

Function of several variables

Definition: A real valued function of 'n' variables is defined as

$$z = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n),$$

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}^n, z \in \mathbb{R}$$

x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are independent variables
and z is the dependent variable.

Mathematically

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Function of two variables:

$$z = f(x, y)$$

The set of points (x, y) in the $x-y$ plane for which $f(x, y)$ is defined is called domain of definition of the

function and it is denoted by D.
The collection of corresponding values
of Z is called the range of the
function f .

Ex: $Z = \sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}$

Domain: $1-x^2-y^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow x^2+y^2 \leq 1$

i.e $D = \{(x,y) \mid x^2+y^2 \leq 1\}$

Range: set of all positive numbers
between 0 and 1. including
 $0 \& 1$ also.

Limit: A function $f(x,y)$ approaches
the limit l as (x,y) approaches
 (x_0, y_0) if $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists$ a corresponding
number $\delta > 0$ such that $f(x,y)$ in
the domain D

$|f(x, y) - l| < \epsilon$ whenever

$$0 < \sqrt{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2} < \delta$$

or whenever

$$0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$$

$$0 < |y - y_0| < \delta$$

$\therefore \lim f(x, y) = l$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)$$

Ex: Show that $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,1)} 3x + 4y = 10$

using the $\epsilon-\delta$ definition.

Solution: $f(x, y) = 3x + 4y$

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x, y) - 10| &= |3x + 4y - 10| \\ &= |3(x-2) + 4(y-1)| \\ &\leq 3|x-2| + 4|y-1| \end{aligned}$$

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If we take

$$0 < |x-2| < \delta \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < |y-1| < \delta$$

We get

$$|f(x,y) - 10| < 7\delta < \epsilon$$

Which is satisfied when $\delta < \epsilon/7$

$\therefore |f(x,y) - 10| < \epsilon$ whenever

$$0 < |x-2| < \delta$$

$$0 < |y-1| < \delta$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,1)} f(x,y) = 10$$

$$(x,y) \rightarrow (2,1)$$

Exc: $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} (x^2 + 2y) = 3$

Remark: Since $(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)$ in the two dimensional plane, there are infinite number of paths joining (x, y) to (x_0, y_0) . Since the limit if exists is unique, the limit should be same along all the paths. Thus the limit cannot be obtained by approaching the point $P(x_0, y_0)$ along a particular path and finding the limit of $f(x, y)$. If the limit depends on a path, then the limit does not exist.

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$$\underline{\text{Exe:}} \quad f(x,y) = \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}$$

Find the limit when $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$

Solution: Along $y=mx$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \cdot mx}{x^2 + m^2x^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{m}{1+m^2} \\ &= \frac{m}{1+m^2} \end{aligned}$$

Limit depends on path.

\therefore Limit does not exist.

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Continuity: A function $Z = f(x, y)$

is said to be continuous at a point (x_0, y_0) if

(i) $f(x, y)$ is defined at the point (x_0, y_0)

(ii) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} f(x, y)$ exists

(iii) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} f(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0)$

Ex: $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2x^4 + 3y^4}{x^2 + y^2} & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$

change of coordinate system

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

Note that $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \neq 0$

since $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$

Consider:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(x,y) - f(0,0)| &= \left| \frac{2r^4 \cos^4 \theta + 3r^4 \sin^4 \theta}{r^2 (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)} \right| \\
 &= |2r^2 \cos^4 \theta + 3r^2 \sin^4 \theta| \\
 &\leq 2r^2 + 3r^2 \\
 &= 5r^2 \\
 &< 5\delta^2 \\
 &< \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{choose } \delta < \sqrt{\epsilon/5}$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x,y) - f(0,0)| < \epsilon \quad \text{Whenever} \\
 0 < \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \delta$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)}} f(x,y) = 0 = f(0,0)$$

\Rightarrow Hence $f(x,y)$ is continuous at $(0,0)$.

Ex: $f(x, y) = \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} \right) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (0) = 0 \quad -\textcircled{1}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (0) = 0 \quad -\textcircled{2}$$

$\textcircled{1}$ and $\textcircled{2}$ are called repeated limits.

Thus repeated limits exist and are equal.

But the simultaneous limit does not exist. Consider along the path

$$y = mx$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{mx^2}{(1+m^2)x^2} = \frac{m}{1+m^2} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{depends on} \\ \text{the path} \end{matrix}$$

Thus Limit does not exist.

Repeated Limits

$\lim_{y \rightarrow b} f(x, y) = \phi(x)$ exists

and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \phi(x) = l$ (exists)

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left(\lim_{y \rightarrow b} f(x, y) \right) = l$$

$$+ \lim_{y \rightarrow b} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x, y) \right) = l'$$

These two limits may or may not be equal.

Partial Derivative

Definition: The ordinary derivative of a function of several variables with respect to one of the independent variables keeping all other independent variables as constant is called the partial derivative of the function with respect to that variable.

Let $Z = f(x, y)$, $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $Z \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{(x_0, y_0)} &= f_x(x_0, y_0) \\ &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + \Delta x, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{\Delta x}\end{aligned}$$

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$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)} = f_y(x_0, y_0)$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0, y_0 + \Delta y) - f(x_0, y_0)}{\Delta y}$$

Ex: $f(x, y) = y e^{-x}$: find f_x + f_y at (x, y)

$$f_x(x, y) = -y e^{-x}$$

By definition

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

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ye^{-(x+\Delta x)} - ye^{-x}}{\Delta x}$$

$$= y e^{-x} \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-\Delta x} - 1}{\Delta x}$$

$$= y e^{-x} \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left[1 - \Delta x + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} \dots - 1 \right]}{\Delta x}$$

$$= -y e^{-x}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y + \Delta y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta y} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{(y + \Delta y) e^x - y e^x}{\Delta y} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} e^x
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex: $f(x, y) = \sin(2x + 3y)$

$$f_x(x, y) = 2 \cos(2x + 3y)$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 3 \cos(2x + 3y)$$

Relationship between Continuity and the existence of partial derivatives

A function can have partial derivatives with respect to both x and y at a point without being continuous there. On the other hand a continuous function may not have partial derivatives.

Example: Show that the function

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} (x+y) \sin \frac{1}{x+y} & (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0 & (x,y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$$

is continuous at $(0,0)$ but its partial derivatives do not exist at $(0,0)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |f(x,y) - f(0,0)| \\
 &= \left| (x+y) \sin\left(\frac{1}{x+y}\right) \right| \\
 &\leq |x+y| \\
 &\leq |x| + |y| \\
 &\leq \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{x^2+y^2} \\
 &< \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

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choose $\delta < \epsilon/2$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |f(x,y) - f(0,0)| < \epsilon \quad \text{whenever} \\
 & 0 < \sqrt{x^2+y^2} < \delta
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)}} f(x,y) = 0 = f(0,0)$$

Hence the function is continuous at $(0,0)$.

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$$(|x| - |y|)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 \geq 2|x||y|$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(x^2 + y^2) \geq x^2 + y^2 + 2|x||y|$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(x^2 + y^2) \geq (|x| + |y|)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| + |y| \leq \sqrt{2} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

Now consider $x_0 = 0, y_0 = 0$

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + \Delta x, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\Delta x, 0) - f(0, 0)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x \sin\left(\frac{1}{\Delta x}\right)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\Delta x}\right)$$

$\Rightarrow f_x(0, 0)$ does not exist. ($f_y(0, 0)$)
Also does not exist

Example: Show that the function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{x^2 + 2y^2} & ; (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & ; (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

is not continuous at $(0, 0)$ but its partial derivatives f_x and f_y exist at $(0, 0)$

Solution: choose the path $y = mx$

The Limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \cdot mx}{x^2 + 2m^2x^2}$$

$$= \frac{m}{1+2m^2}$$

depends on the path.

Hence the function is not continuous at $(0, 0)$.

Now consider

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

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{\Delta x}$$

$$= 0$$

$$= f_x(0, 0)$$

$$\lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, \Delta y) - f(0, 0)}{\Delta y}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{\Delta y}$$

$$= 0$$

$$= f_y(0, 0)$$

\Rightarrow The partial derivatives f_x and f_y at $(0, 0)$.

Theorem: (sufficient Condition

for continuity at (x_0, y_0)]

→ One of the partial derivative
exist and is bounded in the
neighbourhood of (x_0, y_0) and the
other exist at (x_0, y_0)

Partial derivatives of Higher Order

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right), \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right), \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$$

f_{xx}

f_{yx}

f_{xy}

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = f_{yy}$$

are called second order partial
derivatives of f .

→ The derivatives f_{xy} and f_{yx} are called mixed derivatives.

→ If f_{xy} and f_{yx} are continuous in open domain \mathcal{D} , then at any point $(x, y) \in \mathcal{D}$

$$f_{xy} = f_{yx}$$

Example: Compute $f_{xy}(0,0)$ and $f_{yx}(0,0)$ for the function

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy^3}{x+y^2} & (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0 & (x,y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$$

Solution:

$$f_x(0,0) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\Delta x, 0) - f(0, 0)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= 0$$

$$f_y(0,0) = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, \Delta y) - f(0, 0)}{\Delta y} = 0$$

$$f_x(0,y) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\Delta x, y) - f(0, y)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x \cdot y^3}{\Delta x + y^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta x}$$

$$= y$$

$$f_y(x,0) = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \cdot \Delta y^3}{x + \Delta y^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta y}$$

$$= 0$$

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$$f_{xy}(0,0) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_y(\Delta x, 0) - f_y(0,0)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{\Delta x}$$

$$= 0$$

$$f_{yx}(0,0) = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_x(0, \Delta y) - f_x(0,0)}{\Delta y}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y - 0}{\Delta y}$$

$$= 1$$

$$f_{yx}(0,0) = 1$$

Since $f_{xy}(0,0) \neq f_{yx}(0,0)$

f_{xy} and f_{yx} are not continuous at $(0,0)$.

Homogeneous Function: An expression

in (x, y) is homogeneous of order n if it can be expressed

as $x^n f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

Example:

$$1. \quad f(x, y) = a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} y + \dots + a_n y^n$$

$$= x^n \left[a_0 + a_1 \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) + \dots + a_n \left(\frac{y}{x} \right)^n \right]$$

$$= x^n g\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$\Rightarrow f(x, y)$ is a homogeneous

function of degree order n .

$$\begin{aligned}
 2. \quad f(x, y) &= \frac{\sqrt{y} + \sqrt{x}}{y + x} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x} \left[\frac{\frac{\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x}} + 1}{\frac{y}{x} + 1} \right] \\
 &= x^{-1/2} g(y/x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$f(x, y)$ is a homogeneous

function of order $-1/2$.

Alternative Definition: A function

$f(x, y)$ is said to be homogeneous

function of degree n if it

satisfies

$$f(tx, ty) = t^n f(x, y)$$

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Euler's Theorem on Homogeneous Functions

Functions: If $Z = f(x, y)$ is

a homogeneous function of $x + y$

of order n , then

$$x \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} = nz \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{D}$$

\mathcal{D} is the domain of
the function $f(x, y)$.

Proof: Given

$$Z = f(x, y)$$

$$= x^n g\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} = nx^{n-1} g\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + x^n \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right) g'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$= nx^{n-1} g\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - x^{n-2} y g'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \quad - ①$$

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} = x^n g'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{x} \quad - ②$$

from ① and ②

$$x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = nx^n g\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - yx^{n-1} g'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \\ + yx^{n-1} g'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$= nz$$

Theorem: If $Z = f(x, y)$ is a

homogeneous function of x and
y of degree n , then
and second order partial
derivatives are continuous

$$x^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = n(n-1)z$$

Proof: As $Z = f(x, y)$ is a

homogeneous function of x and y

of degree n ,

$$\therefore x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = nz \quad (\text{Euler's Theorem})$$

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Differentiating ① wrt x and y

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

$$\cancel{x} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\cancel{\partial y \partial x}} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + y \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = n \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$

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$x \cdot ② + y \cdot ③$, we get

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$$

$$= n^2 z - nz = n(n-1)z$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} \right) \therefore \text{of continuity of second order derivatives}$$

Ex: If $u = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x-y} \right)$; $x \neq y$

Show that

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \sin 2u$$

Solution: Let $z = \tan u$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x-y} \\ &= x^2 \left(\frac{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^3}{1 - \frac{y}{x}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

clearly z is a homogeneous function
of degree 2.

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2z$$

Substitute $z = \tan u$ gives

$$x \sec^2 u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \sec^2 u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2 \tan u$$

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2 \sin u \cos u = \sin 2u$$

Ex: If $u = ze^{ax+by}$,

where z is a homogeneous function
in x and y of degree n .

Show that

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = (ax + by + n) u$$

Solution: since z is a homogeneous
function of degree n , we have

$$x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = nz \quad (\text{Euler's theorem})$$

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x \left[\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} e^{ax+by} + z e^{ax+by} \cdot a \right] +$$

$$y \left[\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} e^{ax+by} + z e^{ax+by} \cdot b \right]$$

$$= e^{ax+by} \left(x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) + z [ax + by] e^{ax+by}$$

$$= [nz + z(ax + by)] e^{ax+by} = (ax + by + n) u$$

Ex: Let $Z = xy f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + g\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$,
 where f and g are continuous
 and two times differentiable
 functions. Then evaluate

$$x^2 \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial y^2}$$

Solution: Let $Z = u_1 + u_2$, where

$u_1 = xy f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \rightarrow$ Homo. func
 of degree 2

$u_2 = g\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \rightarrow$ Homo. function
 of degree 0.

∴ By Euler's theorem

$$x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial y^2} = 2(2-1)u_1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$+ x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Adding (1) + (2)

$$x^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x^2} \right) + 2xy \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x \partial y} \right)$$

$$+ y^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial y^2} \right) = 2u_1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$$

$$= 2xy f'(y/x)$$

Ex: If $Z = y + f(x/y)$, where

f is continuous and differentiable function. Find

$$x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \quad \text{Ans: } y$$

One variable:

Def 1: A function $y = f(x)$ is differentiable at a point (x, y) if

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

exists. The value of the above limit is called the derivative of x .

Def 2: A function $y = f(x)$ is said to be differentiable at a point (x, y) if

$$\Delta y = f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)$$

$$= a \Delta x + \epsilon \Delta x,$$

Where a is independent of Δx

and $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \epsilon = 0$

The value of a is the derivative of f at x .

Remark: Def ① and ② are equivalent as

$$f(x + \Delta x) - f(x) = a \Delta x + \epsilon \Delta x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = a + \epsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = a$$

($\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ as $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$)

Differential: The differential of the dependent variable y , written as dy , is defined to be

$$dy = f'(x) \Delta x$$

$$\text{or } dy = f'(x) dx ; \text{ where } y = f(x)$$

$$\text{or } df = f'(x) dx$$

Two Variable: The function

$Z = f(x, y)$ is said to be

differentiable at the point (x, y)

if at this point

$$\Delta Z = a \Delta x + b \Delta y + \epsilon_1 \Delta x + \epsilon_2 \Delta y,$$

where a and b are independent

of Δx , Δy and ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 are

functions of Δx and Δy such

that

$$\lim_{\substack{\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta y \rightarrow 0}} \epsilon_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\substack{\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta y \rightarrow 0}} \epsilon_2 = 0$$

The Linear function of Δx

and Δy $a \Delta x + b \Delta y$ is called the

total differential of Z
at the point (x, y) and is
denoted by dz .

$$\begin{aligned} dz &= a \Delta x + b \Delta y \\ &= adx + bdy \end{aligned}$$

If Δx and Δy are sufficiently small, dz gives a close approximation to ΔZ .

Example: Show that

$$Z = x^2 + xy + xy^2$$

is differentiable and write down its total derivative.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta z &= f(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) - f(x, y) \\
 &= (x + \Delta x)^2 + (x + \Delta x)(y + \Delta y) \\
 &\quad + (x + \Delta x)(y + \Delta y)^2 - x^2 - xy \\
 &\quad - xy^2 \\
 &= \Delta x (2x + y + y^2) \\
 &\quad + \Delta y (x + 2xy) \\
 &\quad + (\Delta x + \Delta y (1+2y)) \Delta x \\
 &\quad + (x \Delta y + \Delta x \Delta y) \Delta y
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the function is differentiable

$$E_1 = \Delta x + \Delta y (1+2y) \rightarrow 0$$

$$E_2 = x \Delta y + \Delta x \Delta y \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad \begin{matrix} \Delta x \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta y \rightarrow 0 \end{matrix}$$

Total differentiable

$$dz = (2x + y + y^2) dx + (x + 2xy) dy$$

Composite functions:

Consider $Z = f(x, y) \quad \text{--- } ①$

and let

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = u(t) \\ y = v(t) \end{array} \right\} \text{ or } \left. \begin{array}{l} x = \phi(u, v) \\ y = \psi(u, v) \end{array} \right\} \text{ --- } ② \quad ③$$

The Equations $①$ and $②$ are

said to define Z as composite function of t or (u, v) .

Differentiation of Composite functions

(Chain Rule)

Let $Z = f(x, y)$ possess continuous partial derivatives (or differentiable)

and let $x = u(t)$

$$y = v(t)$$

possess continuous derivatives

Then

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

$$\rightarrow \text{If } x = \phi(u, v) \\ y = \psi(u, v), \text{ then}$$

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

$$\text{L} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$$

$$\underline{\text{Exe}} \quad Z = xy, \quad x = \cos t, \quad y = \sin t$$

$$\text{Find } \frac{dz}{dt}$$

Solution:

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

$$= y(-\sin t) + x(\cos t)$$

$$= -\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t$$

$$= \cos 2t$$

Exc: Let Z is a function
of x & y . Prove that if

$$x = e^u + \bar{e}^v$$

$$y = \bar{e}^u + e^v, \text{ then}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$$

$$= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} e^u + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} (-\bar{e}^u)$$

$$= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} e^u - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \bar{e}^u - \textcircled{1}$$

Similarly $\frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = - \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \bar{e}^v + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} e^v - \textcircled{2}$

$$\textcircled{1} - \textcircled{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} (e^u + \bar{e}^v)$$

$$+ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} (-\bar{e}^u - \bar{e}^v)$$

$$= x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$

Derivative of a function defined implicitly

one variable: Let the function y of x be defined by

$$F(x, y) = 0$$

and let

$$z \equiv F(x, y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dx} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}} \quad \text{if } \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \neq 0$$

Two Independent Variable:

$$F(x, y, z) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}} \quad \text{if } \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \neq 0$$

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and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial F/\partial y}{\partial F/\partial z}$ if $\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \neq 0$

Example: Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$

of $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - c = 0$

Solution:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial F/\partial x}{\partial F/\partial z}$$

$$= -\frac{2x}{2z} = -\frac{x}{z}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial F/\partial y}{\partial F/\partial z}$$

$$= -\frac{2y}{2z} = -\frac{y}{z}$$

OR $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - c = 0$

$$2x + 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{x}{z}$$

Similarly, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{y}{z}$

Jacobian

If u and v are functions of x & y ,
then the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix}$$

is called the Jacobian of u and v
with respect to x and y and
it is denoted by

$$\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} \text{ or } J\left(\frac{u, v}{x, y}\right)$$

Similarly Jacobian of u, v, w w.r.t

x, y, z is

$$\frac{\partial(u, v, w)}{\partial(x, y, z)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix}$$

Exci:

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

Find $\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)}$ and $\frac{\partial(r, \theta)}{\partial(x, y)}$

Solution:

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial r} = \cos \theta, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin \theta, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = r \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= r$$

Now

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} & \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \\ \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} & \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 + y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r}$$

Result: If u and v are functions
of x, y , then

$$\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} \times \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} = 1$$

Ex: If $x = uv$

$$y = \frac{u+v}{u-v}$$

Find $\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)}$

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} v & u \\ -\frac{2v}{(u-v)^2} & \frac{2u}{(u-v)^2} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} = \frac{4uv}{(u-v)^2} / 4uv$$

Result: Let u, v are functions of σ_1, δ and σ_2, δ are functions of (x, y) , then

$$\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} = \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(\sigma_1, \delta)} \times \frac{\partial(\sigma_1, \delta)}{\partial(x, y)}$$

Proof: $\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(\sigma_1, \delta)} \times \frac{\partial(\sigma_1, \delta)}{\partial(x, y)}$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \sigma_1} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial \delta} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial \sigma_1} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial \delta} \end{vmatrix} \times \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \sigma_1} \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \delta} \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial \sigma_1} \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \delta} \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial \sigma_1} \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial \delta} \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial \sigma_1} \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial \delta} \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)}$$

Ex: Find $\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(r, \theta)}$

$$u = x^2 - y^2 \quad x = r \cos \theta$$

$$v = 2xy \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} = \begin{vmatrix} 2x & -2y \\ 2y & 2x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 4(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$= 4r^2$$

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} = r$$

$$\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(r, \theta)} = \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} \cdot \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)}$$

$$= 4r^3$$

Result:

$$\text{If } \frac{\partial(u, v, w)}{\partial(x, y, z)} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow u, v, w$ are not independent.

$$\text{Ex: } u = \frac{x+y}{1-xy}$$

$$v = \tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}y$$

$$\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1+y^2}{(1-xy)^2} & \frac{1+x^2}{(1-xy)^2} \\ \frac{1}{1+x^2} & \frac{1}{1+y^2} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow u, v$ are not independent

i.e. u and v are functionally related

$$\tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{xy}{1-xy}\right)$$

$$v = \tan^{-1}u$$

Jacobian of Implicit Functions

The Variables x, y, u, v are connected by implicit functions

$$f_1(x, y, u, v) = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \textcircled{*}$$

$$f_2(x, y, u, v) = 0$$

u and v are implicit functions of x and y .

$$\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} = \frac{(-1)^2 \frac{\partial(f_1, f_2)}{\partial(x, y)}}{\frac{\partial(f_1, f_2)}{\partial(u, v)}}$$

In general

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$$

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$$f_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)}{\partial(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)} = (-1)^n \frac{\partial(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n)/\partial(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n)/\partial(u_1, \dots, u_n)}$$

$$\text{Ex: } f_1 = x^2 + y^2 + u^2 - v^2 = 0$$

$$f_2 = uv + xy = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial(f_1, f_2)}{\partial(x, y)} = \begin{vmatrix} 2x & 2y \\ y & x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(x^2 - y^2)$$

$$\frac{\partial(f_1, f_2)}{\partial(u, v)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2u & -2v \\ v & u \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(u^2 + v^2)$$

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} = (-1)^2 \frac{\partial(f_1, f_2)}{\partial(x, y)} = \frac{2(x^2 - y^2)}{2(u^2 + v^2)}$$

$$\frac{\partial(f_1, f_2)}{\partial(u, v)} = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{u^2 + v^2}$$

Taylor's Theorem for a function

of two variables: Let a function

$f(x, y)$ be defined in some domain

Ω in \mathbb{R}^2 and have continuous partial derivatives up to $(n+1)$ th

order in some neighbourhood of

a point $P(x_0, y_0)$ in Ω . Then,

$$f(x_0 + h, y_0 + k) = f(x_0, y_0)$$

$$+ \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) f(x_0, y_0)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^2 f(x_0, y_0)$$

$$+ \dots + \frac{1}{n!} \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^n f(x_0, y_0)$$

$$+ R_n$$

Where the remainder is given by

$$R_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + K \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^{n+1} f(x_0 + \theta h, y_0 + \theta K),$$

$0 < \theta < 1.$

Ex: Obtain Taylor's formula ($n=2$)

for $f(x, y) = \cos(x+y)$ at $(0, 0)$

Sol:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= f(0, 0) + \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) f(0, 0) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2!} \left(x \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + y \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right)^2 f(0, 0) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3!} \left(x \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} + y \frac{\partial^3}{\partial y^3} \right)^3 f(\theta x, \theta y), \end{aligned}$$

$0 < \theta < 1$

$$f(0, 0) = 1$$

$$fx = -\sin(x+y) \Rightarrow fx(0, 0) = 0$$

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$$f_y = -\sin(x+y) \Rightarrow f_y(0,0) = 0$$

$$f_{xx} = f_{yy} = f_{xy} = -\cos(x+y)$$

$$\text{At } (0,0), \quad f_{xx} = f_{yy} = f_{xy} = -1$$

$$f_{xxx} = f_{yyy} = f_{xxy} = f_{yyx} \Big|_{(0x, 0y)} \\ = \sin(\theta x + \theta y)$$

∴

$$f(x,y) = 1 + 0 + \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 2xy + y^2) \\ + \frac{1}{3}(x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3).$$

$$\sin(\theta x + \theta y)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2}(x+y)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(x+y)^3 \sin(\theta x + \theta y)$$

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Maclaurin's Theorem

set $(x_0, y_0) = (0, 0)$

$$f(x, y) = f(0, 0) + \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) f(0, 0)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2!} \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^2 f(0, 0)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{n!} \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^n f(0, 0)$$

$$+ R_n$$

$$R_n = \frac{1}{n+1!} \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^{n+1} f(\theta x, \theta y),$$

$$0 < \theta < 1$$

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Exc: Find the Taylor's expansion

$$\text{to } f(x,y) = \frac{x-y}{x+y} \text{ about } (1,1)$$

Solution:

$$f_x = \frac{(x+y) - (x-y)}{(x+y)^2} = \frac{2y}{(x+y)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_x(1,1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f_y = \frac{-(x+y) - (x-y)}{(x+y)^2} = \frac{-2x}{(x+y)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_y(1,1) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$f_{xx} = \frac{-4y}{(x+y)^3} \Rightarrow f_{xx}(1,1) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$f_{yy} = \frac{4x}{(x+y)^3} \Rightarrow f_{yy}(1,1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f_{xy} = \frac{2x-2y}{(x+y)^3} \Rightarrow f_{xy}(1,1) = 0$$

$f(x, y)$

$$\cancel{f(x, y)} = f(1, 1) + f_x(1, 1)(x-1)$$

$$+ f_y(1, 1)(y-1)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} f_{xx}(1, 1)(x-1)^2$$

$$+ \cancel{f(x, y)} f_{xy}(1, 1)(x-1)(y-1)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} f_{yy}(1, 1)(y-1)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(x-1) - \frac{1}{2}(y-1) - \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(y-1)^2$$

Maxima and Minima of a Function:

Definition: A function $Z = f(x, y)$ has a maximum (or a minimum) at the point (x_0, y_0) if at every point in a neighbourhood of (x_0, y_0) the function assumes a smaller value (or a larger value) than at the point itself. Such a maximum or minimum is often called relative (or local) maximum or minimum respectively.

Definition: For a given closed and bounded domain, a function may also attain its greatest value (or least value) on the boundary of the domain. The smallest and the largest values attained by a function over the entire domain including the boundary are called the absolute (or global) minimum and absolute (or global) maximum, respectively.

- The point (x_0, y_0) is called critical point (or stationary point) of $f(x, y)$ if $f_x(x_0, y_0) = 0$ and $f_y(x_0, y_0) = 0$
- A critical point where the function has no minimum or maximum is called a saddle point.
- Minimum and maximum values together are called extreme values.

Theorem: Necessary Condition

for a function to have extremum:

Let $f(x, y)$ be continuous and have first order partial derivatives at a point $P(a, b)$. Then necessary conditions for the existence of an extreme value of it at the point P are

$$f_x(a, b) = 0$$

$$f_y(a, b) = 0$$

Or: If the point (a, b) is a relative extrema of the function $f(x, y)$ then (a, b) is also a critical point of $f(x, y)$.

Sufficient Conditions for a

function to have Minima / Maxima

For simplicity

$$r = f_{xx}(a, b)$$

$$s = f_{xy}(a, b)$$

$$t = f_{yy}(a, b)$$

Let a function $f(x, y)$ be continuous and have first and second order partial derivatives at a point $P(a, b)$.

If (a, b) is a critical point, then the point P is a point of

- (i) Local maximum if $rt - s^2 > 0$ and $rt \neq 0$
- (ii) Local minimum if $rt - s^2 > 0$ and $rt \neq 0$
- (iii) Saddle point if $rt - s^2 < 0$
- (iv) May be a local minimum, local maximum or saddle point if $rt - s^2 = 0$

Working Rule

- Find critical points or stationary points

$$f_x = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f_y = 0$$

- For each critical point, evaluate

$$r = f_{xx}$$

$$s = f_{xy}$$

$$t = f_{yy}$$

- Identification:

(i) If $rt - s^2 > 0$ & $r < 0 \rightarrow$ Maximum

(ii) If $rt - s^2 > 0$ & $r > 0 \rightarrow$ Minimum

(iii) If $rt - s^2 < 0 \rightarrow$ Saddle point

(iv) If $rt - s^2 = 0 \rightarrow$ Doubtful, needs further investigation

Ex:

$$f(x, y) = (4x^2 + y^2) e^{-x^2 - 4y^2} \quad (170)$$

Solution: $f_x(x, y) = e^{-x^2 - 4y^2} (8x - 2x(4x^2 + y^2))$

$$= e^{-x^2 - 4y^2} (8x - 8x^3 - 2xy^2)$$

$$= e^{-x^2 - 4y^2} (2x)(4 - 4x^2 - y^2)$$

$$f_y(x, y) = e^{-x^2 - 4y^2} (2y - 8y(4x^2 + y^2))$$

$$= e^{-x^2 - 4y^2} (2y)(1 - 16x^2 - 4y^2)$$

Critical points

$$f_x = 0 \quad \& \quad f_y = 0$$

(i) $x = 0, y = 0$

(ii) $x = 0, y \neq 0, 1 - 4y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow y = \pm \frac{1}{2}$

(iii) $x \neq 0, y = 0 \Rightarrow 4 - 4x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$

(iv) $x \neq 0, y \neq 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 4x^2 + y^2 = 4 \\ 4x^2 + y^2 = \frac{1}{4} \end{cases} \text{ no solution}$

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Hence, Critical points are

$$P_1 = (0, 0), \quad P_2 = \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right), \quad P_3 = \left(0, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$P_4 = (1, 0), \quad P_5 = (-1, 0)$$

$$r = f_{xx} = 2e^{-x^2-4y^2} \left(4 - 20x^2 + 8x^4 - y^2 + 2x^2y^2 \right)$$

$$t = f_{yy} = 2e^{-x^2-4y^2} \left(1 - 20y^2 - 16x^2 - 128x^2y^2 + 32y^4 \right)$$

$$s = f_{xy} = e^{-x^2-4y^2} \cdot 4xy (-17 + 16x^2 + 4y^2)$$

Identification:

$$P_1(0, 0) \quad r=8, \quad s=0, \quad t=2$$

$$rt - s^2 = 16 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad r > 0$$

$\Rightarrow P_1$ is a local minima.

$$P_2(0, \frac{1}{2}) \text{ and } P_3(0, -\frac{1}{2})$$

$$\sigma_L = 2e^1 \left(4 - \frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{15}{2e}$$

$$\delta = 0$$

$$t = -\frac{4}{e}$$

$$\sigma_L t - \delta^2 = -\frac{30}{e^2} < 0$$

$\Rightarrow P_2$ and P_3 are saddle points.

$$P_4(1, 0) \text{ and } P_5(-1, 0)$$

$$\sigma_L = -16e^1$$

$$\delta = 0$$

$$t = -30e^1$$

$$\sigma_L t - \delta^2 = \frac{480}{e^2} > 0, \quad \sigma_L < 0$$

Hence P_4 and P_5 are the points of Local maximum.

Ex:

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

$$f_x = 4x - 4x^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x^2 - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, \pm 1$$

$$f_y = -4y + 4y^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4y(y^2 - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0, y = \pm 1$$

Hence, $(0, 0)$, $(0, \pm 1)$, $(\pm 1, 0)$, $(\pm 1, \pm 1)$

are critical points.

$$r = f_{xx} = 4 - 12x^2$$

$$s = f_{xy} = 0$$

$$t = f_{yy} = -4 + 12y^2$$

At point $(0, 0)$

$$rt - s^2 = (4 - 12x^2)(-4 + 12y^2) - 0$$

$$= (4 - 0)(-4 + 0) = -16 < 0$$

$\Rightarrow f(x, y)$ has neither maxima nor minima at $(0, 0)$.

At $(0,1)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rt} - s^2 &= (4 - 12x^2)(-4 + 12y^2) \\ &= 4(-4 + 12) = 32 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } \text{r}_L = 4 - 12x^2 = 4 > 0$$

$\Rightarrow f(x,y)$ has minimum value at

$(0,1)$

$$\therefore f(0,1) = 2(0-1) - 0 + 1 = -1$$

is the minimum value.

At $(0,-1)$:

$$\text{rt} - s^2 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{r}_L > 0$$

$f(x,y)$ has minimum value given by

$$f(0, -1) = -1$$

At point $(-1,0)$ and $(1,0)$

$$\text{rt} - s^2 = 32 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{r}_L = -8 < 0$$

\Rightarrow At point $(-1, 0)$ and $(1, 0)$

$f(x, y)$ have maximum value

$$\text{i.e } f(\pm 1, 0) = 1$$

At $(\pm 1, \pm 1)$, $rt - s^2 = -64 < 0$

$\Rightarrow f(x, y)$ has neither maximum nor minimum at $(\pm 1, \pm 1)$.

Ex: Show that

$f = (y-x)^4 + (x-2)^4$ has a minimum at $(2, 2)$

$$\text{Solution: } f_x = -4(y-x)^3 + 4(x-2)^3$$

$$g = f_{xx} = 12(y-x)^2 + 12(x-2)^2$$

$$s = f_{xy} = -12(y-x)^2$$

$$f_y = 4(y-x)^3$$

$$t = f_{yy} = 12(y-x)^3$$

At $(2, 2)$

$$g_1 = g_2 = t = 0$$

$$\therefore g_1 t - g_2^2 = 0$$

\Rightarrow Further investigation needed

$$\therefore f(2+h, 2+k) - f(2, 2)$$

$$= (2+k-2-h)^4 + (2+h-2)^2 - f(2, 2)$$

$$= (k-h)^4 + h^2 > 0 \quad \forall h, k$$

$\Rightarrow f(x, y)$ has minimum at $(2, 2)$

and value is $f(2, 2) = 0$.

Lagrange's Method of undetermined coefficients:

Find the maximum / minimum value

of the function $u = f(x, y) - ①$

with the following constraint

$$\phi(x, y) = 0 - ②$$

Rule:

1. Construct the auxiliary function

$$F(x, y, \lambda) = f(x, y) + \lambda \phi(x, y)$$

2. Write the necessary conditions

$$F_x = 0 \Rightarrow f_x + \lambda \phi_x(x, y) = 0$$

$$F_y = 0 \Rightarrow f_y + \lambda \phi_y(x, y) = 0$$

$$F_\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \phi(x, y) = 0$$

3. Further investigate to test
the nature of points.

In general:

Find extremum of $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

subject to the conditions

$$\phi_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0, i=0, 1, \dots, K$$

1. construct the Auxiliary function

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n, d_1, \dots, d_K)$$

$$= f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + \sum_{i=1}^K d_i \phi_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

2. Find stationary points

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} = 0, i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial d_j} = 0; j=1, 2, \dots, K$$

3. Investigate further to test
the nature of the points.

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Exci: Find maximum/ minimum

of the function $x^2 - y^2 - 2x$

in the region $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$

Solution: Auxiliary function

$$1. F(x, y, \lambda) = (x^2 - y^2 - 2x) + \lambda(x^2 + y^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$2. F_x = 0 \Rightarrow 2x - 2 + 2\lambda x = 0$$

$$F_y = 0 \Rightarrow -2y + 2\lambda y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y=0, \lambda=1$$

$$F_\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

$$\text{If } y=0, x^2 + y^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

$$\text{If } \lambda=1, 4x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1/2$$

$$x = 1/2 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 1 \Rightarrow y = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

\therefore Points are $(1, 0), (-1, 0)$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

Function value at critical points

(i) $(1, 0) : f(x, y) = -1$

(ii) $(-1, 0) : f(x, y) = \boxed{3} \rightarrow \text{Max}$

(iii) $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \pm\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) : f(x, y) = \boxed{-\frac{3}{2}} \text{ Min}$

Ex: $f(x, y, z) = 2x + 3y + z$

subject to $x^2 + y^2 = 5$ and $x + z = 1$

Solution: 1. $F(x, y, z) = 2x + 3y + z$
 $+ \lambda_1(x^2 + y^2 - 5)$
 $+ \lambda_2(x + z - 1)$

2. $F_x = 2 + 2\lambda_1 x + \lambda_2 = 0$

$$F_y = 3 + 2\lambda_1 y = 0$$

$$F_z = 1 + \lambda_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = -1$$

$$F_{\lambda_1} = x^2 + y^2 - 5 = 0$$

$$F_{\lambda_2} = x + z - 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda_2 = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2\lambda_1 x = 0$$

$$\text{f} \quad 3 + 2\lambda_1 y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-1}{2\lambda_1}; \quad y = \frac{-3}{2\lambda_1}$$

Substitute in $x^2 + y^2 = 5$ to get λ_1

$$\frac{1}{4\lambda_1^2} + \frac{9}{4\lambda_1^2} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}; \text{ we get } x = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$y = -\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\therefore z = 1 - x = \frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2} \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y, z) &= -\sqrt{2} - \frac{9\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2} \\ &= 1 - 5\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{For } d_1 = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \quad y = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}, \quad z = 1 - x \\ = \frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x, y, z) = \sqrt{2} + \frac{9\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{2} \\ = 1 + 5\sqrt{2}$$