

Q6D 11

① $z = xy^2 - x^2y$, $x = t^2 + 1$, $y = t^2 - 1$
Find $\frac{dz}{dt}$

Solution: Here $t \mapsto (x, y) \mapsto z$, whence

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

$$= (y^2 - 2xy) \cdot 2t + (2xy - x^2) \cdot 2t$$

$$= 2t (y^2 - x^2) = 2t (y-x)(y+x)$$

$$= 2t (-2) \cdot 2t^2$$

$$= -8t^3$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad z = (x-y)^{\sqrt{5}}, \quad x = s^2 t, \quad y = s t^2$$

Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial s}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$

Solution: Here $(s, t) \mapsto (x, y) \mapsto z$, where

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

$$= \sqrt{5} (x-y)^{\sqrt{5}-1} \cdot 2st - \sqrt{5} (x-y)^{\sqrt{5}-1} \cdot t^2$$

$$= \sqrt{5} t (x-y)^{\sqrt{5}-1} (2s-t) = \sqrt{5} t (s^2 t - s t^2)^{\sqrt{5}-1} (2s-t)$$

$$= \sqrt{5} s^4 t^{\sqrt{5}} (s-t)^{\sqrt{5}-1} (2s-t)$$

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

$$= \sqrt{5} (x-y)^{\sqrt{5}-1} \cdot s^2 - \sqrt{5} (x-y)^{\sqrt{5}-1} \cdot 2st$$

$$= \sqrt{5} s (x-y)^{\sqrt{5}-1} (s-2t) = \sqrt{5} s (s^2 t - s t^2)^{\sqrt{5}-1} (s-2t)$$

$$= \sqrt{5} s^5 t^{\sqrt{5}} (s-t)^{\sqrt{5}-1} (s-2t)$$

$$(3) \quad z = x^3 + x^2y, \quad x = s + 2t - u, \quad y = st u^2$$

Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial s}$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}$ for $s=2, t=1, u=1$

Solution: Here $(s, t, u) \mapsto (x, y) \mapsto z$, and

$$x(2, -1, 1) = -1, \quad y(2, -1, 1) = -2, \quad \text{where}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = (3x^2 + 2xy) + x^2 \cdot t u^2, \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} / (s, t, u) = (2, -1, 1) = (3+4) + (-1)^2 \cdot (-1) \cdot 1^2 = 7 - 1 = 6$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = (3x^2 + 2xy) \cdot 2 + x^2 \cdot s u^2, \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} / (s, t, u) = (2, -1, 1) = (3+4) \cdot 2 + (-1)^2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1^2 = 14 + 2 = 16$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} = (3x^2 + 2xy)(-1) + x^2 \cdot 2st u, \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} / (s, t, u) = (2, -1, 1) = (3+4) \cdot (-1) + (-1)^2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot (-1) \cdot 1$$
$$= -7 - 4 = -11$$

④ If $z = f(x, y)$, $x = r^2 + s^2$, $y = 2rs$,
 find $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r \partial s}$

Solution! Here $(r, s) \mapsto (x, y) \mapsto z$, so that

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = f_x \cdot 2r + f_y \cdot 2s$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r \partial s} = \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial r} \right)}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial (f_x \cdot 2r + f_y \cdot 2s)}{\partial s}$$

$$= 2 \frac{\partial f_x}{\partial s} \cdot r + 2 \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial s} \cdot s + 2 f_y$$

Now, in the same way as above, for any

function $g = g(x, y)$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = g_x \cdot 2s + g_y \cdot 2r, \text{ where}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r \partial s} = 2 (f_{xx} \cdot 2s + f_{xy} \cdot 2r) \cdot r$$

$$+ 2 (f_{yx} \cdot 2s + f_{yy} \cdot 2r) \cdot s + 2 f_y$$

$$= 2 f_y + 4sr (f_{xx} + f_{yy}) + 4(r^2 + s^2) f_{xy}$$

The following exercises are based on Lecture 23 (to be given after 02/01/11, so that the definitions from Lecture 23 are additionally explained in the solutions)

⑤ Find the gradient of the function $f(x, y) = x^2 \ln y$ and evaluate it at $P = (3, 1)$

Solution: The gradient vector of a function f at a point (x, y) is $\nabla f(x, y) = (f_x(x, y), f_y(x, y))$
Here $f_x = 2x \ln y$, $f_y = \frac{x^2}{y}$, so that

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \left(2x \ln y, \frac{x^2}{y} \right), \text{ and}$$

$$\nabla f(3, 1) = (0, 9)$$

⑥ Find the gradient of the function

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2yz - xyz^3 \text{ at } P = (2, -1, 1)$$

Solution: In the same for a function of 3 variables $f(x, y, z)$ its gradient is

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = (f_x(x, y, z), f_y(x, y, z), f_z(x, y, z))$$

Thus, for the given function

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = (2xyz - yz^3, x^2z - xz^3, x^2y - 3xyz^2)$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f(2, -1, 1) &= (-4 + 1, 4 - 2, -4 + 3 \cdot 2) \\ &= (-3, 2, 2) \end{aligned}$$

⑦ Find the directional derivative of the function $f(x, y) = e^x \sin y$ at the point $(0, \frac{\pi}{3})$ in the direction of the vector $\vec{v} = (-3, 4)$

Solution: One has to normalize the vector \vec{v} first; since $|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5$, we obtain $\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} = (-\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5})$. Now, the directional derivative at point (x, y)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{is } D_{\vec{u}} f(x, y) &= \vec{u} \cdot \nabla f(x, y) \\ &= \left(-\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}\right) (e^x \sin y, e^x \cos y), \text{ whence} \\ D_{\vec{u}} f\left(0, \frac{\pi}{3}\right) &= \left(-\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}\right) (e^x \sin y, e^x \cos y) \Big|_{\substack{x=0 \\ y=\frac{\pi}{3}}} \\ &= \left(-\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{-3\sqrt{3} + 4}{10} \end{aligned}$$

8) Find the directional derivative of the function $f(x, y, z) = x^2y + y^2z$ at the point $(1, 2, 3)$ in the direction of the vector $\vec{v} = (2, -1, 2)$

Solution: In the same way as for 2 variables, one has to normalize the vector \vec{v} first, by getting to $\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{(2, -1, 2)}{\sqrt{4+1+4}} = \left(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$

The directional derivative is $D_{\vec{u}} f(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right) \cdot \nabla f(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right) (2xy, x^2+2yz, y^2)$, whence

$$D_{\vec{u}} f(1, 2, 3) = \left(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right) (4, 13, 4) = 1$$

⑨ Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface $z = 2x^2 + y^2 - 5y$ at the point $(1, 2, -4)$

Solution: If $f(x, y) = z_0$, then the point (x_0, y_0, z_0) belongs to the surface $z = f(x, y)$, and the tangent plane to the surface at this point is

$$z - z_0 = \nabla f(x_0, y_0) (x - x_0, y - y_0), \text{ i.e.}$$

$$z = z_0 + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

In our case

$$f_x(x_0, y_0) = f_x(1, 2) = 4x \Big|_{\substack{x=1 \\ y=2}} = 4$$

$$f_y(x_0, y_0) = f_y(1, 2) = (2y - 5) \Big|_{\substack{x=1 \\ y=2}} = -1$$

whence

$$z = z_0 + 4(x - x_0) - (y - y_0)$$

$$= -4 + 4(x - 1) - (y - 2)$$

$$= 4x - y - 6$$