

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

$$f_x(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(h)(0)(h^2 - 0^2)}{h^2 + 0^2} - 0 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (0) = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$f_y(0, 0) = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, 0+k) - f(0, 0)}{k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, k) - f(0, 0)}{k}$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{(0)(k)(0^2 - k^2)}{0^2 + k^2} - 0 = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} (0) = 0 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Now, $(f_{xy})_{(0,0)} = \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) \right]_{(0,0)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_x(0, 0+k) - f_x(0, 0)}{k}$

$f_x(0, 0) = 0$ by (i)

$\xrightarrow{\text{(ii)}} \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_x(0, k) - f_x(0, 0)}{k} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$

Now we calculate $f_x(0, k) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h, k) - f(0, k)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h, k) - f(0, k)}{h}$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{hk(h^2 - k^2)}{h^2 + k^2} - \frac{(0)(k)(0^2 - k^2)}{0^2 + k^2} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{hk(h^2 - k^2)}{h^2 + k^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_x(0, k) = \frac{-k^3}{k^2} = -k \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

Using the value of $f_x(0, k)$ from (iv) in (iii), we get

$$f_{xy}(0, 0) = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{-k - 0}{k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} (-1) = -1$$

Hence, $f_{xy}(0, 0) = -1$

Similarly, it could be shown (DYS) that $f_{yx}(0, 0) = 1$.

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