

Answer on Question #55791 – Math – Calculus

2. If $f(x,y)=\tan^{-1} y/x$, find f_x .
3. Suppose $f(x,y)=x^3 y^2 - \sin^2 x \cos 2y$, what is $\partial f/\partial y$?
4. Suppose $f(x,y)=\sin^2 x \cos y + xy^2$, what is $\partial f/\partial x$?
5. If $f(x,y)=x^2 y^3 - 2y^{-2}$, find f_y
6. If $f(x,y)=4x^3 - 3y^2$, find f_x

Solution

2. $f(x,y) = \tan^{-1} y/x$

If \tan^{-1} means the inverse of the tangent, then the answer will be

$$f_x = \frac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial x} = (\tan^{-1} (y/x))'_x = (\arctan(y/x))'_x = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} * \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)'_x = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} * \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right)$$

$$f_x = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} * \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right) = -\frac{y}{x^2 \left(1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2\right)} = -\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2},$$

because $\frac{\partial(\arctan(t))}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{1+t^2}$, $\frac{\partial(x^n)}{\partial x} = nx^{n-1}$, where n is integer, and the chain rule of differentiation was applied.

If \tan^{-1} means the tangent raised to the power of (-1), then the answer will be

$$f_x = \frac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial x} = (\tan^{-1} (y/x))'_x = -\tan^{-2} \left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \frac{1}{\cos^2 \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)} \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)'_x = -\frac{1}{\tan^2 \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)} \cdot \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right) =$$

$$= \frac{y}{x^2 \sin^2(y/x)}, \text{ because } \frac{\partial(x^n)}{\partial x} = nx^{n-1}, \text{ where } n \text{ is integer, } \frac{\partial(\tan(t))}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\cos^2(t)}, \text{ and the chain rule of differentiation was applied}$$

3. $f(x,y) = x^3 y^2 - \sin^2(x) \cos(2y)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^3 \cdot 2y - \sin^2(x) \cdot (-\sin(2y) \cdot 2) = 2x^3 y + 2\sin^2(x) \sin(2y),$$

because $\frac{\partial(p-q)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(p)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial(q)}{\partial y}$, $\frac{\partial(g(x)h(y))}{\partial y} = g(x) \frac{\partial(h(y))}{\partial y}$, $\frac{\partial(y^n)}{\partial y} = ny^{n-1}$, where n is integer,

$$\frac{\partial(ah(y))}{\partial y} = a \frac{\partial(h(y))}{\partial y}, \text{ where } a \text{ is a constant,}$$

$$\frac{\partial(\cos(t))}{\partial t} = -\sin(t),$$

and the chain rule of differentiation was applied.

4. $f(x,y) = \sin^2(x) \cos(y) + xy^2$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2 \sin(x) \frac{\partial \sin(x)}{\partial x} \cos(y) + y^2 = 2 \sin(x) \cos(x) \cos(y) + y^2 = \sin(2x) \cos(y) + y^2, \text{ because}$$

$\frac{\partial(p+q)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial(p)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(q)}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial(g(x)h(y))}{\partial x} = h(y) \frac{\partial(g(x))}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial(x^n)}{\partial x} = nx^{n-1}$, where n is integer, $\frac{\partial(\sin(t))}{\partial t} = \cos(t)$, and the chain rule of differentiation was applied.

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

$$f_y = x^2 \cdot (3y^2) - 2 \cdot (-2) \cdot y^{-3} = 3x^2 y^2 + 4y^{-3}, \text{ because } \frac{\partial(p-q)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(p)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial(q)}{\partial y},$$

$\frac{\partial(g(x)h(y))}{\partial y} = g(x) \frac{\partial(h(y))}{\partial y}$, $\frac{\partial(ah(y))}{\partial y} = a \frac{\partial(h(y))}{\partial y}$, where a is a constant, $\frac{\partial(y^n)}{\partial y} = ny^{n-1}$, where n is integer,

6. $f(x, y) = 4x^3 - 3y^2$

$f_x = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot x^2 = 12x^2$, because $\frac{\partial(p-q)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial(p)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(q)}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial(ag(x))}{\partial x} = a \frac{\partial(g(x))}{\partial x}$, where a is a constant,
 $\frac{\partial(x^n)}{\partial x} = nx^{n-1}$, $\frac{\partial(y^2)}{\partial x} = 0$, where n is integer.

Answer:

2. $f_x = -\frac{y}{x^2+y^2}$

3. $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2x^3y + 2\sin^2(x)\sin(2y)$

4. $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \sin(2x)\cos(y) + y^2$

5. $f_y = 3x^2y^2 + 4y^{-3}$

6. $f_x = 12x^2$