

Note!

The converse of the above need not be true. i.e. f is continuous and possesses partial derivative at a point then f need not be differentiable at that point.

for example:-

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x^2 + y^2} & ; (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & ; (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

f is continuous and possesses partial derivatives but is not differentiable at the origin.

Sol put $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \left| \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x^2 + y^2} - 0 \right| &= \left| r (\cos^3 \theta - \sin^3 \theta) \right| \\ &\leq |r| [|\cos^3 \theta| + |\sin^3 \theta|] \\ &\leq |r| [1 + 1] \\ &= 2|r| \\ &= 2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Whenever } \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \frac{\epsilon}{2},$$

$$|x| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}, |y| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

(or)

$$|x| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}, |y| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$\therefore \left| \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x^2 + y^2} - 0 \right| < \epsilon \text{ whenever } |x| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}, |y| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x^2 + y^2} = 0$$

$\therefore f(x, y)$ is conti. at $(0, 0)$.