

Lesson 14: Tangent Plane and Linear Approximation (15.6)

Announcements:

* Exam 1 on Feb 25th, ELIT 116, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

* Instructions
seating chart
study guide

} posted on Brightspace

Different

* Office hours schedule for 02/16 - 02/25

Regular office hours:

Monday, Friday: 9:45am - 11:00am

Thursday: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Review Example (Directional Derivative)

$$f(x, y, z) = z \ln(xy), \quad \vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}} \right\rangle$$

unit vector? ✓

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet D_{\vec{u}} f\left(\frac{1}{4}, 4, 1\right) &= \vec{\nabla} f\left(\frac{1}{4}, 4, 1\right) \cdot \vec{u} \\ &= \langle f_x\left(\frac{1}{4}, 4, 1\right), f_y\left(\frac{1}{4}, 4, 1\right), f_z\left(\frac{1}{4}, 4, 1\right) \rangle \cdot \vec{u} \\ &= \left\langle 4, \frac{1}{4}, 0 \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[4 + \frac{1}{4} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$f_x = \frac{z}{xy} \cdot y = \frac{z}{x}$$

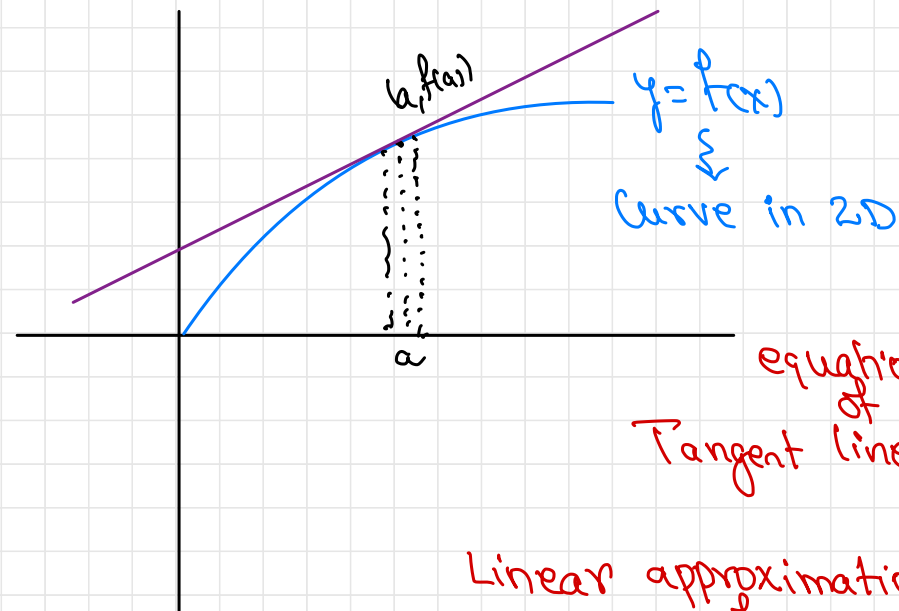
$$f_y = \frac{z}{y}$$

$$f_z = \ln(xy)$$

• What is the maximum rate of increase at $\left(\frac{1}{4}, 4, 1\right)$?

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \text{in direction of } \vec{\nabla} f \\ &\rightarrow |\vec{\nabla} f| = \left| \left\langle 4, \frac{1}{4}, 0 \right\rangle \right| = \sqrt{16 + \frac{1}{16}} \end{aligned}$$

Review: Tangent lines and Linear Approximation



Approximate $y = f(x)$
using the tangent line
line through
 $(a, f(a))$ with
slope = $f'(a)$

equation
of
Tangent line

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) \end{array} \right.$$

Linear approximation
of
 $f(x)$ at $x=a$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) \end{array} \right.$$

Differential

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta y \approx f'(x) \Delta x \end{array} \right.$$

eg: Approximate the value of $\sqrt{4.01} \approx 2.002498\dots$
exact value

Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x} \rightsquigarrow$ Linear approximation at $x=4$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a)$$

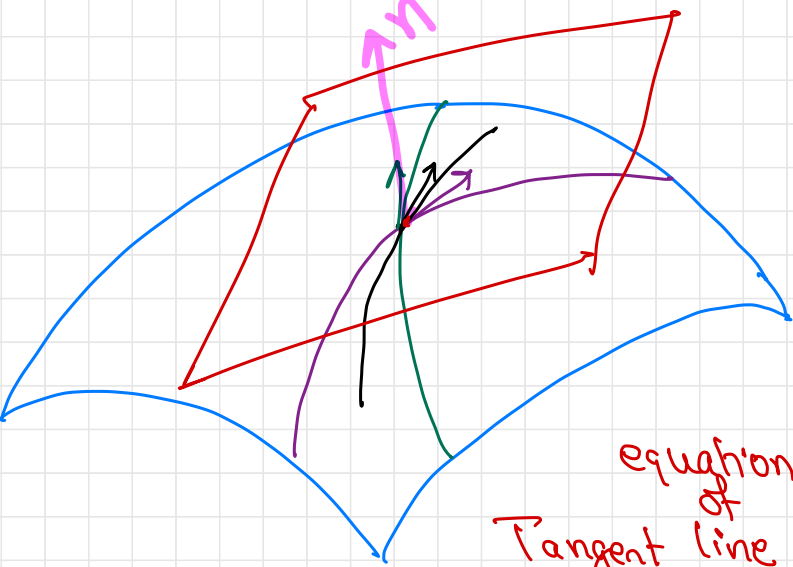
$$= 2 + \frac{1}{4}(x-4)$$

$$\sqrt{4.01} \approx L(4.01) = 2 + \frac{1}{4}(0.01)$$

$$= 2.0025$$

Approximate value

$Z = f(x, y)$ } Represents Surface in 3D.



Tangent plane: plane containing all the tangent lines.

Normal vector: Orthogonal to each of the tangent lines

equation of
Tangent line } $Z = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b)$

Linear approximation
of
 $f(x)$ at $x = a$ } $L(x, y) = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b)$

Differential } $\Delta Z \approx f_x \Delta x + f_y \Delta y$

$Z = f(x, y) \rightarrow$ Surface in 3D

Tangent plane at $(a, b, f(a, b))$

is a plane containing all the tangent vectors to the curves passing through $(a, b, f(a, b))$

Normal vector!

vector $\perp$ to all tangent vectors

Eq. of Tangent Plane: $Z = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x-a) + f_y(a, b)(y-b)$

Linear Approx: $L(x, y) = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x-a) + f_y(a, b)(y-b)$

Differential: $\Delta Z = f_x \Delta x + f_y \Delta y$

e.g.: $f(x,y) = 25 - x^2 - y^2$

• Find the tangent plane at $(2, 3, 12)$

• Approximate $f(2.01, 2.98)$

$$f_x = -2x, \quad f_y = -2y \Rightarrow f_x(2,3) = -4, \quad f_y(2,3) = -6$$

$$Z = f(a,b) + f_x(a,b)(x-a) + f_y(a,b)(y-b)$$

$$Z = f(2,3) + f_x(2,3)(x-2) + f_y(2,3)(y-3)$$

$$Z = 12 - 4(x-2) - 6(y-3)$$

$$L(x,y) = 12 - 4(x-2) - 6(y-3)$$

$$f(2.01, 2.98) \approx L(2.01, 2.98) = 12 - 4(2.01-2) - 6(2.98-3) \\ = 12 - 0.04 + 0.12 = \underline{\underline{12.08}}$$

$$\Delta Z = 0.08$$

eg: let $z = x^3 y$, find approximate change in z
when (x, y) changes from $(1, 3)$ to $(0.98, 3.04)$

$$\Delta z = f_x \Delta x + f_y \Delta y$$

$$f_x = 3x^2 y \hookrightarrow f_x(1, 3) = 9$$

$$f_y = x^3 \hookrightarrow f_y(1, 3) = 1$$

$$\Delta x = 0.98 - 1 = -0.02$$

$$\Delta y = 3.04 - 3 = 0.04$$

$$\Delta z = 9 * (-0.02) + 1 * 0.04 = -0.18 + 0.04 = -0.14$$

$$f(1, 3) = 3$$

L. Approx of z at $(0.98, 3.04) = f(1, 3) + f_x \Delta x + f_y \Delta y = 2.86$

Finding Normal vector:

$$5x + 6y - 3z = 5 \rightarrow \text{Normal vector is } \langle 5, 6, -3 \rangle$$

$$ax + by + cz = d \rightarrow \text{Normal vector is } \langle a, b, c \rangle$$

$$z = f(x, y) \rightarrow \text{equation of T plane at } (a, b) \text{ is}$$

$$z = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b)$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b) - z + f(a, b) = 0$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\vec{n} = \langle f_x(a, b), f_y(a, b), -1 \rangle$$

$$z = f(x, y) \rightarrow \text{Normal vector to T. plane at } (a, b, f(a, b)) \text{ is } \langle f_x(a, b), f_y(a, b), -1 \rangle$$

$$f(x,y) = 25 - x^2 - y^2$$

T. plane at $(2, 3, 12)$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{n} &= \langle f_x(2,3), f_y(2,3), -1 \rangle \\ &= \langle -4, -6, -1 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Q: Find equation of plane through $(2, 3, 12)$
with $\vec{n} = \langle -4, -6, -1 \rangle$

$$\boxed{-4(x-2) - 6(y-3) - 1(z-12) = 0.}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 z &= f(x, y) \\
 &\downarrow \text{Rewrite} \\
 \underbrace{f(x, y) - z = 0}_{F(x, y, z)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$F(x, y, z) = f(x, y) - z = 0$$

$$F_x = f_x$$

$$F_y = f_y$$

$$F_z = -1$$

$$\vec{\nabla} F = \langle F_x, F_y, F_z \rangle = \langle f_x, f_y, -1 \rangle$$

Gradient vector
is the
Normal vector.

Suppose z is given implicitly $\Rightarrow F(x, y, z) = 0$
 then $\vec{\nabla} F(a, b, c)$ represents the Normal Vector
 to the Tangent plane at (a, b, c)

proof: show $\vec{\nabla} F \perp$ tangent vector

Let $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$
 be a curve through (a, b, c)

$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle x'(t), y'(t), z'(t) \rangle \Rightarrow$ tangent vector

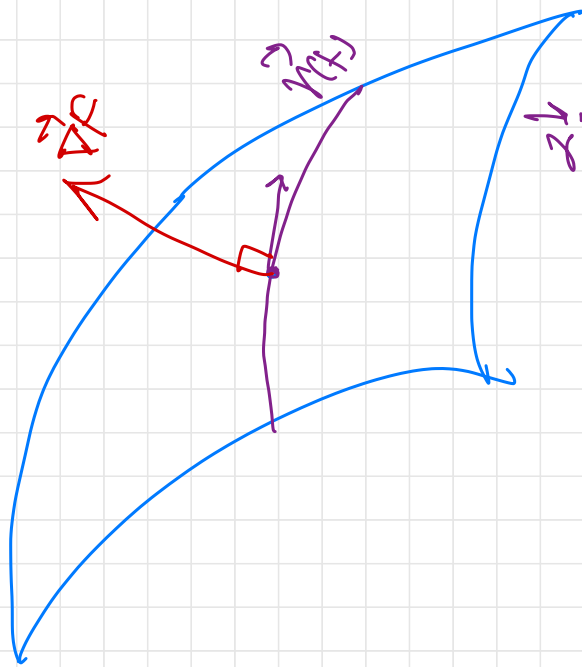
$\vec{r}(t)$ lies on $F(x, y, z) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow F(x(t), y(t), z(t)) = 0$$

$\downarrow \frac{d}{dt}$, Chain Rule

$$F_x \cdot x'(t) + F_y \cdot y'(t) + F_z \cdot z'(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\langle F_x, F_y, F_z \rangle}_{\vec{\nabla} F} \cdot \underbrace{\langle x'(t), y'(t), z'(t) \rangle}_{\vec{r}'(t)} = 0$$



Q: find tangent plane to Surface $2xy^2 + yz^2 + 3x^2z = 6$
at $(1, 1, 1)$

$$F(x, y, z) = 2xy^2 + yz^2 + 3x^2z - 6$$

$$\vec{\nabla} F = \langle F_x, F_y, F_z \rangle$$

$$= \langle 2y^2 + 6xz, 4xy + z^2, 2yz + 3x^2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{\nabla} F(1, 1, 1) = \langle 8, 5, 5 \rangle$$

Q: ^{Find} Equation of plane through $(1, 1, 1)$
with normal vector $\langle 8, 5, 5 \rangle$.

$$8(x-1) + 5(y-1) + 5(z-1) = 0$$

$$8x + 5y + 5z = 18.$$

eg: find tangent plane to the graph $z = x^3 + y^4$ at $(2, 1, 9)$

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

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{n} &= \langle f_x, f_y, -1 \rangle \\ &= \langle 3x^2, 4y^3, -1 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$F(x, y, z) = x^3 + y^4 - z = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{n} &= \vec{\nabla} F = \langle F_x, F_y, F_z \rangle \\ &= \langle 3x^2, 4y^3, -1 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{n} = \langle 12, 4, -1 \rangle$$

* Find equation of plane through $(2, 1, 9)$
with normal vector $\langle 12, 4, -1 \rangle$

$$12(x-2) + 4(y-1) - z(9-9) = 0$$

$$12x + 4y - z - 19 = 0.$$