# Mathematics II – Examples II. Differential Calculus of Several Variables

### II.4. Total differential and tangent plane

Notation: let us have a function z = f(x, y). Then

the (total) differential of the function f in the point  $A = [x_0, y_0]$ :

$$df(A) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(A) \cdot (x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(A) \cdot (y - y_0)$$

Denote  $dx = x - x_0$ ,  $dy = y - y_0$ . Then  $df(A) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(A) \cdot dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(A) \cdot dy$ 

**Example 91**: Let  $f(x, y) = \frac{y}{x} - \frac{x}{y}$ .

a) Determine and sketch domains, where the function f is differentiable.

b) Write the differential of f in the point  $A = [x_0, y_0]$ .

**Example 92**: Determine total differential and an approximate increment of the function  $z = \frac{y}{x}$  in in the point A = [2, 1] for  $\Delta x = 0.1$  and  $\Delta y = 0.2$ . Compare them.

**Example 93**: Using total differential compute approximate increment of the function  $z = \operatorname{arctg} \frac{y}{x}$  in if x changes from  $x_0 = 1$  to  $x_1 = 1.2$  and y changes from  $y_0 = -3$  to  $y_1 = -3.1$ .

**Example 94**: Approximate a value of the expression  $\ln \left(\sqrt{9.03} - \sqrt{0.99} - 1\right)$  using total differential of an appropriate function.

**Example 95**: Compute approximate value of the expression  $0.98^{3.04}$  using total differential of an inappropriate function.

**Example 96**: Find an equation of both tangent plane  $\tau$  and normal line *n* to the graph of the function  $z = 2x^2 - 4y^2$  in the point T = [2, 1, ?]. Compute approximate value of this function in the point [2.2, 1.3].

**Example 97**: Find an equation of tangent plane  $\tau$  to the surface  $z = x^2 + xy - y^2 + x + 3$  and parallel to the given plane  $\rho$ : 5x - 3y - z = 0.

#### • Compute approximate values of a given expressions using total differential:

Example 98:  $\sqrt[3]{7.95} \cdot \sqrt{8.96}$  Example 99:  $\frac{\sqrt[4]{0.97}}{1.02^3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{0.99}}$ 

**Example 100**:  $\sqrt{4.04} \cdot \ln 1.02 \cdot \arctan 0.9$ 

• Find an equation of both tangent plane  $\tau$  and normal line n to the surface z = f(x, y) in the point T:

Example 101:  $z = 4\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , T = [3, 4, ?]Example 102: z = xy, T = [0, 0, ?]Example 103:  $z = x^2 \cdot \cos \frac{1}{y}$ ,  $T = [1, \frac{2}{\pi}, ?]$ Example 104:  $z = \frac{1}{x} \cdot \arcsin y$ ,  $T = [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, ?]$ 

• Find an equation of tangent plane  $\tau$  to the surface z = f(x, y) and parallel to the plane  $\rho$ :

**Example 105**:  $z = 2x^2 - y^2$ ,  $\rho$ : 8x - 6y - z - 15 = 0

**Example 106**:  $z = \ln(x^2 + 2y^2)$ ,  $\rho: 2x - z + 5 = 0$ 

**Example 107**:  $z = x^2 - y^2 + 6xy + 2x$ ,  $\rho: 4x + 6y - z = 0$ 

## II.5. Derivatives and differentials of high order

**Example 108**: Find all partial derivatives of second order of the function  $f(x, y) = xy^3 - y \cdot e^{x+y^2}$ .

**Example 109**: Prove that the function  $u = u(x, t) = \operatorname{arctg} (2x - t)$  satisfies the partial differential equation  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t \partial x} = 0$  in  $\mathbb{E}_2$ .

**Example 110\***: There is given the function f(x, y)

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} xy\frac{x^2-2y^2}{x^2+y^2} & \text{ for } [x,y] \neq [0,0], \\ 0 & \text{ for } [x,y] = [0,0]. \end{cases}$$

Show that  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(0,0) \neq \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}(0,0).$ 

**Example 111**: Let us consider the scalar field  $\phi(x, y, z) = xy^2 + z^3 - xyz + 3$ . Compute grad  $\phi$ , rot grad  $\phi$ .

**Example 112**: Let us consider the vector field  $\vec{f} = (U, V, W) = \left(xy, x^2 - z^2, \frac{y}{x+z}\right)$ . Compute div  $\vec{f}$ , rot  $\vec{f}$ , div rot  $\vec{f}$ .

**Example 113\***: Let the scalar field  $\phi(x, y, z)$  has continuous partial derivatives of second order in a domain  $D \subset \mathbb{E}_3$ . Prove that rot grad  $\phi = \vec{0}$  in D.

**Example 114\***: Let the vector field  $\vec{f} = (U, V, W)$  has continuous partial derivatives of second order in a domain  $D \subset \mathbb{E}_3$ . Prove that div rot  $\vec{f} = 0$  in D.

#### • Find differentials of the given order:

**Example 115\***:  $z = \sin(2x + y)$ ,  $d^2 z = ?$ 

**Example 116\***:  $z = x^3 - y^3 - xy + y^2$ ,  $d^3z = ?$ 

**Example 117\***:  $u = e^{2x-3y}$ ,  $d^2u(A) =?$ ,  $d^3u(A) =?$ ,  $d^nu(A) =?$ , A = [0,0].

Differentials can be used in the iportant **Taylor theorem**:

Let a function f(x, y) is differentiable(n + 1) times in any interior point of a rectangle M with a center in the point  $A = [x_0, y_0]$ . Then for any point  $[x, y] \in M$  there exists a point  $[\xi, \eta] \in M$ , such that

$$f(x,y) = f(A) + df(A) + \frac{d^2 f(A)}{2!} + \dots + \frac{d^n f(A)}{n!} + R_{n+1},$$

where  $df(A) = df(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(A) \cdot (x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(A) \cdot (y - y_0),$ 

$$d^{2}f(A) = \frac{\partial^{2}f}{\partial x^{2}}(A) \cdot (x - x_{0})^{2} + \frac{\partial^{2}f}{\partial x \partial y}(A) \cdot (x - x_{0})(y - y_{0}) + \frac{\partial^{2}f}{\partial y^{2}}(A) \cdot (y - y_{0})^{2},$$
  

$$\vdots$$

$$d^{n}f(A) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} \frac{\partial^{n}f}{\partial x^{k}\partial y^{n-k}} (A) \cdot (x-x_{0})^{k} (y-y_{0})^{n-k},$$
$$R_{n+1} = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} d^{n+1}f(\xi,\eta).$$

**Example 118\***: Write Taylor expansion of the function  $f(x, y) = x^3 - 3xy^2 + y^2 + 4x - 5y$  in a neighborhood of the point A = [2, -1] and use the result for approximation of the value of the function f in the point [2.1, -1.1].

**Example 119\***: Write Taylor expansion of the fourth order of the function  $f(x, y) = \cos(x^2 + y^2)$  in a neighborhood of the point [0, 0].

#### • Find partial derivatives of second order of the given function:

**Example 120**:  $\phi(s,t) = \ln(s^3 + t)$  **Example 121**:  $\phi(x,t) = \frac{\cos x^2}{t}$ 

Example 122:  $f(x, y) = e^{ax+by}$ 

**Example 123**: Verify that the function  $u(x,t) = \sin(x-ct)$  and the function  $u(x,t) = \sin(\omega ct) \cdot \sin(\omega t)$  satisfy the wave equation  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ .

**Example 124**: Verify that the function  $u(x, y) = e^x \cdot \sin y$  satisfies the Laplace equation  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0.$ 

Expand the function f(x, y) using Taylor's theorem in a neighborhood of a point A:
Example 125\*: f(x, y) = x<sup>3</sup> + 5x<sup>2</sup> - 6xy + 2y<sup>2</sup>, A = [1, -2]
Example 126\*: f(x, y) = x<sup>2</sup> + 3xy - y<sup>3</sup>, A = [2, -1]

## II.6. Gradient. Directional derivative