

# MATH 223: Multivariable Calculus

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Today

**Finding a Potential Function**

**Implicit Differentiation II**

**Implicit Function Theorem**

Example: Find a potential function  $f$  if

$$\nabla f(x, y) = (2x \ln(xy) + x - y^3, \frac{x^2}{y} - 3y^2x)$$

**Step 1:** Check Equality Of Mixed Partial

$$f_x(x, y) = 2x \ln(xy) + x - y^3 \implies f_{xy} = 2x \frac{1}{xy} - 3y^2 = \frac{2x}{y} - 3y^2$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{y} - 3y^2x \implies f_{yx} = \frac{2x}{y} - 3y^2$$

**Step 2:** Integrate with respect to one of the variables

Here we will integrate  $f_y$  with respect to  $y$  so  $f$  has the form

$$f(x, y) = \int \frac{x^2}{y} - 3y^2x \, dy = x^2 \ln y - y^3x + H(x)$$

for some function  $H$  of  $x$ .

**Step 3:** Take partial derivative of the result of Step 2 with respect to the other variable to see how close we are to the result we want.

Fix the difference by adjusting the "constant" of integration.

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which we want equal to

$$2x \ln(xy) + x - y^3 = 2x \ln x + 2x \ln y + x - y^3$$

Thus we need  $H'(x) = 2x \ln x + x$  so we can take

$$H(x) = x^2 \ln x + C$$

**Step 4:** Put it all together to form a potential function:

$$f(x, y) = x^2 \ln y - y^3 x + H(x) = x^2 \ln y - y^3 x + x^2 \ln x + C$$

## Implicit Differentiation II

The Surface  $2x^3y + yx^2 + t^2 = 0$  and the Plane  $x + y + t - 1 = 0$

intersect along a Curve which contains the point

$$t = 1, x = -1, y = 1$$

Check: Surface:  $2(-1)(1) + 1(-1)^2 + 1^2 = 0$ ; Plane:  
 $-1 + 1 + 1 - 1 = 0$

Treat  $x$  and  $y$  as unknown functions of  $t$ .

Problem: Find  $x'(t)$  and  $y'(t)$  at  $(t, x, y) = (1, -1, 1)$

Each equation defines a surface in 3-space and intersection of two surfaces is a curve.

The curve has some parametrization **G**

$$\mathbf{G}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix}, \mathcal{R}^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^3$$

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Consider  $\mathcal{R}^1 \xrightarrow{\mathbf{G}} \mathcal{R}^3 \xrightarrow{\mathbf{F}} \mathcal{R}^2$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{F}(x, y, t) = \begin{pmatrix} F_1(t) \\ F_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x^3y + yx^2 + t^2 \\ x + y + t - 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{G}(t)) = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $t$

Differentiate using Chain Rule:

$$[\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{G}(t))]' = \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{G}(t))\mathbf{G}'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} F_{1t} & F_{1x} & F_{1y} \\ F_{2t} & F_{2x} & F_{2y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2t & 6x^2y + 2xy & 2x^3 + x^2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Write

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as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 6x^2y + 2xy & 2x^3 + x^2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6x^2y + 2xy & 2x^3 + x^2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 2t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Multiply each side by inverse of coefficient matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 6x^2y + 2xy & 2x^3 + x^2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 2t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



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Evaluate at the given point:  $t = 1, x = -1, y = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} &= - \begin{pmatrix} 6 - 2 & -2 + 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= - \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3/5 \\ -2/5 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## More Generally

$\begin{cases} F_1(x, y, t) = 0 \\ F_2(x, y, t) = 0 \end{cases}$  define  $x, y$  implicitly as functions of  $t$

Problem: Find  $x'(t)$  and  $y'(t)$  where  $\mathbf{f}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ .

Set Up:  $\mathcal{R}^1 \xrightarrow{\mathbf{G}} \mathcal{R}^3 \xrightarrow{\mathbf{F}} \mathcal{R}^2$  where  $\mathbf{G}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{F}(t, x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{pmatrix}$

Then  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{G}(t)) \equiv 0$  so  $\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{G}(t))\mathbf{G}'(t) = 0$  which we write as

$$(F_t, F_x, F_y) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = 0 \text{ or } F_t + [F_x, F_y][\mathbf{f}'(t)] = 0$$

$$\mathbf{f}'(t) = -[F_x, F_y]^{-1}F_t$$

Here the notation is

$$F_x = \begin{pmatrix} F_{1x} \\ F_{2x} \end{pmatrix}, F_y = \begin{pmatrix} F_{1y} \\ F_{2y} \end{pmatrix}, F_t = \begin{pmatrix} F_{1t} \\ F_{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

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