



LESSON 14

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(Fall 14 Exam 1 #8)

For which direction \vec{u} will the directional derivative of $f(x, y) = xy^{-2}$ at the point $(2, 1)$ have the value 0?

a) $\langle 1, -4 \rangle$

b) $\left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{17}}, \frac{4}{\sqrt{17}} \right\rangle$

c) $\langle 4, 1 \rangle$

d) $\left\langle \frac{4}{\sqrt{17}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{17}} \right\rangle$

$$0 = D_{\vec{u}} f = \vec{\nabla} f \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} f = \langle y^{-2}, -2xy^{-3} \rangle \Big|_{\substack{x=2 \\ y=1}}$$

$$= \langle 1, -4 \rangle$$

$$\vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{u}| = 1$$

$$\sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2} = 1$$

$$\vec{\nabla} f \cdot \vec{u} = 0$$

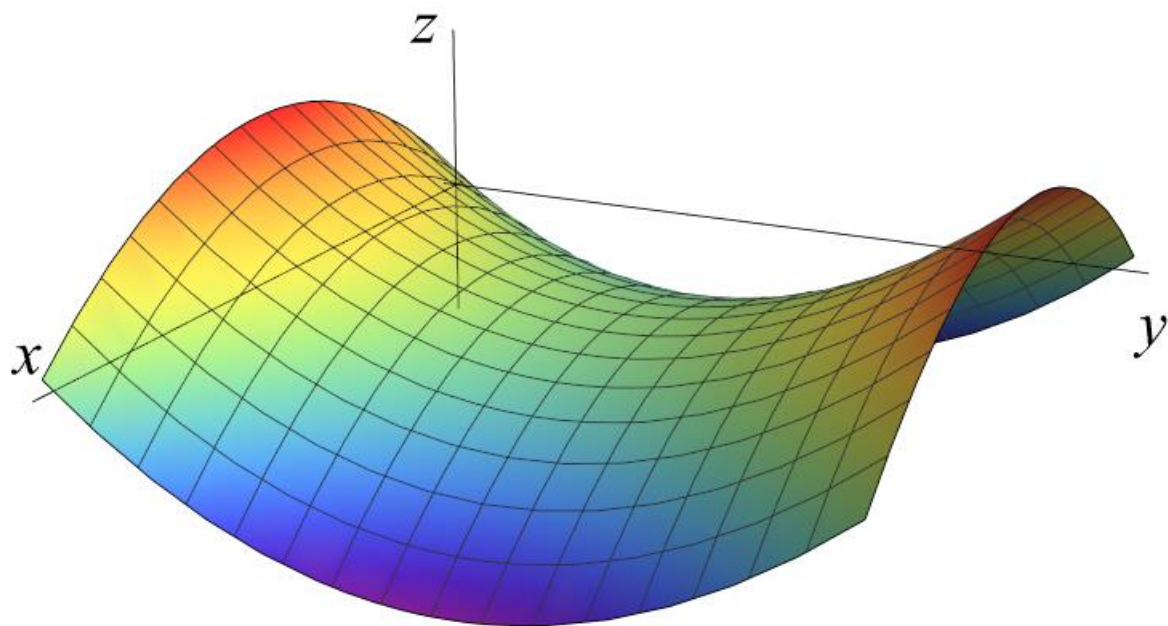
$$\langle 1, -4 \rangle \cdot \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle = 0$$

$$u_1 - 4u_2 = 0 \quad u_1 = 4u_2$$

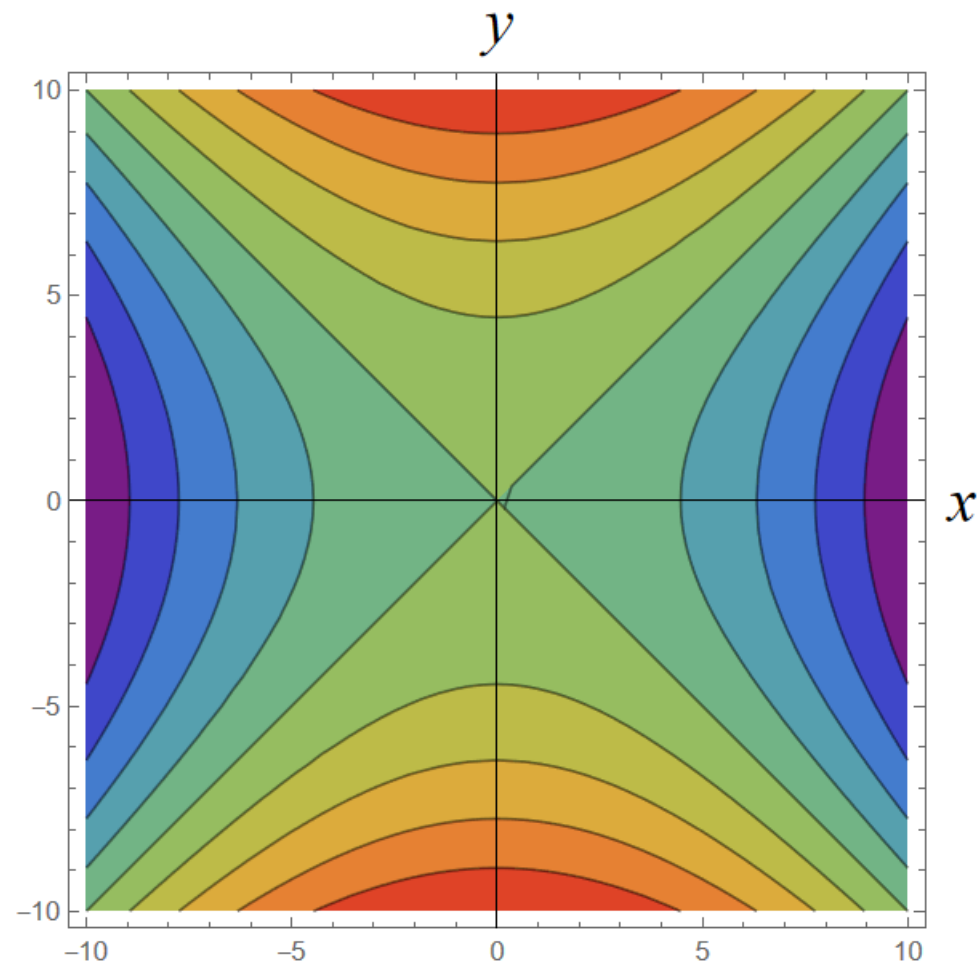
Consider the hyperbolic paraboloid:

$$z = -x^2 + y^2$$

Surface:



Level Curves:



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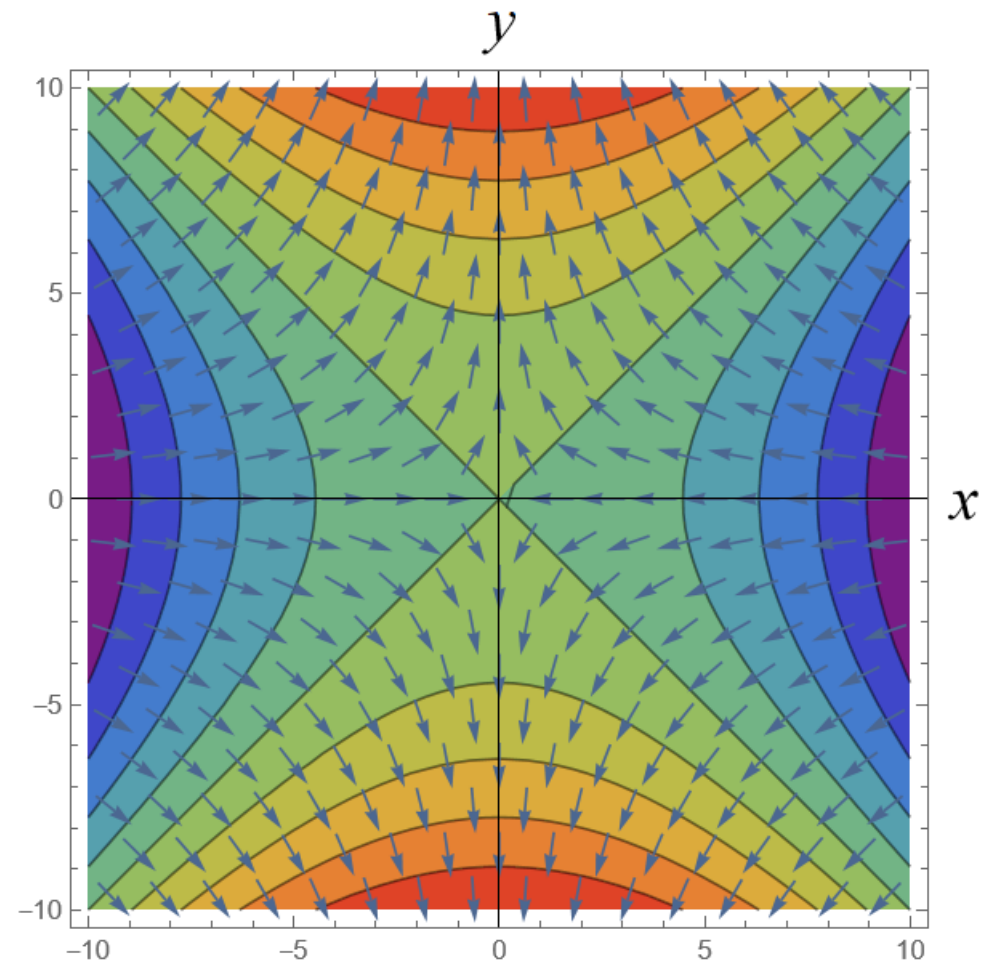
$$z = f(x, y) = -x^2 + y^2$$

Gradient:

$$\nabla f = \langle -2x, 2y \rangle$$

Direction of steepest ascent

Level Curves:



GRADIENT

Consider the hyperbolic paraboloid:

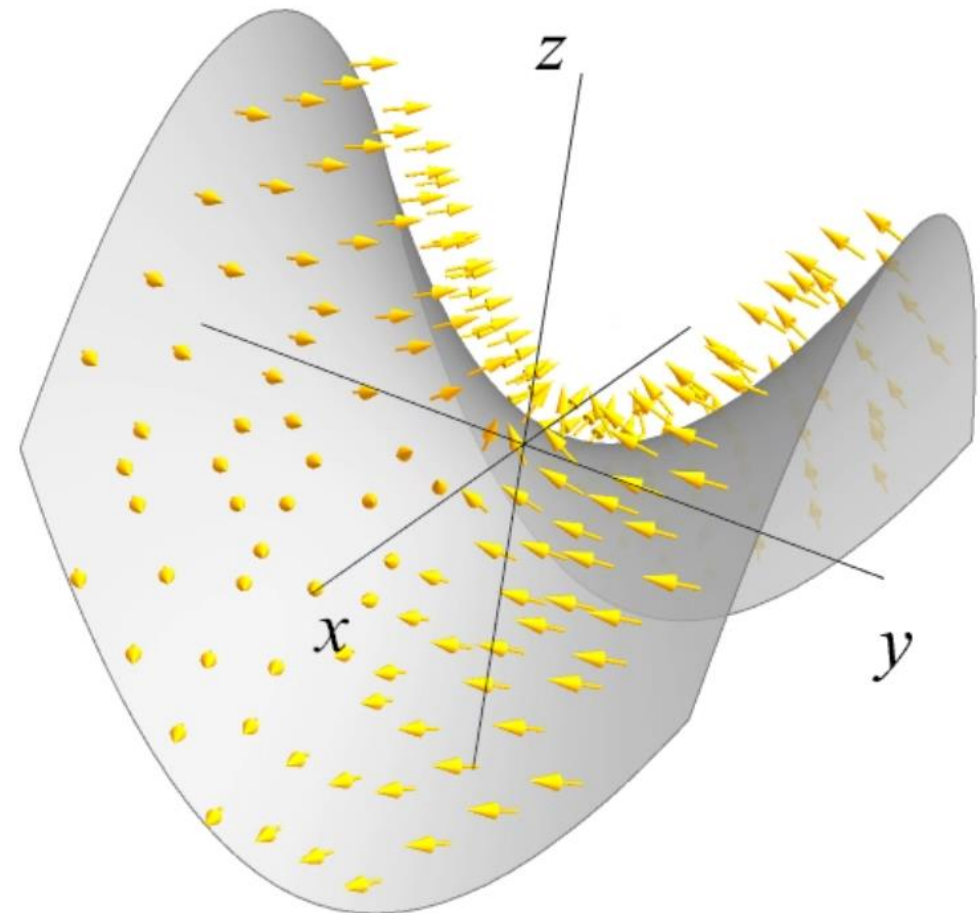
$$F(x, y, z) = z + x^2 - y^2 = 0$$

Gradient:

$$\nabla F = \langle 2x, -2y, 1 \rangle$$

Gradient is normal to surface:

$\nabla F(a, b, c)$ is
normal to the
surface at (a, b, c)



(Fall 17 Exam 1 #11)

$$F(x, y, z) = xy^2z^3 - 12 = 0$$

Find the tangent plane to the level surface

$$xy^2z^3 = 12$$

$$\vec{\nabla} F \cdot \langle x-a, y-b, z-c \rangle = 0$$

at the point (3, 2, 1)

$$F_x(x-a) + F_y(y-b) + F_z(z-c) = 0$$

a) $x + y + z = 6$

$$\nabla F = \langle y^2z^3, 2xy^2z^3, 3xy^2z^2 \rangle \Big|_{\substack{x=3 \\ y=2 \\ z=1}}$$

b) $3x + 2y + z = 14$

$$= \langle 4, 12, 36 \rangle$$

c) $x + 3y + 9z = 18$

$$= 4 \langle 1, 3, 9 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n} = \langle 1, 3, 9 \rangle$$

$$\langle 1, 3, 9 \rangle \cdot \langle x-3, y-2, z-1 \rangle = 0$$

Find the linear approximation of

$$f(x, y) = e^x \cos(y)$$

near the point $(0,0)$.

a) $L(x, y) = 1 + x$

b) $L(x, y) = 1 + x - y$

c) $L(x, y) = x + y$

d) $L(x, y) = 1 + x + y$

(Fall 15 Exam 1 #7)

Consider the function $f(x, y, z) = xyz$. Which of the following is true?

- 1) $df = x dx + y dy + z dz$
 - 2) If $\Delta x = \Delta y = \Delta z = 0.2$, then the error estimated by using differentials at $(1, 2, 1)$ is $\Delta f = 1$
 - 3) Its linear approximation at $(1, 1, 1)$ is $L = x + y + z - 2$
- a) All are true
 - b) Only 2) and 3) are true
 - c) Only 3) is true

MUDDIEST POINT

What was the muddiest point from today's lecture?

- a) Directional Derivative
- b) Gradient
- c) Direction of Steepest Ascent
- d) None – understood everything today