

# Answers: Introduction to partial differentiation

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## Summary

Answers to questions relating to the guide on the introduction to partial differentiation.

These are the answers to [Questions: Introduction to partial differentiation](#).

**Please attempt the questions before reading these answers!**

## Q1

1.1.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2xy$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^2 + 3y^2$ .

1.2.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 9x^2 + y$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x - 8y^3$ .

1.3.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2y \cos(2x)$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \sin(2x)$ .

1.4.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = ye^{xy} + 4xy^3$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = xe^{xy} + 6x^2y^2$ .

1.5.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{x} + \ln(y) + 3$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{x}{y}$ .

1.6.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -\frac{y}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{y^2}$ .

1.7.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \exp(y^2)$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2xy \exp(y^2)$ .

1.8.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$ .

1.9.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 12(3x + 2y)^3$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 8(3x + 2y)^3$ .

1.10.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = y^2 \cos(xy)$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x \cos(xy) - x^2y \sin(xy)$ .

1.11.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x \cos(x^2 + y^2)$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y \cos(x^2 + y^2)$ .

1.12.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{2xy^2}{1 + x^2y^2}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{2x^2y}{1 + x^2y^2}$ .

- 1.13.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2xy \sin(z)$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^2 \sin(z)$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = x^2 y \cos(z)$ .
- 1.14.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = (y+z)(2x+y+z)$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = (x+z)(x+2y+z)$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = (x+y)(x+y+2z)$ .
- 1.15.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{yz(y+z)}{(x+y+z)^2}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{xz(x+z)}{(x+y+z)^2}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{xy(x+y)}{(x+y+z)^2}$ .

## Q2

- 2.1.  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 2$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -2$  so  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0$ .
- 2.2.  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0$  so  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0$ .
- 2.3.  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 6x$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -6x$  so  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0$ .
- 2.4.  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = -\cos(x) \sinh(y)$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \cos(x) \sinh(y)$  so  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0$ .
- 2.5.  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = e^x \sin(y)$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -e^x \sin(y)$  so  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0$ .
- 2.6.  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$  so  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0$ .
- 2.7.  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{2(y^2 - x^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{2(x^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$  so  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0$ .

## Q3

- 3.1.  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = 2x + 2y$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = 2x + 2y$  so  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ .
- 3.2.  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = -4x \sin(y)$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = -4x \sin(y)$  so  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ .
- 3.3.  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = 20(x+y)^3$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = 20(x+y)^3$  so  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ .
- 3.4.  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = -\frac{1}{(y+1)^2}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = -\frac{1}{(y+1)^2}$  so  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ .
- 3.5.  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = -\frac{xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = -\frac{xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$  so  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ .
- 3.6.  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = 2x \cos(y) - 2y \sin(x)$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = 2x \cos(y) - 2y \sin(x)$  so  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ .
- 3.7.  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{1 - (xy)^2}{(1 + (xy)^2)^2}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{1 - (xy)^2}{(1 + (xy)^2)^2}$  so  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ .



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