

Higher order partial derivative :

- 2nd Order partial derivative for functions with two variable $F(x, y)$ has partial derivative $F_x = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}$ and $F_y = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$.

- The 2nd order partial derivative are denoted by:

$$F_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial x}$$

$$F_{yy} = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial y}$$

$$F_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial y}$$

$$F_{yx} = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial x}$$

Ex: let $F(x, y) = x \cos y + y e^x$ find F_{xx} , F_{yy} , F_{xy} , F_{yx} ?

Sol:

$$1 - F_{xx} = \cos y * 1 + y e^x * 1$$

$$= \cos y + y e^x$$

$$= 0 + y e^x * 1 = y e^x$$

$$2- f_{yy} = x(-\sin y) + e^x \cdot 1$$

$$= -x \sin y + e^x$$

$$= -x \cos y + 0$$

$$= -x \cos y$$

$$3- f_{xy} = \cos y + y e^x$$

$$= -\sin y + e^x \cdot 1$$

$$= -\sin y + e^x$$

$$4- f_{yx} = -x \sin y + e^x$$

$$= -\sin y (1) + e^x (1)$$

$$= -\sin y + e^x$$

- Consider the 3rd order partial derivative of the function $Z = f(x, y)$.

$$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x^3} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \right) = \frac{\partial f_{xx}}{\partial x} = f_{xxx} \quad \text{similarity}$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial y^3} = f_{yyy}$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial y \partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \right) = \frac{\partial f_{xx}}{\partial y} = f_{xxy}$$

Ex: $f(x, y) = x \cos y + y e^x$ find f_{xxx} , f_{yyy} , f_{xxy} , f_{yyx} ?

Sol:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{xxx} &= \cos y * 1 + y e^x * 1 \\ &= \cos y + y e^x \\ &= 0 + y * e^x * 1 = y e^x \\ &= y e^x * 1 = y e^x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{yyy} &= x (-\sin y) + e^x * 1 \\ &= -x \sin y + e^x = -x \cos y + 0 \\ &= -x \cos y = -x (-\sin y) = x \sin y \end{aligned}$$

H.W $\Rightarrow f_{xxy}$, f_{yyx} ?