

Math 261, Lecture 12, 9/17/18

Today: §14.4 (except Ex. 5,6), Next: §14.4 (Ex. 5,6), §14.5

Recap.  $z = f(x,y)$

partial derivative in  $x$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x,y) = f_x(x,y)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h,y) - f(x,y)}{h}$$

partial derivative in  $y$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x,y) = f_y(x,y)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x,y+h) - f(x,y)}{h}$$

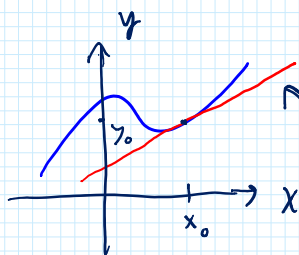
\* Rule - Hold the other variable constant,  
then differentiate as normal in the chosen variable.

All the rules of usual (single variable) differentiation apply still.

## §14.4 Tangent Planes and Linear Approximations

Review  
of  
single  
variable  
calc

$$y = f(x)$$



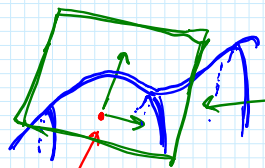
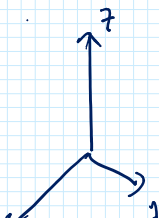
$f'(x_0)$  is slope of tangent line

eqn of tangent line:

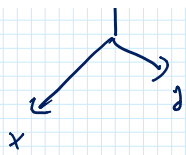
$$(y - y_0) = f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$$

linear approximation  $\Delta y \approx f'(x_0) \Delta x$   
if  $\Delta x$  is "small".

In two variables  $z = f(x,y)$



tangent plane



$$(x_0, y_0, f(x_0, y_0)) = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

Find the tangent plane at  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ ,  $z_0 = f(x_0, y_0)$

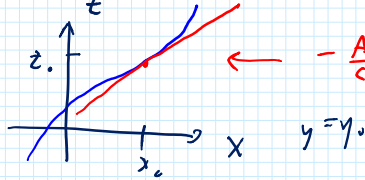
General eq'n of plane  $A(x-x_0) + B(y-y_0) + C(z-z_0) = 0$   
containing  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$   $\hookrightarrow$  Solve for  $z-z_0$

$$C(z-z_0) = -A(x-x_0) - B(y-y_0)$$

$$(z-z_0) = -\frac{A}{C}(x-x_0) - \frac{B}{C}(y-y_0)$$

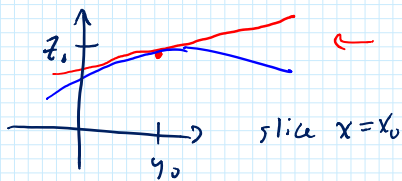
Slice Method  $y=y_0$

$$z-z_0 = -\frac{A}{C}(x-x_0)$$



$-\frac{A}{C}$  is slope of this tangent line!

$$-\frac{A}{C} = f_x(x_0, y_0)$$



$$-\frac{B}{C} = f_y(x_0, y_0)$$

slice  $x=x_0$

The partial derivative is the derivative of the curve along the slice.

Formula for tangent plane:

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

We say that  $f$  is differentiable at  $(x_0, y_0)$

$$\text{if } \Delta z \approx f_x(x_0, y_0)\Delta x + f_y(x_0, y_0)\Delta y$$

"Good tangent plane approximation to surface"

\* Warning!  $f_x, f_y$  may exist but  $f$  may not be differentiable

Good News! If  $f_x, f_y$  are continuous No Problem!

$$\hookrightarrow \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} f(x,y) \text{ exists !!}$$

Ex.  $f(x,y) = \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y) \text{ DNE}$

So one of  $f_x$  or  $f_y$  must be discontinuous at  $(0,0)$

$$f_x = \frac{-x^2y - y^3}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \text{ is not continuous at } (0,0)$$

Ex.  $f(x,y) = e^{x^2y}$  Find tangent plane at  $(1,0)$

$$x_0 = 1, y_0 = 0, z_0 = e^{x_0^2 y_0} = e^{1^2 \cdot 0} = e^0 = 1$$

base point of tangent plane is  $(1,0,1)$

$$f_x = e^{x^2y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x^2y = e^{x^2y} 2xy$$

$$f_y = e^{x^2y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} x^2y = e^{x^2y} x^2$$

$$f_x(1,0) = e^{1^2 \cdot 0} \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$f_y(1,0) = e^{1^2 \cdot 0} \cdot 1^2 = 1$$

$$\text{Answer: } z - 1 = 0(x - 1) + 1(y - 0)$$

$$\text{or } z - 1 = y$$

Ex. Use calculus to show that  $\arctan(xy)$  has a limit at  $(0,0)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \arctan(xy) = \frac{1}{1+(xy)^2} \cdot y$$

$$= \frac{y}{1+x^2y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \arctan(xy) = \frac{1}{1+(xy)^2} \cdot x = \frac{x}{1+x^2y^2}$$

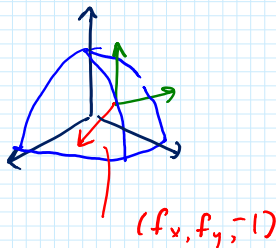
$(0,0)$  is in the domain of both of the rational functions  $f_x$  and  $f_y$ , so both are continuous and  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \arctan(xy)$  exists.

Remark. Eqn of tangent plane

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

Normal to tangent plane is  $(f_x, f_y, -1)$

gradient vector to surface.



$F(t, h)$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \approx \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta t}$$

NWS Heat Index		Temperature (°F)															
		80	82	84	86	88	90	92	94	96	98	100	102	104	106	108	110
Relative Humidity (%)	40	80	81	83	85	88	91	94	97	101	105	109	114	119	124	130	136
	45	80	82	84	87	89	93	96	100	104	109	114	119	124	130	137	
	50	81	83	85	88	91	95	99	103	108	113	118	124	131	137		
	55	81	84	86	89	93	97	101	106	112	117	124	130	137			
	60	82	84	88	91	95	100	105	110	116	123	129	137				
	65	82	85	89	93	98	103	108	114	121	128	136					
	70	83	86	90	95	100	105	112	119	126	134						
	75	84	88	92	97	103	109	116	124	132							
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90	86	91	98	105	113	122	131										
95	86	93	100	108	117	127											
100	87	95	103	112	121	132											

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial h} \approx \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta h}$$

\* Heat Index Chart from National Weather Service, [weather.gov/safety/heat-index](http://weather.gov/safety/heat-index)

Ex.  $97^\circ\text{F}$  and  $51\%$  humidity. Estimate heat index from table.

Closest point on table  $(96^\circ\text{F}, 50\%)$   $z_0 = F(96, 50) = 108^\circ\text{F}$

$$z = F(t, h)$$

$$z_0 = F(t_0, h_0)$$

$$F(97, 51) \approx F(t_0, h_0) + F_t(96, 50) \Delta t + F_h(96, 50) \Delta h$$

$$\Delta t = 97 - 96 = 1^\circ\text{F}$$

$$\Delta h = 51 - 50 = 1\%$$

$$F_t(96, 50) \approx \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta t} = \frac{113 - 108}{98 - 96}$$

$$F_h(96, 50) \approx \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta h} = \frac{112 - 108}{55 - 50} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\Delta h = 51 - 50 = 1\%$$

$$F_h(96, 70) \approx \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta h} = \frac{112 - 108}{55 - 50} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Answer } F(97, 51) &\approx 108 + \frac{5}{2} \cdot 1 + \frac{4}{5} \cdot 1 \\ &= 111.3^\circ \text{F} \end{aligned}$$