

Mathematical Excursus

Examples of functions with 1 variable

Function

First Derivative

$$f(x) = x^4$$

$$f'(x) = 4x^3$$

$$g(x) = x^3 + 5 \cdot x^2 + 7$$

$$g'(x) = 3x^2 + 10x$$

$$h(x) = \sqrt{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$h'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-0,5} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \sqrt{x}}$$

Examples of functions with 2 variables

Function

Partial Derivatives

imagine : other variable is a constant
(e.g. 1 or 10)

bei multiplizieren immer variable (wie konstante mitnehmen)

$$f(x_1; x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^4$$

with respect to x_1

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x_1; x_2) = 2x_1$$

with respect to x_2

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}(x_1; x_2) = 4x_2^3$$

$$g(x_A; x_B) = x_A^3 \cdot x_B$$

with respect to x_A

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_A}(x_A; x_B) = 3x_A^2 \cdot x_B$$

with respect to x_B

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_B}(x_A; x_B) = x_A^3$$

$$h(x; y) = x + 5 \cdot \sqrt{y}$$

with respect to x

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}(x; y) = 1$$

with respect to y

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial y}(x; y) = 5 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot y^{-1/2}$$

$$k(x_1; x_2) = x_1^{0,4} \cdot x_2^{0,6}$$

with respect to x_1

$$\frac{\partial k}{\partial x_1}(x_1; x_2) = 0,4x_1^{-0,6} \cdot x_2^{0,6}$$

with respect to x_2

$$\frac{\partial k}{\partial x_2}(x_1; x_2) = 0,6x_1^{0,4} \cdot x_2^{-0,4}$$

$$= 0,4 (x_2^{0,6}/x_1^{0,6})$$

$$= 0,4 (x_2/x_1)^{0,6}$$

auf punkte achten --> 0.6 statt 0,6