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Ex prove that the function  $f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^4-y^4}{x^2+y^2} & \text{if } (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x,y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$

is continuous at every point.

Sol ① Since the function  $f(x,y) = \frac{x^4-y^4}{x^2+y^2} = \frac{(x^2-y^2)(x^2+y^2)}{(x^2+y^2)}$

$= x^2-y^2$  defined at any point  $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$

then the function  $f$  is continuous at any point  $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$  because it is polynomial function of  $x$  and  $y$ .

$f$  is defined at  $(0,0)$  and  $f(0,0) = 0$

②  $\lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)}} f(x,y) = \lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)}} x^2-y^2 = 0$

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$\therefore f$  is cont. at every point.

Ex Let  $f(x,y) = \begin{cases} x^3+4y & (x,y) \neq (1,1) \\ 0 & (x,y) = (1,1) \end{cases}$  Is  $f$  cont. at  $(1,1)$ ?

Sol 1.  $f(1,1) = 0 \Rightarrow f$  is defined at  $(1,1)$

2.  $\lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)}} f(x,y) = \lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)}} x^3+4y = 5$ .

3.  $f(1,1) \neq \lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)}} f(x,y)$

$\therefore f$  is not continuous.

Exe. Find the Limit of the Following Functions.

$$1. \lim_{\substack{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (0,0,0)}} \frac{x+y+z}{z + \sin \sqrt{xy}}$$

$$2. \lim_{\substack{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (1,2,2)}} \frac{\ln \sqrt{x^2+2y^2+z^2}}{xyz}$$

Example to show that the function

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-y^2}{x+y}, & (x,y) \text{ not on the line } y=-x \\ 6 & (x,y) \text{ on the line } y=-x \end{cases}$$

is continuous at the point  $(3, -3)$ .

## Partial Derivative

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Let  $z = f(x, y)$  be a function of two independent variables  $x$  and  $y$ .

- IF  $y$  is fixed, then  $f$  will be a function of one variable, then we can derive with respect to (w.r.t)  $x$ , this derivative is called partial derivative of  $f$  w.r.t  $x$  and denoted by  $f_x$  or  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ , hence  $f_x$  is a function and its value at  $(x_0, y_0) =$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \text{ or } f_x(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + \Delta x, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{\Delta x}$$

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$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \text{ or } f_y(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0, y_0 + \Delta y) - f(x_0, y_0)}{\Delta y}$$

Ex Find  $f_x, f_y$  of the following functions:-

- $f(x, y) = 5xy - 7x^2 - y^2 - 3x - 6y - 2$

$$f_x = 5y - 14x - 3$$

$$f_y = 5x - 2y - 6$$

$$2. f(x, y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2} \quad \text{Let } f_2(x) = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}}$$

$$f_y = \frac{-y}{\sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}}$$

H.W Find  $f_x(1, 2)$ ,  $f_y(1, 2)$  for above examples (1) and (2)?  
Functions with more than two variables:-

The definition of the partial derivatives of functions of more than two independent variables are like the definition for functions of two variables. They are ordinary derivatives w.r.t one variable, taking while all the other independent variables as regarded as constant thus if  $w = f(x, y, z, u, v)$ , we have as many as five partial derivatives.

IF there are three independent variables  $\underline{w = f(x, y, z)}$ .

$$w_x |_{(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + \Delta x, y_0, z_0) - f(x_0, y_0, z_0)}{\Delta x}$$

$$w_y |_{(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0, y_0 + \Delta y, z_0) - f(x_0, y_0, z_0)}{\Delta y}$$

$$w_z |_{(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0, y_0, z_0 + \Delta z) - f(x_0, y_0, z_0)}{\Delta z}$$

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Find  $f_x$ ,  $f_y$ ,  $f_z$  in each of the following problems :-

$$f(x, y, z) = e^{xyz}$$

$$f_x = e^{xyz} \cdot (yz)$$

$$f_y = e^{xyz} (xz)$$

$$f_z = e^{xyz} (xy)$$

$$2. f(x, y, z) = \frac{x+y+z}{xy+yz+zx} \quad (\text{Ex.})$$

$$3. f(x, y, z) = x^2 e^{yz} + \cos z^2 + \tan \frac{x}{z} \quad (\text{Ex.})$$

Def :- The slope of the curve  $Z = f(x, y_0)$  at  $x = x_0$  is defined to be the value of the partial derivative w.r.t  $x$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

2. The tangent to the curve  $Z = f(x, y_0)$  at  $x = x_0$  is defined to be the line in the plane  $y = y_0$  that passes through the point  $((x_0, y_0), f(x_0, y_0))$  with a slope equal to the partial derivative of  $f(x_0, y_0)$  w.r.t  $x$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

Ex Find the tangent to the curve  $Z = f(x, y) = 10 - xy$  in the plane  $y = 4$  at the point  $(2, 4, 2)$ .

$$\text{Sol. } f_x = -y, \quad f_x(2, 4) = -4$$

$\therefore$  The tangent to the curve  $f$  in the plane  $y = 4$  is

$$\frac{Z - Z_0}{x - x_0} = \frac{Z - 2}{x - 2} = -4 \text{ and } y = 4$$

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$$z - 2 = -4x + 8 \quad \text{and} \quad y = 4$$

$$4x + z = 10 \quad \text{and} \quad y = 4$$

2.  $x = 2$  at  $(2, 4, -2)$ .

sol.  $f_y = -x \rightarrow f_y(2, 4) = -2$

$\therefore$  The tangent to the curve  $f$  in the plane  $x=2$  is

$$\frac{z - z_0}{y - y_0} = \frac{z - 2}{y - 4} = -2 \quad \text{and} \quad x = 2.$$

We get  $z - 2 = -2y + 8$  and  $x = 2$   
 $z + 2y = 10$  and  $x = 2$