

Course: Calculus (3)

Chapter: [13]

PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

Section: [13.1]

FUNCTIONS OF TWO OR MORE VARIABLES

## NOTATION AND TERMINOLOGY

The notation for a function of two or more variables is similar to that for a function of a single variable.

$$z = f(\underbrace{x, y}_{\text{2 Variables}})$$

**2 Variables**

Function of two variables

$$w = f(\underbrace{x, y, z}_{\text{3 Variables}})$$

**3 Variables**

Function of three variables

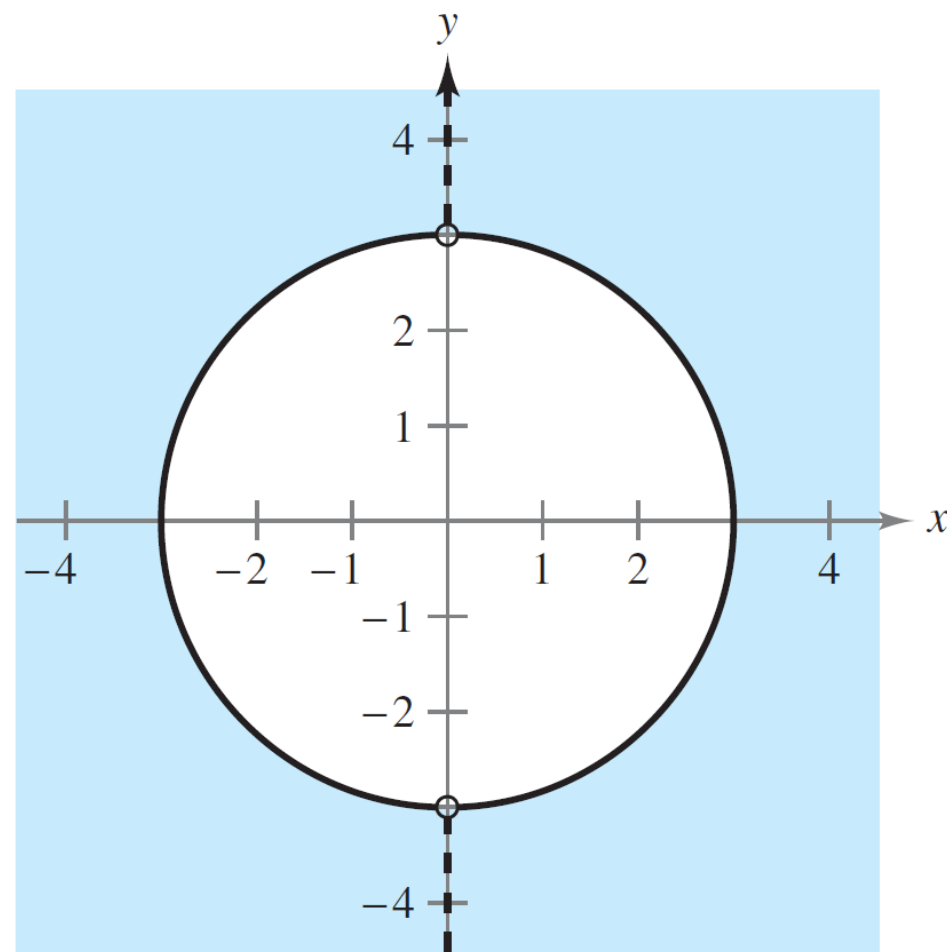
## NOTATION AND TERMINOLOGY

**Example** Find the domain of the function  $f(x, y) = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 - 9}}{x}$

The function  $f$  is defined for all points  $(x, y)$  such that  $x \neq 0$  and

$$x^2 + y^2 - 9 \geq 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 \geq 9$$

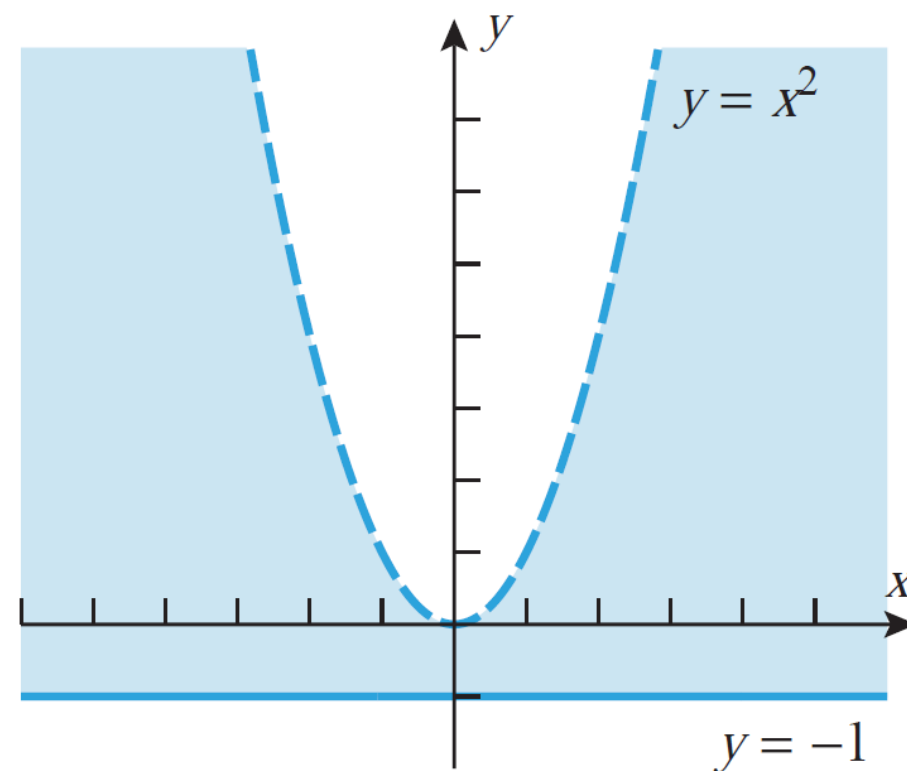
So, the domain is the set of all points lying on or outside the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 9$  *except* those points on the  $y$ -axis.



## NOTATION AND TERMINOLOGY

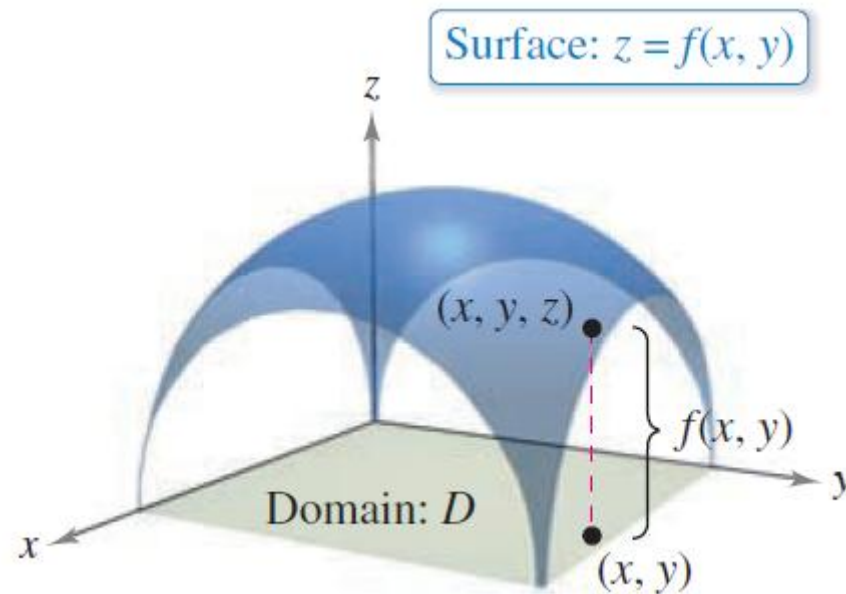
**Example** Find the domain of the function  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{y + 1} + \ln(x^2 - y)$

- Note that  $\sqrt{y + 1}$  is defined only when  $y \geq -1$ .
- Also,  $\ln(x^2 - y)$  is defined only when  $x^2 - y > 0$  and hence  $y < x^2$ .
- Thus, the natural domain of  $f$  consists of all points in the  $xy$ -plane for which  $-1 \leq y < x^2$ .



## LEVEL CURVES

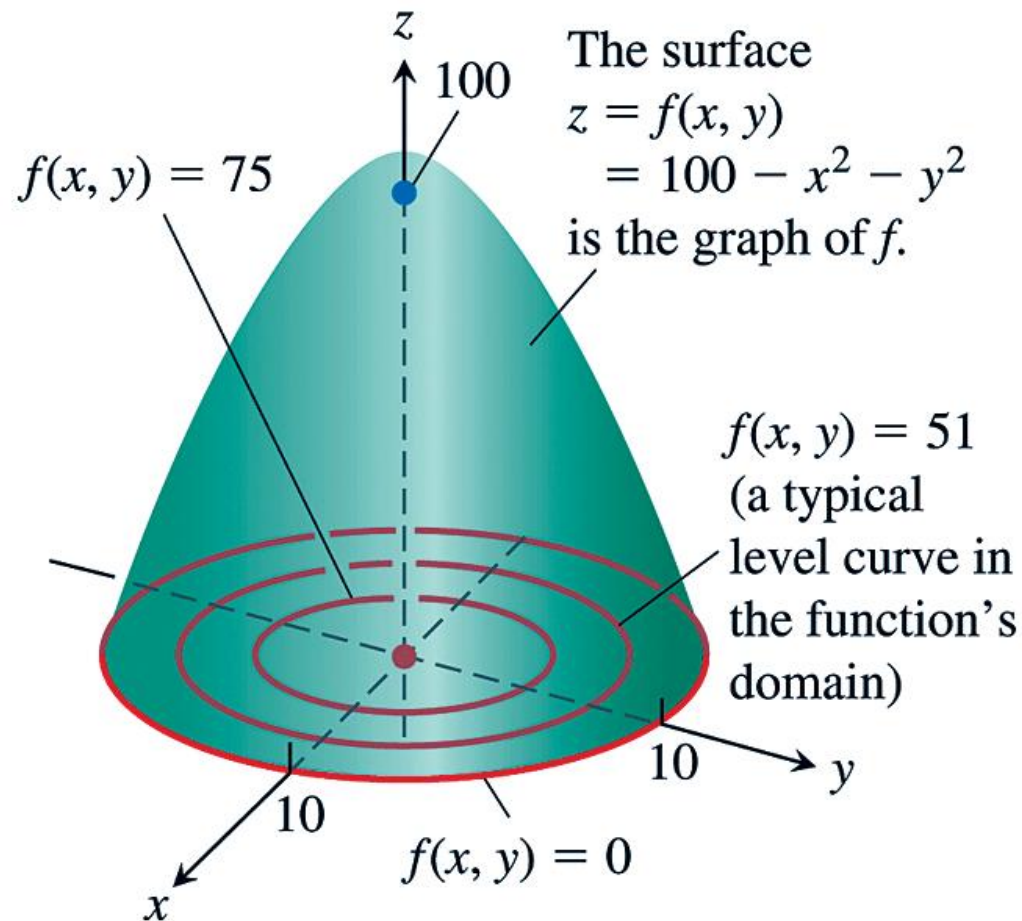
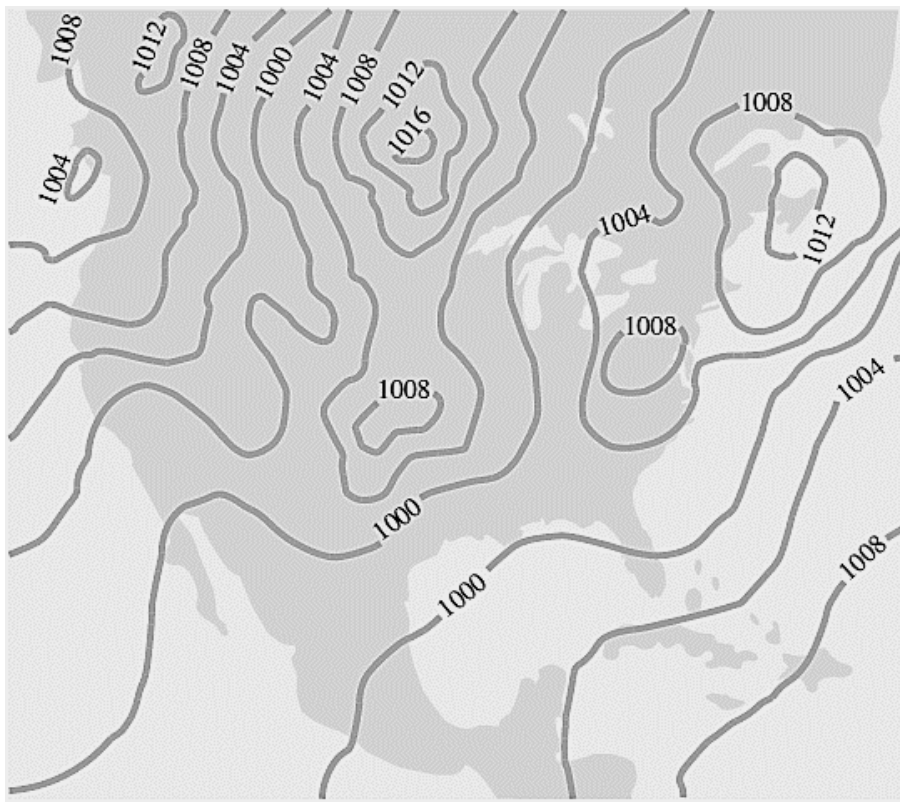
The set of all points  $(x, y, f(x, y))$  in space, for  $(x, y)$  in the domain of  $f$ , is called **the graph of  $f$** .



The graph of  $f$  is also called **the surface  $z = f(x, y)$** .

## LEVEL CURVES

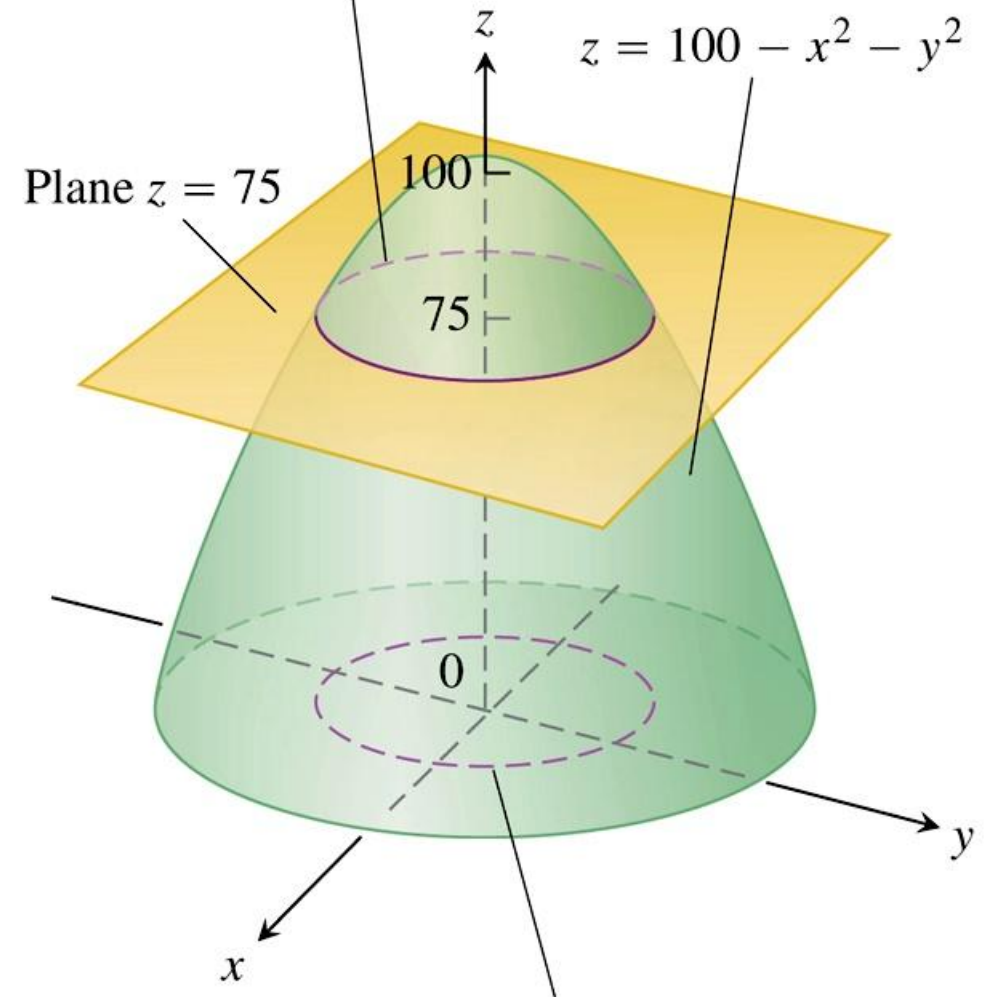
The set of points in the plane where a function  $f(x, y)$  has a constant value  $f(x, y) = c$  is called a **level curve of  $f$** .



## LEVEL CURVES

The curve in space in which the plane  $z = c$  cuts a surface  $z = f(x, y)$  is made up of the points that represent the function value  $f(x, y) = c$ . It is called the **contour curve**  $f(x, y) = c$ .

The contour curve  $f(x, y) = 100 - x^2 - y^2 = 75$  is the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$  in the plane  $z = 75$ .



The level curve  $f(x, y) = 100 - x^2 - y^2 = 75$  is the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$  in the  $xy$ -plane.

## LEVEL CURVES

**Example** Sketch the contour plot of  $f(x, y) = y - x^2$  using level curves of height  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) = k \quad y - x^2 = k \\ y = x^2 + k \end{aligned}$$

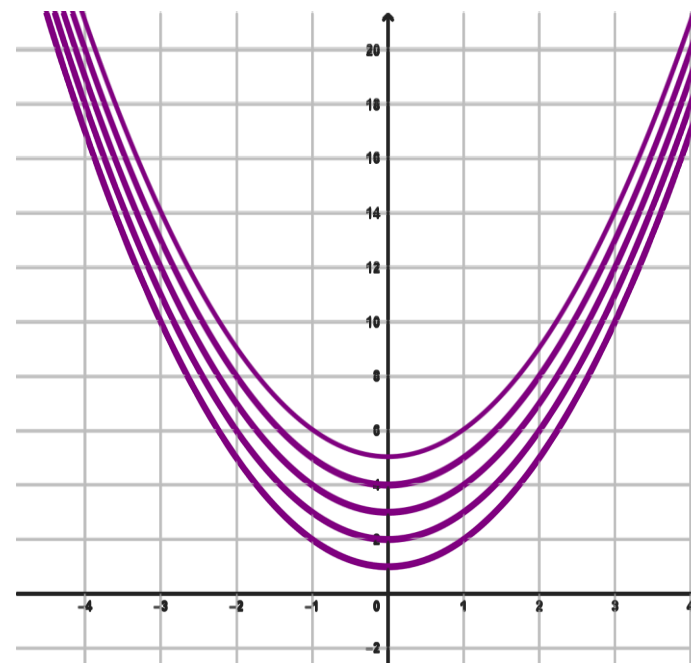
$$k = 1 \quad y = x^2 + 1$$

$$k = 2 \quad y = x^2 + 2$$

$$k = 3 \quad y = x^2 + 3$$

$$k = 4 \quad y = x^2 + 4$$

$$k = 5 \quad y = x^2 + 5$$





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LIMITS AND CONTINUITY

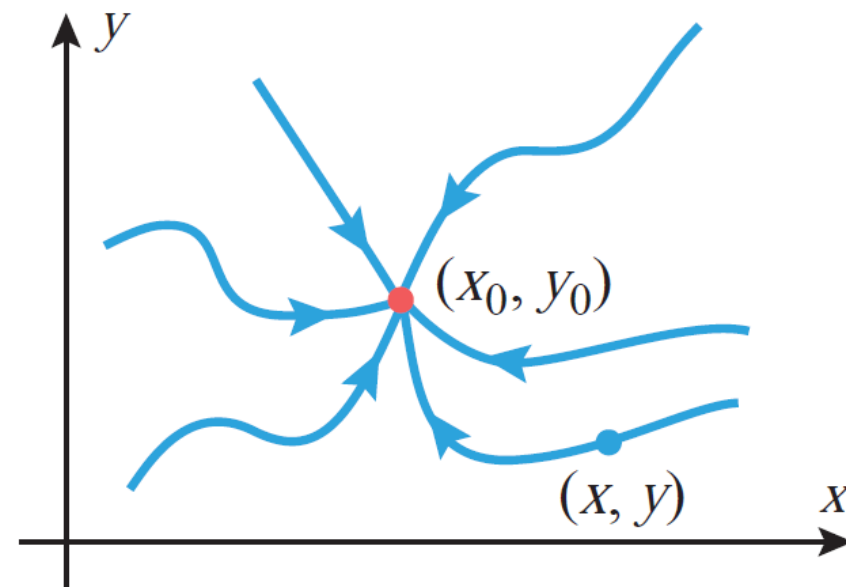
## LIMITS ALONG CURVES

- For a function of one variable there are **two one-sided limits at a point  $x_0$** , namely,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x) \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} f(x)$$

reflecting the fact that ***there are only two directions*** from which  $x$  can approach  $x_0$ , ***the right or the left***.

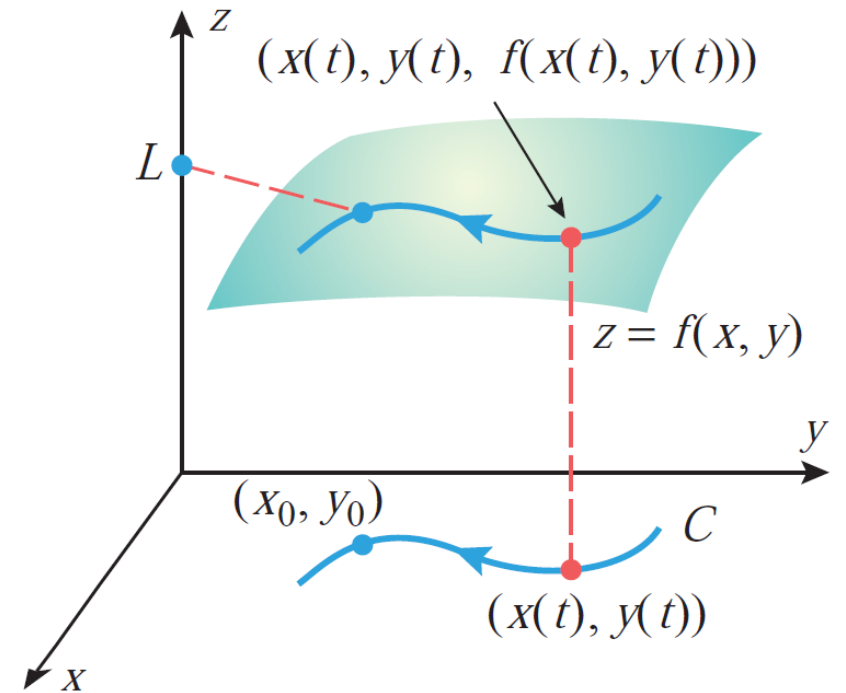
- For functions of several variables the situation is more complicated because ***there are infinitely many different curves*** along which one point can approach another.



## LIMITS ALONG CURVES

If  $C$  is a smooth parametric curve in 2-space that is represented by the equations  $x = x(t)$  and  $y = y(t)$ , and if  $x_0 = x(t_0)$  and  $y_0 = y(t_0)$ , then

$$\lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0) \\ \text{(along } c\text{)}}} f(x,y) = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} f(x(t), y(t))$$



## RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN GENERAL LIMITS AND LIMITS ALONG SMOOTH CURVES

- If  $f(x, y) \rightarrow L$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)$ , then  $f(x, y) \rightarrow L$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)$  along *any* smooth curve.
- If the limit of  $f(x, y)$  *fails to exist* as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)$  along some smooth curve, **or** if  $f(x, y)$  has different limits as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)$  along two different smooth curves, then the limit of  $f(x, y)$  **does not exist** as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)$ .

## LIMITS ALONG CURVES

**Example** Evaluate  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} -\frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}$  along:  $\frac{0}{0}$

1 the  $x$  -axis ( $y = 0$ )

$$\lim_{(x,0) \rightarrow (0,0)} -\frac{x \times 0}{x^2 + 0^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{x^2} = 0$$

2 the  $y$  -axis ( $x = 0$ )

$$\lim_{(0,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} -\frac{0 \times y}{0^2 + y^2} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{y^2} = 0$$

## LIMITS ALONG CURVES

**Example** Evaluate  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} -\frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}$  along:  $\frac{0}{0}$

3 the line  $y = x$

$$\lim_{(x,x) \rightarrow (0,0)} -\frac{x \times x}{x^2 + x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x^2}{2x^2} = \left( \frac{-1}{2} \right)$$

4 The parabola  $y = x^2$

$$\lim_{(x,x^2) \rightarrow (0,0)} -\frac{x \times x^2}{x^2 + x^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x^3}{x^2(1 + x^2)} = \textcircled{0}$$

Since we found two different smooth curves along which this limit had different values then the limits does not exist

## LIMITS ALONG CURVES

**Example** Show that the following limit does not exist.

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 - 3y^2}{x^2 + 2y^2} = \frac{0}{0}$$

1 the  $x$  -axis

$$\lim_{(x,0) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 - 0}{x^2 + 0} = 1$$

2 the  $y$  -axis

$$\lim_{(0,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{0 - 3y^2}{0 + 2y^2} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

The limit does not exist

## LIMITS ALONG CURVES

**Example** Show that the following limit does not exist.

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 y}{x^6 + y^2} = \frac{0}{0}$$

1 the  $x$  -axis

$$\lim_{(x,0) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{0}{x^6 + 0} = 0$$

2 The curve  
 $y = x^3$

$$\lim_{(x,x^3) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{(x^3)(x^3)}{x^6 + x^6} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^6}{2x^6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

The limit does not exist



## LIMITS ALONG CURVES

**Example** Evaluate  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (-1,2)} \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{(-1)(2)}{(-1)^2 + 2^2} = -\frac{2}{5}$

**Example** Evaluate  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,4)} (5x^3y^2 + 9) = 5(1^3)(4^2) + 9 = 89$

**Example** Evaluate  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{1}{0 + 0} = +\infty$  does not exist

## LIMITS ALONG CURVES

**Example** Evaluate  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^4 - y^4}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{0}{0}$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^4 - y^4}{x^2 + y^2} &= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{(x^2 - y^2)(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2} \\ &= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} (x^2 - y^2) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

## LIMITS ALONG CURVES

**Example** Evaluate  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} (x^2 + y^2) \ln(x^2 + y^2) = 0 \cdot \infty$

- It is not evident whether this limit exists because it is an indeterminate form of type  $0 \cdot \infty$ .
- Although L'Hospital's rule cannot be applied directly, we can find this limit by converting to polar coordinates.

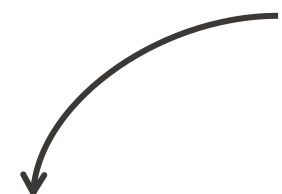
$$\begin{aligned}x &= r \cos \theta & y &= r \sin \theta \\r^2 &= x^2 + y^2 & \tan \theta &= y/x\end{aligned}$$

### Note

Since  $r \geq 0$  then  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , so that  $r \rightarrow 0^+$  if and only if  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$

## LIMITS ALONG CURVES

**Example** Evaluate  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} (x^2 + y^2) \ln(x^2 + y^2) = 0 \cdot \infty$


$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} r^2 \ln(r^2)$$

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2 \ln r}{1/r^2}$$

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2/r}{-2/r^3}$$

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} (-r^2) = 0$$

$$x = r \cos \theta \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \quad \tan \theta = y/x$$

### Note

Since  $r \geq 0$  then  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ ,  
so that  $r \rightarrow 0^+$  if and only if  
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## LIMITS ALONG CURVES

**Example** Evaluate the following limit by converting to polar coordinates.

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

Remember that  $r \rightarrow 0^+$  if and only if  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(r \cos \theta)^2 (r \sin \theta)^2}{r} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} r^3 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta = 0 \end{aligned}$$

## CONTINUITY

A function  $f(x, y)$  is said to be **continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$**  **if**  $f(x_0, y_0)$  is defined **and if**

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} f(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0)$$

In addition, **if  $f$  is continuous at every point in an open set  $D$** , then we say that  **$f$  is continuous on  $D$** , and **if  $f$  is continuous at every point in the  $xy$  –plane**, then we say that  **$f$  is continuous everywhere**.

## CONTINUITY

**Example**  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^3 y^2}{1 - xy}$  is continuous except where  $1 - xy = 0$   
 $y = \frac{1}{x}$

**Example** Let  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2} & : (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 1 & : (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$

Show that  $f$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .

## CONTINUITY

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Show that  $f$  is continuous at  $(0,0)$ .



①  $f(0,0) = 1$  is defined

② 
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y) &= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sin(x^2 + y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin(r^2)}{(r^2)} \\ &= 1 = f(0,0) \end{aligned}$$



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PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

## PARTIAL DERIVATIVES OF FUNCTIONS OF TWO VARIABLES

- How will the value of a function be affected by a change in one of its independent variables?
- The procedure used to determine the rate of change of a function  $f(x, y)$  with respect to one of its several independent variables is called **partial differentiation**, and the result is referred to as the **partial derivative** of  $f$  with respect to the chosen independent variable.

# PARTIAL DERIVATIVES OF FUNCTIONS OF TWO VARIABLES

## Definition of Partial Derivatives of a Function of Two Variables

If  $z = f(x, y)$ , then the **first partial derivatives** of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  and  $y$  are the functions  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  defined by

$$f_x(x, y) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta x}$$

Partial derivative with respect to  $x$

and

$$f_y(x, y) = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y + \Delta y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta y}$$

Partial derivative with respect to  $y$

provided the limits exist.

## PARTIAL DERIVATIVES OF FUNCTIONS OF TWO VARIABLES

**NOTE** This previous definition indicates that if  $z = f(x, y)$  then:

- ✓ To find  $f_x$  you consider  $y$  constant and differentiate with respect to  $x$ .
- ✓ Similarly, to find  $f_y$  you consider  $x$  constant and differentiate with respect to  $y$ .

## THE PARTIAL DERIVATIVE FUNCTIONS

**Example** Find  $f_x(x, y)$  and  $f_y(x, y)$  for  $f(x, y) = 2x^3y^2 + 2y + 4x$  and use those partial derivatives to compute  $f_x(1,3)$  and  $f_y(1,3)$ .

Keeping  $y$  fixed (*constant*) and differentiating with respect to  $x$  yields

$$f_x(x, y) = \frac{d}{dx} [2x^3y^2 + 2y + 4x] = 6x^2y^2 + 4$$

and keeping  $x$  fixed (*constant*) and differentiating with respect to  $y$  yields

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{d}{dy} [2x^3y^2 + 2y + 4x] = 4x^3y + 2$$

Thus,  $f_x(1,3) = 6(1^2)(3^2) + 4 = 58$        $f_y(1,3) = 4(1^3)(3) + 2 = 14$

## PARTIAL DERIVATIVE NOTATION

For  $z = f(x, y)$ , the partial derivatives  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  are denoted by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y) = f_x(x, y) = z_x = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \quad \text{Partial derivative with respect to } x$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y) = f_y(x, y) = z_y = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}. \quad \text{Partial derivative with respect to } y$$

The first partials evaluated at the point  $(a, b)$  are denoted by

$$\left. \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right|_{(a, b)} = f_x(a, b) \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right|_{(a, b)} = f_y(a, b).$$

## PARTIAL DERIVATIVE NOTATION

**Example** Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  if  $z = x^4 \sin(xy^3)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x^4 \sin(xy^3)] \\ &= x^4 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\sin(xy^3)] + \sin(xy^3) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x^4] \\ &= x^4 y^3 \cos(xy^3) + 4x^3 \sin(xy^3)\end{aligned}$$

## PARTIAL DERIVATIVE NOTATION

**Example** Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  if  $z = x^4 \sin(xy^3)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [x^4 \sin(xy^3)] \\ &= x^4 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [\sin(xy^3)] = x^4 \times 3xy^2 \cos(xy^3) \\ &= 3x^5 y^2 \cos(xy^3)\end{aligned}$$



## PARTIAL DERIVATIVE NOTATION

**Example** Find  $f_x(1, \ln 2)$  and  $f_y(1, \ln 2)$  if  $f(x, y) = ye^{x^2y}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [ye^{x^2y}] \\ &= y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [e^{x^2y}] = y \times 2xye^{x^2y} = 2xy^2e^{x^2y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f_x(1, \ln 2) &= 2(1)(\ln 2)^2 e^{(1^2) \ln 2} \\ &= 4(\ln 2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

## PARTIAL DERIVATIVE NOTATION

**Example** Find  $f_x(1, \ln 2)$  and  $f_y(1, \ln 2)$  if  $f(x, y) = ye^{x^2y}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f_y &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [ye^{x^2y}] = y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [e^{x^2y}] + e^{x^2y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [y] \\ &= yx^2e^{x^2y} + e^{x^2y} = (yx^2 + 1)e^{x^2y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f_y(1, \ln 2) &= ((1^2)\ln 2 + 1)e^{(1^2)\ln 2} \\ &= 2\ln 2 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

## PARTIAL DERIVATIVES VIEWED AS SLOPES

**Example** Let  $f(x, y) = x^2y + 5y^3$ .

- a) Find the slope of the surface  $f(x, y)$  in the  $x$  –direction at the point  $(1, -2)$ .

$$\because f_x(x, y) = 2xy$$

Thus, the slope in the  $x$  –direction is  $f_x(1, -2) = -4$

- b) Find the slope of the surface  $f(x, y)$  in the  $y$  –direction at the point  $(1, -2)$ .

$$\because f_y(x, y) = x^2 + 15y^2$$

Thus, the slope in the  $y$  –direction is  $f_y(1, -2) = 61$

## IMPLICIT PARTIAL DIFFERENTIATION

**Example** Find the slope of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$  in the  $y$  –direction at the point  $\left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$ .

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} [x^2 + y^2 + z^2] = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [1]$$

$$2y + 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{y}{z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \bigg|_{\left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)} &= -\frac{1/3}{2/3} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

## PARTIAL DERIVATIVES OF FUNCTIONS WITH MORE THAN TWO VARIABLES

- For a function  $w = f(x, y, z)$  of three variables, there are *three partial derivatives*:

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = f_x \quad , \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = f_y \quad , \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = f_z$$

- The partial derivative  $f_x$  is calculated by holding  $y$  and  $z$  constant and differentiating with respect to  $x$ .
- For  $f_y$  the variables  $x$  and  $z$  are held constant,
- and for  $f_z$  the variables  $x$  and  $y$  are held constant.

## PARTIAL DERIVATIVES OF FUNCTIONS WITH MORE THAN TWO VARIABLES

**Example** If  $f(x, y, z) = x^3y^2z^4 + 2xy + z$ , then

$$f_x(x, y, z) = 3x^2y^2z^4 + 2y$$

$$f_y(x, y, z) = 2x^3yz^4 + 2x$$

$$f_z(x, y, z) = 4x^3y^2z^3 + 1$$

**Example** If  $f(x, y, z, w) = \frac{x+y+z}{w}$ , then  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial w} = -\frac{x+y+z}{w^2}$

## PARTIAL DERIVATIVES OF FUNCTIONS WITH MORE THAN TWO VARIABLES

**Example** If  $w = \frac{x^2 - z^2}{y^2 + z^2}$ , then

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = \frac{(y^2 + z^2)(-2z) - (x^2 - z^2)(2z)}{(y^2 + z^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-2z(x^2 + y^2)}{(y^2 + z^2)^2}$$

## HIGHER-ORDER PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

- ✓ Suppose that  $f$  is a function of two variables  $x$  and  $y$ .
- ✓ Since the partial derivatives  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  are also functions of  $x$  and  $y$ , these functions may themselves have partial derivatives.
- ✓ This gives rise to four possible second-order partial derivatives of  $f$ , which are defined by

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

Differentiate twice  
with respect to  $x$ .

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = f_{yy}$$

Differentiate twice  
with respect to  $y$ .

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

Differentiate first with  
respect to  $y$  and then  
with respect to  $x$ .

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

Differentiate first with  
respect to  $x$  and then  
with respect to  $y$ .



## HIGHER-ORDER PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

- The last two cases are called *the mixed second-order partial derivatives* or the mixed second partials.
- Observe that the two notations for the mixed second partials have *opposite conventions for the order of differentiation*.
- Let  $f$  be a function of two variables. If  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are continuous on some open disk, then  $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$  on that disk.

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

Differentiate first with respect to  $y$  and then with respect to  $x$ .

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

Differentiate first with respect to  $x$  and then with respect to  $y$ .

## HIGHER-ORDER PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

### Example

Find the second-order partial derivatives of  
 $f(x, y) = x^2y^3 + x^4y$

$$f_x(x, y) = 2xy^3 + 4x^3y$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 3x^2y^2 + x^4$$

$$f_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2xy^3 + 4x^3y) = 2y^3 + 12x^2y$$

$$f_{yy} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3x^2y^2 + x^4) = 6x^2y$$

$$f_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (2xy^3 + 4x^3y) = 6xy^2 + 4x^3 = f_{yx}$$

## HIGHER-ORDER PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

Third-order, fourth-order, and higher-order partial derivatives can be obtained by successive differentiation. Some possibilities are

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

$$\frac{\partial^4 f}{\partial y^4} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial y^3} \right) = f_{yyyy}$$

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

$$\frac{\partial^4 f}{\partial y^2 \partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial y \partial x^2} \right) = f_{xxyy}$$

**Example** Let  $f(x, y) = y^2 e^x + y$ . Find  $f_{xyy}$ .

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

## PARTIAL DERIVATIVES AND CONTINUITY

In contrast to the case of functions of a single variable, *the existence of partial derivatives for a multivariable function does not guarantee the continuity of the function.*

**Example** Let  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} -\frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2} & : (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & : (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$

We previously show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} -\frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}$  does not exist.

$\therefore f(x, y)$  is discontinuous at  $(0, 0)$ .

## PARTIAL DERIVATIVES AND CONTINUITY

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$\therefore f(x, y)$  is discontinuous at  $(0, 0)$ .

We will have to use the definitions of the partial derivatives to determine whether  $f$  has partial derivatives at  $(0, 0)$ , and if so, we find the values of those derivatives.

$$f_x(0, 0) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\Delta x, 0) - f(0, 0)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{\Delta x} = 0$$

$$f_y(0, 0) = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, \Delta y) - f(0, 0)}{\Delta y} = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{\Delta y} = 0$$

## PARTIAL DERIVATIVES AND CONTINUITY

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**This shows that  $f$  has partial derivatives at  $(0, 0)$  and the values of both partial derivatives are 0 at that point.**

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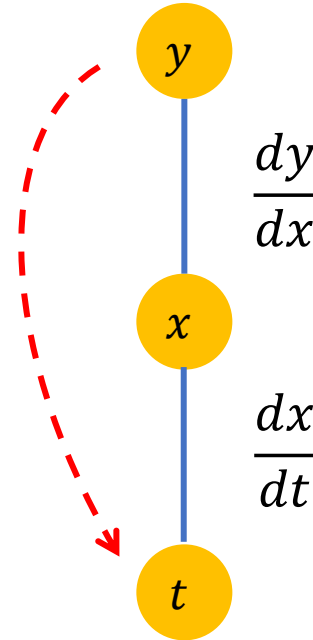
THE CHAIN RULE



## CHAIN RULES FOR DERIVATIVES

If  $y$  is a differentiable function of  $x$  and  $x$  is a differentiable function of  $t$ , then the *chain rule* for functions of *one variable* states that, under composition,  $y$  becomes a differentiable function of  $t$  with

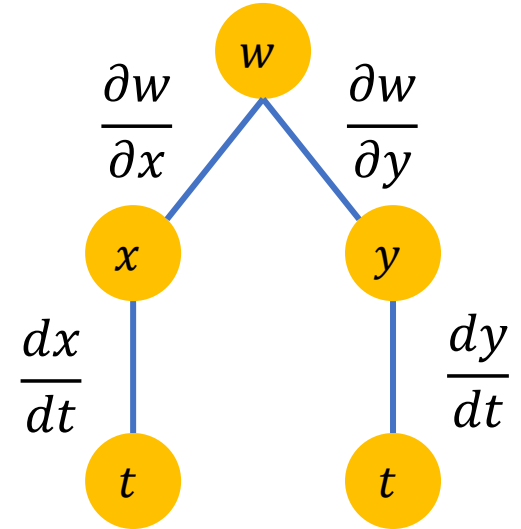
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt}$$



## CHAIN RULES FOR DERIVATIVES

- Let  $w = f(x, y)$  where  $f$  is a differentiable function of  $x$  and  $y$ .
- If  $x = g(t)$  and  $y = h(t)$  where  $g$  and  $h$  are differentiable functions of  $t$  then  $w$  is a differentiable function of  $t$ .
- And

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$



## CHAIN RULES FOR DERIVATIVES

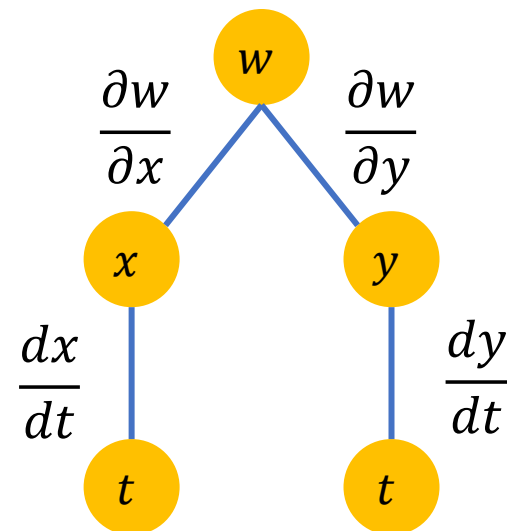
**Example** Let  $w = x^2y - y^2$ , where  $x = \sin t$  and  $y = e^t$ . Find  $\frac{dw}{dt}$  when  $t = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dw}{dt} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= (2xy)(\cos t) + (x^2 - 2y)(e^t) \\ &= (2 \sin t e^t)(\cos t) + (\sin^2 t - 2e^t)(e^t)\end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \frac{dw}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = -2$$

**NOTE**  $w = e^t \sin^2 t - e^{2t}$

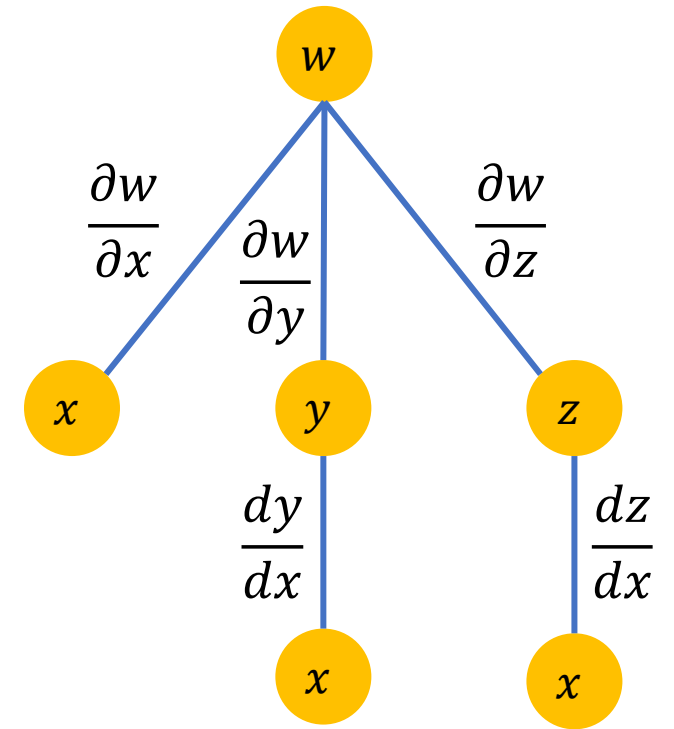
$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$



## CHAIN RULES FOR DERIVATIVES

**Example** Let  $w = xy + yz$ , where  $y = \sin x$  and  $z = e^x$ . Use an appropriate form of the chain rule to find  $dw/dx$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dw}{dx} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dx} \\ &= y + (x + z)(\cos x) + (y)(e^x) \\ &= (1 + e^x)\sin x + (x + e^x)\cos x\end{aligned}$$

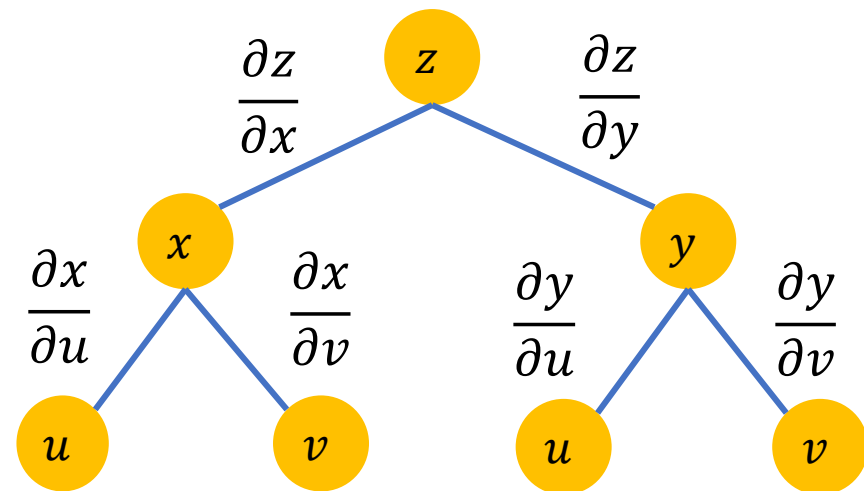


**NOTE**

$$w = x \sin x + e^x \sin x$$

## CHAIN RULES FOR DERIVATIVES

**Example** Given that  $z = e^{xy}$ ,  $x = 2u + v$ , and  $y = u/v$ . Find  $\partial z / \partial u$  and  $\partial z / \partial v$ .



$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$$

$$= (ye^{xy})(2) + (xe^{xy})(1/v) = e^{xy} \left( 2y + \frac{x}{v} \right) = e^{(2u+v)(u/v)} \left( 1 + \frac{4u}{v} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$$

$$= (ye^{xy})(1) + (xe^{xy})(-u/v^2) = e^{xy} \left( y - \frac{xu}{v^2} \right) = -\frac{2u^2}{v^2} e^{(2u+v)(u/v)}$$

# CHAIN RULES FOR DERIVATIVES

## Example

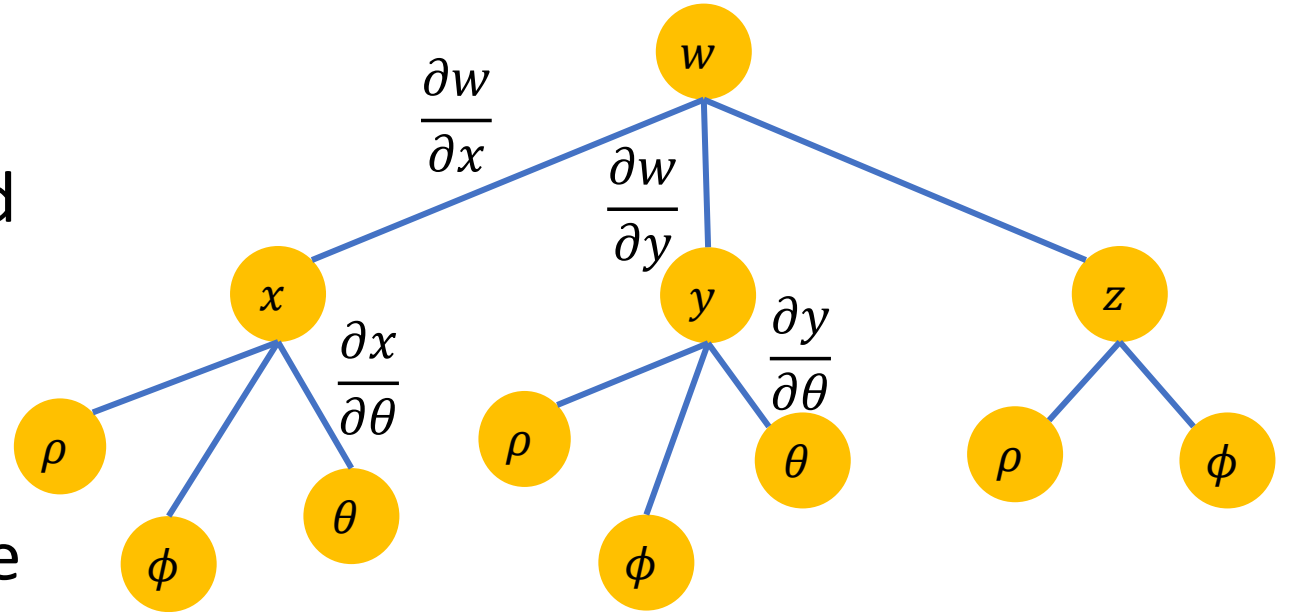
Given that  $w = x^2 + y^2 - z^2$ , and

$$x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta$$

$$y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta$$

$$z = \rho \cos \phi$$

Use appropriate forms of the chain rule to find  $\partial w / \partial \theta$ .



$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = (2x)(-\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta) + (2y)(\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta)$$

$$= 0$$

This result is explained by the fact that  $w$  does not vary with  $\theta$ .

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DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVES AND GRADIENTS

## DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVES

- In this section we extend the concept of a partial derivative to the more general notion of a directional derivative.
- You will see that  $f_x(x, y)$  and  $f_y(x, y)$  can be used to find the slope in any direction.
- To determine the slope at a point on a surface, you will define a new type of derivative called a *directional derivative*.

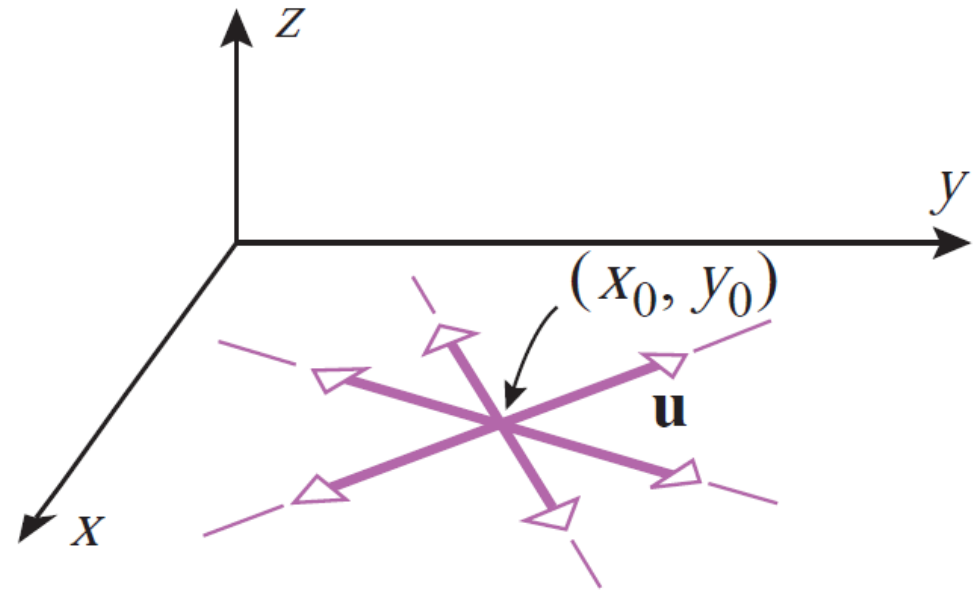


## DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVES

- To do this is to use a unit vector

$$\mathbf{u} = u_1\mathbf{i} + u_2\mathbf{j}$$

that has its initial point at  $(x_0, y_0)$  and points in the desired direction.



## DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVES

If  $f(x, y)$  is a function of  $x$  and  $y$ , and if  $\mathbf{u} = u_1\mathbf{i} + u_2\mathbf{j}$  is a unit vector, then the directional derivative of  $f$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{u}$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$  is denoted by  $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(x_0, y_0)$  and is defined by

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}f(x_0, y_0) = f_x(x_0, y_0)u_1 + f_y(x_0, y_0)u_2$$

## DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVES

**Example** Find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$  at  $(-2, 0)$  in the direction of the unit vector that makes an angle of  $\pi/3$  with the positive  $x$ -axis.

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(x, y) &= ye^{xy} & f_y(x, y) &= xe^{xy} & \mathbf{u} &= \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \mathbf{i} + \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \mathbf{j} \\ f_x(-2, 0) &= 0 & f_y(-2, 0) &= -2 & \mathbf{u} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{u}}f(-2, 0) &= f_x(-2, 0)u_1 + f_y(-2, 0)u_2 \\ &= (0) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) + (-2) \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = -\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

## DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVES

**Example** Find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y, z) = x^2y - yz^3 + z$  at  $(1, -2, 0)$  in the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$ .

$$f_x(x, y, z) = 2xy$$

$$f_y(x, y, z) = x^2 - z^3$$

$$f_z(x, y, z) = -3yz^2 + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} &= \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} = \frac{2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{2^2 + 1^2 + (-2)^2}} \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{j} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$f_x(1, -2, 0) = -4$$

$$f_y(1, -2, 0) = 1$$

$$f_z(1, -2, 0) = 1$$

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$$f_x(1, -2, 0) = -4 \quad f_y(1, -2, 0) = 1 \quad f_z(1, -2, 0) = 1$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} = \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{j} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{u}}f(1, -2, 0) &= f_x(1, -2, 0)u_1 + f_y(1, -2, 0)u_2 + f_z(1, -2, 0)u_3 \\ &= (-4)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + (1)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + (1)\left(\frac{-2}{3}\right) = -3 \end{aligned}$$

## THE GRADIENT

(a) If  $f$  is a function of  $x$  and  $y$ , then the *gradient of  $f$*  is defined by

$$\nabla f(x, y) = f_x(x, y)\mathbf{i} + f_y(x, y)\mathbf{j}$$

(b) If  $f$  is a function of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ , then the *gradient of  $f$*  is defined by

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = f_x(x, y, z)\mathbf{i} + f_y(x, y, z)\mathbf{j} + f_z(x, y, z)\mathbf{k}$$

**NOTE**

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{u}}f(x_0, y_0) &= f_x(x_0, y_0)u_1 + f_y(x_0, y_0)u_2 \\ &= \langle f_x(x_0, y_0), f_y(x_0, y_0) \rangle \cdot \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle \\ &= \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{u} \end{aligned}$$

## PROPERTIES OF THE GRADIENT

Let  $f$  be a function of either two variables or three variables and let  $P$  denote the point  $P(x_0, y_0)$  or  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ , respectively. Assume that  $f$  is differentiable at  $P$ .

- a) If  $\nabla f = \mathbf{0}$  at  $P$ , then all directional derivatives of  $f$  at  $P$  are zero.
- b) If  $\nabla f \neq \mathbf{0}$  at  $P$ , then among all possible directional derivatives of  $f$  at  $P$ , the derivative in the direction of  $\nabla f$  at  $P$  has the largest value. The value of this largest directional derivative is  $\|\nabla f\|$  at  $P$ .
- c) If  $\nabla f \neq \mathbf{0}$  at  $P$ , then among all possible directional derivatives of  $f$  at  $P$ , the derivative in the opposite direction of  $\nabla f$  at  $P$  has the smallest value. The value of this smallest directional derivative is  $-\|\nabla f\|$  at  $P$ .

## PROPERTIES OF THE GRADIENT

**Example** Let  $f(x, y) = x^2 e^y$ . Find the maximum value of a directional derivative at  $(-2, 0)$ , and find the unit vector in the direction in which the maximum value occurs.

$$\nabla f(x, y) = f_x(x, y)\mathbf{i} + f_y(x, y)\mathbf{j} = 2xe^y\mathbf{i} + x^2e^y\mathbf{j}$$

$$\nabla f(-2, 0) = -4\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$$

So, the maximum value of the directional derivative is

$$\|\nabla f(-2, 0)\| = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + 4^2} = 4\sqrt{2}$$



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This maximum occurs in the direction of  $\nabla f(-2, 0)$ .

The unit vector in this direction is

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{\nabla f(-2, 0)}{\|\nabla f(-2, 0)\|} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}(-4\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\mathbf{j}$$

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TANGENT PLANES AND NORMAL VECTORS

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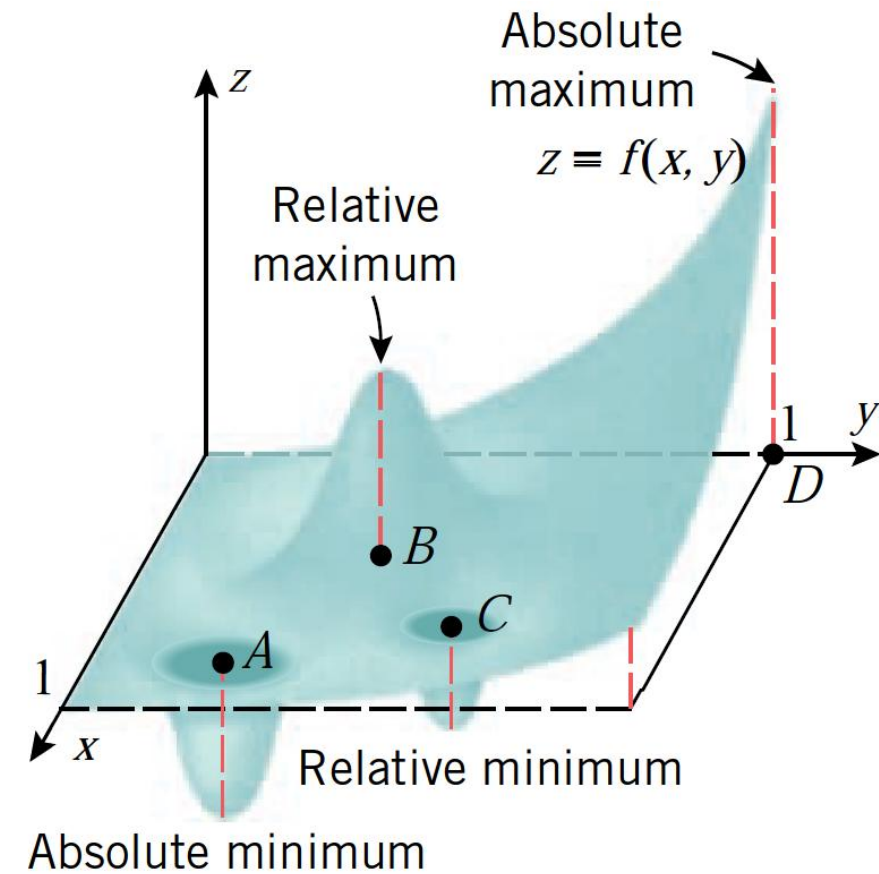
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MAXIMA AND MINIMA OF FUNCTIONS OF TWO VARIABLES

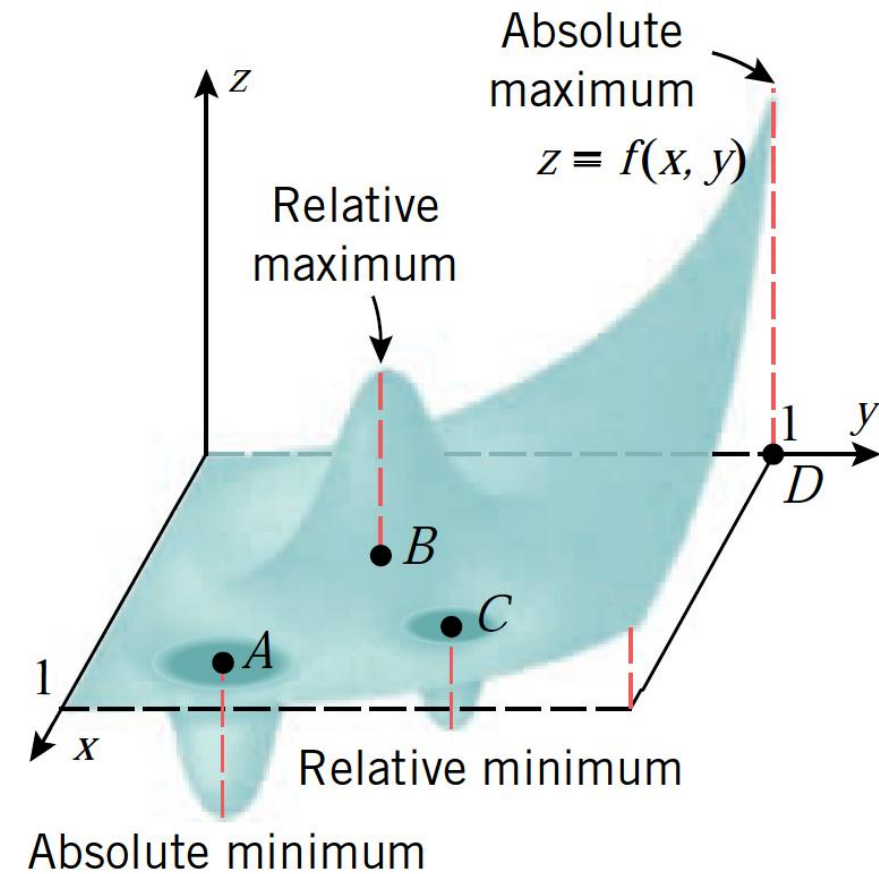
# EXTREMA

- A function  $f$  of two variables is said to have a *relative maximum* at a point  $(x_0, y_0)$  if there is a disk centered at  $(x_0, y_0)$  such that  $f(x_0, y_0) \geq f(x, y)$  for all points  $(x, y)$  that lie inside the disk.
- And  $f$  is said to have an *absolute maximum* at  $(x_0, y_0)$  if  $f(x_0, y_0) \geq f(x, y)$  for all points  $(x, y)$  in the domain of  $f$ .



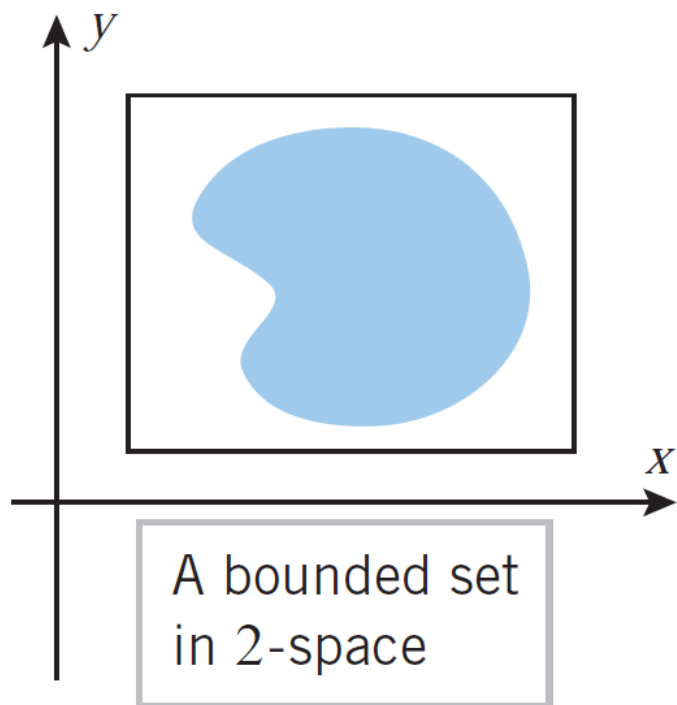
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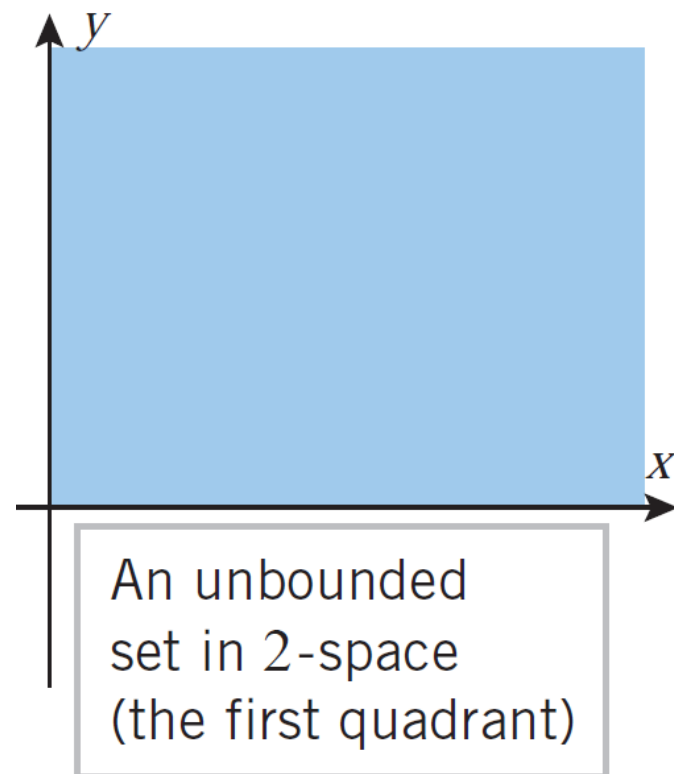


## BOUNDED SETS

A set of points in 2-space is called *bounded* if the entire set can be contained within some rectangle.



And is called *unbounded* if there is no rectangle that contains all the points of the set.



## THE EXTREME-VALUE THEOREM

If  $f(x, y)$  is continuous on a closed and bounded set  $R$ , then  $f$  has both an absolute maximum and an absolute minimum on  $R$ .

**NOTE** If any of the conditions in the Extreme-Value Theorem *fail to hold*, then **there is no guarantee** that an absolute maximum or absolute minimum exists on the region  $R$ .

## FINDING RELATIVE EXTREMA

### Definition of Critical Point

Let  $f$  be defined on an open region  $R$  containing  $(x_0, y_0)$ . The point  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a **critical point** of  $f$  if one of the following is true.

1.  $f_x(x_0, y_0) = 0$  and  $f_y(x_0, y_0) = 0$
2.  $f_x(x_0, y_0)$  or  $f_y(x_0, y_0)$  does not exist.

**NOTE** If  $f$  is differentiable and

$$\nabla f(x_0, y_0) = f_x(x_0, y_0)\mathbf{i} + f_y(x_0, y_0)\mathbf{j} = 0\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{0}$$

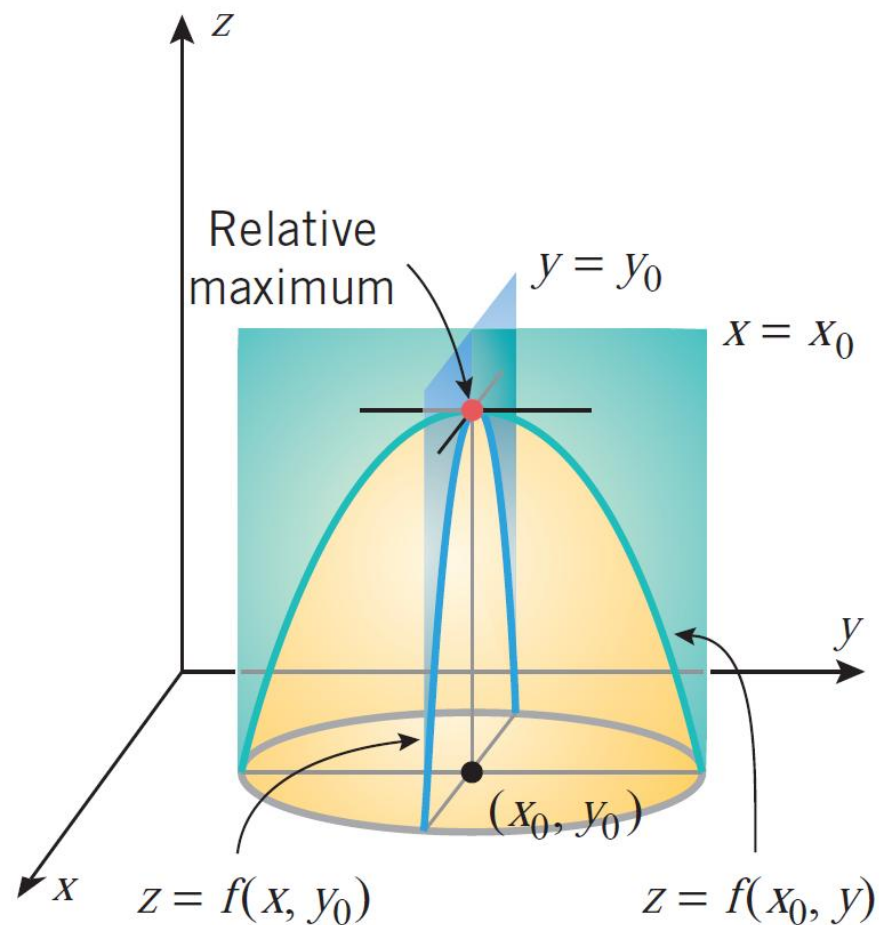
then every directional derivative at  $(x_0, y_0)$  must be 0.



## FINDING RELATIVE EXTREMA

### Relative Extrema Occur Only at Critical Points

If  $f$  has a relative extremum at  $(x_0, y_0)$  on an open region  $R$ , then  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a critical point of  $f$ .



## THE SECOND PARTIALS TEST

**13.8.6 THEOREM** (*The Second Partials Test*) Let  $f$  be a function of two variables with continuous second-order partial derivatives in some disk centered at a critical point  $(x_0, y_0)$ , and let

$$D = f_{xx}(x_0, y_0)f_{yy}(x_0, y_0) - f_{xy}^2(x_0, y_0)$$

- (a) If  $D > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(x_0, y_0) > 0$ , then  $f$  has a relative minimum at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .
- (b) If  $D > 0$  and  $f_{xx}(x_0, y_0) < 0$ , then  $f$  has a relative maximum at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .
- (c) If  $D < 0$ , then  $f$  has a saddle point at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .
- (d) If  $D = 0$ , then no conclusion can be drawn.

**NOTE**

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx}(x_0, y_0) & f_{xy}(x_0, y_0) \\ f_{xy}(x_0, y_0) & f_{yy}(x_0, y_0) \end{vmatrix}$$

## THE SECOND PARTIALS TEST

**Example**  $f(x, y) = 2x^2 + y^2 + 8x - 6y + 20$ .

The critical point is  $(-2, 3)$ .  $f_{xx}(x, y) = 4$   $f_{xx}(-2, 3) = 4 > 0$

$$f_x(x, y) = 4x + 8 \quad f_{yy}(x, y) = 2 \quad f_{yy}(-2, 3) = 2$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 2y - 6 \quad f_{xy}(x, y) = 0 \quad f_{xy}(-2, 3) = 0$$

$$D = f_{xx}(-2, 3)f_{yy}(-2, 3) - f_{xy}^2(-2, 3) = (4)(2) - (0)^2 = 8 > 0$$

$f$  has a relative minimum at  $(-2, 3)$  by the second partial test, and the value of this relative minimum is  $f(-2, 3) = 3$ .

## THE SECOND PARTIALS TEST

**Example**  $f(x, y) = y^2 - x^2$ .

The critical point is  $(0,0)$ .

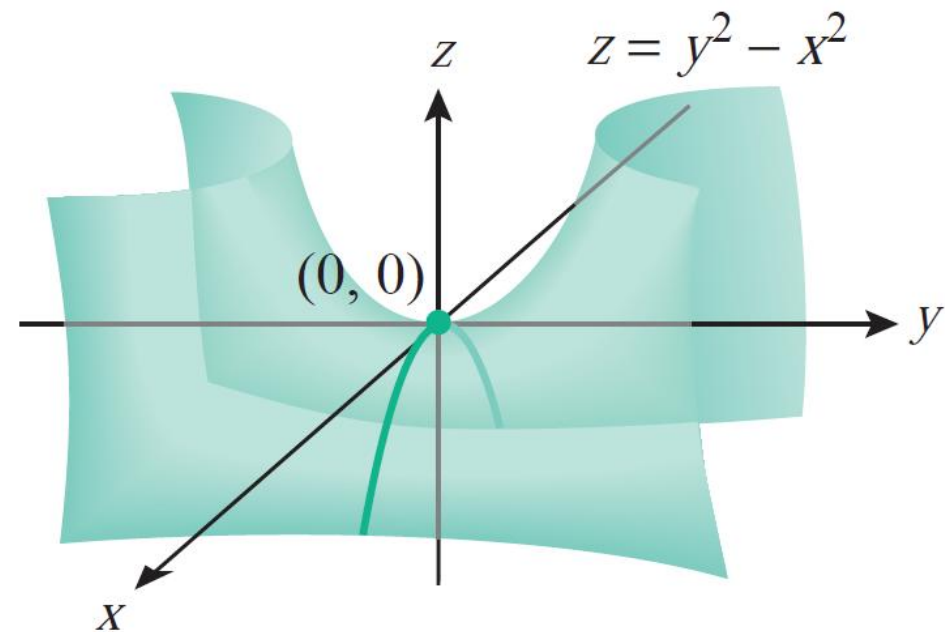
$$f_x(x, y) = -2x \qquad f_{xx}(0,0) = -2$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 2y \qquad f_{yy}(0,0) = 2$$

$$f_{xy}(0,0) = 0$$

$$D = f_{xx}(0,0)f_{yy}(0,0) - f_{xy}^2(0,0) = (-2)(2) - (0)^2 = -4 < 0$$

$f$  has a saddle point at  $(0,0)$  by the second partial test.



## THE SECOND PARTIALS TEST

**Example** Locate all relative extrema and saddle points of

$$f(x, y) = 4xy - x^4 - y^4$$

$$f_x(x, y) = 4y - 4x^3 = 0$$

$$y = x^3$$

$$x = (x^3)^3 = x^9$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 4x - 4y^3 = 0$$

$$x = y^3$$

$$x^9 - x = 0$$

$$x(x^8 - 1) = 0$$

$$f_{xx}(x, y) = -12x^2$$

$$f_{yy}(x, y) = -12y^2$$

$$f_{xy}(x, y) = 4$$

$x$	$y = x^3$
-1	-1
0	0
1	1

## THE SECOND PARTIALS TEST

**Example** Locate all relative extrema and saddle points of

$$f(x, y) = 4xy - x^4 - y^4$$

$$f_{xx}(x, y) = -12x^2$$

$$f_{yy}(x, y) = -12y^2$$

$$f_{xy}(x, y) = 4$$

$x$	$y = x^3$
-1	-1
0	0
1	1

Critical Point	$f_{xx}$	$f_{yy}$	$f_{xy}$	$D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - [f_{xy}]^2$	Type
$(-1, -1)$	-12	-12	4	128	Local Max
$(0, 0)$	0	0	4	-16	Saddle
$(1, 1)$	-12	-12	4	128	Local Max

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LAGRANGE MULTIPLIERS

## EXTREMUM PROBLEMS WITH CONSTRAINTS

- In this section we will study a powerful new method for maximizing or minimizing a function *subject to constraints on the variables*.
- This method will help us to solve certain optimization problems that are difficult or impossible to solve using the methods studied in the last section.
- We wish to:  
Find extrema of the function  $z = f(x, y)$  subject to a constraint given by  $g(x, y) = c$ .



# EXTREMUM PROBLEMS WITH CONSTRAINTS

## Lagrange's Theorem

Let  $f$  and  $g$  have continuous first partial derivatives such that  $f$  has an extremum at a point  $(x_0, y_0)$  on the smooth constraint curve  $g(x, y) = c$ . If  $\nabla g(x_0, y_0) \neq \mathbf{0}$ , then there is a real number  $\lambda$  such that

$$\nabla f(x_0, y_0) = \lambda \nabla g(x_0, y_0).$$

**NOTE** The scalar  $\lambda$  is called a **Lagrange multiplier**.

# EXTREMUM PROBLEMS WITH CONSTRAINTS

## Method of Lagrange Multipliers

Let  $f$  and  $g$  satisfy the hypothesis of Lagrange's Theorem, and let  $f$  have a minimum or maximum subject to the constraint  $g(x, y) = c$ . To find the minimum or maximum of  $f$ , use these steps.

1. Simultaneously solve the equations  $\nabla f(x, y) = \lambda \nabla g(x, y)$  and  $g(x, y) = c$  by solving the following system of equations.

$$f_x(x, y) = \lambda g_x(x, y)$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \lambda g_y(x, y)$$

$$g(x, y) = c$$

2. Evaluate  $f$  at each solution point obtained in the first step. The greatest value yields the maximum of  $f$  subject to the constraint  $g(x, y) = c$ , and the least value yields the minimum of  $f$  subject to the constraint  $g(x, y) = c$ .

## EXTREMUM PROBLEMS WITH CONSTRAINTS

**Example** At what point(s) on the line  $x + y = 3$  does  
$$f(x, y) = 9 - x^2 - y^2$$
have an absolute maximum, and what is that maximum?

$\xrightarrow{\text{green arrow}} g(x, y) = x + y - 3$

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$$-2x = \lambda$$

$$-2y = \lambda$$

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- Subject to the constraint  $x + y = 3$ , the function  $f$  has absolute maximum at  $\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right)$ .
- The value of the absolute maximum is  $f\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{9}{2}$ .

## EXTREMUM PROBLEMS WITH CONSTRAINTS

**Example** Use Lagrange multipliers to find the maximum and minimum values of

$$f(x, y) = x - 3y - 1$$

subject to the constraint  $x^2 + 3y^2 = 16$ . 

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$$\frac{1}{-3} = \frac{x}{3y}$$

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$$x^2 + 3y^2 - 16 = 0$$

$$4x^2 - 16 = 0$$

$$x = 2 \rightarrow y = -2$$

$$x = -2 \rightarrow y = 2$$

$$f(2, -2) = 7 \quad \text{MAX}$$

$$f(-2, 2) = -9 \quad \text{MIN}$$

## EXTREMUM PROBLEMS WITH CONSTRAINTS

**Example** Find three positive numbers whose sum is 48 and such that their product is as large as possible.

Let the three numbers  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ .

**Constraint:**  $x + y + z = 48$


**Function:**  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$

Find the maximum value of  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$  subject to the constraint  $x + y + z = 48$ .



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$$x + y + z - 48 = 0$$

$$3x - 48 = 0$$

$$x = 16$$

$$y = 16$$

$$z = 16$$

$$f(16, 16, 16) = 16^3 = 4096$$