

Homework 2: The Derivative in \mathbb{R}^n

Week 2

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#2.3.3(a), (c). Find the two partial derivatives $\partial w/\partial x$ and $\partial w/\partial y$:

(a) $w = xe^{x^2+y^2}$

(c) $w = e^{xy} \ln(x^2 + y^2)$

#2.3.10(a), (c). Compute the matrix of partial derivatives of the following two functions:

(a) $f(x, y) = (e^x, \sin(xy))$

(c) $f(x, y) = (x + y, x - y, xy)$

#2.5.8. Let $f(u, v, w) = (e^{u-w}, \cos(u+v) + \sin(u+v+w))$, and $g(x, y) = (e^x, \cos(y-x), e^{-y})$. Calculate $f \circ g$ and $\mathbf{D}(f \circ g)(0, 0)$.

#2.5.9. Find $(\partial/\partial s)(f \circ T)(1, 0)$, where $f(u, v) = \cos(u) \sin(v)$ and $T(s, t) = (\cos(t^2s), \ln(\sqrt{1+s^2}))$.

#2.6.10(a). Compute the gradient ∇f of the function $f(x, y, z) = 1/\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$.

#2.6.18(a). Compute the directional derivative of the function $f(x, y, z) = xy^2 + y^2z^3 + z^3x$ at the point $P = (4, -2, -1)$, in the direction $\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}(\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$.

#3.1.4. Compute all of the second partial derivatives $\partial^2 f/\partial x^2, \partial^2 f/\partial x\partial y, \partial^2 f/\partial y\partial x, \partial^2 f/\partial y^2$ of the function $f(x, y) = e^{-xy^2} + y^3x^4$. Verify that the mixed partials of this function are in fact the same.

#3.1.6. Compute all of the second partial derivatives $\partial^2 f/\partial x^2, \partial^2 f/\partial x\partial y, \partial^2 f/\partial y\partial x, \partial^2 f/\partial y^2$ of the function $f(x, y) = \log(x-y)$. Again, verify that the mixed partials of this function are in fact the same.