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1. Let  $f(x, y) = y^3 - 3x^3y^2 + 2x^2 - x + 1$ . Compute:

(a)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$

(3)

$$-9x^2y^2 + 4x - 1$$

(b)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$

(2)

$$3y^2 - 6x^3y$$

(c)  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$

(2)

$$-18x^2y$$

2. The number of people who ride the bus in Halifax is a function  $B(p, t)$  of the city's population  $p$  and the price  $t$  of a bus ticket. At any given point  $(p, t)$ , would we expect the value of  $\frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$  to be positive or negative? Why?

Negative! As ticket price increases, fewer people will ride the bus.

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