

QUIZ 14 SOLUTIONS: LESSONS 20-21  
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Write legibly, clearly indicate the question you are answering, and put a box or circle around your final answer. If you do not clearly indicate the question numbers, I will take off points. Write as much work as you need to demonstrate to me that you understand the concepts involved. If you have any questions, raise your hand and I will come over to you.

1. [3 pts] Compute  $f_{xy}$  where  $f(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + y)$ .

$$f_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\ln(x^2 + y)) = \frac{2x}{x^2 + y} \quad \text{OR} \quad f_y = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\ln(x^2 + y)) = \frac{1}{x^2 + y}$$

$$f_{xy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{2x}{x^2 + y} \right) = 2x \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{1}{x^2 + y} \right) \right]$$

$$= 2x \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 + y)^{-1} \right]$$

$$= 2x \left[ -1(x^2 + y)^{-2} \right]$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{-2x}{(x^2 + y)^2}}$$

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2. [7 pts] Suppose a book supplier estimates it prints

$$P(x, y) = 15x^{2/3}y^{1/3} \text{ thousand books}$$

where  $x$  is the number of employees and  $y$  is the amount of money invested in thousands of dollars.

Approximate the change in the number of books produced if the number of employees is increased from 75 to 100 and the amount of money invested is decreased from \$20,000 to \$18,000. Round your answer to 3 decimal places.

$$\Delta P \approx \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \Delta y$$

$$x = 75$$

$$\Delta x = +25$$

$$y = 20$$

$$\Delta y = -2$$

$$P(x, y) = 15x^{2/3}y^{1/3}$$

$y$  is measured in thousands

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (15x^{2/3}y^{1/3}) = 15y^{1/3} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^{2/3}) = 15\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)y^{1/3}x^{-1/3} \\ &= 10y^{1/3}/x^{1/3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (15x^{2/3}y^{1/3}) = 15x^{2/3} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y^{1/3}) = 15\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)x^{2/3}y^{-2/3} \\ &= 5x^{2/3}/y^{2/3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta x &= 25 & x &= 75 \\ \Delta y &= -2 & y &= 20\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta P &\approx \frac{10(20)^{1/3}}{(75)^{1/3}}(25) + \frac{5(75)^{2/3}}{(20)^{2/3}}(-2) \\ &= \boxed{136.778}\end{aligned}$$