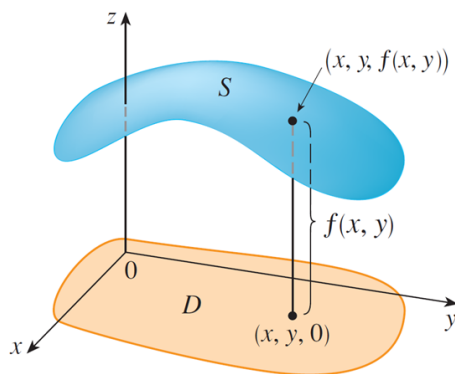


Functions of Several Variables

Definition Let D be a subset of \mathbb{R}^2 , and let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined on D . Then the **graph of f on D** is a subset in \mathbb{R}^3 defined by

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid z = f(x, y) \text{ and } (x, y) \in D\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3.$$



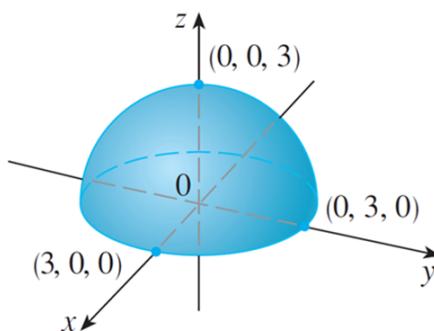
Examples

- If $(a, b) \neq (0, 0)$, the graph of the linear function $f(x, y) = ax + by + c$ on \mathbb{R}^2 is a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 given by

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid z = ax + by + c \text{ and } (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}.$$

- The graph of $g(x, y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$ on the closed disk $x^2 + y^2 \leq 9$ is the upper hemisphere with center $(0, 0, 0)$ and radius 3 given by

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid z = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2} \geq 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 \leq 9\}$$

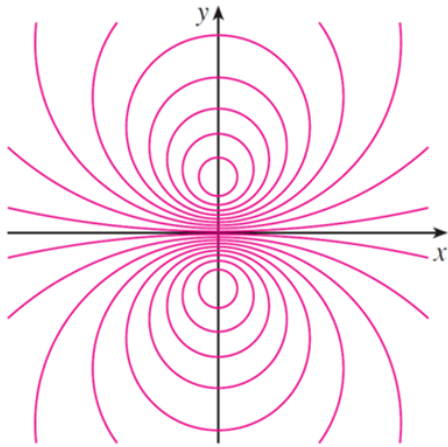


Definition Let D be a subset of \mathbb{R}^2 , and let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined on D . Then a **level curve of f at the level k** is a subset of D given by

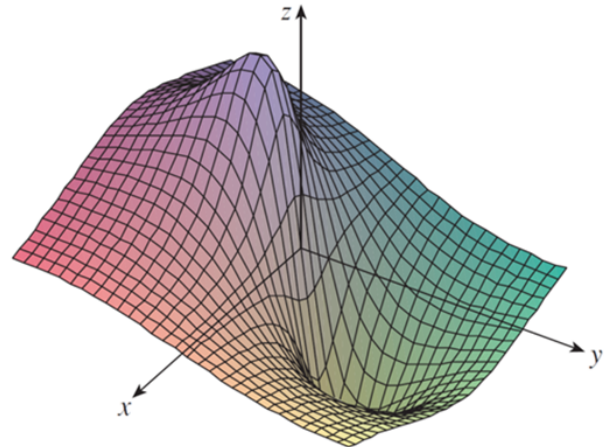
$$L_f(k) = \{(x, y) \in D \mid f(x, y) = k\} \subseteq D.$$

A collection of level curves is called a **contour map of f** .

Example Let $f(x, y) = \frac{-3y}{x^2 + y^2 + 1}$ for $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. The following sketches show the level curves and the graph near the origin.



(c) Level curves of $f(x, y) = \frac{-3y}{x^2 + y^2 + 1}$



(d) $f(x, y) = \frac{-3y}{x^2 + y^2 + 1}$

Remark In general, if D is a subset of \mathbb{R}^n , $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function defined on D . Then the **graph of f on D** is a subset in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} defined by

$$S = \{(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid x_{n+1} = f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ and } (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in D\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}.$$

and a **level set** (or level curve, surface when $n = 2, 3$ respectively) **of f at the level k** is a subset of D given by

$$L_f(k) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in D \mid f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = k\} \subseteq D.$$

Limits and Continuity

Let $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $r > 0$ and let $B_r(p)$ denote the ball of center p and radius r defined by

$$B_r(p) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |x - p|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - p_i)^2 < r^2\},$$

where $|x - p|$ is the **Euclidean distance from x to p** .

Definitions Let D be a subset of \mathbb{R}^n and $p \in D$. Then

- p is called an **interior point of D** if there exists an $r > 0$ such that

$$B_r(p) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |x - p| < r\} \subset D \iff \text{if } x \in B_r(p) \text{ then } x \in D.$$

- p is called a **boundary point of D** if it is not an interior point of D .
- D is called an **open subset** of \mathbb{R}^n if every point in D is an interior point of D .

Remark If p is a point in D , then p is either an interior point or a boundary point of D .

Example Let $D = [0, 1] \cup \{2\} \subset \mathbb{R}$. Then $(0, 1)$ is the set of interior points of D while $\{0, 1, 2\}$ is the set of boundary points of D .

Definition Let f be a function of two variables whose domain D includes points arbitrarily close to (a, b) . Then

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = L \in \mathbb{R}$$

if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a corresponding $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{if } 0 < |(x, y) - (a, b)| < \delta \text{ then } (x, y) \in D \text{ and } |f(x, y) - L| < \varepsilon \\ \iff &\text{if } (x, y) \in B_\delta((a, b)) \setminus \{(a, b)\} \text{ then } (x, y) \in D \text{ and } |f(x, y) - L| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Note that if $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y)$ exists, then it is unique.

Algebraic Properties of Limits Let f, g be functions of two variables whose domain D includes points arbitrarily close to (a, b) . If

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = L \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} g(x, y) = M \in \mathbb{R},$$

then

- **(Sum and Difference Law)** $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} [f \pm g](x, y) = L \pm M$
- **(Product Law)** $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} [f \times g](x, y) = L \times M$
- **(Quotient Law)** $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{f(x, y)}{g(x, y)} = \frac{L}{M}$ provided that $g(x, y) \neq 0$ for (x, y) close to (a, b) and the limit of the denominator is not 0.

Proposition (Squeeze Theorem) Let $f, \ell, r : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be functions of two variables whose domain D includes points arbitrarily close to (a, b) . Suppose that

$$\ell(x, y) \leq f(x, y) \leq r(x, y) \quad \text{for all } (x, y) \in D \setminus \{(a, b)\},$$

and

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \ell(x, y) = L = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} r(x, y).$$

Then $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = L$.

Definition Let D be a subset of \mathbb{R}^2 , $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined on D and let (a, b) be an interior point of D . Then f is said to be **continuous at (a, b)** if

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = f(a, b),$$

i.e. for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a corresponding $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{if } |(x, y) - (a, b)| < \delta \text{ then } (x, y) \in D \text{ and } |f(x, y) - f(a, b)| < \varepsilon \\ \iff &\text{if } (x, y) \in B_\delta((a, b)) \text{ then } (x, y) \in D \text{ and } |f(x, y) - f(a, b)| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

We say that f is **continuous on D** if f is continuous at every point (a, b) in D .

Algebraic Properties of Continuous Functions Let f and g be functions of two variables whose domain D includes points arbitrarily close to (a, b) . If f and g are continuous at (a, b) , i.e.

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y) = f(a, b) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} g(x, y) = g(a, b),$$

then so is the

- (Sum and Difference) $f \pm g$ since $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} [f \pm g](x, y) = f(a, b) \pm g(a, b)$.

- (Product) $f \times g$ since $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} [f \times g](x, y) = f(a, b) \times g(a, b)$.
- (Quotient) $\frac{f}{g}$ provided that $g(a, b) \neq 0$ since $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{f(x, y)}{g(x, y)} = \frac{f(a, b)}{g(a, b)}$.

Examples

1. Show that $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sin(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2} = 1$.
2. Show that $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$ does not exist.
3. Evaluate $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,2)} (x^2y^3 - x^3y^2 + 3x + 2y)$.
4. Where is the function $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$ continuous?

Remark In general, if D is a subset of \mathbb{R}^n and $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a real-valued function defined on D includes points arbitrarily close to p , then we say that $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = L$ if for every number $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a corresponding number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{if } 0 < |x - p| < \delta \text{ then } x \in D \text{ and } |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon, \\ \iff & \text{if } x \in B_\delta(p) \setminus \{p\} \text{ then } x \in D \text{ and } |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

If $p \in D$, then we say that f is continuous at p if $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = f(p)$, i.e. if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a corresponding $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{if } |x - p| < \delta \text{ then } x \in D \text{ and } |f(x) - f(p)| < \varepsilon \\ \iff & \text{if } x \in B_\delta(p) \text{ then } x \in D \text{ and } |f(x) - f(p)| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Definition Let D be a subset of \mathbb{R}^2 , $p = (a, b)$ be an interior point of D and let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a real-valued function defined on D . Then the partial derivative of f with respect to x at (a, b) , denoted by $f_x(a, b)$ or $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a, b)$, is defined to be

$$f_x(a, b) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a + h, b) - f(a, b)}{h} \quad \text{provided that the limit exists,}$$

and the partial derivative of f with respect to y at (a, b) , denoted by $f_y(a, b)$ or $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a, b)$, is defined to be

$$f_y(a, b) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a, b + h) - f(a, b)}{h} \quad \text{provided that the limit exists.}$$

Remark Recall that if $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable at $x = a$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$ exists and f is continuous at $x = a$ since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - f(a)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[\frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \cdot (x - a) \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x - a) = 0 \implies \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a).$$

However, the existence of partial derivatives for a function of several variables do not always guarantee the continuity of the function.

Example Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function of two variables defined by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

1. Show that f is not continuous at $(0, 0)$.
2. Find $f_x(0, 0)$ and $f_y(0, 0)$.

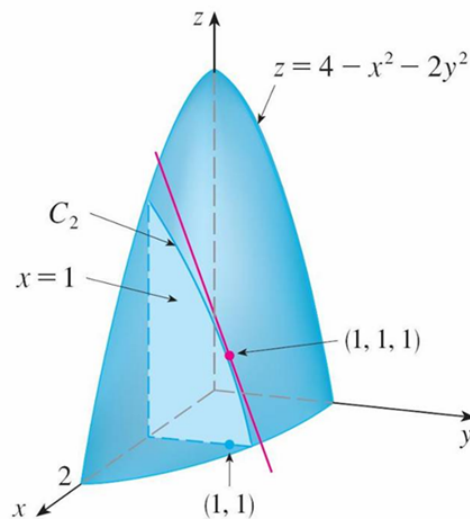
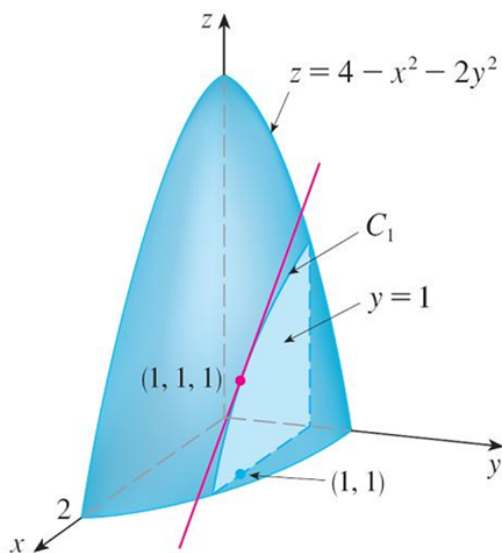
Remark Let D be an open subset of \mathbb{R}^2 and let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a real-valued function defined on D . Suppose that the partial derivatives f_x and f_y exist at every point in D , then the functions $f_x, f_y : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are defined by

$$f_x(x, y) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h, y) - f(x, y)}{h} \quad \text{differentiate } f \text{ with respect to } x \text{ by treating } y \text{ as a constant,}$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y + h) - f(x, y)}{h} \quad \text{differentiate } f \text{ with respect to } y \text{ by treating } x \text{ as a constant.}$$

Examples

1. If $f(x, y) = x^3 + x^2y^3 - 2y^2$, find $f_x(2, 1)$ and $f_y(2, 1)$.
2. If $f(x, y) = 4 - x^2 - 2y^2$, find $f_x(1, 1)$ and $f_y(1, 1)$ and interpret these numbers as slopes.



3. If $f(x, y, z) = e^{xy} \ln z$, find f_x , f_y , and f_z .
4. If $f(x, y) = x^3 + x^2y^3 - 2y^2$, find the second partial derivatives $f_{xx} = (f_x)_x$, $f_{xy} = (f_x)_y$, $f_{yx} = (f_y)_x$, and $f_{yy} = (f_y)_y$.

Clairaut's Theorem Suppose f is defined on a disk D that contains the point (a, b) . If the functions f_{xy} and f_{yx} are both continuous on D , then

$$f_{xy}(a, b) = f_{yx}(a, b).$$

Examples

1. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function of two variables defined by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy(x^2 - y^2)}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

Show that

$$f_x(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^4y + 4x^2y^3 - y^5}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \text{ by direct differentiation,} \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \text{ by definition of partial derivative,} \end{cases}$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{-y^4x - 4y^2x^3 + x^5}{(y^2 + x^2)^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \text{ by direct differentiation,} \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \text{ by definition of partial derivative,} \end{cases}$$

and that $f_{xy}(0, 0) = -1 \neq 1 = f_{yx}(0, 0)$ by definition of partial derivatives.

2. Show that the function $u(x, y) = e^x \sin y$ is a solution of the Laplace equation, that is $\Delta u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$.

Definition Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, (a, b) be an interior point of D and let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined on D . Then f is called **differentiable** at (a, b) if there exists $(\ell_1, \ell_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{|f(x, y) - f(a, b) - \ell_1(x - a) - \ell_2(y - b)|}{|(x, y) - (a, b)|} = 0.$$

$$\iff \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{|\varepsilon(x, y)|}{\sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2}} = 0, \text{ where } \varepsilon(x, y) = f(x, y) - f(a, b) - \ell_1(x - a) - \ell_2(y - b)$$

Theorem If f is differentiable at (a, b) , then the partial derivatives f_x and f_y exist at (a, b) and $(\ell_1, \ell_2) = (f_x(a, b), f_y(a, b))$.

Proof Since

$$0 = \lim_{(x,b) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{|f(x, b) - f(a, b) - \ell_1(x - a) - \ell_2(b - b)|}{|(x, b) - (a, b)|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{|f(x, b) - f(a, b) - \ell_1(x - a)|}{|x - a|}$$

$$\implies 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x, b) - f(a, b) - \ell_1(x - a)}{x - a} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x, b) - f(a, b)}{x - a} - \ell_1 = f_x(a, b) - \ell_1,$$

and

$$0 = \lim_{(a,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{|f(a, y) - f(a, b) - \ell_1(a - a) - \ell_2(y - b)|}{|(a, y) - (a, b)|} = \lim_{y \rightarrow b} \frac{|f(a, y) - f(a, b) - \ell_2(y - b)|}{|y - b|}$$

$$\implies 0 = \lim_{y \rightarrow b} \frac{f(a, y) - f(a, b) - \ell_2(y - b)}{y - b} = \lim_{y \rightarrow b} \frac{f(a, y) - f(a, b)}{y - b} - \ell_2 = f_y(a, b) - \ell_2.$$

Theorem If the partial derivatives f_x and f_y exist near (a, b) and are continuous at (a, b) , then f is differentiable at (a, b) , that is,

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} \frac{|f(x, y) - f(a, b) - f_x(a, b)(x - a) - f_y(a, b)(y - b)|}{|(x, y) - (a, b)|} = 0.$$

Proof For each $\varepsilon > 0$, since f_x and f_y exist near (a, b) and are continuous at $p = (a, b)$, there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that if $(x, y) \in B_\delta(p)$, then

$$|f_x(x, y) - f_x(a, b)| + |f_y(x, y) - f_y(a, b)| < \varepsilon.$$

Let $g : B_\delta(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$g(x, y) = f(x, y) - f(a, b) - f_x(a, b)(x - a) - f_y(a, b)(y - b) \quad \text{for } (x, y) \in B_\delta(p).$$

Then $g(a, b) = 0$,

$$g_x(x, y) = f_x(x, y) - f_x(a, b) \quad \text{and} \quad g_y(x, y) = f_y(x, y) - f_y(a, b).$$

Let the line segment in $B_\delta(p)$ from (x, y) to $p = (a, b)$ be given by

$$r(t) = (a, b) + t(x - a, y - b), \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

and consider the function

$$g(r(t)) = g(x(t), y(t)) = g(a + t(x - a), b + t(y - b)) \quad \text{for } t \in [0, 1].$$

By the Mean Value Theorem, there is a $0 < t_0 < 1$ with $r(t_0) = (x_0, y_0)$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} |g(r(1)) - g(r(0))| &= \left| \frac{d}{dt} g(r(t)) \Big|_{t=t_0} (1 - 0) \right| = \left| \frac{d}{dt} g(x(t), y(t)) \Big|_{t=t_0} \right| \\ &= |g_x(x_0, y_0)x'(t_0) + g_y(x_0, y_0)y'(t_0)| \\ &= |[f_x(x_0, y_0) - f_x(a, b)](x - a) + [f_y(x_0, y_0) - f_y(a, b)](y - b)| \\ &\leq (|f_x(x_0, y_0) - f_x(a, b)| + |f_y(x_0, y_0) - f_y(a, b)|) \sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2} \\ &< \varepsilon \sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2} = \varepsilon |(x, y) - (a, b)| \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$g(r(1)) = g(x, y) = f(x, y) - f(a, b) - f_x(a, b)(x - a) - f_y(a, b)(y - b), \quad g(r(0)) = g(a, b) = 0,$$

we have

$$|f(x, y) - f(a, b) - f_x(a, b)(x - a) - f_y(a, b)(y - b)| = |g(r(1)) - g(r(0))| < \varepsilon |(x, y) - (a, b)|,$$

which implies that

$$\frac{|f(x, y) - f(a, b) - f_x(a, b)(x - a) - f_y(a, b)(y - b)|}{|(x, y) - (a, b)|} < \varepsilon.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is an arbitrary positive number, we have

$$\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (a, b)} \frac{|f(x, y) - f(a, b) - f_x(a, b)(x - a) - f_y(a, b)(y - b)|}{|(x, y) - (a, b)|} = 0$$

and f is differentiable at (a, b) .

Equation of a Tangent Plane Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function with continuous partial derivatives. Then the plane tangent to the surface

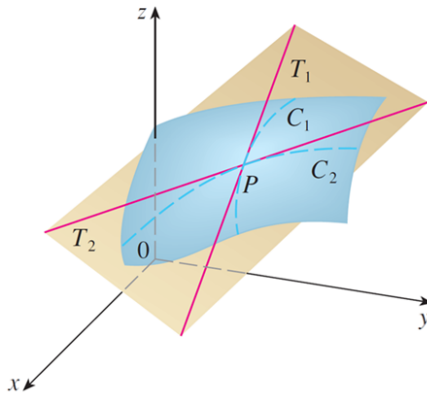
$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid z = f(x, y) \text{ and } (x, y) \in D\},$$

at the point $P(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in S$ has an equation

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

Proof Let C_1 and C_2 be the curves obtained by intersecting the vertical planes $y = y_0$ and $x = x_0$ with the surface S . Then the point P lies on both C_1 and C_2 . Let T_1 and T_2 be the tangent lines to the curves C_1 and C_2 at the point P .

Then the plane tangent to the surface S at the point P is defined to be the plane that contains both tangent lines T_1 and T_2 .



Since $C_1 = S \cap \{(x, y_0, z) \mid (x, z) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$ and $C_2 = S \cap \{(x_0, y, z) \mid (y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$ are curves in S , we may parametrize C_1 and C_2 by vector function

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 : \quad r_1(x) &= (x, y_0, z) \stackrel{C_1 \subset S}{=} (x, y_0, f(x, y_0)) \quad \text{for } (x, y_0) \in D \implies r'_1(x_0) = (1, 0, f_x(x_0, y_0)) \parallel T_1 \\ C_2 : \quad r_2(y) &= (x_0, y, z) \stackrel{C_2 \subset S}{=} (x_0, y, f(x_0, y)) \quad \text{for } (x_0, y) \in D \implies r'_2(y_0) = (0, 1, f_y(x_0, y_0)) \parallel T_2 \end{aligned}$$

This implies that the tangent plane to the surface S at the point P is perpendicular the vector

$$(1, 0, f_x(x_0, y_0)) \times (0, 1, f_y(x_0, y_0)) = (-f_x(x_0, y_0), -f_y(x_0, y_0), 1),$$

and has an equation

$$\begin{aligned} (x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0) \cdot (-f_x(x_0, y_0), -f_y(x_0, y_0), 1) &= 0 \quad \text{since } \cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0 \\ \iff -f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) - f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) + (z - z_0) &= 0 \\ \iff z - z_0 = f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0). \end{aligned}$$

Example Find an equation for the plane tangent to the elliptic paraboloid $z = 2x^2 + y^2$ at the point $(1, 1, 3)$.

Definition Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, (a, b) be an interior point of D and let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function with continuous partial derivatives. The linear function $L : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$L(x, y) = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b) \quad \text{for all } (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

is called the **linearization of f at (a, b)** and the approximation

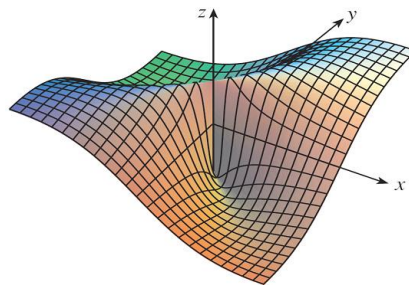
$$f(x, y) \approx f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b)$$

is called the **linear approximation** or the **tangent plane approximation of f at (a, b)** .

Example Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function of two variables defined by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

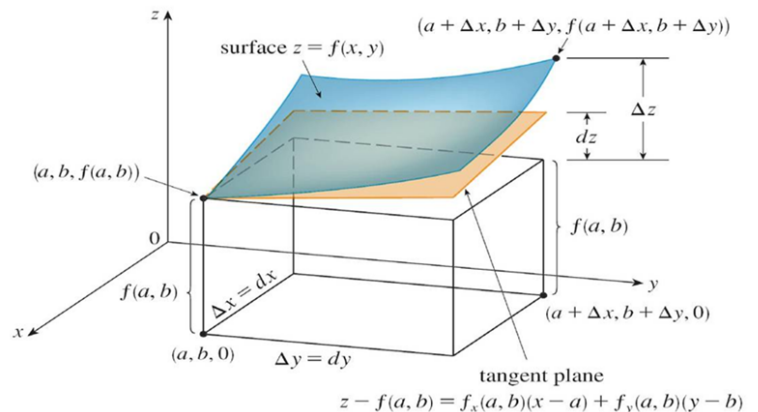
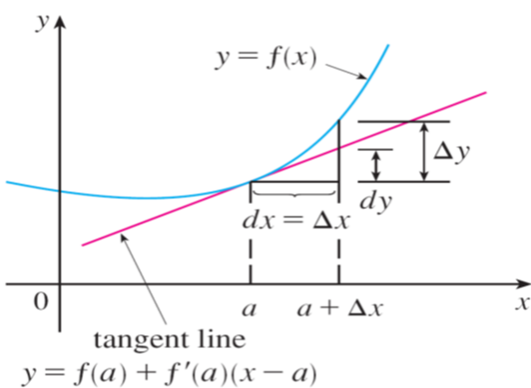
Note that $f_x(0, 0) = 0$ and $f_y(0, 0) = 0$, but f_x and f_y are not continuous at $(0, 0)$, and the surface $z = f(x, y)$ does not have a tangent plane at $(0, 0)$.



Example Show that $f(x, y) = xe^{xy}$ is differentiable at $(1, 0)$ and find its linearization there. Then use it to approximate $f(1.1, -0.1)$.

Definition Let D be an open subset of \mathbb{R}^2 and let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function defined on D . The **differential df** is defined by

$$df = f_x(x, y)dx + f_y(x, y)dy$$



Note that the differentials

- $dy = f'(x)dx$ = the change in height of the tangent line,
- $dz = f_x(x, y)dx + f_y(x, y)dy$ = the change in height of the tangent plane,

whereas the increments

- $\Delta y = f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)$ = the change in height of the curve $y = f(x)$,

- $\Delta z = f(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) - f(x, y) =$ the change in height of the surface $z = f(x, y)$,

and $\Delta z - dz = R =$ the gaps between surface and tangent plane satisfies that

$$\lim_{(\Delta x, \Delta y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{R}{\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}} = 0 \quad \text{by Taylor's Theorem.}$$

Examples

1. If $z = f(x, y) = x^2 + 3xy - y^2$, find the differential $dz = df$.
2. If x changes from 2 to 2.05 and y changes from 3 to 2.96, compare the values of Δz and dz .
3. The dimensions of a rectangular box are measured to be 75 cm, 60 cm, and 40 cm, and each measurement is correct to within ε cm.
 - Use differentials to estimate the largest possible error when the volume of the box is calculated from these measurements. [Let x, y and z be the dimensions of the box. Since its volume $V = xyz$ and the error $\Delta V \approx dV = yzdx + xzdy + xydz = 9900\varepsilon$, the maximum error in the calculated volume is about 9900 times larger than the error in each measurement taken.]
 - What is the estimated maximum error in the calculated volume if the measured dimensions are correct to within 0.2 cm. [If the largest error in each measurement is $\varepsilon = 0.2$ cm, then $dV = 9900(0.2) = 1980$, so an error of only 0.2 cm in measuring each dimension could lead to an error of approximately 1980 cm^3 (1.1%) in the calculated volume $180,000 \text{ cm}^3$.]

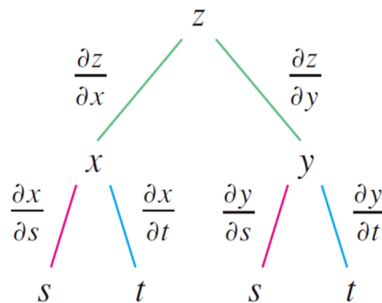
Chain Rule

(a) Suppose that $z = f(x, y)$ is a differentiable function of x and y , where $x = g(t)$ and $y = h(t)$ are both differentiable functions of t . Then z is a differentiable function of t and

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}.$$

(b) Suppose that $z = f(x, y)$ is a differentiable function of x and y , where $x = g(s, t)$ and $y = h(s, t)$ are both differentiable functions of s and t . Then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}.$$



(c) In general, if u is a differentiable function of n variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and each x_j is a differentiable function of the m variables t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m . The u is a function of t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m and for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, we have

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t_i} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial t_i} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial t_i} + \dots + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_n} \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial t_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial t_i}$$

Examples

1. If $z = x^2y + 3xy^4$, where $x = \sin 2t$ and $y = \cos t$, find $\frac{dz}{dt}$ when $t = 0$.
2. If $z = e^x \sin y$, where $x = st^2$ and $y = s^2t$, find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial s}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$.
3. If F is differentiable on a disk containing (a, b) , then the equation $F(x, y) = 0$ defines y implicitly as a differentiable function of x near the point (a, b) and we can apply the Chain Rule to differentiate both sides of $F(x, y) = 0$ with respect to x , and obtain

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dx} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \implies \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\partial F/\partial x}{\partial F/\partial y} \quad \text{if } \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \neq 0,$$

e.g. find y' if $x^3 + y^3 = 6xy$.

4. Suppose that z is given implicitly as a function $z = f(x, y)$ by an equation of the form $F(x, y, z) = 0$, i.e. $F(x, y, f(x, y)) = 0$ for all (x, y) in the domain of f .

If F and f are differentiable, then we can use the Chain Rule to differentiate the equation $F(x, y, z) = 0$ with respect to x and y , and obtain

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0 \implies \frac{\partial y/\partial x=0}{\partial x/\partial x=1} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial F/\partial x}{\partial F/\partial z} \quad \text{if } \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \neq 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0 \implies \frac{\partial x/\partial y=0}{\partial y/\partial y=1} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial F/\partial y}{\partial F/\partial z} \quad \text{if } \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \neq 0.$$

Directional Derivatives and the Gradient Vector

Definition Let D be a subset of \mathbb{R}^2 , (x_0, y_0) be an interior point of D , and let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function on D . Then the **directional derivative** of f at (x_0, y_0) in the direction of a unit vector $u = (a, b)$ is

$$D_u f(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + ha, y_0 + hb) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h} \quad \text{if this limit exists.}$$

Remarks

- (a) If $u = \mathbf{i} = (1, 0)$, then $D_{\mathbf{i}}f = f_x$ and if $u = \mathbf{j} = (0, 1)$, then $D_{\mathbf{j}}f = f_y$.
- (b) If f is a differentiable function of x and y , then f has a directional derivative in the direction of any unit vector $u = (a, b)$ and

$$D_u f(x, y) = f_x(x, y)a + f_y(x, y)b = (f_x(x, y), f_y(x, y)) \cdot (a, b) = \nabla f(x, y) \cdot (a, b),$$

where $\nabla f(x, y) = (f_x(x, y), f_y(x, y))$ is called the **gradient (vector)** of f , or **grad f** , at (x, y) .

Furthermore, since $u = (a, b)$ is a unit vector, there exists an angle θ measured from the positive x -axis to u in the counterclockwise direction such that $u = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$. Then

$$D_u f(x, y) = \nabla f(x, y) \cdot (\cos \theta, \sin \theta) \quad \text{is a function of } x, y \text{ and } \theta.$$

Theorem Suppose f is a differentiable function of two or three variables. The maximum value of the directional derivative $D_u f(p)$ is $|\nabla f(p)|$ and it occurs when u has the same direction as the gradient vector $\nabla f(p)$.

Examples

1. Let $f(x, y) = \sin x + e^{xy}$, $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Find $\nabla f(1, 0)$ and find points (x, y) such that $\nabla f(x, y) = (0, 0)$.
2. Let $f(x, y, z) = x \sin yz$, $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$. (a) Find the gradient of f and (b) find the directional derivative of f at $(1, 3, 0)$ in the direction of $v = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k} = (1, 2, -1)$.
3. Let $f(x, y) = xe^y$, $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. (a) Find the rate of change of f at the point $p = (2, 0)$ in the direction from p to $q = (1/2, 2)$, and (b) determine the direction in which f has the maximum rate of change and (c) find the maximum rate of change of f at p .

Tangent Planes to Level Surfaces

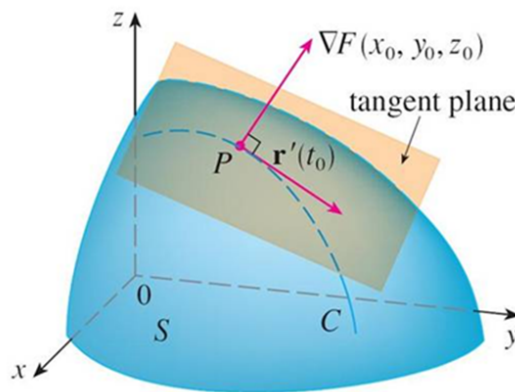
Suppose that

- $S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid F(x, y, z) = k\}$ is a level surface of F in \mathbb{R}^3 ,
- $p = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is a point in S ,
- $C \subset S$ is any differentiable curve in S passing through p , and parametrized by $r(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$, $t \in I = (a, b)$, with $r(t_0) = p$ for some $t_0 \in I$.

Since $C = \{r(t) \mid t \in I\} \subset S$, and by the Chain Rule, we have

$$F(x(t), y(t), z(t)) = k \implies \frac{d}{dt} F(x(t), y(t), z(t)) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in I$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} = \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}, \frac{dz}{dt} \right) = \nabla F(r(t)) \cdot r'(t) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in I.$$



In particular, we have

$$\nabla F(x_0, y_0, z_0) \cdot r'(t_0) = 0,$$

which implies that if $\nabla F(x_0, y_0, z_0) \neq (0, 0, 0)$, $\nabla F(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is perpendicular to the tangent vector $r'(t_0)$ to any curve C in S passing through $p = r(t_0) = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$, and the **tangent plane to the level surface** $F(x, y, z) = k$ at $p = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ has an equation

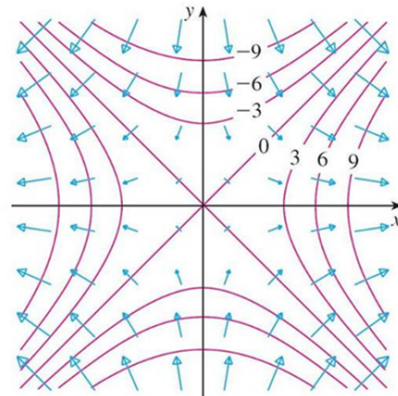
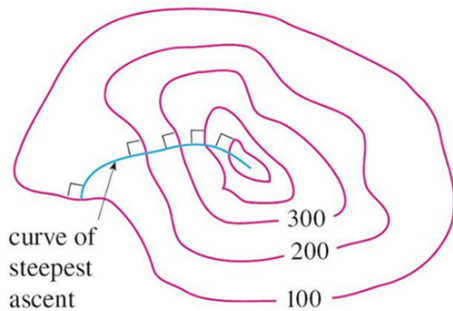
$$F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)(x - x_0) + F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y - y_0) + F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)(z - z_0) = 0.$$

Example Find the equations of the tangent plane and normal line to ellipsoid

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 + \frac{z^2}{9} = 3 \quad \text{at the point } (-2, 1, -3).$$

Properties of the Gradient Vector Let f be a differentiable function of two or three variables and suppose that $\nabla f(p) \neq \mathbf{0}$ (zero vector in \mathbb{R}^2 or \mathbb{R}^3). Then

- The directional derivative of f at p in the direction of a unit vector u is given by $D_u f(p) = \nabla f(p) \cdot u$.
- $\nabla f(p)$ points in the direction of maximum rate of increase of f at p , and that maximum rate of change is $|\nabla f(p)|$.
- $\nabla f(p)$ is perpendicular to the level curve or level surface of f through p .



Examples The figure on the right shows level sets of a height function or $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$ with a gradient vector fields.

Definition Let $f : D \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a real-valued function defined on D . Then

- f is said to have a **local maximum** value at p if there exists $r > 0$ such that $B_r(p) \subset D$ and

$$f(x) \leq f(p) \quad \text{for all } x \in B_r(p).$$

- f is said to have a **local minimum** value at p if there exists $r > 0$ such that $B_r(p) \subset D$ and

$$f(x) \geq f(p) \quad \text{for all } x \in B_r(p).$$

Theorem (First derivatives Test) If f has a local maximum or minimum at p and if the first partial derivatives of f exist at p , then $\nabla f(p) = (f_{x_1}, f_{x_2}, \dots, f_{x_n})(p) = (0, 0, \dots, 0) = \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Definition A point $p \in D$ is called a **critical point** (or stationary point) of f if either $\nabla f(p) = \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ or if $\nabla f(p)$ does not exist.

Example Let $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 6y + 14$, $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Find the critical points and extreme values (or critical values) of f if exist.

Classification of Extreme Values Theorem (Second Derivatives Test) Let $f : D \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined on D , p be an interior point of D and let $B_r(p) \subset D$ be an open disk in D . Suppose that the second partial derivatives of f are continuous on $B_r(p)$, $\nabla f(p) = (f_x(p), f_y(p)) = (0, 0)$ and that

$$D = f_{xx}(p)f_{yy}(p) - [f_{xy}(p)]^2 = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx}(p) & f_{xy}(p) \\ f_{yx}(p) & f_{yy}(p) \end{vmatrix}.$$

- (a) If $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(p) > 0$, then $f(p)$ is a local minimum.
- (b) If $D > 0$ and $f_{xx}(p) < 0$, then $f(p)$ is a local maximum.
- (c) If $D < 0$, then $(p, f(p))$ is a saddle point of the graph of f .
- (d) If $D = 0$, the test is inconclusive: f could have a local maximum or local minimum at p or $(p, f(p))$ could be a saddle point of the graph of f .

Outline of the Proof Let $u = (h, k)$ be a unit vector. For any $|t| < r$, since $f(p + tu)$ has continuous second derivative for each $t \in (-r, r)$ and since

$$\frac{d}{dt}f(p + tu)|_{t=0} = [f_x(p + tu)h + f_y(p + tu)k]|_{t=0} = f_x(p)h + f_y(p)k = \nabla f(p) \cdot (h, k) = 0,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2}{dt^2}f(p + tu)|_{t=0} &= \frac{d}{dt}[f_x(p + tu)h + f_y(p + tu)k]|_{t=0} \\ &= [f_{xx}(p + tu)h^2 + f_{xy}(p + tu)hk + f_{yx}(p + tu)kh + f_{yy}(p + tu)k^2]|_{t=0} \\ &= f_{xx}(p)h^2 + 2f_{xy}(p)hk + f_{yy}(p)k^2 = f_{xx}(p) \left(h + \frac{f_{xy}(p)}{f_{xx}(p)}k \right)^2 + \frac{k^2}{f_{xx}(p)}(f_{xx}(p)f_{yy}(p) - f_{xy}^2(p)), \end{aligned}$$

so by the Taylor's Theorem and for each $|t| < r$ and for any unit vector $u = (h, k) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(p + tu) - f(p) &= \left(\frac{d}{dt}f(p + tu)|_{t=0} \right) t + \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dt^2}f(p + tu)|_{t=0} \right) t^2 + R(t) \\ &= \left[f_{xx}(p) \left(h + \frac{f_{xy}(p)}{f_{xx}(p)}k \right)^2 + \frac{k^2}{f_{xx}(p)}(f_{xx}(p)f_{yy}(p) - f_{xy}^2(p)) \right] \frac{t^2}{2} + R(t), \end{aligned}$$

where $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{R(t)}{t^2} = 0$. Hence, the theorem follows by using the second derivative test for functions of one variable.

Remark Setting $a = f_{xx}(p)$, $b = f_{xy}(p)$, $c = f_{yy}(p)$, note that

- if $a \neq 0$ and $ac - b^2 > 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 &= a \left(x^2 + \frac{2b}{a}xy + \frac{b^2}{a^2}y^2 \right) + \left(c - \frac{b^2}{a} \right) y^2 \\ &= a \left(x + \frac{b}{a}y \right)^2 + \frac{ac - b^2}{a}y^2 \begin{cases} \geq 0 & \text{if } a > 0 \\ \leq 0 & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

- if $a \neq 0$ and $ac - b^2 < 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 &= a \left(x + \frac{b}{a}y \right)^2 - \frac{b^2 - ac}{a}y^2 \\ &= a \left(x + \frac{b}{a}y + \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - ac}}{a}y \right) \left(x + \frac{b}{a}y - \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - ac}}{a}y \right) \end{aligned}$$

and $(0, 0, 0)$ is a saddle point of the graph of $z = ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2$ since $x + \frac{b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - ac}}{a}y = 0$ are distinct lines dividing xy -plane into 4 regions around $(0, 0)$.

- if $a = 0$ and $ac - b^2 < 0 \implies b \neq 0$, then $ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 = by(2x + cy)$ and $(0, 0, 0)$ is a saddle point of the graph of $z = ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2$ since $y = 0$ and $2x + cy = 0$ are distinct.

Definitions Let D be a subset of \mathbb{R}^n and let $f : D \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined on D . Then

- D is called a **bounded** subset of \mathbb{R}^n if there exists a rectangular box $R = [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2] \times \dots \times [a_n, b_n] = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a_i \leq x_i \leq b_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ such that $D \subset R$, or if there exists $r > 0$ such that $D \subset B_r(\mathbf{0})$, where $\mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- D is called an **open** subset of \mathbb{R}^n if for each $p \in D$ there exists $r > 0$ such that $B_r(p) \subset D$, i.e. every point in D is an interior point of D .
- D is called a **closed** subset of \mathbb{R}^n if its complement $D^c = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x \notin D\}$ is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n .
- $f(p)$ is called the **absolute maximum** (value) of f on D if $f(x) \leq f(p)$ for all $x \in D$; $f(p)$ is called the **absolute minimum** (value) of f on D if $f(x) \geq f(p)$ for all $x \in D$.

Theorem (Extreme Value Theorem) If $f : D \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on a closed, bounded set D in \mathbb{R}^n , then there exist $p, q \in D$ such that

$$f(p) \geq f(x) \geq f(q) \quad \text{for all } x \in D \iff \max_{x \in D} f(x) = f(p) \text{ and } \min_{x \in D} f(x) = f(q).$$

Remark If f has extreme values at $p, q \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, since p (or q) is either a critical point of f or a boundary point D , we shall find the absolute maximum and minimum of f on D as follows.

1. Find the values of f at the critical points of f in D .
2. Find the extreme values of f on the boundary of D .
3. The largest of the values from steps 1 and 2 is the absolute maximum value; the smallest of these values is the absolute minimum value.

Example Find the absolute maximum and minimum of $f(x, y) = x^2 - 2xy + 2y$ on the rectangle $D = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 3, 0 \leq y \leq 2\}$.

Method of Lagrange Multipliers

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function defined on \mathbb{R}^3 and let $S = \{(x, y, z) \mid g(x, y, z) = k\}$ be a (level) surface defined by $g(x, y, z) = k$. Suppose that

- $\nabla g \neq \mathbf{0}$ (vector) on the surface $g(x, y, z) = k$,
- there is a point $p = (x_0, y_0, z_0) \in S$ such that

$$\text{either } f(p) = \max\{f(x, y, z) \mid g(x, y, z) = k\} \text{ or } f(p) = \min\{f(x, y, z) \mid g(x, y, z) = k\}.$$

Let C be a smooth curve passing through p on S given by the vector equation

$$C : r(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t)), t \in I = (a, b) \text{ and } r(t_0) = p \text{ for some } t_0 \in I.$$

Since $f(r(t))$ has an extreme value at an interior point $t = t_0$ and $g(x(t), y(t), z(t)) = k$ for all $t \in I$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{d}{dt} f(x(t), y(t), z(t))|_{t=t_0} = \nabla f(p) \cdot r'(t_0), \\ 0 &= \frac{d}{dt} k = \frac{d}{dt} g(x(t), y(t), z(t))|_{t=t_0} = \nabla g(p) \cdot r'(t_0), \\ \implies & \nabla f(p) \perp r'(t_0), \nabla g(p) \perp r'(t_0) \text{ for each } r'(t_0) \neq \mathbf{0} \in T_{r(t_0)}S \\ \implies & \nabla f(p), \nabla g(p) \perp T_p S \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ and } \nabla f(p) \parallel \nabla g(p). \end{aligned}$$

This suggests that we can use the following procedures (Method of Lagrange Multipliers) to find the extreme values of $f(x, y, z)$ subject to the constraint $g(x, y, z) = k$.

Step 1. Find all values of x, y, z and λ such that

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f(x, y, z) = \lambda \nabla g(x, y, z) & (3 \text{ equations of } x, y, z, \lambda), \\ g(x, y, z) = k & (\text{an equation of } x, y, z). \end{cases}$$

Step 2. Evaluate f at all the points (x, y, z) that result from **Step 1**. The largest of these values is the maximum value of f and the smallest is the minimum value of f .

Example A rectangular box without a lid is to be made from 12m^2 of cardboard. Find the maximum volume of such a box (with x, y, z being the length, width and height, respectively).

Solution To maximize $V = xyz$ subject to $A = xy + 2xz + 2yz = 12$, we find all possible x, y, z, λ such that

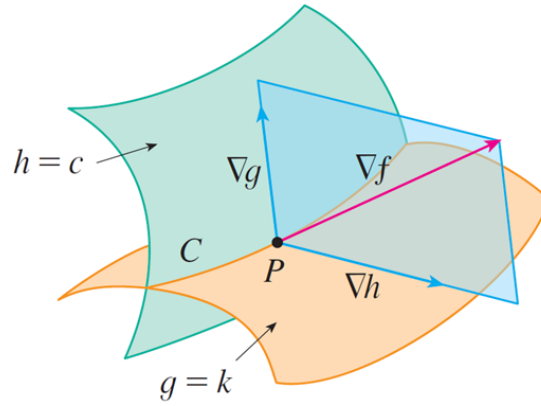
$$\begin{aligned} (V_x, V_y, V_z) &= \lambda(A_x, A_y, A_z), A = 12 \\ \iff yz \stackrel{(1)}{=} \lambda(y + 2z), xz \stackrel{(2)}{=} \lambda(x + 2z), xy \stackrel{(3)}{=} \lambda(2x + 2y), xy + 2xz + 2yz &\stackrel{(4)}{=} 12 \\ \stackrel{x(1)-y(2)}{\iff} 2\lambda(x - y)z = 0, xz \stackrel{(2)}{=} \lambda(x + 2z), \lambda(y - 2z)x = 0, xy + 2xz + 2yz &= 12 \\ \stackrel{x(1)-z(3)}{\iff} & \\ \implies x = y = 2z, xz \stackrel{(2)}{=} \lambda(x + 2z), xy + 2xz + 2yz &= 12 \\ \implies 2z^2 \stackrel{(2)}{=} 4\lambda z, xy + 2xz + 2yz &= 12 \\ \implies z \stackrel{(2)}{=} 2\lambda, x = y = 2z = 4\lambda, xy + 2xz + 2yz &= 48\lambda^2 = 12 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}, x = y = 2, z = 1$, and the maximum volume $V = V(2, 2, 1) = 4$.

Suppose now that we want to find the maximum and minimum values of a function $f(x, y, z)$ subject to two constraints (side conditions) of the form $g(x, y, z) = k$ and $h(x, y, z) = c$.

Following the method of Lagrange multiplier, we need to find all values of x, y, z, λ and μ such that

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f(x, y, z) = \lambda \nabla g(x, y, z) + \mu \nabla h(x, y, z), \\ g(x, y, z) = k, \\ h(x, y, z) = c. \end{cases}$$



Geometrically, this means that we are looking for the extreme values of f when (x, y, z) is restricted to lie on the curve of intersection C of the level surfaces $g(x, y, z) = k$ and $h(x, y, z) = c$.

Example Find the maximum value of the function $f(x, y, z) = x + 2y + 3z$ on the curve of intersection of the plane $x - y + z = 1$ and the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

Solution To maximize $f(x, y, z) = x + 2y + 3z$ subject to $g(x, y, z) = x - y + z = 1$ and $h(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 = 1$, we find all possible x, y, z, λ, μ such that

$$\begin{cases} (f_x, f_y, f_z) = \lambda(g_x, g_y, g_z) + \mu(h_x, h_y, h_z), \\ g = 1, \\ h = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\iff \begin{cases} (f_x, f_y, f_z) = \lambda(g_x, g_y, g_z) + \mu(h_x, h_y, h_z), \\ g = 1, \\ h = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\iff \begin{cases} (1, 2, 3) = \lambda(1, -1, 1) + \mu(2x, 2y, 0) = (\lambda + 2\mu x, -\lambda + 2\mu y, \lambda), \\ x - y + z = 1, \\ x^2 + y^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\iff \begin{cases} \lambda = 3, 1 \stackrel{(1)}{=} 3 + 2\mu x, 2 \stackrel{(2)}{=} -3 + 2\mu y, \\ x - y + z = 1, \\ x^2 + y^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\stackrel{x^{(2)}-y^{(1)}}{\implies} \lambda = 3, x \stackrel{(3)}{=} -\frac{2}{5}y, x - y + z \stackrel{(4)}{=} 1, x^2 + y^2 \stackrel{(5)}{=} 1$$

$$\stackrel{(3) \rightarrow (5)}{\implies} \lambda = 3, y = \pm \frac{5}{\sqrt{29}}, x \stackrel{(3)}{=} \mp \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}, x - y + z \stackrel{(4)}{=} 1$$

$$\stackrel{(4)}{\implies} \lambda = 3, y = \pm \frac{5}{\sqrt{29}}, x \stackrel{(3)}{=} \mp \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}, z \stackrel{(4)}{=} 1 \pm \frac{7}{\sqrt{29}}$$

Hence $f(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{5}{\sqrt{29}}, 1 + \frac{7}{\sqrt{29}}) = 3 + \sqrt{29}$ and $f(\frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}, -\frac{5}{\sqrt{29}}, 1 - \frac{7}{\sqrt{29}}) = 3 - \sqrt{29}$ are respectively the maximum and minimum values of f subject to $g(x, y, z) = x - y + z = 1$ and $h(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 = 1$.