

Task. Find the partial derivatives of

$$f(x, y) = \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}.$$

Solution. We will use the following two formulas:

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$$

$$\sqrt{x}' = (x^{1/2})' = \frac{1}{2} x^{\frac{1}{2}-1} = \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'_x(x, y) &= \left(\frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right)'_x = \frac{(xy)'_x \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - xy(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2})'_x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}^2} \\ &= \frac{y\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - xy \frac{(x^2 + y^2)'_x}{2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{y\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - xy \frac{2x}{2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}}{x^2 + y^2} \\ &= \frac{y(x^2 + y^2) - x^2y}{(x^2 + y^2)\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \frac{yx^2 + y^3 - x^2y}{(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{y^3}{(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

Since $f(x, y) = f(y, x)$, we have that

$$f'_y(x, y) = f'_x(y, x) = \frac{x^3}{(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

Answer.

$$f'_x(x, y) = \frac{y^3}{(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}, \quad f'_y(x, y) = \frac{x^3}{(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$