

14.6  $z=f(x,y)$ .  $\nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle$

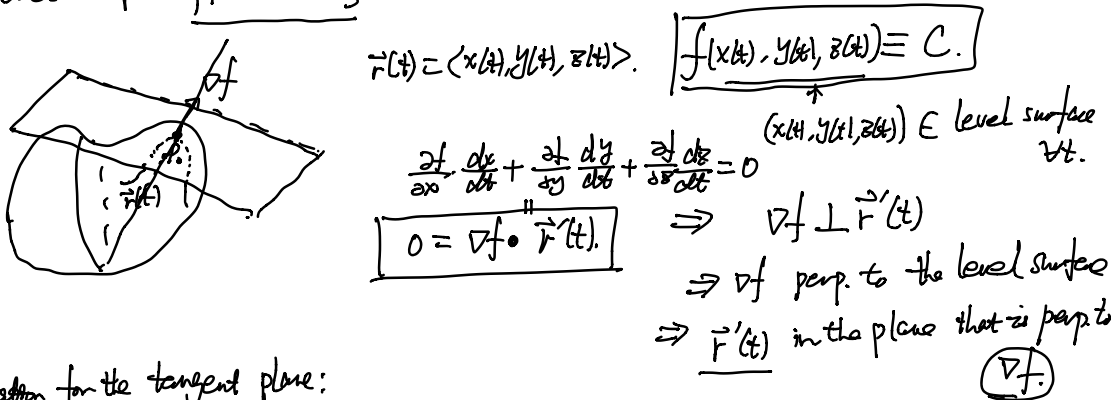
$|\vec{u}|=1$   $D_{\vec{u}}f = \nabla f \cdot \vec{u}$   
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 rate of change of  $f$  in the direction  $\vec{u}$ .

level curve  $f(x,y)=C$ . at  $P_0(x_0,y_0)$  on the level curve.  $\nabla f|_{P_0}$  is normal to the level curve perpendicular to level curve



$w=f(x,y,z)$   $\nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y, f_z \rangle$

level surface  $\{f(x,y,z)=C\} \ni P_0$   $\nabla f|_{P_0}$  is perpendicular to the level surface.



Equation for the tangent plane:

$\nabla f|_{P_0} \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{OP}_0) = 0$

$\langle f_x(P_0), f_y(P_0), f_z(P_0) \rangle \cdot \langle x-x_0, y-y_0, z-z_0 \rangle = 0$

$f_x(P_0) \cdot (x-x_0) + f_y(P_0) \cdot (y-y_0) + f_z(P_0) \cdot (z-z_0) = 0$

normal line:  $\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + t \cdot \nabla f|_{P_0}$

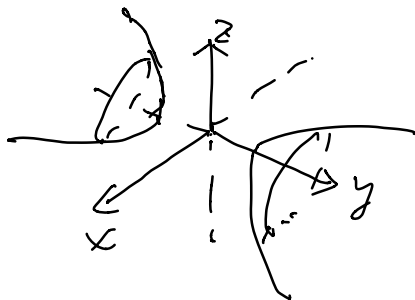
Ex:  $\{x^2 - y^2 + z^2 = 1\} \ni (x_0, y_0, z_0)$

e.g.  $(1, 2, 2)$   
 $\sqrt{1-x_0^2+y_0^2} = \sqrt{1-1+2^2} = 2$

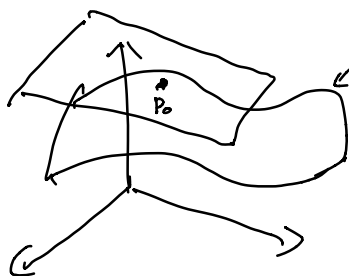
$\nabla f = \langle 2x, -2y, 2z \rangle$

$2x_0 \cdot (x-x_0) + (-2y_0) \cdot (y-y_0) + 2z_0 \cdot (z-z_0) = 0$

$x^2+z^2=y^2+1 \geq 1$   
 2-sheeted hyperboloid



Ex:  $z = f(x, y)$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(x,y,z) = 0 \\ z = f(x,y) \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} g(x,y,z) = f(x,y) - z \\ g(x,y,z) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

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

$$\nabla g = \langle g_x, g_y, g_z \rangle = \langle f_x, f_y, -1 \rangle$$

$$P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

tangent plane:  $f_x(P_0)(x-x_0) + f_y(P_0)(y-y_0) - (z-z_0) = 0$

$$z = f_x(P_0)(x-x_0) + f_y(P_0)(y-y_0) + z_0$$

linearization of  $f(x,y)$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$

$$z = \sqrt{x-y^2}$$

$$(12, 2, 2\sqrt{2})$$

$$f(12, 2) = \sqrt{12-2^2} = \sqrt{8}$$

$$f_x|_{(12,2)} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-y^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}$$

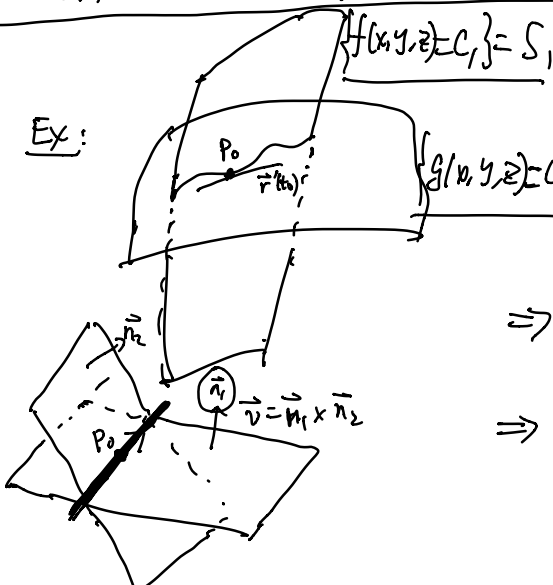
tangent plane:

$$z = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}(x-12) + \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)(y-2) + 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$f_y|_{(12,2)} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{-2y}{\sqrt{x-y^2}} = -\frac{y}{\sqrt{x-y^2}} = -\frac{2}{2\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

linearization

Ex:



$$\nabla f|_{P_0} \perp S_1, \quad \nabla g|_{P_0} \perp S_2$$

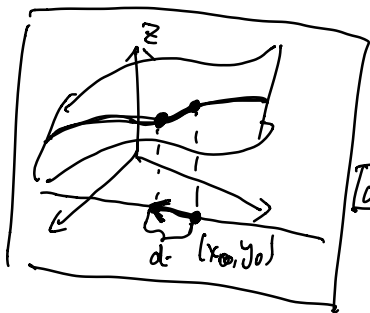
$$\nabla f|_{P_0} \perp \text{any tangent vector of } S_1, \\ \nabla g|_{P_0} \perp \dots \text{ of } S_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f|_{P_0} \perp \underline{\underline{\vec{r}'(t_0)}} \text{ and } \nabla g|_{P_0} \perp \underline{\underline{\vec{r}'(t_0)}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\vec{r}'(t_0)}} = \underline{\underline{|\nabla f|_{P_0} \times \nabla g|_{P_0}|}}$$

a vector tangent to the curve of intersection.

Estimate the change of  $f(x,y)$  in a specific direction



linearization:  $z - z_0 = f_x(x_0, y_0) \cdot (x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0) \cdot (y - y_0)$

$$z - z_0 = \nabla f(x_0, y_0) \cdot \langle x - x_0, y - y_0 \rangle$$

differentiel:  $dz$

$$z - z_0 = f_x(x_0, y_0) \cdot \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta x} + f_y(x_0, y_0) \cdot \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta y} + \epsilon \cdot \Delta x + \epsilon \Delta y$$

$\Delta z$

$\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  as  $\Delta x, \Delta y \rightarrow 0$

Ex:  $w = f(x, y, z) = \ln \sqrt{x + y^2 + z^3}$ ,  $P_0 = (1, 1, 1)$

approximate change in the direction of  $\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}$  if  $P_0$  moves by  $\frac{d}{|\vec{v}|}$  in that direction.

$$\Delta w = \nabla f|_{P_0} \cdot \langle x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0 \rangle = \left( \nabla f|_{P_0} \cdot \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} \right) \cdot d$$

$\frac{d}{|\vec{v}|}$   $\nabla f|_{P_0} \cdot \vec{u}$

$$df = (\nabla f|_{P_0} \cdot \vec{u}) \cdot ds$$

$$df = (D_{\vec{u}} f)|_{P_0} \cdot ds$$

$$\nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y, f_z \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{x + y^2 + z^3}, \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2y}{x + y^2 + z^3}, \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3z^2}{x + y^2 + z^3} \right\rangle \Big|_{(1,1,1)}$$

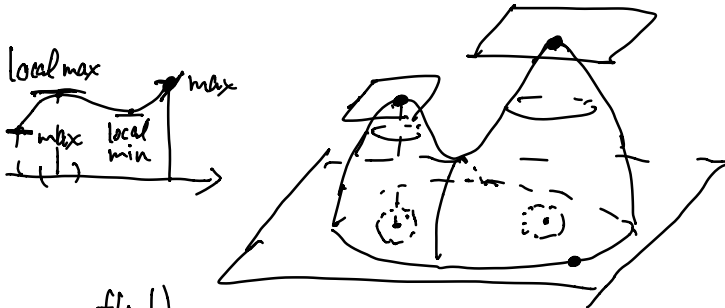
$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{x + y^2 + z^3} = \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{3} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \langle 1, 2, -3 \rangle$$

$1+4+9$

$$df = \left\langle \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \langle 1, 2, -3 \rangle \cdot (0.1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \left( \frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{2} \right) \cdot (0.1) = \dots$$

## 14.7: Extremal Values and saddle points



$f(a,b)$   
def: local maximum:  $f(a,b) \geq f(x,y)$  near  $(a,b)$ , i.e.  $f(a,b) \geq f(x,y)$  for all  $(x,y)$  in an open disk centered at  $(a,b)$   
local minimum: ...

Thm (1st derivative test for local extremal values).

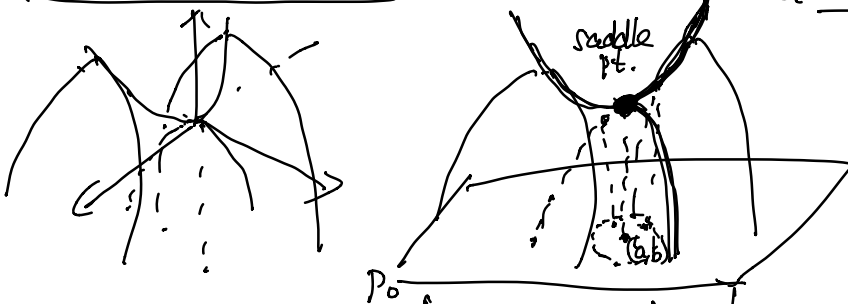
If  $f$  has a local maximum or local minimum at an interior point  $(a,b)$  and if the 1st partial derivatives exist at  $(a,b)$ , then  $f_x(a,b) = 0 = f_y(a,b)$ .

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

$0 = f_x = 2x, 0 = f_y = -2y \Rightarrow x = y = 0$

$z = f_x(a,b)(x-a) + f_y(a,b)(y-b) + \frac{1}{2} z''$   
 $z = z_0$  horizontal tangent plane

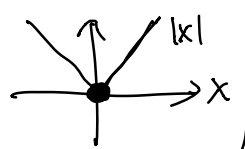
a saddle point is a critical pt.



Def: An interior point of the domain of a function  $f(x,y)$  is a critical point of  $f$ .

if either  $f_x(P_0) = f_y(P_0) = 0$

or (one or both of  $f_x(P_0)$  and  $f_y(P_0)$  do not exist.)

Ex:  Ex:  $|x| + |y| = f(x,y)$   
 $f(x,y) \geq \underbrace{f(0,0)}_0$  is the (absolute) minimum.  
 $f(x,y) = |x| + |y|$ .  
 $f_x, f_y$  do not exist at  $(0,0)$

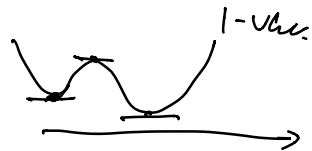
Ex:  $f(x,y) = x^2 + xy + 5x + 3y - 2$

critical pts:  $f_x = 2x + y + 5 = 0$      $y = -5 - 2x = -5 + 6 = 1$

$f_y = x + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3$

$(-3, 1)$

local min ?  
 max ?  
 saddle ?



2nd derivative test for local extrema

$f''(x_0) > 0 \rightarrow$  local min

$f''(x_0) < 0 \rightarrow$  local max

$f''(x_0) = 0$  inconclusive