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## Chapter 14.3: Partial Derivatives

### Mechanics

1. Find all first and second partial derivatives for  $f(x, y) = e^x + x \ln(y)$ .
2. Find  $f_x$ ,  $f_y$ ,  $f_z$ , and  $f_{xzz}$  for the function  $f(x, y, z) = x \sin(yz)$ .
3. Find the total derivative  $Df$  at the given point for each function below. Remember that  $Df$  is the matrix of (partial) derivatives of the function and if  $f$  is a function from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  then  $Df$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix.
  - (a)  $f(x) = 2x^3 + 7$  at  $x = 2$ .
  - (b)  $\mathbf{f}(t) = \langle 2 \cos(t), 2 \sin(t), t \rangle$  at  $t = \pi/2$ .
  - (c)  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{y - x}$  at  $(x, y) = (1, 2)$ .
  - (d)  $f(x, y, z) = e^{2y-x} + z^2 + 4$  at  $(x, y, z) = (1, 2, 3)$ .
  - (e)  $\mathbf{f}(s, t) = \langle 2s + 3t, t - s \rangle$  at  $(s, t) = (1, 1)$ .

**Note:** The graph of this function is a surface (in this case all of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) parameterized by two variables just like the graph of the function in (b) is a curve parameterized by one variable - we'll see these more later! Another way of thinking about this is that this is a *change of variables* for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  between the system of coordinates  $(s, t)$  and  $(x, y)$ .

### Applications

4. The speed of sound  $C$  traveling through ocean water is a function of temperature, salinity, and depth. It may be modeled by the function

$$C(T, S, D) = 1450 + 4.5T - 0.05T^2 + 0.0003T^3 + (1.5 - 0.01T)(S - 35) + 0.015D,$$

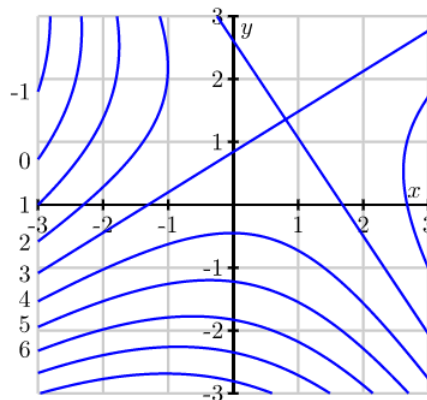
where  $C$  is the speed of sound in meters/second,  $T$  is the temperature in degrees Celsius,  $S$  is the salinity in grams/liter of water, and  $D$  is the depth below the ocean surface in meters.

- (a) State the units in which each of the partial derivatives  $C_T$ ,  $C_S$ , and  $C_D$  are expressed and explain the physical meaning of each.
  - (b) Find the partial derivatives  $C_T$ ,  $C_S$ , and  $C_D$ .
  - (c) Evaluate each of the three partial derivatives at the point where  $T = 10$ ,  $S = 35$ , and  $D = 100$ . What does the sign of each partial derivative tell us about the behavior of the function  $C$  at the point  $(10, 35, 100)$ ?
5. Recall from last week's worksheet that a utility function is a multivariable function  $u(x, y, z)$ , where  $x, y, z$  represent three independent properties of an object (eg., price, quantity, quality), and  $u$  tells you how much you value that item. The *marginal utility functions* are the partial derivatives  $u_x$ ,  $u_y$  and  $u_z$ . What is the economic interpretation of the marginal utilities?

## Extensions

6. Below is a contour plot for a function  $f(x, y)$ , with values for some of the contours (level curves) indicated on the *left* of the figure.

- Find the sign of the partial derivatives  $f_x(-2, -1)$  and  $f_y(-2, -1)$ .
- At the point  $(0, -1/2)$ , which is larger?  $f_x$  or  $f_y$ ?
- Find all  $(x, y)$  where  $f_x(x, y) = 0$ .
- Locate, if possible, one point  $(x, y)$  where  $f_x(x, y) < 0$ .



7. The fifth-order partial derivative  $\partial^5 f / \partial x^2 \partial y^3$  is zero for each of the following functions. To show this as quickly as possible, which variable would you differentiate with respect to first:  $x$  or  $y$ ?

Try to answer without writing anything down. Why did you make the choice you did?

- $f(x, y) = y^2 x^4 e^x + 2$
  - $f(x, y) = y^2 + y(\sin(x) - x^4)$
  - $f(x, y) = x^2 + 5xy + \sin(x) + 7e^x$
  - $f(x, y) = x e^{y/2}$
8. Let  $A$  be any  $2 \times 2$  matrix, and let  $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ . Compute the total derivative  $D\mathbf{f}$ . What do you notice? What familiar family of functions from Calc 1 does this remind you of? Can you generalize this result?