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# **Calculus IV**

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# Chapter 1

## Functions of several variables

### 1.1 Examples of functions of several variables

$$\begin{array}{lll} f(x, y) = x + y \log x & f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} & \text{Scalar valued function} \\ f(x, y) = (x^2 y, \cos x, e^x - 9) & f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 & \text{Vector valued function} \end{array}$$

Clearly,  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a particular case of scalar valued function.

### 1.2 Non-existence of limit by 2 path test

For a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the limit exists if limit value is the same along all possible paths, i.e. left hand and right hand limit are equivalent.

For a multivariate function the 2 path test can be used to show non existence of a limit.

**Example 1.1.** Show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{2xy^2}{x^2+y^2}$  doesn't exist.

*Proof.* Consider  $x = my^2$  and let  $y \rightarrow 0$ , then

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(my^2, y) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{2my^4}{(m^2 + 1)y^2} = \frac{2m}{1 + m^2}$$

.

Therefore, the limit value varies for different values of  $m$ . □

**Example 1.2.** Show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x+y}{x-y}$  doesn't exist.

*Proof.* Consider first along  $x$  axis (i.e.  $y = 0$ )

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{x} = 1$$

Consider now along  $y$  axis (i.e.  $x = 0$ )

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y}{-y} = -1$$

Since the limit is not path independent we can say the limit does not exist.  $\square$

**Example 1.3.** Show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y}{x^4 + y^2}$  doesn't exist.

*Proof.* Along  $x$  and  $y$  axis the limits are both zero. Consider instead the path  $y = x^2$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^4}{2x^4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Since the limit is not path independent it does not exist.  $\square$

**Example 1.4.** Show that the  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2 - 2x}$  doesn't exist.

*Proof.* Along  $x, y$  axis the limit is 0. Consider the path  $y = \sqrt{2x}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x^2} = 1$$

Since the limit is not path independent it does not exist.  $\square$

### 1.3 Existence of limit with $\varepsilon, \delta$ definition

Recall the single variable definition of a limit,

**Definition 1.5** (Limit of a single valued function). For a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \iff \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta$  such that  $0 < |x - a| < \delta \implies |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$

**Definition 1.6** (Limit of a multivariate function). For a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x) = L \iff \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta$  such that

$$0 < \|(x, y) - (a, b)\|_2 < \delta \implies |f(x, y) - L| < \varepsilon$$

, alternatively

$$\sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2} < \delta \implies |f(x, y) - L| < \varepsilon$$

**Example 1.7.** Show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x-y}{1+x^2+y^2} = 0$

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , consider

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x, y) - L| &= |f(x, y)| = \left| \frac{x-y}{1+x^2+y^2} \right| \\ &= \frac{|x-y|}{1+x^2+y^2} \end{aligned}$$

since  $1+x^2+y^2 \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq |x-y| \\ &\leq |x| + |y| \\ &\leq \sqrt{x^2+y^2} + \sqrt{x^2+y^2} = 2\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if  $2\sqrt{x^2+y^2} < \varepsilon \implies |f(x, y) - L| < \varepsilon$  so take  $\delta = \varepsilon/2$ .  $\square$

**Example 1.8** (H.W). Show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^2}{x^2+y^2} = 0$

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , consider

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x, y) - L| &= \left| \frac{xy^2}{x^2+y^2} - 0 \right| = \frac{|x|y^2}{x^2+y^2} \\ &= \frac{|x|}{\frac{x^2}{y^2} + 1} \\ &\leq |x| \\ &\leq \sqrt{x^2+y^2} < \varepsilon \implies |f(x, y) - L| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

So we can just pick  $\delta = \varepsilon$ .  $\square$

## 1.4 Continuity

**Definition 1.9** (Continuity). A function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be continuous at a point  $(a, b)$  if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  such that,

$$0 < \|(x, y) - (a, b)\|_2 < \delta \implies |f(x, y) - f(a, b)| < \varepsilon$$

provided  $f(a, b)$  exists. Alternatively,

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

Note that, we can show the function is discontinuous if

1.  $f(a, b)$  doesn't exist.
2.  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x, y)$  doesn't exist.
3. Both exist but are not equal to each other.

**Example 1.10.** Show that the given function is continuous at  $(0, 0)$  where,

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

*Proof.* Here,  $f(0, 0) = 0$ . Clearly we have that  $|x^2 - y^2| \leq |x^2 + y^2|$ .  
Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x, y) - L| &= \left| xy \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} - 0 \right| \\ &= |x||y| \left| \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right| \\ &\leq |x||y| \\ &\leq \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = x^2 + y^2 \end{aligned}$$

So when  $x^2 + y^2 < \varepsilon \implies |f(x, y) - f(0, 0)| < \varepsilon$  so we take  $\delta = \sqrt{\varepsilon}$ .  $\square$

**Example 1.11.** Show that the given function is discontinuous at  $(0, 0)$  where,

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

*Proof.* content...  $\square$

## 1.5 Polar Coordinates

The polar coordinates  $r$ (the radial coordinate) and  $\theta$ (the angular coordinate), are defined in terms of cartesian coordinates as below.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta \\ r &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \theta = \arctan \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \end{aligned}$$

### 1.5.1 Limits in Polar coordinates

Use polar coordinates when you are over  $(0,0)$

**Example 1.12.** Show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{2xy}{x^2+y^2}$  doesn't exist.

*Proof.* Put  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$

$$f(x, y) = \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y^2} \iff f(r, \theta) = \frac{2r^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} = 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} f(r, \theta) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta = 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

Which depends on  $\theta$ . □

### 1.5.2 Epsilon-delta with polar coordinates

**Definition 1.13.**  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} f(r, \theta) = L \iff \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 s.t.$

$$0 < |r| < \delta \implies |f(r, \theta) - L| < \varepsilon$$

**Example 1.14.** Show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3}{x^2+y^2}$

*Proof.*

$$f(r, \theta) = \frac{r^3 \cos^3 \theta}{r^2} = r(\cos \theta)^3 \tag{1.1}$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , consider  $|f(r, \theta) - L| = |r| |\cos \theta|^3 \leq |r|$ . So we can set  $\delta = \varepsilon$  □

**Example 1.15.** Find the domain and range of  $g(x, y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$

*Proof.* The sqrt interior must be positive so take  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 9$ , so its a circle of radius 3 centred at 0. So the domain is the circle. The range is  $\{z \mid 0 \leq z \leq 3\} = [0, 3]$  □

## 1.6 Algebra of limits

Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 1.16.** If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = L_1, \lim_{x \rightarrow p} g(x) = L_2$ , then

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} (k_1 f(x) + k_2 g(x)) = k_1 L_1 + k_2 L_2$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} (f(x)g(x)) = L_1 L_2$
- For non-zero  $L_2$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} (f(x)/g(x)) = L_1/L_2$

## 1.7 General multivariate limit

**Theorem 1.17** (Limit of a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ). *For a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$  if and only if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that*

$$0 < \|x - a\|_n < \delta \implies |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$$

**Definition 1.18** ( $\varepsilon$ - neighbourhood).  $B(a, \varepsilon)$  open ball of radius  $\varepsilon$  around  $a$ .

$$0 \leq \|x - a\|_n < \varepsilon$$

**Definition 1.19** (Deleted  $\varepsilon$  neighbourhood).  $B(a, \varepsilon) - \{a\}$

**Definition 1.20** (Alternate definition of a limit). *For a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$  if and only if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that*

$$x \in B * (a, \delta) \implies |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$$

**Definition 1.21** (Bounded function). *Let  $E$  be a non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The function  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be bounded in some  $\delta$ -neighbourhood of point  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  if there exists  $M > 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that*

$$|f(x)| \leq M \forall x \in B(p, \delta)$$

**Definition 1.22** (Relation between bounded function and limit of a function in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ). *Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $f(p)$  be defined. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x)$  exists then  $f$  is bounded in some neighbourhood of point  $p$ .*

The converse of 1.22 isn't true.

**Theorem 1.23** (Uniqueness of limit in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ). *Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x)$  exists then it is unique.*

## 1.8 Iterated (Repeated) limits

Let  $(a, b) \in E$  and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function where  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

1. Suppose there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\forall x$  with  $0 < |x - a| < \delta$ , we have  $\lim_{y \rightarrow b} f(x, y)$  exists.  
Define a new function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $g(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow b} f(x, y)$ . If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$  exists then this limit is called **iterated limit** which is given by  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \lim_{y \rightarrow b} f(x, y)$ .



2. Suppose there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\forall y$  with  $0 < |y - b| < \delta$ , we have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x, y)$  exists

**Theorem 1.24.** *Existence of double limit does not imply existence of iterated limit.*

*Proof.* Consider  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as,

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) & y \neq 0 \\ 0 & y = 0 \end{cases}$$

We show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y) = 0$  i.e. double limit exists.  
Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Consider then

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x, y) - L| &= |x \sin(1/y) - 0| = |x| |\sin(1/y)| \leq |x| \\ &\leq \sqrt{x^2} \\ &\leq \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \end{aligned}$$

so  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \varepsilon \implies |f(x, y) - L| < \varepsilon$ . So choose  $\delta = \varepsilon$ .  
We will now check its iterated limit.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_x \lim_y f(x, y) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} x \sin 1/y \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \left[ \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \sin 1/y \right] \end{aligned}$$

The limit inside doesn't exist.

Claim that  $\lim_y \phi(y) = \lim_y \sin 1/y$  doesn't exist, Take  $a_n = \frac{1}{(4n+1)\pi/2}$ ,  $b_n = \frac{1}{(4n-1)\pi/2}$ . The sequences converge to zero but their sequences  $\phi a_n, \phi b_n$  don't converge to the same limit.  $\square$

**Example 1.25** (Both iterated limits exist but double limit doesn't exist).  
consider  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , defined as

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

*Proof.* Begin with two part test to show that the double limit does not exist.  
Consider first the path  $x = y$  the limit is 0,

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y^2}{y^2 + y^2 - y} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y}{2y - 1} = 0$$

Then consider the path  $x = y^2$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y^4}{y^4 + y^2 - y^2} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y^4}{y^4} = 1$$

So double limit does not exist.

Now consider the iterated limits,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2 - x} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x^2 - x} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now consider

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{y^2} = 0$$

□

**Example 1.26** (Both iterated limits exist (not equal) but double limit doesn't exist). Consider  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  define as,

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

*Proof.* First show that the double limit does not exist.

Consider the bath  $x = 0$  the limit is equal to 1. Consider the path  $x = y$  we will have the limit equal to 0.

Consider now the iterated limits,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 = 1$$

And now the other direction,

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} -1 = -1$$

□

**Theorem 1.27.** Suppose  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y)$  exists and is equal to  $L$ . If both iterated limits exist then, the iterated limits are both equal to  $L$ .

*Proof.* Given that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) = L$ . Let  $\lim_{y \rightarrow b} f(x,y) = g(x)$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then there exists  $\delta_1 > 0$  s.t.

$$0 < \|(x,y) - (a,b)\|_2 < \delta_1 \implies |f(x,y) - L| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

and there exists  $\delta_2 > 0$  such that

$$0 < |y - b| < \delta_2 \implies |f(x,y) - g(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

Define  $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$ . Then  $\delta \leq \delta_1, \delta \leq \delta_2$  which gives

$$0 < |y - b| \leq \sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2} < \delta \implies |f(x,y) - L| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$0 < |y - b| < \delta \implies |f(x,y) - g(x)| < \varepsilon/2$$

With respect to  $0 < |x - a| < \delta$  consider

$$\begin{aligned} |g(x) - L| &= |g(x) + f(x,y) - f(x,y) - L| = |f(x,y) - L - (f(x,y) - g(x))| \\ &\leq |f(x,y) - L| + |f(x,y) - g(x)| \\ &< \varepsilon/2 + \varepsilon/2 = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t. **Complete this later...**

Do the same thing for  $h(y)$ . □

## 1.9 Limits in 3 variables

### 1.9.1 Two path test for non-existence of limit

Two path can be used for non-existence of a limit in 3 variables. However a single equation is not enough to define a path in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  two Cartesian equations are required for a path in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Example 1.28.** *Show that*

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

*Proof.* Take  $y = x, z = x$  then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{3x^2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Take other path  $y = x, z = 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x^2}{2x^2} = 1$$

□

**Definition 1.29** (Limit of a function  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ). For a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (a,b,c)} f(x,y,z) = L$  if and only if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  such that

$$0 < \|(x,y,z) - (a,b,c)\|_3 < \delta \implies |f(x,y,z) - L| < \varepsilon$$

i.e.

$$0 < \sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 + (z-c)^2} < \delta \implies |f(x,y,z) - L| < \varepsilon$$

**Definition 1.30** (Continuity of a function  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ). Replace  $L$  with  $f(a,b,c)$ .

**Example 1.31.** Show that

$$\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (1,2,3)} 4x + 2y + z = 11$$

using epsilon delta

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  consider,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x,y,z) - L| &= |4x + 2y + z - 11| \\ &= |(4x - 4) + (2y - 4) + (z - 3)| \\ &\leq 4|x - 1| + 2|y - 2| + |z - 3| \\ &\leq 4\sqrt{(x-1)^2} + 2\sqrt{(y-2)^2} + \sqrt{(z-3)^2} \\ &\leq 7\sqrt{(x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (z-3)^2} \end{aligned}$$

So take  $\delta = \varepsilon/7$

□

**Example 1.32.** Evaluate  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (3,3)} \frac{x^2 + xy - 2y^2}{x^2 - y^2}$

*Proof.* Factorize  $(x - y)$  on numerator and denominator then just plug and chug.

□

## Chapter 2

# Differentiation

### 2.1 Partial derivatives

Partial derivatives are defined as derivatives of a function of multiple variables when all but the variable of interest are held fixed during the differentiation. For a function  $f$  in  $n$  variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  we can define the  $m^{th}$  partial derivative as,

$$f_{x_m} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_m} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_m + h, \dots, x_n) - f(x_1, \dots, x_m, \dots, x_n)}{h}$$

Partial derivatives can be taken with respect to multiple variables and are denoted as follows,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} &= f_{xx} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} &= f_{xy} \\ \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x^2 \partial y} &= f_{xxy}\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.1.**  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  Let  $f_x, f_y, f_{xy}, f_{yx}$  exist. If  $f_{xy}, f_{yx}$  are continuous at  $(a, b)$  then  $f_{xy}(a, b) = f_{yx}(a, b)$

### 2.2 Gradient

**Definition 2.2** (Gradient). For  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}i + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}j + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}k = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$$

**Example 2.3.** If  $f(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}$  find  $\nabla f_p$  where  $p = (\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}, -3)$

*Proof.*

$$f_x = \frac{-x}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$

□

**Example 2.4.** Find  $\nabla f$  at  $p = (0, \pi/2)$  if  $f(x, y) = \sin(xy)$  and its norm at  $p$ .

**Theorem 2.5** (Chain rule for two variables). If  $w = f(x, y)$  has continuous p.d.  $f_x, f_y$  and if  $x = x(t), y = y(t)$  are differentiable functions of  $t$  then the composite function  $w \circ f(x(t), y(t))$  is a differentiable function of  $t$  and

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

**Example 2.6.** If  $u = x^2 + y^2$  and  $x = at^2$  and  $y = 2at$  find  $\frac{du}{dt}$

*Proof.*

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

Consider the two partial derivatives first,

$$f_x = 2x, f_y = 2y$$

Now  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2at, \frac{dy}{dt} = 2a$  So we have  $\frac{du}{dt} = 2x(2at) + 2y(2a) = 4a^2(t^3 + 2t)$  □

## 2.3 Level curves

**Definition 2.7.** The level curves of a function  $f$  of two variables are curves with equations  $f(x, y) = k$  where  $k$  is a constant (in the range of  $f$ ).

**Theorem 2.8.** The vector  $\nabla f(x, y)$  is normal (perpendicular to tangent) to level curve of  $f$ .

## 2.4 Total derivative

If function is differentiable then  $D_u f(a) = \langle \nabla f_a, u \rangle$

## 2.5 How to show not differentiable, maximizing direcitonal derivative

**Example 2.9.** If  $x = e^u \cos v, y = e^u \sin v$  then prove that

$$y \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = e^{2u} \frac{dz}{??}$$

**Example 2.10.** Find D.D. of  $\phi = xy^2 + yz^3$  at  $(2, -1, 1)$  in direction of  $i + 2j + 2k$ . Also find direction and magnitude of greater D.D. at that point.

*Proof.* Find  $(\nabla \phi) = i - 3j - 3k$ .

$$\text{Then } (D_u \phi)_p = (\nabla \phi)_p \hat{u} = (i - 3j - 3k) \cdot (i/3 + 2j/3 + 2k/3) = -\frac{11}{3}$$

Greatest D.D. is normal to the curve and its magnitude is norm of the gradient.  $\|(\nabla \phi)_p\| = \sqrt{19}$   $\square$

**Example 2.11.** Find acute angle between surfaces at  $(2, -1, 2), x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$  and  $z = x^2 + y^2 + 3$

*Proof.* Acute angle between the surfaces is equal to the acute angles between its normals.

$$f = x^2 + y^2 + z^2, g = x^2 + y^2 - z$$

$$(\nabla f)_p = 4i - 2j + 4k = u$$

$$(\nabla g)_p = 4i - 2j - k = v$$

We require the angle between  $u, v$  so,

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\| \|v\|} = \frac{(4i - 2j + 4k) \cdot (4i - 2j - k)}{\sqrt{16 + 4 + 16} \sqrt{16 + 4 + 1}} \\ &= \frac{16 + 4 - 4}{\sqrt{36} \sqrt{21}} \\ &= \frac{16}{6\sqrt{21}} \\ &= \frac{8}{3\sqrt{21}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \theta = \arccos\left(\frac{8}{3\sqrt{21}}\right) \quad \square$$

To find the eq. of the line/tangent to the curve find its gradient and dot product with  $p$  and equate to zero. that gives you equation of tangent line/tangent.

Equation of line  $L$  through  $A$  parallel to  $\overline{V}$ . As  $L \parallel \overline{V}$  we have  $\overline{AB} \parallel \overline{V}$

$$(x - a_1)i + (y - a_2)j + (z - a_3)k \parallel v_1i + v_2j + v_3k$$

so we get

$$t = \frac{x - a_1}{v_1} = \frac{y - a_2}{v_2} = \frac{z - a_3}{v_3}$$

In view of this equation of normal at  $p$  is

$$\frac{x - x_0}{(f_x)_p} = \frac{y - y_0}{(f_y)_p} = \frac{z - z_0}{(f_z)_p}$$

**Example 2.12.** Find the equation of tangent plane and normal line to surface  $f(x, y, z) = f(p)$  at  $p = (1, 2, 3)$  ???

*Proof.* Equation of tangent is

Equation of normal line at  $p$  is given by

$$\frac{x - 1}{-24} = \frac{y - 2}{-1} = \frac{z - 3}{1}$$

□

## 2.6 Lagrange mean value theorem in $\mathbb{R}^n$

**Theorem 2.13.** Let  $E$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable. If  $a, b \in E$  then  $\exists \theta \in (0, 1)$  such that,

$$f(b) - f(a) = \langle \nabla f(a + \theta(b - a)), (b - a) \rangle$$

*Proof.* Consider a unit vector  $u = \frac{b-a}{\|b-a\|}$  let  $\|b - a\| = r \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then we have  $\|b - a\| = r \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Define a function  $g : [0, r] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $g(t) = f(a + tu)$ ,  $\forall t \in [0, r]$ .

Then  $g$  is continuous on  $[0, r]$  and differentiable on  $(0, r)$ . Applying LMVT (in  $\mathbb{R}$ ) to this function  $g$ .

Therefore, there exists  $c \in (0, r)$  such that

$$g'(c) = \frac{g(r) - g(0)}{r - 0}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{content} \dots}{\text{den}} &= \\
&\vdots \\
D_u f(a + cu) &= \frac{1}{r}(f(b) - f(a)) \\
\langle \nabla f(a + cu), u \rangle &= \frac{1}{r}(f(b) - f(a))
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\theta = \frac{c}{r}$  so  $\theta \in (0, 1)$

$$\frac{1}{r}(f(b) - f(a)) = \langle \nabla f\left(a + c\left(\frac{b-a}{r}\right)\right), \frac{b-a}{r} \rangle$$

Since  $\langle u, \alpha v \rangle = \alpha \langle u, v \rangle$  So we get the  $1/r$  out and cancel from both sides giving the desired result.  $\square$

**Example 2.14.** Find  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  in MVT for the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as

$$f(x, y, z) = xy + yz + zx$$

take  $a = (0, 0, 0), b = (2, 1, 1)$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
f(b) - f(a) &= \langle \nabla f(a + \theta(b-a)), (b-a) \rangle \\
f(2, 1, 1) - f(0, 0, 0) &= \langle \nabla f(\theta(2, 1, 1)), (2, 1, 1) \rangle \\
5 &= \langle \nabla f(2\theta, \theta, \theta), (2, 1, 1) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Gradient is given as  $\nabla f = (y+z)i + (x+z)j + (x+y)k$

$$\begin{aligned}
5 &= \langle (2\theta, 3\theta, 3\theta), (2, 1, 1) \rangle \\
5 &= 4\theta + 3\theta + 3\theta \\
\theta &= \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$\square$

## Chapter 3

# Applications