

2nd - partial derivatives

$$f_{xx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$$

$$f_{yy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$$

Concavity of
the trace
curve in
either x or
 y slices

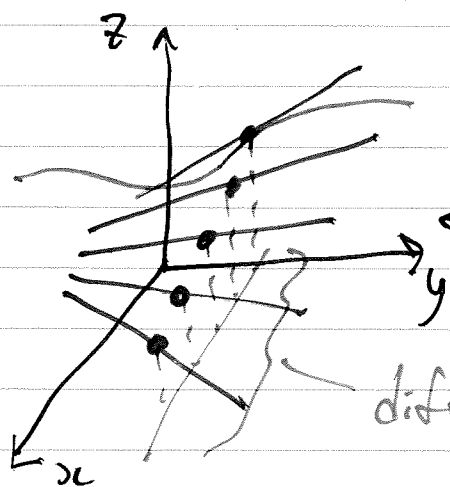
Now ~~the~~ are mixed partials:

$$f_{xy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$$

$$f_{yx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$$

↓
please
review
this from
last year!

Meaning: f_{xy} : f_x is the slope of trace
curve in a $y = \text{const}$ slice
 f_{xy} is the rate of change
of that slope f_x w.r.t. y .



← Similarly for f_{yx}

different $x = \text{const}$ slices

Ex $f(x,y) = y^4 - xy^2 + x^3$

$f_x = 0 - y^2 + 3x^2$ $f_y = 4y^3 - 2xy + 0$

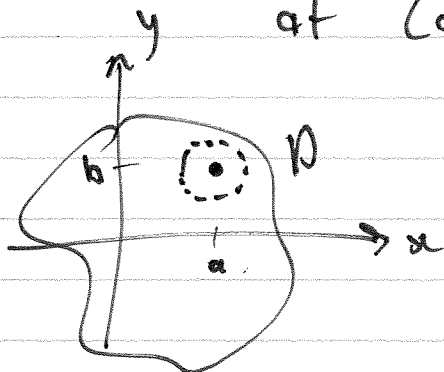
$f_{xx} = 0 + 6x$ $f_{yy} = 12y^2 - 2x$

$f_{xy} = -2y + 0$ $f_{yx} = 0 - 2y$

Coincidence or conspiracy??

Fubini's ~~Conspiracy~~ Theorem

Suppose the domain D of f contains ~~(a,b)~~ a disc centred at (a,b) . If f_{xy} and f_{yx} are each continuous on that disc, then



$f_{xy}(a,b) = f_{yx}(a,b)$

Partial deriv example

"hold all other indep vars const, take deriv"

Suppose $f(x,y) = \int_x^y g(t) dt$

↑ dummy variable of integration

F. T. C. $= G(y) - G(x)$ where $G'(t) = g(t)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (G(y) - G(x))$$

$$= -G'(x)$$

careful with "prime" in multivariable calc

$$= -g(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (G(y) - G(x))$$

$$= G'(y) = g(y)$$

~~$f'(x,y)$~~
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no meaning

PDEs: Partial differential equations

- not in the APEX book.
- notes on website.

Ex $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$: find $u(x,y)$ that satisfies Laplace's Eqn.

eg: $u = 4x + 7y$
 $u = xy$

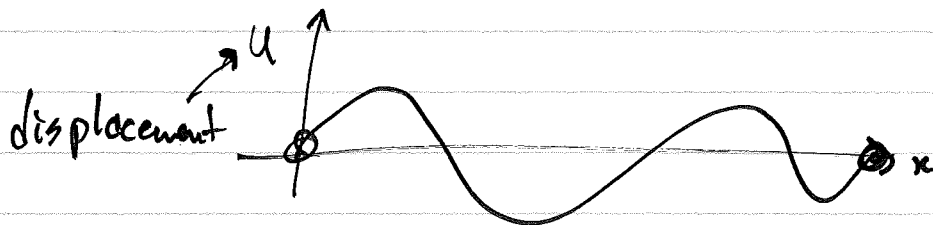
$u_{xx} = 0 = u_{yy}$

Solving PDEs is hard!!

But easy to check if a given u solves the problem.

Ex Wave Eqn $u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx}$, $a = \frac{\text{tension}}{\text{density}}$, Sol'n $u(x,t)$

model for guitar string



$$u(x,t) = \cos(at) \sin nx$$