

Calculus 3 Workbook

Tangent planes and normal lines



EQUATION OF THE TANGENT PLANE

■ 1. Find a tangent plane to the surface f(u, v, w) = 0 at (3, -1, 5).

$$f(u, v, w) = \ln \frac{u^2 + 1}{v^2 w^5}$$

■ 2. Find any tangent planes to the surface f(x, y, z) = 0 that are parallel to the plane 5x - 4y + 2z + 5 = 0.

$$f(x, y, z) = x^3 - 4y^2 + z^2 + 2x + 12y + 5$$

■ 3. Find a line of intersection of the xy-plane and tangent plane to the surface f(x, y, z) = 0 at $(\pi, -1, \sqrt{6})$.

$$f(x, y, z) = 2\cos(x + \pi)(y^2 + y + 5) - 3z^3$$

■ 4. Find and identify the set of the points where the tangent plane to the surface f(x, y, z) = 0 is parallel to z-axis.

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 + 4y^2 + z^2 + 2x - 8y + 8z + 17 = 0$$

NORMAL LINE TO THE SURFACE

■ 1. Use the gradient vector to find a symmetric equation of the normal line to the curve f(s,t) = 0 at (-3,3), where

$$f(s,t) = t2^{2t+s-3}$$

■ 2. Use the gradient vector to find a vector equation of the normal line to the surface f(x, y, z) = 0 at (0, -5, 1).

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{2x - y^2}{z}$$

■ 3. Use the gradient vector to find a parametric equation of the normal line to the surface f(x, y, z) = 0 at (2, -3, 0).

$$f(x, y, z) = 3x^3 - 2xyz - 2y^2 + 5yz + 1$$

■ 4. Use the gradient vector to find a parametric equation of the normal line to the surface f(x, y, z) = 0 that's parallel to the line $r = \langle 2, 17, -6 \rangle + t \langle 9, 1, -6 \rangle$.

$$f(x, y, z) = 2x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 - 3x - 5y + 5$$

■ 5. Use the gradient vector to find a vector equation of the normal line to the surface f(x, y, z) = 0 that's perpendicular to the plane x + 4y - 8z + 12 = 0.

$$f(x, y, z) = ye^{2x+6} + z^2 - 5$$





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