

QUIZ

Find  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$  for  $z = y \sin 3x + x^4 y^2$

means  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \sin 3x + 2x^4 y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\sin 3x + 2x^4 y) \\ &= 3 \cos 3x + 8yx^3 \end{aligned}$$

Recall  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)$  ✓

Notation  $f(x,y) = \text{blah} \rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$

$z = \text{blah}$

$f = \text{blah}$

Ex:  $f(x,y) = x^3 y^4$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 3x^2 y^4$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 4x^3 y^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3x^2 y^4) \\ &= 12x^2 y^3 \end{aligned}$$

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Ex: a) Check that  $y = C_1 x^{-1} + C_2 x^4$  ← solution

solves  $x^2 y'' - 2xy' - 4y = 0$  ← DE

Solution  $y = C_1 x^{-1} + C_2 x^4$   
 $y' = -C_1 x^{-2} + 4C_2 x^3$   
 $y'' = 2C_1 x^{-3} + 12C_2 x^2$

DE:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LS} &= x^2 y'' - 2xy' - 4y \\ &= x^2 (2C_1 x^{-3} + 12C_2 x^2) \\ &\quad - 2x (-C_1 x^{-2} + 4C_2 x^3) \\ &\quad - 4 (C_1 x^{-1} + C_2 x^4) \\ &= 2C_1 x^{-1} + 12C_2 x^4 \\ &\quad + 2C_1 x^{-1} - 8C_2 x^4 \\ &\quad - 4C_1 x^{-1} - 4C_2 x^4 \\ &= 0C_1 x^{-1} + 0C_2 x^4 \\ &= 0 \\ &= \text{RS} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

b) Is  $y$  the general solution?

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General solution :

# of unknown constants in solution = order of DE

$$\begin{aligned} y &= C_1 x^{-1} + C_2 x^4 \\ \# \text{ constants} &= 2 \\ \text{order of DE} &= 2 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Yes

c) List some particular solutions  
(# of unknown constants < order of DE)

General Solution  $y = C_1 x^{-1} + C_2 x^4$

Particular Solutions:

$$y = 0$$
$$y = 8x^4$$
$$y = -\sqrt{2} x^{-1}$$
$$y = \pi x^{-1} + e x^4$$
$$y = C_1 x^{-1} + 5x^4$$

More about Constants

$$C_1 + C_2 x + C_3 x \quad \text{should be rewritten}$$
$$= C_1 + (C_2 + C_3)x$$
$$= C_1 + C_4 x$$

Always collect like terms!

Ex: How many constants?

$$A + 1 + C_1 - 5x^2 + C_2 x^2 + C_3 \ln x$$
$$= (A + 1 + C_1) + (-5 + C_2)x^2 + C_3 \ln x$$

$$= C_4 + C_5 x^2 + C_3 \ln x$$

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Ex: The general solution of  $y' - 3y = 6$   
is  $y = -2 + Ce^{3x}$

Find the particular solution if

$y(0) = 7$   $\rightarrow$   
Rephrased  
 $(x, y) = (0, 7)$

General Solution

$$y = -2 + Ce^{3x}$$

Sub  $y = 7$   
 $x = 0$  :  $7 = -2 + C$

$$9 = C$$

$$y = -2 + 9e^{3x}$$