

Consider the function of two real variables x and y ($y \neq 1$) defined by

$$f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 - \frac{4x^2}{(y-1)^2}$$

- (i) Find the first-order and second-order partial derivatives of f .
- (ii) Determine the second-order Taylor polynomial for f near $(0, -1)$. (There is no need to expand any brackets that may appear in your answer.)
- (iii) The value of f when $x = -1$ and $y = 0$ is -3 . Suppose that the maximum absolute error in the value of x is 0.01 , whereas the maximum absolute error in the value of y is 0.03 . Use first-order partial derivatives to determine the least and greatest possible values that $f(-1, 0)$ may take, and hence the maximum possible error in taking the value $f(-1, 0) = -3$.
- (iv) Use the chain rule to determine, in terms of t , the rate of change of f with time along the path given at time t by $x(t) = \tan t$, $y(t) = 1 + \sec t$, simplifying your answer as far as possible. (Hint: when simplifying, express each term in sines and cosines.)
- (v) Locate and classify all the stationary points of f .