Automatic Differentiation Exercise

1. Partial Derivatives

(a) Determine, by hand, the partial derivatives of the function:

$$f(x,y) = e^x (x^2 + y^2)^3$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} =$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} =$$

(b) Use the formulas from from (a) to determine the following values:

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$$f(0,2) =$$

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$$\frac{\partial f(0,2)}{\partial x} =$$

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$$\frac{\partial f(0,2)}{\partial y} =$$

2. Backwards Differentiation

Draw a computation graph for the function from (a) above. Show all intermediate values for both the forward and backward pass with x = 0, y = 2. You should be able to check your answers against the values you calculated in part (b).

3. Scalarflow

- (a) Download the starter code for PA3.
- (b) Create a file named autodiff_exercise.py. In that file, create a scalarflow network corresponding to the formula from Question 1.
- (c) Use the gen_dot method to generate a dot file corresponding to the graph you drew in Question 2. Use a web-based dot file viewer (for example, https://dreampuf.github.io/GraphvizOnline/) to render your dot file as an image. Upload the result to Canvas.