

$$\int_{\partial S} \omega = \int_S d\omega$$

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Next goal:

- define  $d\omega$  for  $\omega$  a 0-form
- give terminology for stating a hypothesis under which

(\*) holds

## Differentiation of 0-forms

Given a 0-form

$$\omega = f(x, y, z)$$

we define the 1-form

$$d\omega = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} dz$$

We call  $d\omega$  the exterior derivative of  $\omega$ . We sometimes say that  $d\omega$  is the total derivative of  $\omega$ , or the

derivative of  $w$ .

Example Find the exterior derivative of the  $w$ -form

$$w = \sqrt{1 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}$$

on  $S = \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1 \}$ .

Soln

$$dw = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}} dx + \frac{y}{\sqrt{1 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}} dy + \frac{z}{\sqrt{1 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}} dz$$



# Continuity, differentiability & partial derivatives

A function  $f(x, y)$  is continuous if a small change in input only ever produces a small change in output.

More formally,  $f(x, y)$  is continuous at a point  $(x_0, y_0)$  if for any  $\epsilon > 0$  we can find  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(x, y)$  is defined and

$$|f(x, y) - f(x_0, y_0)| < \epsilon$$

whenever  $|x - x_0| < \delta$  and  $|y - y_0| < \delta$ .

Example Consider

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 3xy & (x, y) \neq (1, 2) \\ 0 & (x, y) = (1, 2) \end{cases}$$

At the point  $(1, 2)$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (1, 2)} f(x, y) = 6 \\ f(1, 2) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{means } f(x, y) \\ \text{is not} \\ \text{continuous} \\ \text{at } (1, 2). \end{array}$$

Example Consider

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

Choose some constant  $m$ .

Suppose  $x \rightarrow 0$ . Then  $y = mx \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y) = ?$$

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y = mx \rightarrow 0}} f(x,y) =$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - (mx)^2}{x^2 + (mx)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1 - m^2}{1 + m^2}.$$

This answer depends on  $m$ .

Thus

$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0}} f(x,y)$  does not exist,

It follows that  $f(x,y)$  is not continuous at  $(0,0)$ .



Definition If a function  $f(x, y)$  has continuous partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  in a region  $S$ , then  $f$  is said to be continuously differentiable in the region.

Proposition If  $f$  is continuously differentiable in a region then  $f$  is continuous in the region, and  $f$  is differentiable in the region.