

## Answer on Question #55096 – Math – Calculus

### Question

If  $f(x,y) = x^2y^3 - 2y^{-2}$ , find  $f_y$ .

### Solution

According to the statement of the problem, we have

$$f(x, y) = x^2y^3 - 2y^{-2}.$$

Hence, for  $f_y$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f_y &= \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2y^3 - 2y^{-2}) = x^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y^3) - 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y^{-2}) = 3x^2y^2 - 2 \cdot (-2) \cdot y^{-3} = \\ &= 3x^2y^2 + 4y^{-3}. \end{aligned}$$

**Answer:**  $f_y = 3x^2y^2 + 4y^{-3}$ .