

we can take higher order derivatives:

Example: $W = f(x, y) = x^2 y + \frac{x}{y}$

1st order $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2xy + \frac{1}{y}$; $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^2 - \frac{x}{y^2}$

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

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

$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = 2x - \frac{1}{y^2}$

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We see $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ } usually the case if the derivatives exist.

Alternative notation: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = f_x$; $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = f_y$

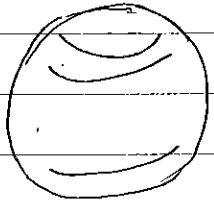
$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = f_{xx}$; $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = f_{yy}$; $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = f_{yx}$; $f_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$

Some uses of partial Derivatives

Stationary points: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$

to e.g. $\nabla f = 0$. (all components are 0)

Max. or Min.



Hill top = Max. All directions curve down.

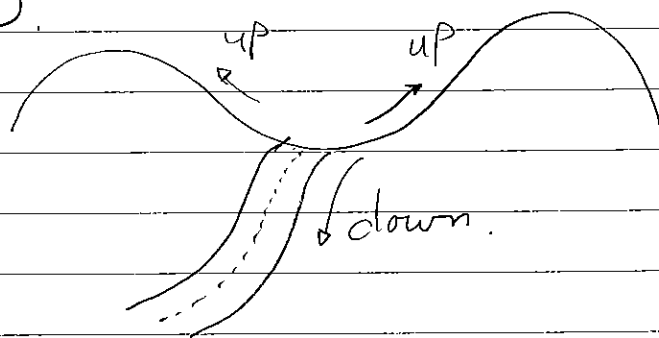
Bottom of ball = Min. surface curves upwards

New possibility in 2D

Mountain pass

Both derivatives vanish

at the mountain pass. But one curves up and one curves down.



This is called a saddle point

Saddle point test: only at point with $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0$

$$\text{Find } \Delta = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y^2} - \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x \partial y} \right)^2$$

if $\Delta > 0 \Rightarrow$ not saddle, i.e. Max or Min

$\Delta < 0 \Rightarrow$ saddle

Do saddle test first

if not saddle

$$\text{And } \left(\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^2} > 0 \text{ or } \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y^2} > 0 \right) \Rightarrow \text{Min.}$$

if not saddle

$$\text{And } \left(\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^2} < 0 \text{ or } \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y^2} < 0 \right) \Rightarrow \text{Max.}$$

if $\Delta = 0 \Rightarrow$ cannot conclude. \rightarrow investigate further

Implicit Differentiation

single variable case;

Example: $x^2 + y^2 = a^2 \Rightarrow 2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -x/y$

SUPPOSE that a function $z = f(x, y)$ is defined implicitly.

Example: $x^2 + 3y^2 + 2z^2 = 6$

implicit differentiation w.r.t. x : $2x + 4z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -x/2z$

implicit differentiation w.r.t. y : $6y + 4z \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -3y/2z$

An example involving integration:

suppose: we want to find a function $z = f(x, y)$ such that:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2xy + \sin y + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^2 + x \cos y + 2y$$

↑
 integrate w.r.t. x $f(x, y) = x^2y + x \sin y + x + \phi(y) + C$

integrate w.r.t. y $f(x, y) = x^2y + x \sin y + y^2 + \alpha(x) + C$

Now compose: $f(x, y) = x^2y + x \sin y + x + y^2 + C$

The chain rule

Previously we had for one variable,

chain rule if $y = f(g(x))$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{df}{dg} \frac{dg}{dx}$

suppose that $z = f(x, y)$ and $x = x(t)$ $y = y(t)$

Then $\frac{dz}{dt} = \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\delta x, y+\delta y) - f(x, y)}{\delta t}$

$\delta x, \delta y$ are increments in x and y corresponding to δt in t .

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{f(x+\delta x, y+\delta y) - f(x, y+\delta y)}{\delta x} \frac{\delta x}{\delta t} + \frac{f(x, y+\delta y) - f(x, y)}{\delta y} \frac{\delta y}{\delta t} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

Example: $z = f(x, y) = x^2 y^3$ $x = \sin(t)$
 $y = e^t$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2xy^3 \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = \cos t$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 3x^2 y^2 \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = e^t$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dt} = (2 \sin t e^{3t}) \cdot (\cos t) + (3 \sin^2 t e^{2t}) \cdot (e^t)$$

$$= e^{3t} \sin t (2 \cos t + 3 \sin t)$$

can check. $z = \sin^2 t e^{3t}$ $\frac{dz}{dt} = 2 \sin t e^{3t} + 3 \sin^2 t e^{3t}$
same

We can generalize. $W = f(x, y)$
 where $x = x(s, t)$
 $y = y(s, t)$.

We obtain $\frac{\partial W}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$.

$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$.

Each extra intermediate variable (x, y, \dots) leads to an extra term on the right-hand side.

Each extra variable (s, t, \dots) leads to another equation.

Note: Partial differential equations are very important in Physics (Maxwell eqs., Schrödinger eq., ...)

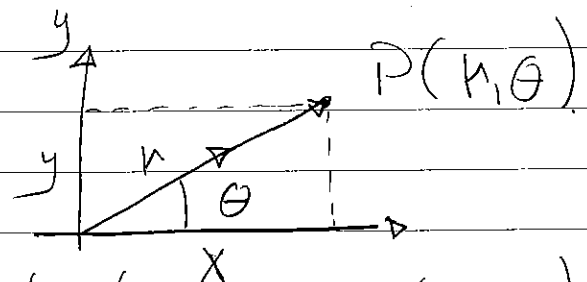
And in all sciences.

Question: if $w = f(x, y, z) = xy^2 + x \sin y + z^3$

Find: $f_x, f_y, f_z, f_{xy}, f_{yy}$.

Coordinate systems

in 2 dimensions



$(x, y) = \text{cartesian coordinates } (x, y \in \mathbb{R})$

$(\rho, \theta) = \text{Polar coordinates}$.

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \quad \theta = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$$

$$r \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$$

Note: There is a degeneracy for $r = 0$.

next: In 3 dimensions

i) In cylindrical polar coordinates

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

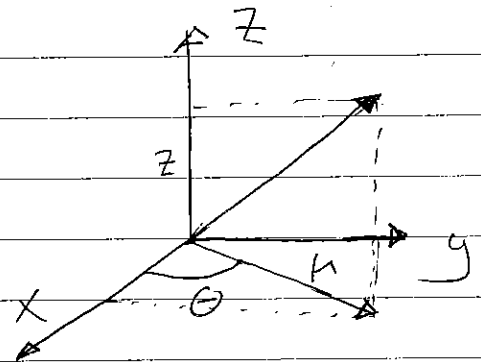
$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$z = z$$

$$r \geq 0$$

$$0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$$

$$-\infty < z < \infty$$



Used for problems with cylindrical symmetry

ii) Spherical coordinates

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

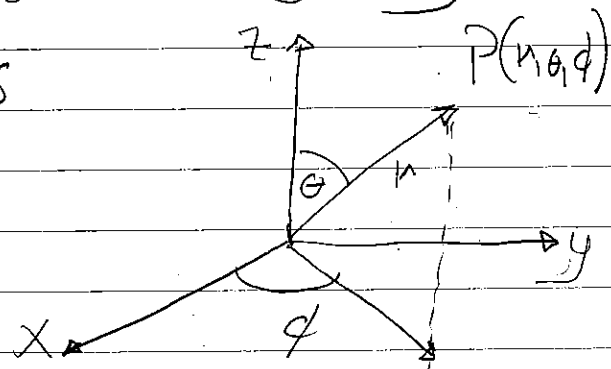
$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z = r \cos \theta$$

$$r \geq 0$$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

$$0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$$

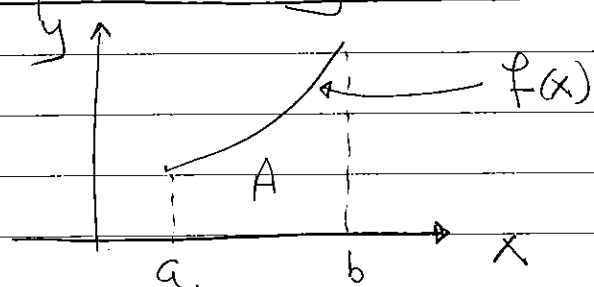


Used for problem with spherical symmetry e.g. $V = V(r)$

Note: coordinates are not physical, they are just useful labels

Multiple Integrals

we saw

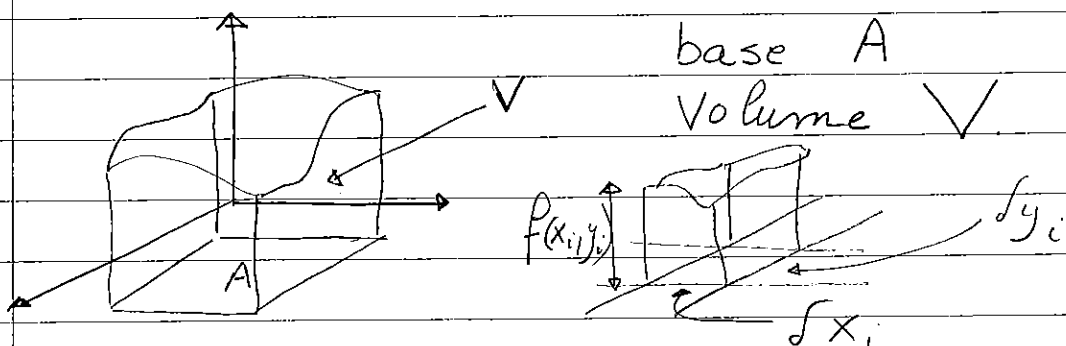


$$A = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \Delta x_i$$

A = as area below the curve

Double integrals → as a volume.

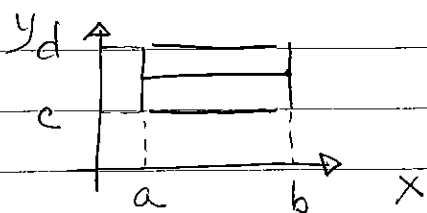


$$\Delta V_{ij} = f(x_i, y_i) \Delta x_i \Delta y_i$$

Take the limit $\lim_{M, N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M \Delta V_{ij}$ with $\Delta x_i \rightarrow 0$
 $\Delta y_i \rightarrow 0$.

$$\Rightarrow V = \iint_A f(x, y) dx dy$$

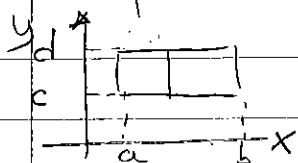
Evaluation



Perform x-integration first
 (y = constant)

$$= \int_c^d \left(\int_a^b f(x, y) dx \right) dy$$

OR Perform y-integration first (treat x as constant)



$$= \int_a^b \left(\int_c^d f(x, y) dy \right) dx$$

Example: let $f(x,y) = 3x^2 + 2y$.

and $a=0$, $b=2$, $c=1$, $d=2$.

want to evaluate $I = \int_A f(x,y) dx dy$.

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^2 \left(\int_1^2 (3x^2 + 2y) dy \right) dx = \\ &= \int_0^2 [3x^2y + y^2]_1^2 dx = \int_0^2 [(6x^2 + 4) - (3x^2 + 1)] dx \\ &= \int_0^2 (3x^2 + 3) dx = [x^3 + 3x]_0^2 = 14. \end{aligned}$$

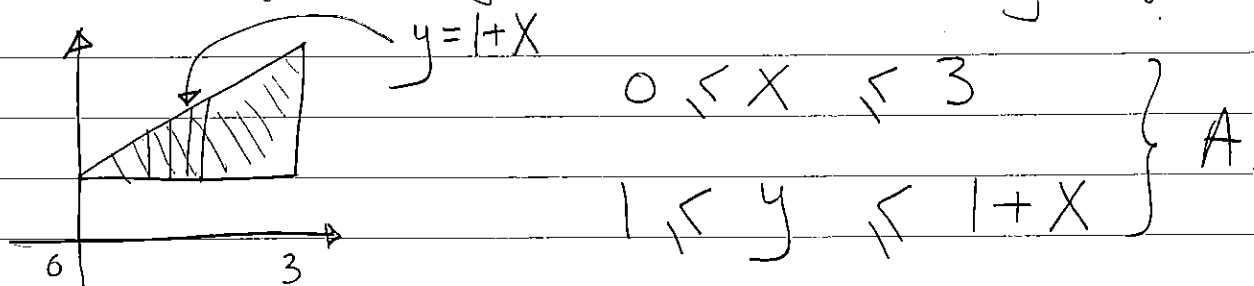
OR do the x-integral first. get the same result.

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_1^2 \left(\int_0^2 (3x^2 + 2y) dx \right) dy = \int_1^2 [x^3 + 2yx]_0^2 dy = \\ &= \int_1^2 (8 + 4y) dy = [8y + 2y^2]_1^2 = (16 + 8) - (8 + 2) = 14 \end{aligned}$$

This is simple for the case of A being a rectangle.

What about if A is a triangle?

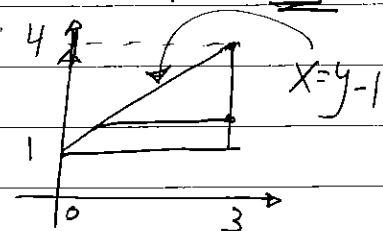
→ Essential to get the limits right!



Let $f(x,y) = 2(x+y)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \int_0^3 \left(\int_1^{y=1+x} 2(x+y) dy \right) dx = \int_0^3 \left[2xy + y^2 \right]_1^{1+x} dx \\
 &= \int_0^3 \left(2x(1+x) + (1+x)^2 - (2x+1) \right) dx \\
 &= \int_0^3 (3x^2 + 2x) dx = \left[x^3 + x^2 \right]_0^3 = 27 + 9 = \underline{36}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now Do the x -integration first.



$$V = \int_1^4 \left(\int_{x=y-1}^3 2(x+y) dx \right) dy$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_1^4 \left[x^2 + 2yx \right]_{y-1}^3 dy = \\
 &= \int_1^4 \left[(9 + 6y) - ((y-1)^2 + 2y(y-1)) \right] dy \\
 &= \int_1^4 (9 + 6y - y^2 + 2y - 1 - 2y^2 + 2y) dy \\
 &= \int_1^4 (-3y^2 + 10y + 8) dy \\
 &= \left[-y^3 + 5y^2 + 8y \right]_1^4 = \left(\underbrace{-64 + 80 + 32}_{48} \right) - \left(\underbrace{-1 + 5 + 8}_{12} \right) = \underline{36}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: more complicated areas can be subdivided.

Triple integrals over a volume V can be treated as generalization of double integrals over the area A .

$$V = \iiint_V dx dy dz$$

Mass $M = \iiint_V \rho(x, y, z) dx dy dz$