

Answer on Question#50737

1) Obtain all the first and second order partial derivatives of the function: $f(x, y) = \ln(1 + xy^2)$

Solution. Let's compute first order partial derivatives of the origin function:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y) = \frac{y^2}{1 + xy^2}; \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y) = \frac{2xy}{1 + xy^2}$$

Let's compute second order partial derivatives of the origin function:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} f(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{y^2}{1 + xy^2} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(y^2 (1 + xy^2)^{-1} \right) = -y^2 (1 + xy^2)^{-2} y^2 = \frac{-y^4}{(1 + xy^2)^2};$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} f(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial x} f(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{y^2}{1 + xy^2} \right) = \frac{2y(1 + xy^2) - 2xy^3}{(1 + xy^2)^2} = \frac{2y}{(1 + xy^2)^2};$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} f(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{2xy}{1 + xy^2} \right) = \frac{2x(1 + xy^2) - 4x^2 y^2}{(1 + xy^2)^2} = \frac{2x - 2x^2 y^2}{(1 + xy^2)^2}.$$