

Section #5

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Covered: Exam Questions, §3.1, §3.2, §3.3

3.1 – Iterated Partial Derivatives

HW: 1, 4, 7, 12, 22, 32

- Iterated Partialials
- Equality of Mixed Partialials – Always for C^2 functions
- Example 4 from text

3.2 – Taylor’s Theorem

HW: 1, 2, 6, 10

- Recall single-variable case – second order Taylor expansion of $f(t)$ centered at t_0 is

$$T(t) = f(t_0) + f'(t_0)(t - t_0) + \frac{f''(t_0)}{2}(t - t_0)^2.$$

- Similar idea in multiple variables – first order Taylor expansion of $f(x)$ centered at x_0 is

$$T(x_0 + h) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n h_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x_0)$$

- Second order expansion of $f(x)$ centered at x_0 is

$$T(x_0 + h) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n h_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x_0) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n h_i h_j \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(x_0)$$

- Recall tangent plane which is a first order approx

$$f(x, y) \approx f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

- . Second order approximation

$$f(x, y) \approx f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) + \frac{1}{2}(f_{xx}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0)^2 + 2f_{xy}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0)(y - y_0) + f_{yy}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)^2)$$

- Example 3 from text

3.3 – Extrema of Multivariable Functions

HW: 6, 8, 18, 26, 28, 30, 31, 38, 44

- Critical points occur when gradient is 0.
- Hessian Matrix of a function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the $n \times n$ square matrix H where $H_{i,j} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$
- Second derivative test for functions of two variables.

$$f_{xx} < 0 \text{ and } f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 > 0 \implies \text{local maximum at } (a, b).$$

$$f_{xx} > 0 \text{ and } f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 > 0 \implies \text{local minimum at } (a, b).$$

$$f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 < 0 \implies \text{saddle point at } (a, b).$$

$$f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 0 \implies \text{inconclusive test at } (a, b).$$

- Global maxima/minima (analogous to the extreme value theorem)
- Steps to find global min/max
 - (a) Find all critical points inside the region
 - (b) Find all critical points on the boundary (if the boundary is not smooth make sure to consider “corners”)
 - (c) Find the value at all the critical points
 - (d) Find the largest and smallest