

$$\cos \theta = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}$$

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$$\frac{\partial \cos \theta}{\partial a} = \frac{2a \cdot 2ab - 2b(a^2 + b^2 - c^2)}{4a^2b^2} = \frac{4a^2b - 2a^2b - 2b^3 + 2bc^2}{4a^2b^2}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{4a^2b} - 2b^3 + \cancel{2bc^2}}{2 \cdot 4a^2b^2} = \boxed{\frac{a^2 - b^2 + c^2}{2a^2b} = \frac{\partial \cos \theta}{\partial a}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \cos \theta}{\partial b} = \frac{2b \cdot 2ab - 2a(a^2 + b^2 - c^2)}{4a^2b^2} = \frac{4ab^2 - 2a^3 - 2ab^2 + 2ac^2}{4a^2b^2}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{4ab^2} - 2a^3 + \cancel{2ac^2}}{2 \cdot 4a^2b^2} = \boxed{\frac{b^2 - a^2 + c^2}{2ab^2} = \frac{\partial \cos \theta}{\partial b}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \cos \theta}{\partial c} = \frac{-\cancel{2c} \cdot \cancel{2ab}}{4a^2b^2} = \boxed{-\frac{c}{ab} = \frac{\partial \cos \theta}{\partial c}}$$