

SI4.5.49

$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \end{cases} \begin{cases} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} = \cos \theta \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin \theta \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \sin \theta \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = r \cos \theta \end{cases}$$

$z = z(x, y)$

■ $\frac{\partial z}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$

■ $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\cos \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) + \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)$ (θ held constant)

$= \cos \theta \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \right] + \sin \theta \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \right]$

$= \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \cos \theta \sin \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} + \cos \theta \sin \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$

■ $\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ (order doesn't matter $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$)

■ $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial \theta^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(-r \sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = -r \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) + r \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\cos \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)$

$= -r \left[\cos \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \right] + r \left[-\sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \right]$

$= -r \left[\cos \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - r \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + r \cos \theta \sin \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} \right] + r \left[-\sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} - r \cos \theta \sin \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + r \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \right]$

$= -r \cos \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - r \sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + r^2 \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} - 2r \cos \theta \sin \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$

■ $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r^2} = \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} + 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$ (oops, almost copied wrong again)

$+ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial \theta^2} + \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} - 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{1}{r} \cos \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{r} \sin \theta \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$

$= 1 \cdot \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 1 \cdot \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} + 0 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + 0 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 0 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$

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

Whew! A few missteps along the way but I managed to catch them & recover.