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Tuesday

HW

12.3

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

continuous?

Since

$$\frac{2x}{x^2 - y^2}$$

is a rational function $\left(\frac{\text{polynomial}}{\text{polynomial}} \right)$

it's continuous everywhere in its domain.

To be in the domain we need $x^2 - y^2 \neq 0$.

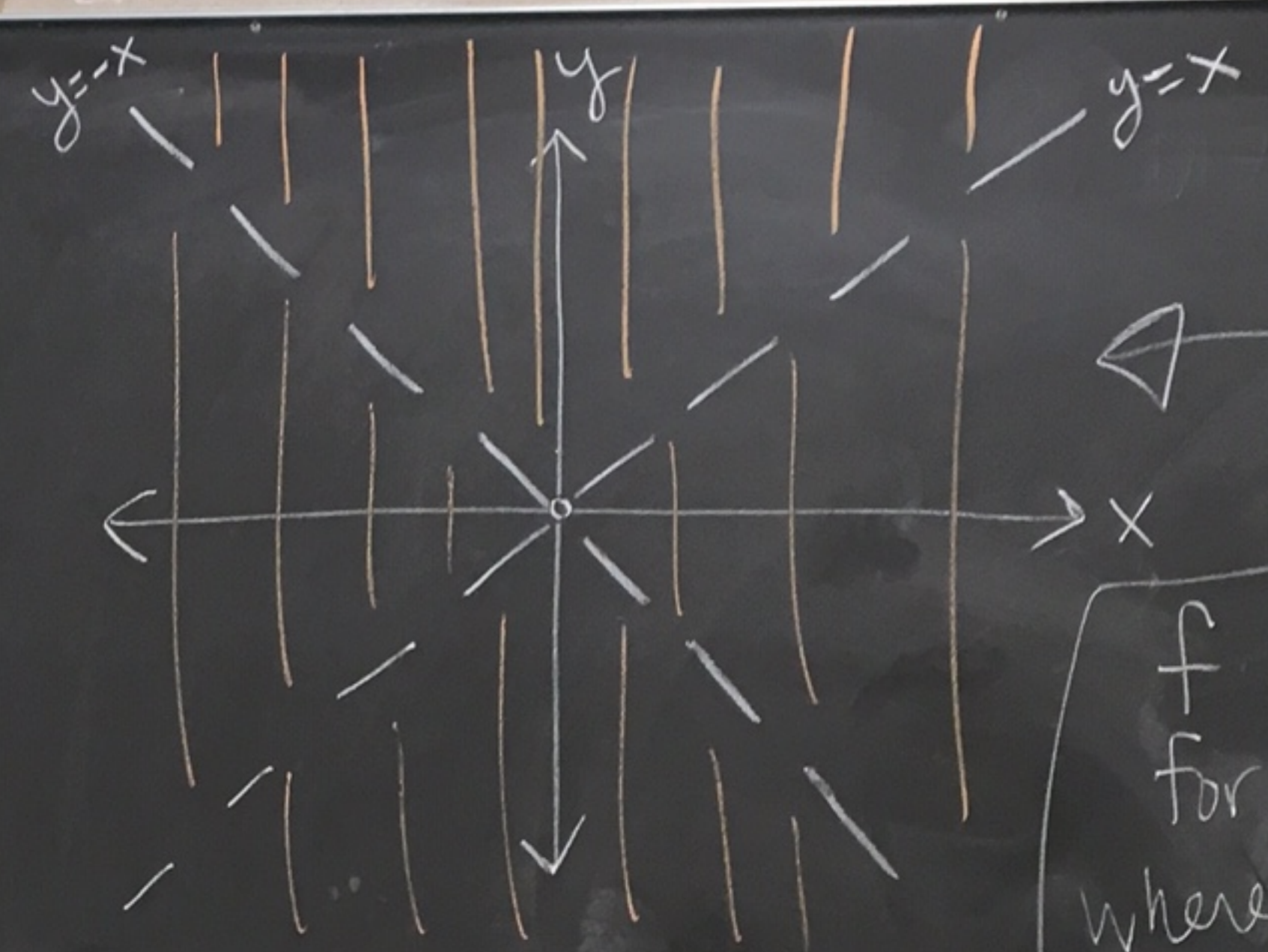
When is $x^2 - y^2 = 0$?

When $y = \pm x$.

(x, y) is not in the domain when $y = \pm x$.

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 &= y^2 \\ \pm\sqrt{x^2} &= y \\ \pm|x| &= y \\ \pm x &= y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - y^2 &= 0 \\ (x-y)(x+y) &= 0 \\ \underbrace{x-y=0}_{y=x} \quad \underbrace{x+y=0}_{y=-x} \end{aligned}$$



f is continuous for all (x, y) where $y \neq \pm x$.

Theorem: If $f(x,y)$ is continuous at (a,b) and $g(t)$ is continuous at $f(a,b)$, then $(g \circ f)(x,y)$ is continuous at (a,b) .

Ex: Consider $h(x,y) = e^{\frac{2xy}{x^2-y^2}}$

What's the domain of h ?

$(x,y) = (1,3)$ is in the domain since $h(1,3) = e^{\frac{2(1)(3)}{1^2-3^2}} = e^{-3/4}$ is well-defined

You can
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can't plug in
 (x,y) can't

$$\frac{2x}{x^2-y^2}$$

same do
is domain

You can plug any t into e^t .
So the only (x,y) that you
can't plug into h are where
 (x,y) can't be plugged into

$\frac{2x}{x^2-y^2}$. So $h(x,y) = e^{\frac{2xy}{x^2-y^2}}$ has the

same domain as $\frac{2xy}{x^2-y^2}$, that
is domain of h is all (x,y)
with $y \neq \pm x$

-defined

Note:

Set

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

$$g(t) = e^t$$

then

$$(g \circ f)(x,y)$$

$$= g(f(x,y))$$

$$g\left(\frac{2xy}{x^2-y^2}\right) = e^{\frac{2xy}{x^2-y^2}}$$

At $(a,b) = (1,3)$

f is continuous at $(1,3)$

$$f(1,3) = \frac{2(1)(3)}{1^2-3^2} = \frac{-3}{4}$$

$g(t) = e^t$ is continuous
everywhere.

So it's continuous at $t = -\frac{3}{4}$.

So, $h = g \circ f$ is continuous
at $(1,3)$.

and

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,3)} e^{\frac{2xy}{x^2-y^2}} = e^{\frac{2(1)(3)}{1^2-3^2}} = e^{-3/4}$$

$e^{\frac{2xy}{x^2-y^2}}$ is continuous at $(1,3)$

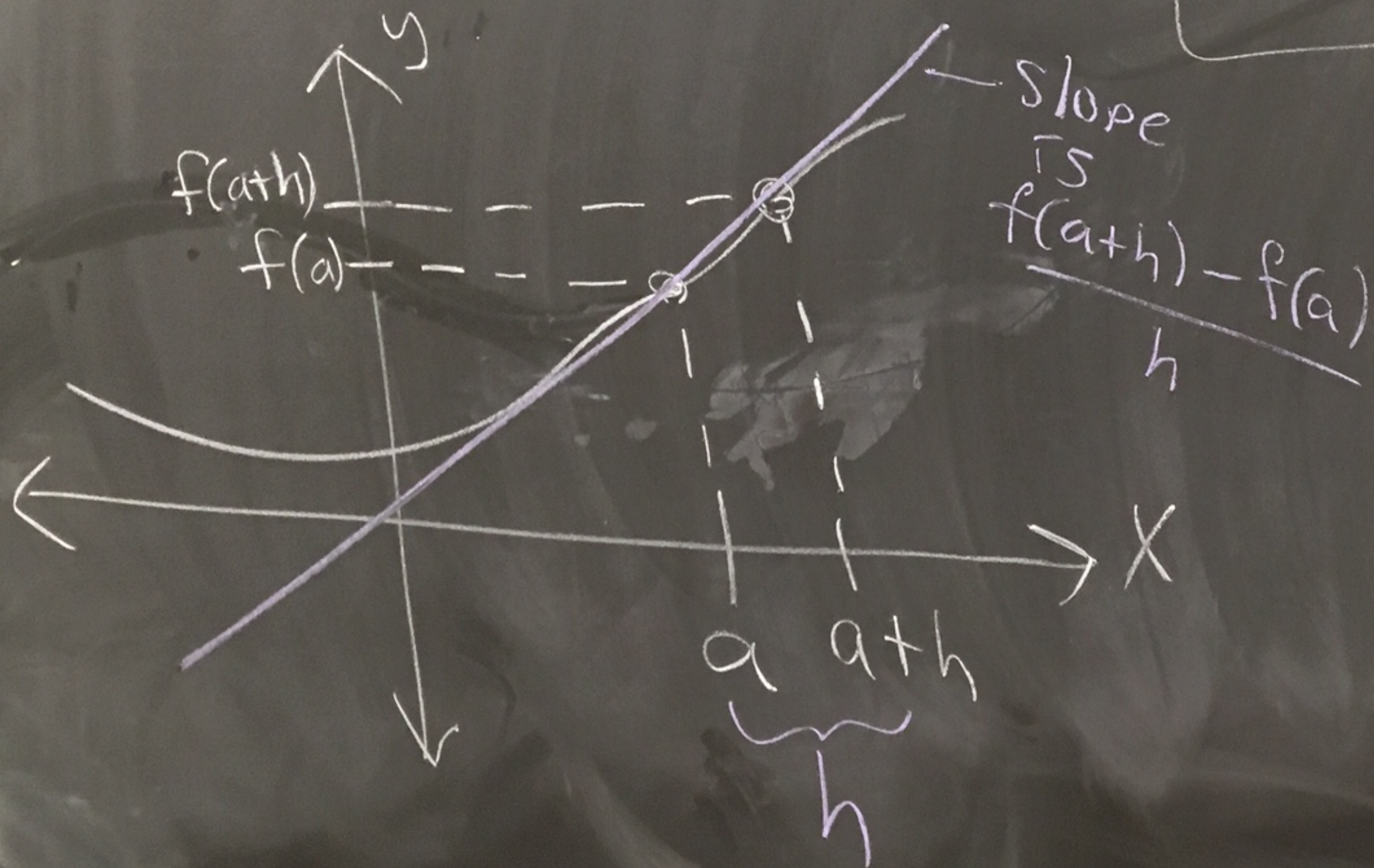
$e^{\frac{2xy}{x^2-y^2}}$ is continuous for all (x,y) with $y \neq \pm x$.

12.4 - Partial Derivatives

2d

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

(if it exists)



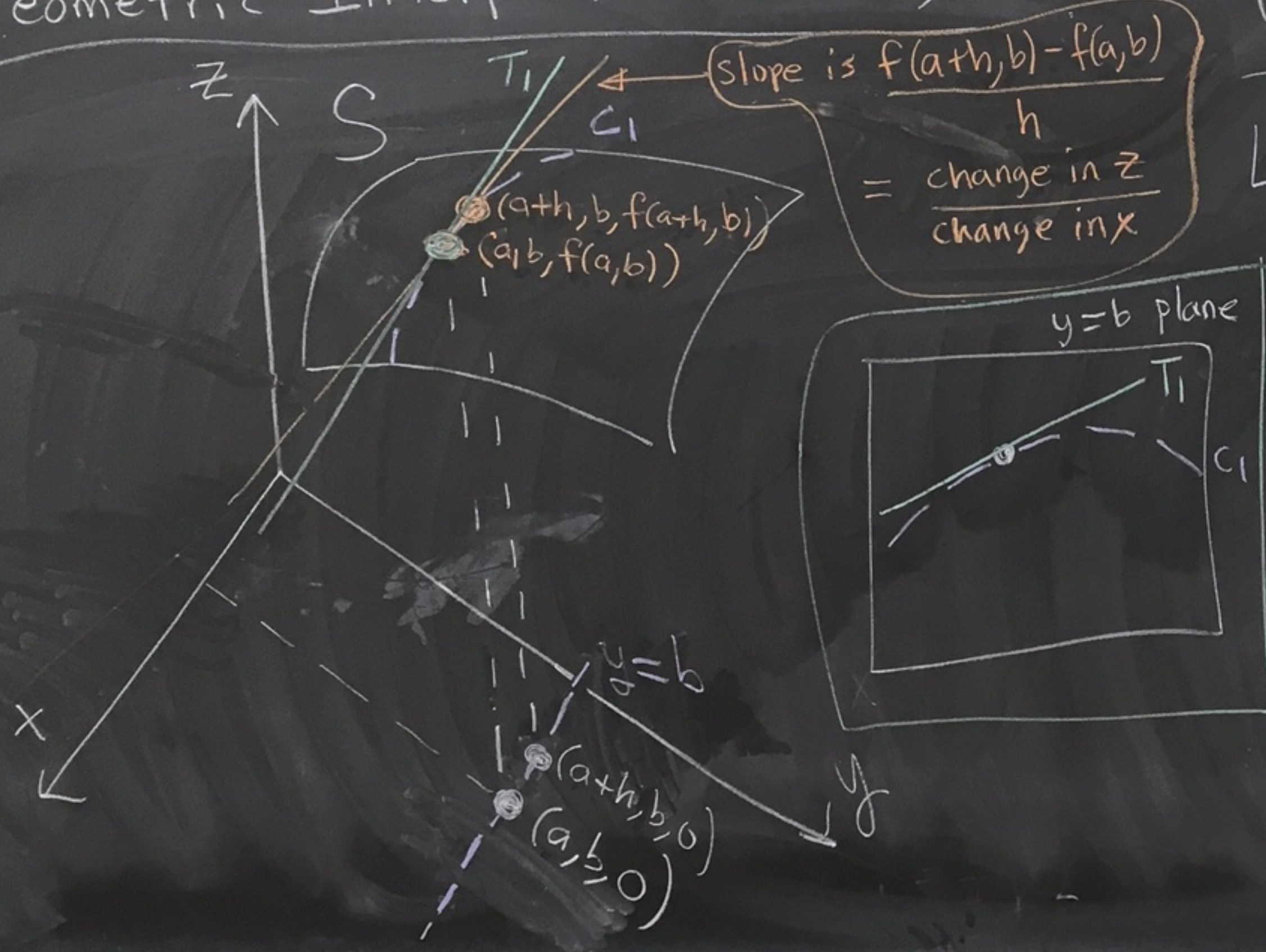
Def: Suppose we have a function $f(x, y)$ of two variables. Define the partial derivatives of f to be

$$f_x(x, y) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h}$$

and $f_y(x, y) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+h) - f(x, y)}{h}$

if the limits exist,

Geometric Interpretation of f_x



What is $f_x(a, b)$? Let S be the surface given by $z = f(x, y)$.

Let C_1 be the curve on the surface S where the plane $y = b$ intersects S .

Then $f_x(a, b)$ is the slope of the tangent line T_1 that is tangent to C_1 at $(a, b, f(a, b))$.

How to calculate f_x and f_y

- ① To calculate f_x , regard y as a constant and differentiate $f(x, y)$ with respect to x .
- ② To calculate f_y , regard x as a constant and differentiate $f(x, y)$ with respect to y .

Ex: Let

$$f(x,y) = 4x^5y^6 - \frac{3}{7}x^3 + x^8y^{910} - 11y$$

Find f_x and f_y .

$$f_x(x,y) = 4y^6(5x^4) - \frac{3}{7}(3x^2) + y^{910}(8x^7) + 0$$

$$= 20x^4y^6 - \frac{9}{7}x^2 + 8x^7y^{910}$$

regard
y as a
fixed
constant

$$f_y(x,y) = 4x^5(6y^5) + 0 + x^8(910y^{909}) - 11$$

regard
x as
a constant

$$= 24x^5y^5 + 910x^8y^{909} - 11$$

Notation: If $z = f(x, y)$ then
we have the following notations.

$$f_x(x, y) = f_x = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y) = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = D_x f$$

$$f_y(x, y) = f_y = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y) = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = D_y f$$