

**51.** (a)  $f(x, y) = x^3 - 2x^2y + 3xy^2 - 4y^3$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 3x^2 - 4xy + 3y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -2x^2 + 6xy - 12y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 6x - 4y$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 6x - 24y$$

ok

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3x^2 - 4xy + 3y^2) \\ &= -4x + 6y \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (-2x^2 + 6xy - 12y^2) \\ &= -4x + 6y \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$$

ok

(b)  $f(x, y) = e^{-x^2y^2}$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -2xy^2 e^{-x^2y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -2x^2y e^{-x^2y^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} &= e^{-x^2y^2} (-2y^2 - 2xy^2(-2xy^2)) \\ &= 2y^2 e^{-x^2y^2} (2x^2y^2 - 1) \end{aligned}$$

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ok

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (-2xy^2 e^{-x^2y^2}) \\ &= e^{-x^2y^2} (-4xy - 2xy^2(-2x^2y)) \\ &= 4xy e^{-x^2y^2} (x^2y^2 - 1) \end{aligned} \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (-2x^2y e^{-x^2y^2}) \\ &= e^{-x^2y^2} (-4xy - 2x^2y(-2xy^2)) \\ &= 4xy e^{-x^2y^2} (x^2y^2 - 1) \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$$

ok...this can be seen from the symmetry  $x \iff y$

$$\textcircled{c} f(x, y) = e^{-x/y}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{y} e^{-x/y}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{y^2} e^{-x/y}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{x e^{-x/y}}{y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{y^2 \cdot \frac{x^2 e^{-x/y}}{y^2} - 2xy e^{-x/y}}{y^4}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 e^{-x/y} - 2xy e^{-x/y}}{y^4}$$

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

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( -\frac{e^{-x/y}}{y} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{y \left( \frac{x e^{-x/y}}{y^2} \right) - e^{-x/y}}{y^2}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-x/y}}{y^2} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{y} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x e^{-x/y}}{y^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{e^{-x/y}}{y^2} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{y} \right)$$

ok

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\textcircled{d} f(x, y) = \sin(x+y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \cos(x+y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \cos(x+y)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = -\sin(x+y)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -\sin(x+y)$$

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

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

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$$

again obvious from symmetry

$$\textcircled{e} f(x, y) = (x^2 + xy + 2y^2)^{-1}$$

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

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

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{2(x^2+xy+2y^2)^2 - 2(2x+y)(2x+y)(x^2+xy+2y^2)}{(x^2+xy+2y^2)^4}$$

$$= \frac{2(4x^2 + 4xy + y^2 - x^2 - xy - 2y^2)}{(x^2+xy+2y^2)^3}$$

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

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{4(x^2+xy+2y^2)^2 - 2(x+2y)^2(x^2+xy+2y^2)}{(x^2+xy+2y^2)^4}$$

$$= \frac{2(x^2 + 8xy + 16y^2 - x^2 - 2xy - 4y^2)}{(x^2+xy+2y^2)^3}$$

$$= \frac{2(-x^2 + 6xy + 12y^2)}{(x^2+xy+2y^2)^3}$$

ok

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( -\frac{2x+y}{(x^2+xy+2y^2)^2} \right) = -\frac{(x^2+xy+2y^2)^2 - 2(x^2+xy+2y^2)(2x+y)(x+2y)}{(x^2+xy+2y^2)^4} = \frac{4x^2 + 18xy + 8y^2 - x^2 - xy - 2y^2}{(x^2+xy+2y^2)^3}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{3x^2 + 12xy + 6y^2}{(x^2 + xy + 2y^2)^3}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( - \frac{x + 4y}{(x^2 + xy + 2y^2)^2} \right)$$

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

$$= \frac{4x^2 + 18xy + 8y^2 - x^2 - xy - 2y^2}{(x^2 + xy + 2y^2)^3}$$

$$= \frac{3x^2 + 17xy + 6y^2}{(x^2 + xy + 2y^2)^3}$$

ok

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$$

**S3.** (a)  $f(x, y) = x^3 - 2x^2y + 3xy^2 - 4y^3$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 3x^2 - 4xy + 3y^2 \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -2x^2 + 6xy - 12y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 4xy + 3y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow 6x^2 - 8xy + 6y^2 = 0$$

$$-2x^2 + 6xy - 12y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow -6x^2 + 18xy - 36y^2 = 0$$

$$10xy + 30y^2 = 0$$

$$y(x + 3y) = 0$$

$$y = 0$$

$$3x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

or

$$x = -3y$$

$$27y^2 + 12y^2 + 3y^2 = 0$$

$$y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

$\therefore$  stationary point at  $(0, 0)$  with  $f(0, 0) = 0$ .

ok but what happens if  $df/dx=0$  and  $df/dy$  not 0 ????

you have to generalise what a stationary point is...

let's discuss this



⑥  $f(x, y) = e^{-x^2 y^2}$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -2xy^2 e^{-x^2 y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -2x^2 y e^{-x^2 y^2}$$

$$-2xy^2 e^{-x^2 y^2} = 0$$

$$-2x^2 y e^{-x^2 y^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2xy^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x^2 y = 0$$

$$xy^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 y = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad y = 0$$

$y$  can have any value

$x$  can have any value

YESSSS!

$\therefore$  stationary points:

could you try guessing how the function is?

$(0, y)$  for all  $y$  and  $(x, 0)$  for all  $x$

$f = 1$  at all of these points.

⑦  $f(x, y) = e^{-x/y}$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{y} e^{-x/y}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{x e^{-x/y}}{y^2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{y} e^{-x/y} = 0$$

$$\frac{x e^{-x/y}}{y^2} = 0$$

no solutions

$$x = 0$$

$\therefore$  no stationary points.

yes...you have  $x=0$  that gives you  $df/dy=0$  so function is flat at  $x=0$  for all  $y$

$$① f(x, y) = \sin(x+y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \cos(x+y) \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \cos(x+y)$$

$$\cos(x+y) = 0$$

$$x+y = \arccos(0)$$

$$x+y = n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ for } \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

stationary points:

so these are lines...try plotting them

$(x, n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} - x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and

$(n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} - y, y)$  for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

At these points,  $f = 1$  or  $-1$ .

so minimum where? maximum where?

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

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

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -\frac{x+4y}{(x^2+xy+2y^2)^2}$$

$$2x+y=0 \text{ and } x+4y=0 \text{ with } x^2+xy+2y^2 \neq 0$$

$$8x+4y=0$$

$$\therefore x=0, y=0$$

$x^2+xy+2y^2 \neq 0$ , so not a point on  $f$ .

$\therefore$  no stationary points.

yes, we could have had 0,0 but there is a clear divergence there  
note the xy term gives you a contour which is an off centered ellipse