

Answer on Question #65801 – Math – Calculus

Question

Find the second Taylor polynomial of $f(x,y)=1+3x^2y-4y^3$ at $(1,1)$.

Solution

By the definition, the second Taylor polynomial of $f(x, y)$ at $(1, 1)$ is given by

$$T_2(x, y) = f(1,1) + (x-1)\frac{\partial f(1,1)}{\partial x} + (y-1)\frac{\partial f(1,1)}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2!}\left[(x-1)^2\frac{\partial^2 f(1,1)}{\partial x^2} + 2(x-1)(y-1)\frac{\partial^2 f(1,1)}{\partial x\partial y} + (y-1)^2\frac{\partial^2 f(1,1)}{\partial y^2}\right]$$

Here

$$f(x, y) = 1 + 3x^2y - 4y^3, \quad f(1,1) = 1 + 3 - 4 = 0;$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} &= 6xy, & \frac{\partial f(1,1)}{\partial x} &= 6; \\ \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} &= 3x^2 - 12y^2, & \frac{\partial f(1,1)}{\partial y} &= 3 - 12 = -9; \\ \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x^2} &= 6y, & \frac{\partial^2 f(1,1)}{\partial x^2} &= 6; \\ \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x\partial y} &= 6x, & \frac{\partial^2 f(1,1)}{\partial x\partial y} &= 6; \\ \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial y^2} &= -24y, & \frac{\partial^2 f(1,1)}{\partial y^2} &= -24. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } T_2(x, y) = 6(x-1) - 9(y-1) + \frac{1}{2!}[6(x-1)^2 + 2 \cdot 6(x-1)(y-1) - 24(y-1)^2] = 6(x-1) - 9(y-1) + 3(x-1)^2 + 6(x-1)(y-1) - 12(y-1)^2.$$

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