

14.3/4 Tangent Slopes and Tangent Planes

Some Notation and Review

1st Partial Derivatives

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = f_x(x, y) = \text{"slope in } x \text{ - direction"}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = f_y(x, y) = \text{"slope in } y \text{ - direction"}$$

2nd Partial Derivatives

Concavity in x-direction:

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) = f_{xx}(x, y)$$

Concavity in y-direction:

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = f_{yy}(x, y)$$

Mixed Partial Derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) = f_{xy}(x, y) \quad (f_x)_y$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = f_{yx}(x, y)$$

Entry Task:

Find all 1st and 2nd partials for

$$z = f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad \swarrow \quad \searrow \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -2y$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$$

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$$f_{xx} = 2$$

concave up?

$$f_{xy} = 0$$

$$f_{yx} = 0$$

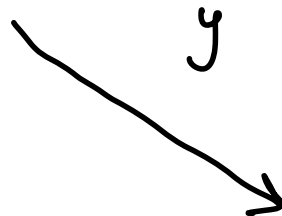
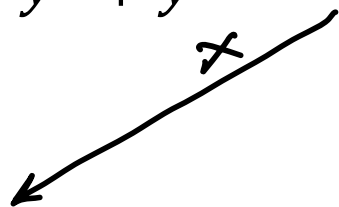
$$f_{yy} = -2$$

concave down?

these are always the same

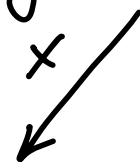
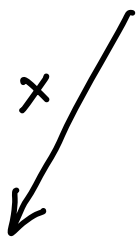
Example: Find all second partials for

$$z = f(x, y) = x^4 + 3x^2y^3 + y^5$$



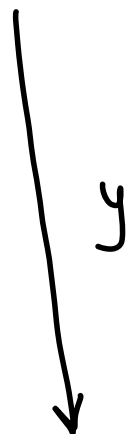
$$f_x = 4x^3 + 6xy^3 + 0$$

$$f_y = 0 + 9x^2y^2 + 5y^4$$



$$f_{xx} = 12x^2 + 6y^3$$

$$f_{yx} = 18xy^2$$



$$f_{xy} = 18xy^2$$

$$f_{yy} = 18x^2y + 20y^3$$

same!

Clairaut's theorem: The mixed 2nd partials are continuous, then they are equal.

A few random HW Notes:

From 14.3(1)

5. Question Details

Find the first partial derivatives of the function.

$$f(x, y) = x^{5y}$$

$$f_x(x, y) = \text{[input box]}$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \text{[input box]}$$

$$z = x^{5y}$$

$$f_x = 5y x^{(5y-1)}$$

$$f_y = x^{5y} \ln(x) \cdot 5$$

6. Question Details

Find the first partial derivatives of the function.

$$f(x, y, z) = 5x \sin(y - z)$$

$$f_x(x, y, z) = 5 \sin(y - z)$$

$$f_y(x, y, z) = \text{[input box]}$$

$$f_z(x, y, z) = \text{[input box]}$$

9. Question Details

Find the first partial derivatives of the function and i .

$$u = \sin(\overbrace{x_1 + 2x_2 + \dots + nx_n}^{S_n})$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} = \text{[input box]}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} = \cos(S_n) z$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} = \cos(S_n) i$$

From 14.3(2):

5. Question Details

Use implicit differentiation to find $\partial z/\partial x$ and $\partial z/\partial y$.

$$e^{5z} = xyz$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \text{[input box]}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \text{[input box]}$$

9. Question Details

Find the indicated partial derivative.

$$f(x, y, z) = e^{xyz^4}; \quad f_{xyz}$$

$$f_{xyz}(x, y, z) = \text{[input box]}$$

14. Question Details

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The paraboloid $z = 8 - x - x^2 - 4y^2$ intersects the plane $x = 1$ in a parabola. Find parametric equations in terms of t for the tangent line to this parabola at the point $(1, 2, -10)$. (Enter your answer as a comma-separated list of equations. Let x , y , and z be in terms of t .)

Hint: See page 7 of these notes for how to get the direction vector in problem 14!!!

14.4 Tangent Planes → 3D Tangent for a surface

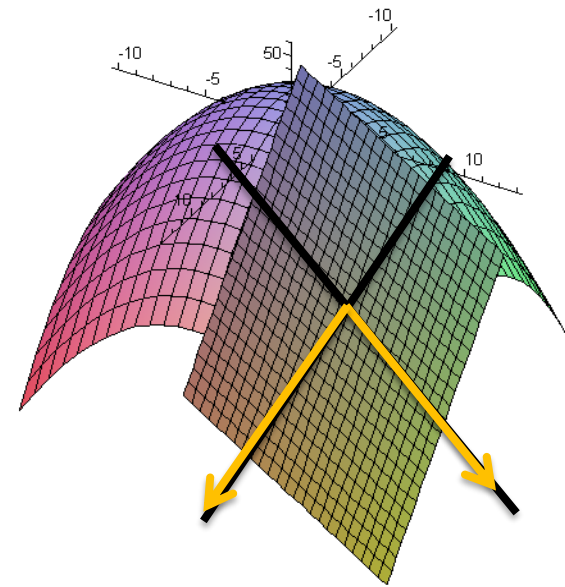
The plane that contains all tangent lines to a surface at a point is given by

$$-f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) - f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) + (z - z_0) = 0$$

which we typically write as:

$$z - z_0 = f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

→ infinitely many
Find z tangent lines and find cross product to get normal for plane formula...



Example: Find the tangent plane to

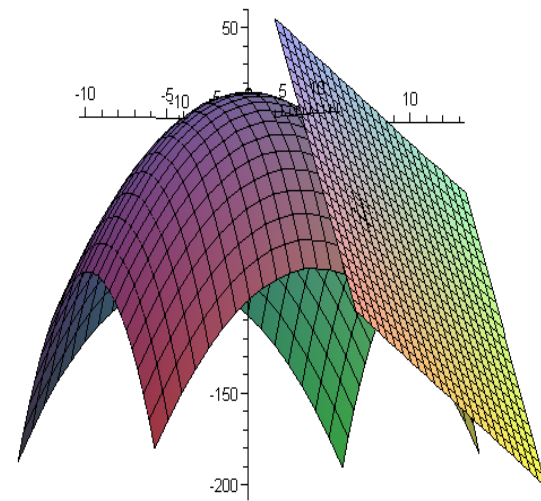
$$z = f(x,y) = 15 - x^2 - y^2 \text{ at } (7,4)$$

Step 1: Find...

$$f(7,4) = 15 - 49 - 16 = \textcircled{-50} \Rightarrow z_0$$

$$f_x(7,4) = -2x = -2(7) = \textcircled{-14}$$

$$f_y(7,4) = -2y = -2(4) = \textcircled{-8}$$



Step 2: Fill in...

$$z - z_0 = f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

any point on plane



(x, y, z) are points
on the plane

$$\boxed{z + 50 = -14(x - 7) - 8(y - 4)}$$

$$\underline{z = -50 - 14(x - 7) - 8(y - 4)}$$

linear approximation

$$L(x, y)$$

Derivation of Tangent Plane

The plane goes thru $(7, 4, -50)$.

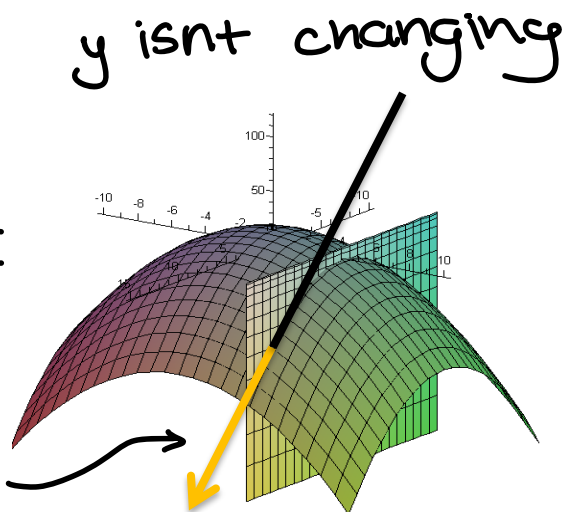
Now we need a normal vector.

Note:

$$f_x(x,y) = -2x$$

$$f_x(7,4) = -14 = \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta x}$$

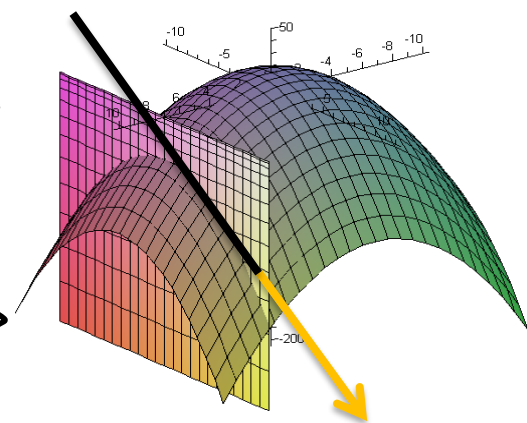
$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 0 & -14 \\ \langle \Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z \rangle \end{matrix}$$



$$f_y(x,y) = -2y$$

$$f_y(7,4) = -8 = \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta y}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & -8 \\ \langle \Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z \rangle \end{matrix}$$



Choose numbers that work

Thus, we can get two vectors that are parallel to the plane:

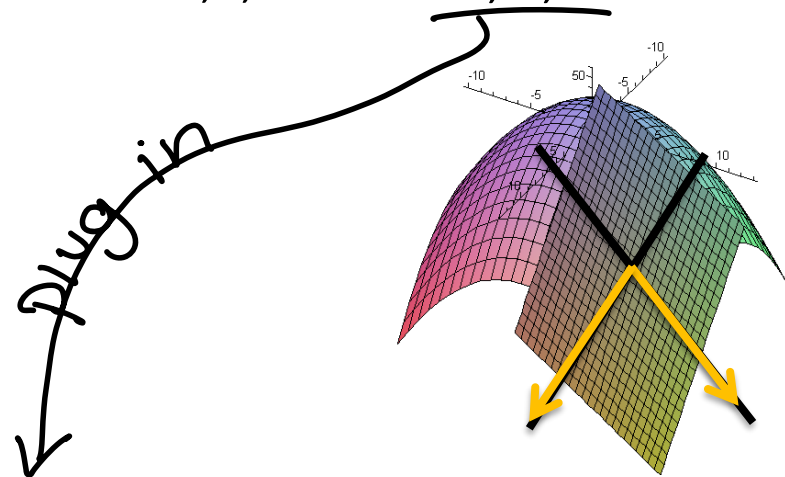
$$\langle 1, 0, f_x(x_0, y_0) \rangle = \langle 1, 0, -14 \rangle$$

$$\langle 0, 1, f_y(x_0, y_0) \rangle = \langle 0, 1, -8 \rangle$$

Cross product

So a normal vector is given by

$$\langle 1, 0, -14 \rangle \times \langle 0, 1, -8 \rangle = \langle 14, 8, 1 \rangle$$



Tangent Plane:

$$14(x-7) + 8(y-4) + (z+50) = 0$$

Which we rewrite as:

$$z + 50 = -14(x-7) - 8(y-4)$$

General Derivation

In general, for $z = f(x,y)$ at (x_0, y_0) by:

1. $z_0 = f(x_0, y_0) = \text{height.}$

2. $\langle 1, 0, f_x(x_0, y_0) \rangle = \text{'a tangent in } x\text{-dir.}'$ *(direction vector for tangent line!)*
 $\langle 0, 1, f_y(x_0, y_0) \rangle = \text{'a tangent in } y\text{-dir.'}$

3. Normal to surface:

$$\langle 1, 0, f_x(x_0, y_0) \rangle \times \langle 0, 1, f_y(x_0, y_0) \rangle \\ = \langle -f_x(x_0, y_0), -f_y(x_0, y_0), 1 \rangle \Rightarrow \text{don't worry about this}$$

Tangent Plane:

$$-f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) - f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) + (z - z_0) = 0$$

which we typically write as:

$$z - z_0 = f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) \quad \star$$

An Application of the Tangent Planes

Linear Approximation

“Near” the point (x_0, y_0) the tangent plane and surface z -values are close.

$$z - z_0 = f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0),$$

which is the same as

$$L(x, y) = z = z_0 + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

Idea:

$$f(x, y) \approx L(x, y) \text{ for } (x, y) \approx (x_0, y_0)$$

F'18 – Exam 2 – Loveless

Find both 1st partial derivatives of

$$f(x, y) = x^5 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{y^2}\right) + \ln(y) + 4$$

and give the tangent plane at (1,1).

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = x^5 \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{y^2}\right) \frac{\pi}{y^2} + 5x^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{y^2}\right)$$

$$\left. \frac{dz}{dx} \right|_{(1,1)} = \cos(\pi) \pi + 5 \sin(\pi) = \boxed{-\pi}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dy} = x^5 \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{y^2}\right) \left(-\frac{2\pi x}{y^3}\right) + \frac{1}{y}$$

$$\left. \frac{dz}{dy} \right|_{(1,1)} = \cos(\pi) (-2\pi) + 1 = \boxed{2\pi + 1}$$

$$\boxed{z - 4 = -\pi(x-1) + (2\pi+1)(y-1)}$$

$$z = f(1,1) = 4$$

Use this linear approximation to estimate the value of $f(0.95, 1.1)$.

Visual: <https://www.math3d.org/PFEHKAcZ>

Sp'17 – Exam 2 – Loveless

Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ at the point $(2,1,0)$ for the surface implicitly defined by

$$e^{3z} = x^2z + \ln(y) + 5x - 10.$$

And give the tangent plane at this point.

Now, consider the curve of intersection of this surface with the fixed plane $y = 1$, find equations for the tangent line to this curve at $(2,1,0)$.

Sp'18 – Exam 2

Find all 1st and 2nd partials for

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

Preview of 14.7: Can you find all (x,y) when BOTH 1st partials equal zero?