

Find the derivative of each of the following functions:

$$(1) f(x, y, z) = x^y; \quad Df(x, y, z) = (yx^{y-1}, x^y \ln(x), 0)$$

$$(2) f(x) = x^x; \quad f'(x) = x^x(\ln(x) + 1).$$

$$(3) f(x, y, z) = \sin(x \sin(y));$$

$$Df(x, y, z) = \cos(x \sin(y)) * (\sin(y), x \cos(y), 0).$$

$$(4) f(x, y, z) = \sin(x \sin(y \sin(z)))$$

$$Df(x, y, z) = \cos(x \sin(y \sin(z))) * (\sin(y \sin(z)), x \cos(y \sin(z)) * \sin(z), x \cos(y \sin(z)) * y \cos(z)).$$

$$(5) f(x, y, z) = x^{(y^z)}; f(x, y, x) = \exp(\ln(x) \exp(z \ln(y))).$$

$$Df(x, y, z) = x^{(y^z)} \left(\frac{y^z}{x}, \ln(x) y^z * \frac{z}{y}, \ln(x) \ln(y) y^z \right)$$

$$(6) f(x, y, z) = (x^y)^z; f(x, y, x) = \exp(zy \ln(x))$$

$$Df(x, y, z) = (x^y)^z * \left(\frac{zy}{x}, z \ln(x), y \ln(x) \right).$$

$$(7) f(x, y, z) = x^{(y+z)}; f(x, y, z) = \exp((y+z) \ln(x)).$$

$$Df(x, y, z) = x^{(y+z)} * \left(\frac{y+z}{x}, \ln(x), \ln(x) \right).$$

$$(8) f(x, y, z) = (x+y)^z; f(x, y, z) = \exp(z \ln(x+y)).$$

$$Df(x, y, z) = (x+y)^z * \left(\frac{z}{x+y}, \frac{z}{x+y}, \ln(x+y) \right).$$

$$(9) f(x, y) = \sin(xy); \quad Df(x, y) = \cos(xy) (y, x).$$

Use the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus where needed to find the derivative of:

$$(10) f(x, y) = \int_a^{x+y} g(t) dt \quad (g \text{ continuous at } x+y):$$

$$Df(x, y) = g(x+y) * (1, 1).$$

$$(11) f(x, y) = \int_a^{xy} g(t) dt \quad (g \text{ continuous at } xy):$$

$$Df(x, y) = g(xy) * (y, x)$$

$$(12) f(x, y, z) = \int_{xy}^{\sin(x \sin(y \sin(z)))} g(t) dt; \quad g \text{ is continuous at endpoints. Let } u = y \sin(z)$$

$$Df(x, y, z) = g(\sin(x \sin(u))) * (\cos(x \sin(u)))$$

$$* (\sin(u), x \cos(u) * \sin(z), x \cos(u) * y \cos(z)) - g(xy) * (y, x, 0).$$

(13) A function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *bilinear* if for all $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and all $\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, and all $a \in \mathbb{R}$:

- $f(\mathbf{x} + a\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) + af(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})$
- $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w} + a\mathbf{z}) = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) + af(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$

(a) Prove that if f is bilinear, then

$$\lim_{(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \frac{|f(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k})|}{\|(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k})\|} = 0.$$

Proof. Let $(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n)$ be a basis for \mathbb{R}^n , and let $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m$ be a basis for \mathbb{R}^m . Then if $\mathbf{h} = \sum_{i=1}^n h_i \mathbf{e}_i$ and $\mathbf{k} = \sum_{j=1}^m k_j \mathbf{u}_j$,

$$f(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m h_i k_j f(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{u}_j)$$

Let $M = \max |f(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{u}_j)|$. Then $|f(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k})| \leq M \sum_{i=1}^n |h_i| \sum_{j=1}^m |k_j|$. This equals $M \sum_{i=1}^n |h_i| \sum_{j=1}^m |k_j|$. By the Schwartz inequality this is $\leq M \sqrt{n} \|\mathbf{h}\| \sqrt{m} \|\mathbf{k}\| = C \|\mathbf{h}\| \|\mathbf{k}\|$. Then

$$\frac{|f(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k})|}{\|(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k})\|} \leq \frac{C \|\mathbf{h}\| \|\mathbf{k}\|}{\sqrt{\|\mathbf{h}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{k}\|^2}} = \frac{C}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{\|\mathbf{k}\|^2} + \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{h}\|^2}}}$$

and this tends to 0 as $\|\mathbf{h}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{k}\|^2 \rightarrow 0$. □

(b) Prove that (as a linear map $(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}) \rightarrow Df(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k})$)

$$Df(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}) = f(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{k}) + f(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{b}).$$

Proof.

$$f(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{k}) - f(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = f(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{k}) + f(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{b}) + f(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}).$$

Let $L(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}) = f(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{k}) + f(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{b})$. Then L is a linear function of \mathbf{h} and \mathbf{k} , and $f(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{k}) - f(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) - L(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}) = f(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k})$. By part a, $f(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}) = \epsilon(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}) \|(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k})\|$. Thus $L(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}) = Df(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k})$. □

This brings up a question: What is the gradient $\nabla f(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$? By definition, it is a vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$ such that $Df(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k})$. That is, $f(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{k}) + f(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k})$. If $\mathbf{a} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{e}_i$ then $f(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{k}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_i k_j f(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{u}_j)$. Let $f_{ij} = f(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{u}_j)$. Then $f(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{k}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_i f_{ij} k_j = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{h}$, where \mathbf{F}

is the $n \times m$ matrix with entries f_{ij} . Similarly $f(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{h} \cdot F\mathbf{b}$. If we put $F\mathbf{b}$ in the first n positions of a vector in \mathbb{R}^{n+m} , and we put $\mathbf{a}^T F$ in the last m positions, we have that

$$f(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{k}) + f(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{b}) = (F\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a}^T F) \cdot (\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}).$$

So $\nabla f(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = (F\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a}^T F)$.