

**EXAMPLE 2** If  $f(x, y) = 4 - x^2 - 2y^2$ , find  $f_x(1, 1)$  and  $f_y(1, 1)$  and interpret these numbers as slopes.

$$f(x,y) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h,y) - f(x,y)}{h} = -2x \Big|_{x=1} = -2$$

$$f(x,y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -4y \Big|_{x=1} = -4$$

$$f(x_{14}) = x^{2} + 4^{3} \qquad (1,2)$$

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**EXAMPLE 3** If 
$$f(x, y) = \sin\left(\frac{x}{1+y}\right)$$
, calculate  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ .

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \cos\left(\frac{x}{1+y}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{1+y}$$

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$$(f_x)_y = f_{xy} = f_{12} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \, \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \, \partial x}$$

$$(f_y)_x = f_{yx} = f_{21} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \, \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \, \partial y}$$

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**EXAMPLE 6** Find the second partial derivatives of

$$f(x,y) = x^3 + x^2y^3 - 2y^2$$

**CLAIRAUT'S THEOREM** Suppose f is defined on a disk D that contains the point (a, b). If the functions  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are both continuous on D, then

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



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Alexis Clairaut was a child prodigy in mathematics, having read l'Hospital's textbook on calculus when he was ten and presented a paper on geometry to the French Academy of Sciences when he was 13. At the age of 18, Clairaut published Recherches sur les courbes à double courbure, which was the first systematic treatise on three-dimensional analytic geometry and included the calculus of space curves. The ellipsoid  $4x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 = 16$  intersects the plane y = 2 in an ellipse. Find parametric equations for the tangent line to this ellipse at the point (1, 2, 2).

$$\frac{x-1}{?} = \frac{4-2}{?} = \frac{2-2}{?} = A$$

$$X = 1 + A(?)$$

$$Y = 2 + A(?)$$

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$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial x}(1,2,2) = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial x}(4x^{2} + 2y^{2} + 2y^{2} = 16)$$

$$8x + 0 + 12 \cdot 3x = 0$$

$$4 + 432 = 0$$

$$3x = -1$$

If we were only in Explane  $z-2=-2(x-1) \rightarrow plane$   $y=2 \rightarrow another plane$ > H-W. write parametric egr for the intersection of above two planes.

$$4x^{2} + \lambda y^{2} + z^{2} = 16$$

$$C(1/2,2)$$

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} = tand$$

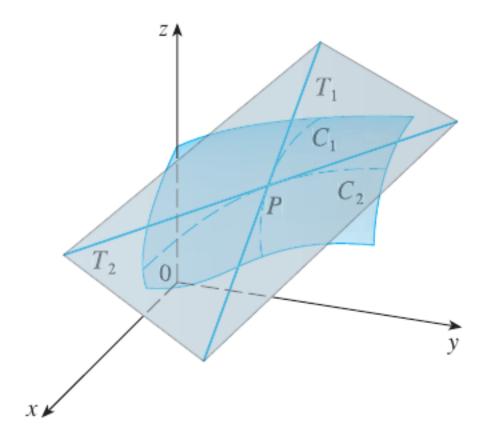
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -1$$

Let

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

- (a) Use a computer to graph f.
- (b) Find  $f_x(x, y)$  and  $f_y(x, y)$  when  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ .
- (c) Find  $f_x(0, 0)$  and  $f_y(0, 0)$  using Equations 2 and 3.
- (d) Show that  $f_{xy}(0,0) = -1$  and  $f_{yx}(0,0) = 1$ .
- (e) Does the result of part (d) contradict Clairaut's Theorem? Use graphs of  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  to illustrate your answer.

## TANGENT PLANES AND LINEAR APPROXIMATIONS



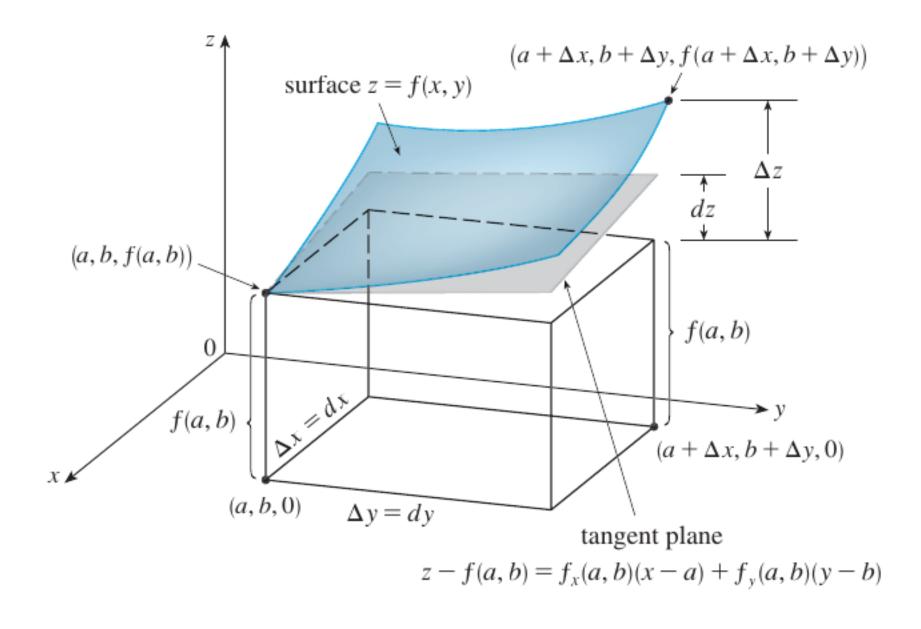
**EXAMPLE** I Find the tangent plane to the elliptic paraboloid  $z = 2x^2 + y^2$  at the point (1, 1, 3).

**THEOREM** If the partial derivatives  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  exist near (a, b) and are continuous at (a, b), then f is differentiable at (a, b).

**EXAMPLE 2** Show that  $f(x, y) = xe^{xy}$  is differentiable at (1, 0) and find its linearization there. Then use it to approximate f(1.1, -0.1).

## **DIFFERENTIALS**

$$dz = f_x(x, y) dx + f_y(x, y) dy = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy$$



## **V** EXAMPLE 3

- (a) If  $z = f(x, y) = x^2 + 3xy y^2$ , find the differential dz.
- (b) If x changes from 2 to 2.05 and y changes from 3 to 2.96, compare the values of  $\Delta z$  and dz.

**EXAMPLE 4** The base radius and height of a right circular cone are measured as 10 cm and 25 cm, respectively, with a possible error in measurement of as much as 0.1 cm in each. Use differentials to estimate the maximum error in the calculated volume of the cone.