35x^4y^4 - 2$$

$$f_{yx}(x, y) = 35y^4 \cdot 4x^3 \\ = 140x^3y^4$$

$$(x, y) = 2$$

$$x, y \\ y, x$$

$$\uparrow \quad f_{xy} = f_{yx}$$

[3]

4D  
 [3] Let  $f(x, y, z) = x^3y^5z^7 + xy^2 + y^3z$ , Find the followings:

a)  $f_{xy}$

$$f = x^3y^5z^7 + xy^2 + y^3z$$

$$f_x = 3x^2y^5z^7 + y^2$$

$$f_{xy} = 15x^2y^4z^7 + 2y$$

d)  $f_{zz}$

$$f = x^3y^5z^7 + xy^2 + y^3z$$

$$f_z = 7x^3y^5z^6 + y^3$$

$$\text{Ans} \quad f_{zz} = 42x^3y^5z^5$$

$$f_{xy} \quad f_{zyx}$$

$$f = x^3y^5z^7 + xy^2 + y^3z$$

$$f_z = 7x^3y^5z^6 + y^3$$

$$f_{zy} = 35x^3y^4z^6 + 3y^2$$

$$f_{zyx} = 105x^2y^4z^6$$

b)  $f_{yz}$

$$f = x^3y^5z^7 + xy^2 + y^3z$$

$$f_y = 5x^3y^4z^7 + 2xy + 3y^2z$$

$$f_{yz} = 35x^3y^4z^6 + 3y^2$$

c)  $f_{xz}$

$$f = x^3y^5z^7 + xy^2 + y^3z$$

$$f_x = 3x^2y^5z^7 + y^2$$

$$f_{xz} = 21x^2y^5z^6$$

e)  $f_{zyy}$

$$f = x^3y^5z^7 + xy^2 + y^3z$$

$$f_z = 7x^3y^5z^6 + y^3$$

$$f_{zy} = 35x^3y^4z^6 + 3y^2$$

$$f_{zyy} = 140x^3y^3z^6 + 6y$$

f)  $f_{zxy}$

$$f = x^3y^5z^7 + xy^2 + y^3z$$

$$f_z = 7x^3y^5z^6 + y^3$$

$$f_{zx} = 21x^2y^5z^6$$

$$f_{zxy} = 105x^2y^4z^6$$

h)  $f_{xxyz}$

$$f = x^3y^5z^7 + xy^2 + y^3z$$

$$f_x = 3x^2y^5z^7 + y^2$$

$$f_{xx} = 6x^2y^5z^7$$

$$f_{xxz} = 30x^2y^4z^7$$

$$f_{xxyz} = 210x^2y^4z^6$$

$$f_{zxy} = f_{zyx}$$

$$= f_{xyz}$$

$$(x \downarrow y \downarrow) = f_{xzy}$$

$$3! = f_{yzx}$$

$$16 = f_{zyx}$$

4 Let  $f(x, y, z) = \sqrt{xy} + \ln(x^2 z^3) - x \tan(z)$

Compute  $f_x, f_{xy}, f_{xyz}, f_z$

(15%)

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{xy}}$$

a)  $f = \cancel{\sqrt{xy}} + \ln(\cancel{x^2} \underline{z^3}) - \cancel{x} \underline{\tan(z)}$

$$f_x = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{xy}}(y) + \frac{1}{x^2 z^3}(2xz^3) - \tan z$$

$$f_x = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} \cancel{y^{1/2}} + \frac{2}{x} - \tan z$$

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$y = f(x) \rightarrow 2D$

$z = f(x, y) \rightarrow 3D$

$w = f(x, y, z) \rightarrow 4D$

b)  $f_{xy} = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} \frac{1}{2} y^{1/2-1} + 0 - 0$

$$= \frac{1}{4} x^{-1/2} y^{-1/2}$$

$U = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \underbrace{\dots}_{n+1})$

$\rightarrow n-D$

$$f_{xy} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{xy}}$$

c)  $f_{xyz} = 0$

d)  $f = \cancel{\sqrt{xy}} + \ln(\cancel{x^2} \underline{z^3}) - \cancel{x} \underline{\tan z}$

$$f_z = 0 + \frac{1}{x^2 z^3} x^2 3z^2 - x \sec^2 z$$

$$= \frac{3}{z} - x \sec^2 z$$

## CHAIN RULE of PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

Recall : if  $y = f(x)$ ,  $x = g(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } \frac{dy}{dt} &= [f(g(t))]' \\ &= \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

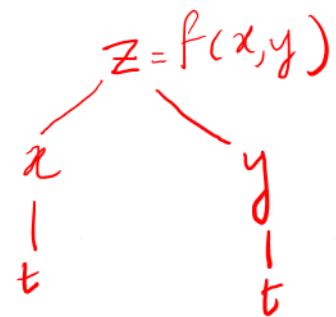
$\xrightarrow{y=f(x)}$        $\xrightarrow{\frac{d}{dx}}$        $\xrightarrow{\frac{d}{dt}}$

$\left. \begin{array}{c} y \\ | \\ x \\ | \\ t \\ \xrightarrow{x=g(t)} \end{array} \right\}$

The Chain Rule (Case 1) Suppose  $z = f(x, y)$  is a differentiable function of  $x$  and  $y$ , where  $x = g(t)$  and  $y = h(t)$  are both differentiable functions of  $t$ . Then  $z$  is a differentiable function of  $t$  and

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

OR  $\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$   $z = f(x, y)$



Examples The pressure  $p$  (in kilopascals), volume  $V$  (in liters), and temperature  $T$  (in kelvins) of a mole of an ideal gas are related by the equation  $PV = 8.31T$ . Find the rate at which the pressure is changing when the temperature is  $300K$  and increasing at a rate of  $0.1 K/s$  and the volume is  $100 L$  and increasing at a rate of  $0.2 L/s$ .

$$\frac{dV}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dV}, \frac{dP}{dT}, \frac{dP}{dt}$$

If  $t$  = time elapsed in seconds

$$T = 300 \text{ K}$$

$$V = 100$$

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = 0.1$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 0.2$$

$$P = 8.31 \cdot \frac{1}{V} \cdot T$$

$$\frac{1}{V} = V^{-1}$$

$$\therefore PV = 8.31 T$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial T} = 8.31 \cdot \frac{1}{V}$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\sqrt{V}} = 8.31 T \left( \frac{1}{V^2} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP}{dt} &= \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \cdot \frac{dT}{dt} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} \\ &= \frac{8.31}{V} \cdot \frac{dT}{dt} - \frac{8.31 T}{V^2} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{8.31}{100} \cdot (0.1) - \frac{8.31(300)}{100^2} (0.2)$$

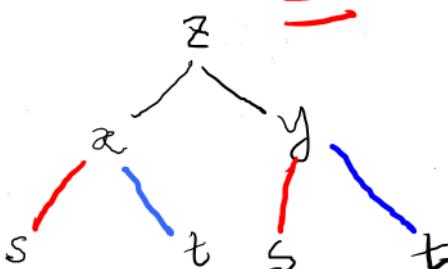
$$= -0.04155$$

The pressure is decreasing at a rate of about  $0.042 \text{ kPa/s}$

**The chain Rule (Case 2)** Suppose that  $z = f(x, y)$  is a differentiable function of  $x$  and  $y$ , where  $x = g(s, t)$  and  $y = h(s, t)$  are differentiable functions of  $s$  and  $t$ .

$$\text{Then } \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$$



Example If  $z = e^x \sin y$ , where  $x = st^2$  and  $y = s^2t$ , find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial s}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$ .

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$

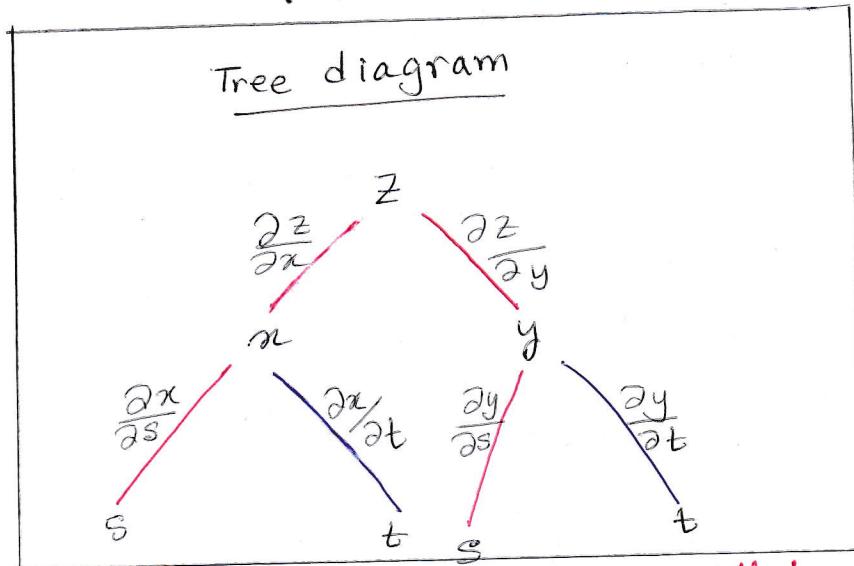
$$= (e^x \sin y)(t^2) + (e^x \cos y)(2st)$$

$$= t^2 e^{st^2} \sin(s^2t) + 2st e^{st^2} \cos(s^2t)$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$$

$$= (e^x \sin y)(2st) + (e^x \cos y)(s^2)$$

$$= 2st e^{st^2} \{ \sin(s^2t) + \cos(s^2t) \}$$



Chain Rule (General formula) : Suppose that  $u$  is differentiable function on the  $n$  variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and each  $x_j$  is a differentiable function of the  $m$  variables  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m$ . Then  $u$  is a function of  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m$  and

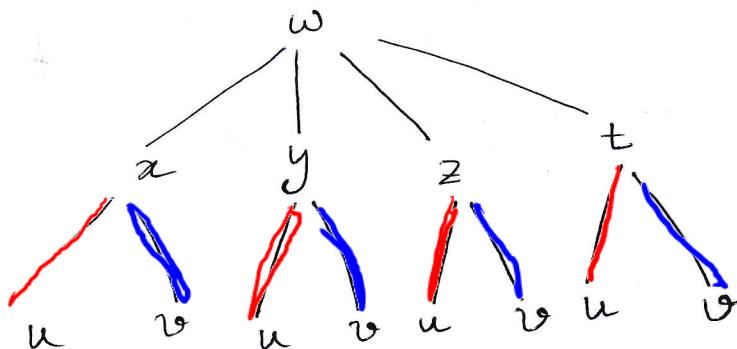
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t_i} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial t_i} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial t_i} + \dots + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_n} \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial t_i}$$

Example Write out the chain rule for the case where  $w = f(x, y, z, t)$  and  $x = x(u, v)$ ,  $y = y(u, v)$ ,  $z = z(u, v)$  and  $t = t(u, v)$ .

$$n=1, m=2$$

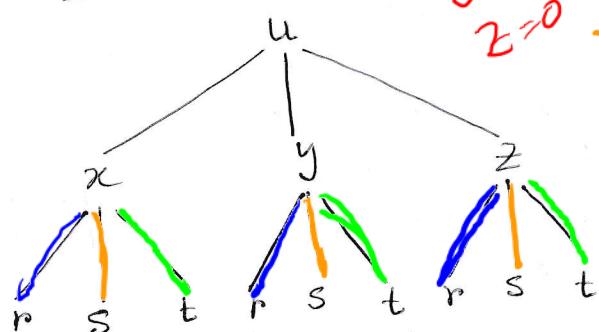
$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial w}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \frac{\partial t}{\partial u}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial w}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \frac{\partial t}{\partial v}$$



Example If  $u = x^4y + y^2z^3$ , where  $x = rse^t$ ,  $y = rs^2e^{-t}$  and  $z = r^2ssint$ , find the value of  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial s}$  when  $r=2, s=1, t=0$ .

Tree diagram



$$x=2$$

$$y=2$$

$$z=0$$

With the help of tree diagrams:

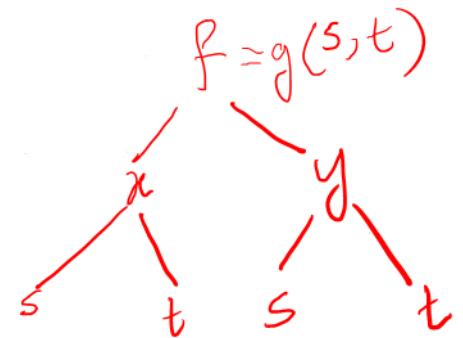
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} \\ &= (4x^3y)(re^t) + (x^4 + 2y^2z^3)(2rs^2e^{-t}) \\ &\quad + (3y^2z^2)(r^2s^2\sin t) \\ &= (64)(2) + (16)(4) + (0)(0) \\ &= 192 \end{aligned}$$

Example  $g(s, t) = f(s^2 - t^2, t^2 - s^2)$ .  $f$  is differentiable.  
show that  $g$  satisfies the equation:

$$t \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} + s \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\text{Let } x = s^2 - t^2, y = t^2 - s^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore g(s, t) &= f(s^2 - t^2, t^2 - s^2) \\ &= f(x, y) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} & \left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \\ = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} (-2t) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} (2t) \end{array} \right. \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} (2s) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} (-2s) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore t \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} + s \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} &= \left( 2st \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - 2st \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) + \left( -2st \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + 2st \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Example If  $z = f(x, y)$  has continuous second-order partial derivatives and  $x = r^2 + s^2$ ,  $y = 2rs$  find expressions for (a)  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial r}$  and (b)  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} (2r) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} (2s) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Applying product Rule to the expression in part (a) we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \underbrace{2r \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}}_{\text{Performing } \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \text{ on both sides}} + \underbrace{(2s) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}}_{\text{Performing } \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \text{ on both sides}} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r^2} &= 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 2r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) + 2s \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \\ &\quad \text{--- (b)} \end{aligned}$$

(b) If we apply chain rule on (a) we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} (2r) + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} (2s) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \right) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} (2r) + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} (2s) \end{aligned}$$

Substitute ① & ② into eqn (b)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r^2} &= 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 2r \left( 2r \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 2s \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} \right) + 2s \left( 2r \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + 2s \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \right) \\ &= 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 4r^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 8rs \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + 4s^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \end{aligned}$$

Implicit Differentiation:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \underbrace{\frac{dx}{dx}}_1 + \underbrace{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx}}_{\neq 0} = 0$$

$F(x, y) = 0$  defines  $y$  implicitly as a differentiable function of  $x$ .  
 $y = f(x)$ , where  $F(x, f(x)) = 0$  for all  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ .

Apply Chain Rule on  $F(x, y) = 0$ .

$$\text{so we have } \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y}$$

Example Find  $y'$  if  $x^3 + y^3 = 6xy$

$$F(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - 6xy = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = - \frac{F_x}{F_y} = - \frac{3x^2 - 6y}{3y^2 - 6x} = - \frac{x^2 - 2y}{y^2 - 2x}$$

Example Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  if  $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 6xyz + 4 = 0$

$$\text{Let } F(x, y, z) = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 6xyz + 4 = 0$$

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

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