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12. Computing partial derivatives: practice

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Practice

Practice 1

2.0/2 points (graded)

Let $f(x, y) = 8x^7 - x\sqrt{y}$.

Compute:

$$f_x(x, y) = \boxed{56x^6 - \sqrt{y}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \boxed{-x/(2\sqrt{y})} \quad \checkmark$$

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Practice 2

2.0/2 points (graded)

Let $h(x, t) = e^{-3t} \cos(\pi x)$.

Compute:

$$h_x(x, t) = \boxed{-\pi e^{-3t} \sin(\pi x)} \quad \checkmark \text{ Answer: } -\pi e^{-3t} \sin(\pi x)$$

$$h_t(x, t) = \boxed{-3e^{-3t} \cos(\pi x)} \quad \checkmark \text{ Answer: } -3e^{-3t} \cos(\pi x)$$

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Solution:

To compute h_x , differentiate with respect to x treating t as a constant:

$$\begin{aligned} h_x(x, t) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (e^{-3t} \cos(\pi x)) \\ &= e^{-3t} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \cos(\pi x) \\ &= e^{-3t} (-\pi \sin(\pi x)) \\ &= -\pi e^{-3t} \sin(\pi x) \end{aligned}$$

from the chain rule.

To compute h_t , differentiate with respect to t treating x as a constant:

$$\begin{aligned} h_t(x, t) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (e^{-3t} \cos(\pi x)) \\ &= \cos(\pi x) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} e^{-3t} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \cos(\pi x) (-3e^{-3t})$$

$$= -3e^{-3t} \cos(\pi x)$$

from the chain rule.

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Practice 3

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Let $g(x, y, z) = x \ln(y - z)$.

Compute:

$$g_x(x, y, z) = \boxed{\ln(y-z)} \quad \checkmark \text{ Answer: } \ln(y-z)$$

$$g_y(x, y, z) = \boxed{x/(y-z)} \quad \checkmark \text{ Answer: } x/(y-z)$$

$$g_z(x, y, z) = \boxed{-x/(y-z)} \quad \checkmark \text{ Answer: } -x/(y-z)$$

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Solution:

To compute g_x , differentiate with respect to x treating y and z as constants:

$$\begin{aligned} g_x(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x \ln(y - z)) \\ &= \ln(y - z) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x \\ &= \ln(y - z). \end{aligned}$$

To compute g_y , differentiate with respect to y treating x and z as constants:

$$\begin{aligned} g_y(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x \ln(y - z)) \\ &= x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \ln(y - z) \\ &= \frac{x}{y - z} \end{aligned}$$

from the chain rule.

To compute g_z , differentiate with respect to z treating x and y as constants:

$$\begin{aligned} g_z(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x \ln(y - z)) \\ &= x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \ln(y - z) \\ &= \frac{-x}{y - z} \end{aligned}$$

from the chain rule.

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Practice 4

2.0/2 points (graded)

Let $q(x, y) = x \sin(y) + e^{3x^2y^2}$.

Compute:

$q_x(x, y) =$

$\sin(y) + 6x^2y^2e^{3x^2y^2}$



Answer: $\sin(y) + 6x^2y^2\exp(3x^2y^2)$

$q_y(x, y) =$

$x\cos(y) + 6x^2ye^{3x^2y^2}$



Answer: $x\cos(y) + 6x^2y\exp(3x^2y^2)$

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Solution:

To compute q_x , differentiate with respect to x treating y as a constant:

$$\begin{aligned} q_x(x, y) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x \sin(y) + e^{3x^2y^2}) \\ &= \sin(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x + e^{3x^2y^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3x^2y^2) \\ &= \sin(y) + 6xy^2 e^{3x^2y^2} \end{aligned}$$

from the chain rule.

To compute q_y , differentiate with respect to y treating x as a constant:

$$\begin{aligned} q_y(x, y) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x \sin(y) + e^{3x^2y^2}) \\ &= x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \sin(y) + e^{3x^2y^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3x^2y^2) \\ &= x \cos(y) + 6x^2y e^{3x^2y^2} \end{aligned}$$

from the chain rule.

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Consider the function

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$$h(x,r,t) = t \cos(x+t) + r^2 \ln(x+t) + \frac{t^3 r}{x}.$$

(2.25)

One of the following partial derivative computations is incorrect. Identify the *incorrect* computation.

- ☐ $\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = -t \sin(x+t) + \frac{r^2}{x+t} - \frac{t^3 r}{x^2}$
- ☐ $\frac{\partial h}{\partial r} = 2r \ln(x+t) + \frac{t^3}{x}$
- ☒ $\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = -t \sin(x+t) + \frac{r^2}{x+t} + \frac{3t^2 r}{x}$



Solution:

The first term of the expression for h involves a multiplication of two expressions involving t . So, to compute $\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}$, we need to use the product rule.

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} t \cos(x+t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} r^2 \ln(x+t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{t^3 r}{x}$$

(2.26)

$$= \cos(x+t) - t \sin(x+t) + \frac{r^2}{x+t} + \frac{3t^2 r}{x}.$$

(2.27)

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