

■ 関数 $f(x, y)$ を

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

により定義するとき, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0)$, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0)$, $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(0, 0)$, $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}(0, 0)$ を求めよ.

(解) $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ のとき

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

であるから,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{h} = 0, \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, h) - f(0, 0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{h} = 0, \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(0, 0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left\{ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(h, 0) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0) \right\} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} (h - 0) = 1, \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}(0, 0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left\{ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, h) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0) \right\} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \{(-h) - 0\} = -1 \end{aligned}$$

となる. ■