

## 12.2 Partial derivatives

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

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

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

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What do you do first?

$f_{xyx}$

work "inside to outside" for this notation.

1. ~~Am~~  $f_x$

2.  $(f_x)_y = f_{xy}$

3.  $(f_{xy})_x = f_{xyx}$

Question - what would the corresponding  $\frac{\partial}{\partial}$  notation be for  $f_{xyx}$ ?

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Ex1 Find  $f_x$  &  $f_y$  for  $f(x, y) = \ln(x^2 - y^2)$ .

## 12.2 cont

Ex2 Find the four second order partial derivatives for  $f(x,y) = 2x^3 \cos 4y$ .

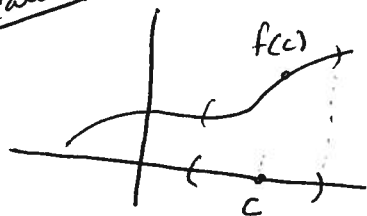
Ex3 Imagine you "are on" the surface  $z = \frac{5\sqrt{16-x^2}}{4}$  at point  $(2, 3, \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2})$ . Find the slope of the tangent line to this point that lies in the  $x=2$  plane. Repeat for the tangent line that lies in the  $y=3$  plane.

## 12.3 Limits & Continuity.

video shows pictures of discontinuities/limits not existing.

Picture of when a limit exists.

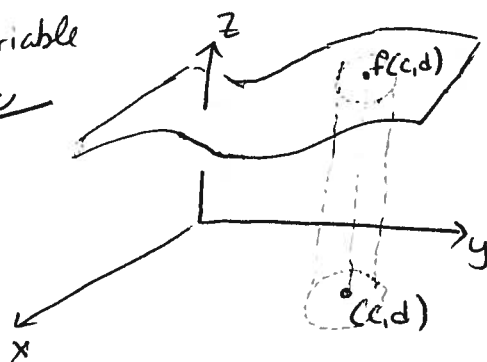
Calculus



Does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exist?

Look at interval around  $c$ . (Approach  $c$  from right & left)

Multivariable Calculus



Does  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (c,d)} f(x,y)$  exist?

Look at disk surrounding it. (Approach from many different directions)

### Strategies for Showing a limit exists

- ① Plug in the numbers & it exists.
- ② Algebraic manipulation
  - factoring & cancelling
  - rewriting trig functions
- ③ Change to polar coordinates
  - $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$
  - $x = r \cos \theta$
  - $y = r \sin \theta$
  - If  $(x,y) \rightarrow 0$ , then  $r \rightarrow 0$

### Strategies for showing a limit does not exist

- ① Show the limit (when approaching along any path) goes to  $\pm \infty$ .
- ② Show the limits when approaching along different paths are different.

## 12.3 Cont

Ex 1 Find the limit or justify that it does not exist.

$$a.) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^4 - y^4}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$b.) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^4}$$

$$c.) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} xy \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$$

## 12.3 cont

Ex 2 Describe the largest set  $S$  on which it is correct to say that  $f$  is continuous.

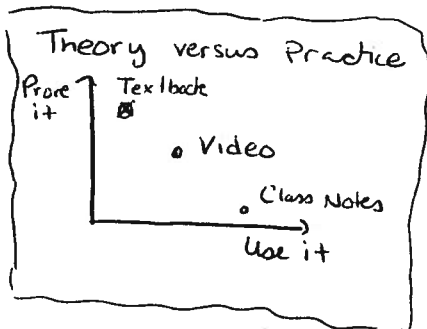
a.)  $f(x,y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x+y}}$

b.)  $f(x,y) = \ln(4 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2)$

A function  $f(x,y)$  is continuous at  $(a,b)$  if  $f(a,b) = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y)$ .

Ex 3 Sketch the indicated set. Describe the boundary of the set. State whether it is open, closed or neither.

## 12.4 Differentiability



Let  $z = f(x, y)$  be a function &  $(a, b)$  be a point in the domain.

Gradient of  $f$  at point  $(a, b)$ :  $\nabla f(a, b) = \langle f_x(a, b), f_y(a, b) \rangle$

Tangent plane to  $z$  through  $(a, b)$ :  $z = f(a, b) + \nabla f(a, b) \cdot \langle x-a, y-b \rangle$

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### Questions

- 1.) Does the gradient always exist?
- 2.) Does the tangent plane to a point always exist?
- 3.) What does the gradient have to do with differentiability?

## 12.4 cont

Ex3 Find the equation of the tangent "hyperplane" to

$$w = f(x, y, z) = 2y \cos(2\pi x) + 4x \cos(\pi y) + xz \quad \text{at}$$

the point  $(1, \frac{1}{2}, 3)$ .

## 12.4 Cont

Ex1 Find the gradient  $\nabla f$  of  $f(x, y) = 4xe^{9xy}$

Ex2 Find the gradient of  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{y}$  at the point  $(2, -1)$ .  
Then find the equation of the tangent plane at this point.



## 12.5 Directional Derivatives

Let  $z = f(x, y)$  be a function  
 $(a, b)$  a point in the domain  
 $\hat{u}$  be a unit vector.

Theorem

If \_\_\_\_\_,

then  $f$  has a directional derivative at  $(a, b)$  in the direction of  $\hat{u}$ :

$$D_{\hat{u}} f(a, b) = \hat{u} \cdot \nabla f(a, b)$$

4-space version

$w = f(x, y, z)$ ,  $(a, b, c)$  - pt,  $\hat{u} = u_x \hat{i} + u_y \hat{j} + u_z \hat{k}$ ,

$$D_{\hat{u}} f(a, b, c) = \hat{u} \cdot \nabla f(a, b, c)$$

Ex 1 Find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y) = e^{-xy}$   
at the point  $p = (1, -1)$  in the direction of  $\vec{u} = -i + \sqrt{3}j$ .

## 12.5 Cont

### Theorem

At pt  $(a,b)$ , the function  $z = f(x,y)$

increases most rapidly in the direction \_\_\_\_\_  
at a rate \_\_\_\_\_.

It decreases most rapidly in the direction \_\_\_\_\_  
at a rate \_\_\_\_\_.

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Ex 2. Find a unit vector in the direction  
in which  $f(x) = 4xyz^2$  decreases most rapidly  
at point  $(2, -1, 1)$ . What is the rate of change  
in this direction?

12.5 Cont

Ex 3 Find the directional derivative of  $f(x,y) = e^{-x} \cos y$   
at  $(0, \frac{\pi}{3})$  in the direction toward the origin.

## 12.6 The Chain Rule

Theorem Let  $x = x(s, t)$  &  $y = y(s, t)$  have first partial derivatives at  $(x(s, t), y(s, t))$ . Then  $z$  has first partial derivatives given by:

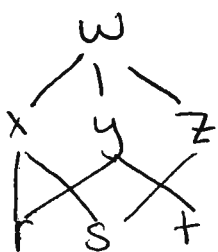


$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$$

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Imagine the picture was,



① What is

$$\frac{dw}{dr} =$$

② What other first partial derivatives are there?

## 12.6 Cont

Ex 1 Find  $\frac{dw}{dt}$  using the chain rule

a)  $w = xy + yz + xz$ ,  $x = t^2$ ,  $y = 1 - t^2$ ,  $z = 1 - t$ .  
(Express answer in terms of  $t$ .)

b)  $w = x^2 - y \ln x$ ,  $x = \frac{s}{t}$ ,  $y^2 = s^2 t$ . (Express the answer in terms of  $s$  &  $t$ .)

## 12.6 Cont

Ex 3 If  $w = x^2y + z^2$ ,  $x = \rho \cos \theta \sin \phi$  find  
 $y = \rho \sin \theta \sin \phi$ ,  
 $z = \rho \cos \phi$ ,

$$\left. \frac{dw}{d\theta} \right|_{\rho=2, \theta=\pi, \phi=\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

Ex 4 Airplanes A & B depart from point P at the same time.

A flies due east & B flies N 50° E. At a certain instant, A is 200 miles from P flying 450 mph & B is 150 miles from P flying 400 mph. How fast are they separating at that instant?

## 12.7 Tangent Planes

Def Let  $F(x, y, z) = k$  be a surface and  $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$  be a point on  $F$ . If it is

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

then the tangent plane to  $F$  at  $P_0$  exists.

It is the plane that is perpendicular to \_\_\_\_\_

and passes through \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Theorem

For a surface  $F(x, y, z) = k$ , the equation of the tangent plane at  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is:

$$\nabla F(x, y, z) \cdot \langle x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0 \rangle = 0.$$

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12.7 cont

Ex1 Find the equation of the tangent plane to  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 4$   
at  $(2, 1, 1)$

Ex2 Find a point on the surface  $z = 2x^2 + 3y^2$  where  
the tangent plane is parallel to the plane  $8x - 3y - z = 0$ .



## 12.7 cont

Ex3 Use differentials to approximate the change in  $z = \tan^{-1}xy$  from  $P(2, -0.5)$  to  $Q(-2.03, -0.51)$ . Then find  $\Delta z$ .

Let  $z = f(x, y)$  be a differentiable function.  
Let  $dx, dy$  be variables.  
"total differential of  $f$ "  
 $\hookrightarrow dz = df(x, y)$   
 $= f_x(x, y)dx + f_y(x, y)dy$   
 $= \nabla f \cdot \langle dx, dy \rangle$

$dz =$  estimated change

$\Delta z =$  actual change

Ex4 An object's weight in air is  $A = 36$  lbs & its weight in water is 20 lbs, with a possible error in each measurement of 0.02 lbs. Find, by approximating, the maximum possible error in calculating its specific gravity from  $S(A, w) = \frac{A}{A-w}$ .

## 12.8 Maxima & Minima

Given a function  $f(x, y)$ , define the following:

global maximum -

local maximum -

global minimum -

local minimum -

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Critical point	How do we find it / evaluate it?
Stationary Point (a, b)	
singular point (a, b)	
boundary point(s) of S	

## 12.8 Cont

### Definitions (from 12.3)

- neighborhood-

1-D

2-D

3-D

Let  $S$  be a set and  $P$  be a point in  $S$ .

- $P$  is an interior point of  $S$  if

- $P$  is a boundary point of  $S$  if

- the boundary of  $S$  is

### Second Partials Test

Given a function  $f(x,y)$  & a point  $(a,b)$  in its domain where  $\nabla f(a,b) = \vec{0}$ .

If  $f_{xx}, f_{yy}, f_{xy}$  are continuous in a neighborhood around  $(a,b)$ , and

$$D = D(a,b) = (f_{xx}(a,b)(f_{yy}(a,b)) - f_{xy}^2(a,b))$$

then

①  $D > 0$  &  $f_{xx}(a,b) < 0$   
 $\Rightarrow f(a,b)$  local max

②  $D > 0$  &  $f_{xx}(a,b) > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow f(a,b)$  local min

③  $D < 0 \Rightarrow f(a,b)$  is not an extreme value (saddle point)

④  $D = 0 \Rightarrow$  test inconclusive.

Ex1 What is the boundary of  $\{(x,y) : 1 < x \leq 4\}$ ?

## 12.8 Cont

Ex2 Given  $f(x,y) = x^2 + a^2 - 2ax \cos y$ ;  $-\pi < y < \pi$ .

Find all critical points. Indicate whether each gives a local/global max or min or is a saddle point.

12.8 Cont

Ex 3

Find the point on the plane  $x + 2y + 3z = 12$  that is closest to the origin. What is the minimum distance.

## 12.9 La Grange Multipliers

Given: functions  $f(x, y)$  &  $g(x, y)$

want: the points that produce max/min values of  $f$   
and satisfy  $g(x, y) = 0$ .

The La Grange Method says that <sup>all</sup> the critical points  
(<sup>all the</sup> candidates for what we are looking for) are the  
solutions to the system of equations:

$$\textcircled{1} \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \quad \text{and} \quad \textcircled{2} g(x, y) = 0$$

Ex 1. Find the minimum of  $f(x, y) = x^2 + 4xy + y^2$   
subject to the constraint  $x - y - 6 = 0$ .

## 12.9 cont

### Ex2

Choose the problem that can be solved using the Lagrange Method. Then solve it with the method.  
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Explain why

#### Problem 1

Find the max & min values for  $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 - 1$  on  $S = \{ (x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \}$ .

#### Problem 2

Find the 3-D vector of length 9 with the largest possible sum of its components.

## 12.9 cont

Ex 3 Find the point on the plane  $x + 2y + 3z = 12$  that is closest to the origin. (Use the Lagrange method.)