

## Announcements:

- Quiz 1 will be given during recitation next week. Check the Quiz Schedule in the Homework & Quizzes tab on LMS.
- You must include your section number in all emails sent about this course.
- Office hours have been updated on the syllabus and the office hours tab on LMS.

## Section 14.3 : Partial Derivatives (cont.)

- The partial derivatives are the rates of change with respect to each variable separately.

Notation: Two-variable functions  $z = f(x, y)$

Partial derivative with respect to  $x$ :  $f_x, f_x(x, y), z_x, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$

- To find, treat  $y$  as a constant and differentiate with respect to  $x$ .

Partial derivative with respect to  $y$ :  $f_y, f_y(x, y), z_y, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$

- To find, treat  $x$  as a constant and differentiate with respect to  $y$ .

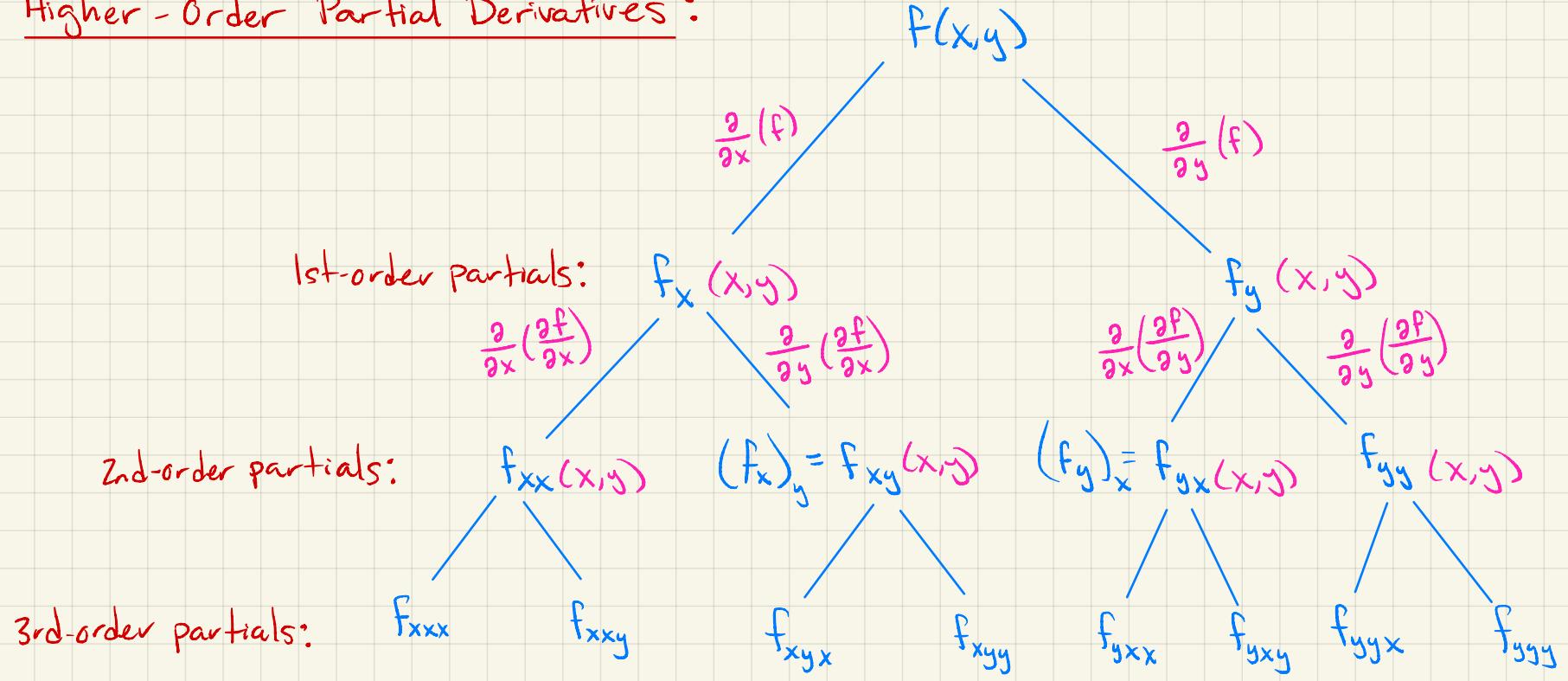
Example: Compute  $f_x$  and  $f_y$ . (From last lecture)

$$3.) f(x, y) = x^2 e^{xy}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 e^{xy}) = \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2)}_{\text{Product rule}} e^{xy} + x^2 \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (e^{xy})}_{\substack{\text{Treat } y \text{ as constant} \\ \text{chain rule}}} \\ &= 2x e^{xy} + x^2 e^{xy} y = (2x + x^2 y) e^{xy} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_y &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 e^{xy}) = x^2 \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (e^{xy})}_{\substack{\text{Treat } x \text{ as constant} \\ \text{chain rule}}} = x^2 (x e^{xy}) = x^3 e^{xy} \end{aligned}$$

## Higher-Order Partial Derivatives:



The order in mixed partials does not matter (as long as they are continuous)

Clairaut's Thm :

$$f_{xy} = f_{yx}$$

which we will have in this course!

\* Also true for higher-order partial derivatives:  $f_{xxy} = f_{yxy} = f_{yyx}$

## Other Notation:

$$\underset{\rightarrow}{f_{xx}} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}, \quad \underset{\leftarrow}{f_{xy}} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}, \quad \underset{\rightarrow}{f_{yx}} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}, \quad \underset{\rightarrow}{f_{yy}} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$$

Example: Find all second order partial derivatives for  $f(x,y) = x^2 e^{xy}$ .

Note: Found  $f_x = (2x + x^2y) e^{xy}$  and  $f_y = x^3 e^{xy}$  in example 3.

$$\begin{aligned} f_{xx} &= \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(f_x)}_{\substack{\text{Product rule} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \underbrace{(2x + x^2y)}_{\text{Product rule}} e^{xy} \right] = (2 + 2xy) e^{xy} + (2x + x^2y) y e^{xy} \leftarrow \text{can stop here!} \\ &\quad = (2 + 4xy + x^2y^2) e^{xy} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{xy} &= \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(f_x)}_{\substack{\text{Product rule} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \underbrace{(2x + x^2y)}_{\text{Product rule}} e^{xy} \right] = x^2 e^{xy} + (2x + x^2y) x e^{xy} \\ &\quad = (3x^2 + x^3y) e^{xy} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{yx} &= \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(f_y)}_{\substack{\text{Product rule} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \underbrace{x^3 e^{xy}}_{\text{Product rule}} \right] = 3x^2 e^{xy} + x^3 y e^{xy} \\ &\quad = (3x^2 + x^3y) e^{xy} \end{aligned}$$

equal ✓

$$\begin{aligned} f_{yy} &= \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(f_y)}_{\substack{\text{Product rule} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \underbrace{x^3 e^{xy}}_{\text{Product rule}} \right] = x^3 (x e^{xy}) = x^4 e^{xy} \end{aligned}$$

### 3-Variable function:

Example:  $f(x, y, z) = yz \ln(xy)$ . Find the indicated partial derivatives.

$$f_x(x, y, z) = yz \frac{1}{xy} \cdot y = \frac{yz}{x}$$

fix  $y$  &  $z$  (treated as constant)

$$f_y(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \underbrace{(yz) \ln(xy)}_{\text{Product rule}} \right] = z \ln(xy) + yz \frac{1}{xy} \cdot x = z \ln(xy) + z \\ \text{fix } x \& z$$

$$f_z(x, y, z) = y \ln(xy)$$

fix  $x$  &  $y$

Find  $f_{yzx}$ .

$$f_{yz}(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} [z (\ln(xy) + 1)] = \ln(xy) + 1$$

$$f_{yzx}(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\ln(xy) + 1] = \frac{1}{xy} \cdot y = \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{equal! ✓}$$

Find  $f_{zxy}$ .

$$f_{zx}(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [y \ln(xy)] = y \cdot \frac{1}{xy} \cdot y = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{1}{x} \cdot y$$

$$f_{zxy}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{x}$$

## Section 14.4: Differentiability, Tangent Planes, & Linear Approximation

Some of you may not have worked much with vectors before, or you may need a review. Chapter 12 of our textbook covers vectors.

In particular, you may want to review:

- Section 12.3 - Dot product
- Section 12.4 - Cross product
- Section 12.5 - Planes

Equations of Planes: (From 12.5)

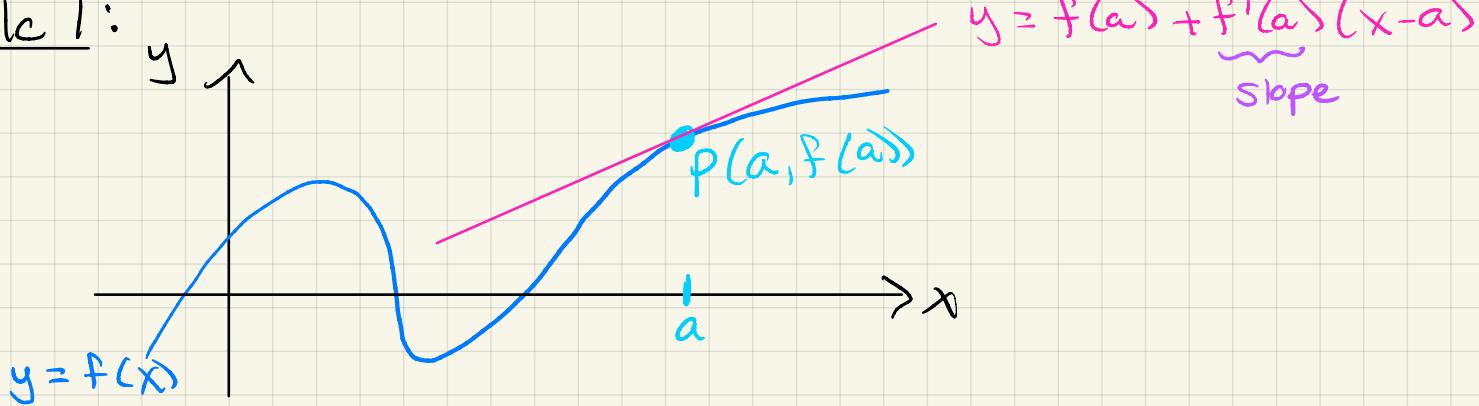
The plane through the point  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  with normal vector  $\vec{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$  is:

Vector form:  $\vec{n} \cdot \langle x, y, z \rangle = d$  or  $\langle a, b, c \rangle \cdot \langle x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0 \rangle = 0$

Scalar forms:  $a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$  or  $ax + by + cz = d$

where  $d = ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0$ .

Recall from Calc 1:



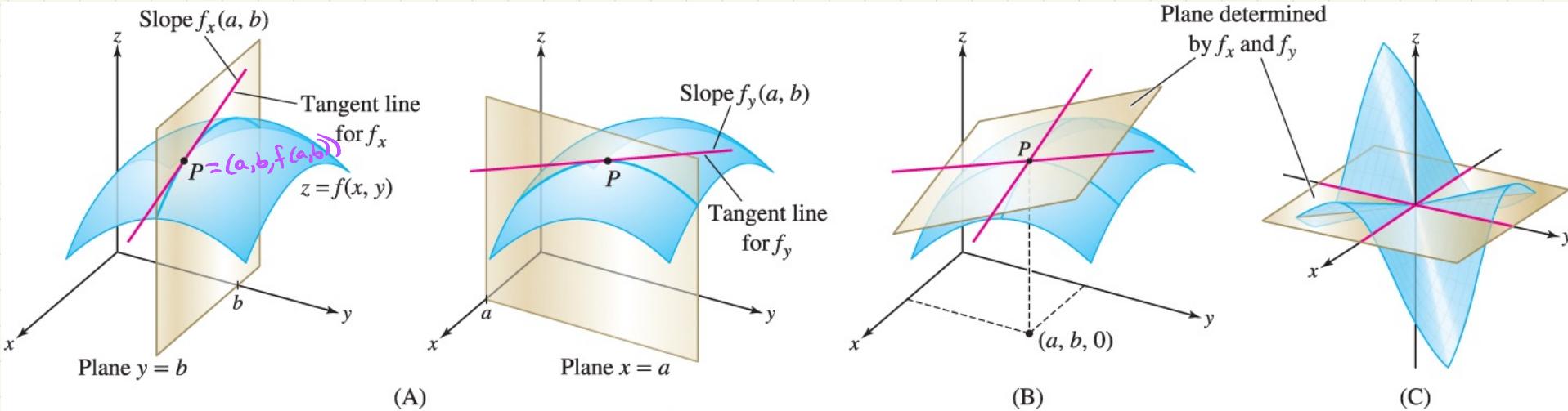
Tangent line to graph  $y = f(x)$  at  $P(a, f(a))$ :

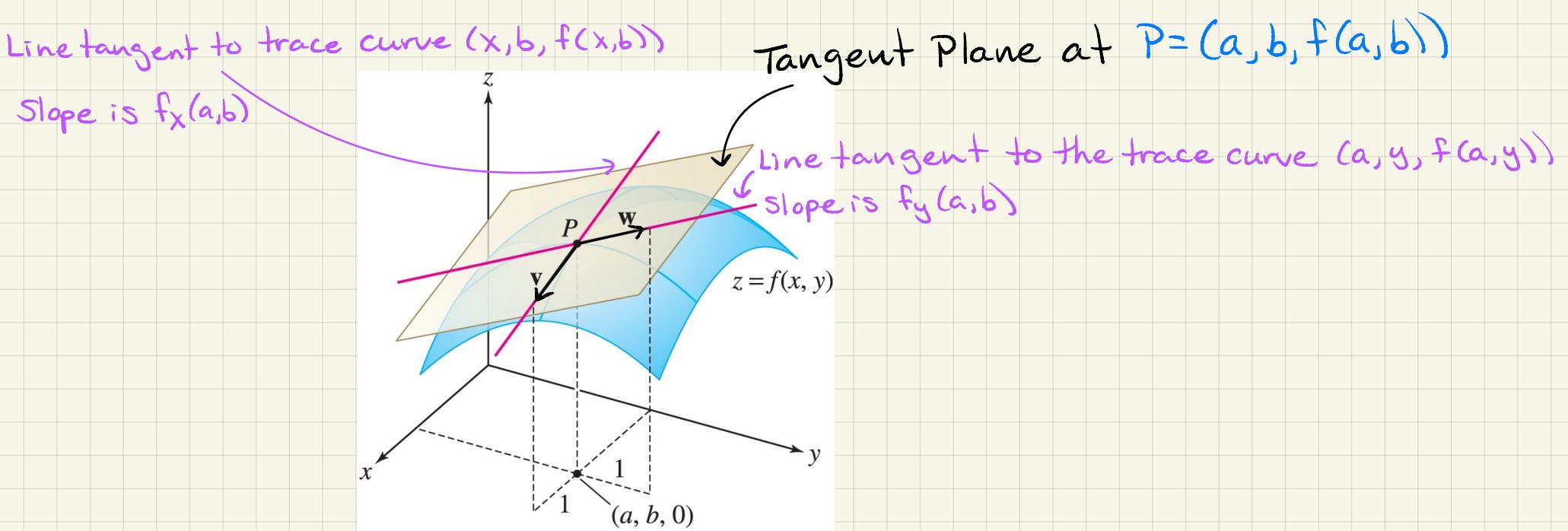
$$y - f(a) = f'(a)(x - a) \quad \text{or} \quad y = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$$

The tangent line gives the linear approximation to  $y = f(x)$  for  $x \approx a$ .

Thus,  $f(x) \approx f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$  when  $x$  is near  $a$ .

## Tangent Planes, & Linear Approximation:





We need two non-parallel vectors in the plane:  $\vec{v}, \vec{w}$ :

$\vec{v}$  : Tangent to the surface and lies in the plane  $y=b$ .  
 - move 1 unit in positive  $x$ -direction  
 - move 0 units in  $y$ -direction  
 - move  $f_x(a, b)$  units in  $z$ -direction

$\therefore \vec{v} = \langle 1, 0, f_x(a, b) \rangle$  direction vector of tangent line to  
trace curve  $(x, b, f(x, b))$

$\vec{w}$  : Tangent to the surface and lies in the plane  $x=a$ .  
 - move 0 units in  $x$ -direction  
 - move 1 unit in positive  $y$ -direction  
 - move  $f_y(a, b)$  units in  $z$ -direction

$\therefore \vec{w} = \langle 0, 1, f_y(a, b) \rangle$  direction vector of tangent line to  
trace curve  $(a, y, f(a, y))$

To find the plane containing both lines in this figure, find the normal vector  $\vec{n} = \vec{w} \times \vec{v}$ :

$$\vec{n} = \vec{w} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 0 & 1 & f_y(a, b) \\ 1 & 0 & f_x(a, b) \end{vmatrix} = \langle f_x(a, b), f_y(a, b), -1 \rangle$$

\* if  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$ , then  $\vec{n} = \langle -f_x(a, b), -f_y(a, b), 1 \rangle$   
(points in opposite direction)

Recall: A plane through  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  with normal vector  $\vec{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$  is:

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$$

Our tangent plane passes through  $\underbrace{(a, b, f(a, b))}_P$  and has normal vector  $\vec{n} = \langle f_x(a, b), f_y(a, b), -1 \rangle$ :

$$f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b) - 1(z - f(a, b)) = 0$$

OR

$$z = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b)$$

is the Equation of the Tangent Plane at  $(a, b)$ .

Note: may be asked for tangent plane at  $(a, b, f(a, b))$ , the point on the surface. So you already know  $f(a, b)$ !

## Examples:

1.) Find the equation of the tangent plane to  $f(x,y) = x^2y - 4xy^3$  at the point  $\underbrace{(1,-1)}_{(a,b)}$ .

$$f(1, -1) = 1^2(-1) - 4(1)(-1)^3 = 3$$

$$f_x(x,y) = 2xy - 4y^3 \Rightarrow f_x(1, -1) = 2(1)(-1) - 4(-1)^3 = 2$$

$$f_y(x,y) = x^2 - 12xy^2 \Rightarrow f_y(1, -1) = 1^2 - 12(1)(-1)^2 = -11$$

Tangent Plane at  $(1, -1)$ : 
$$\boxed{z = 3 + 2(x-1) - 11(y+1)}$$

$$\text{or } z = -10 + 2x - 11y$$

2.) Find the point(s) on the graph of  $z = 3x^2 - 4y^2$  at which  $\vec{n} = \langle 3, 2, 2 \rangle$  is normal to the tangent plane.

Recall:  $\vec{n} = \langle f_x(a,b), f_y(a,b), -1 \rangle$  is the normal vector to the tangent plane at  $(a,b)$

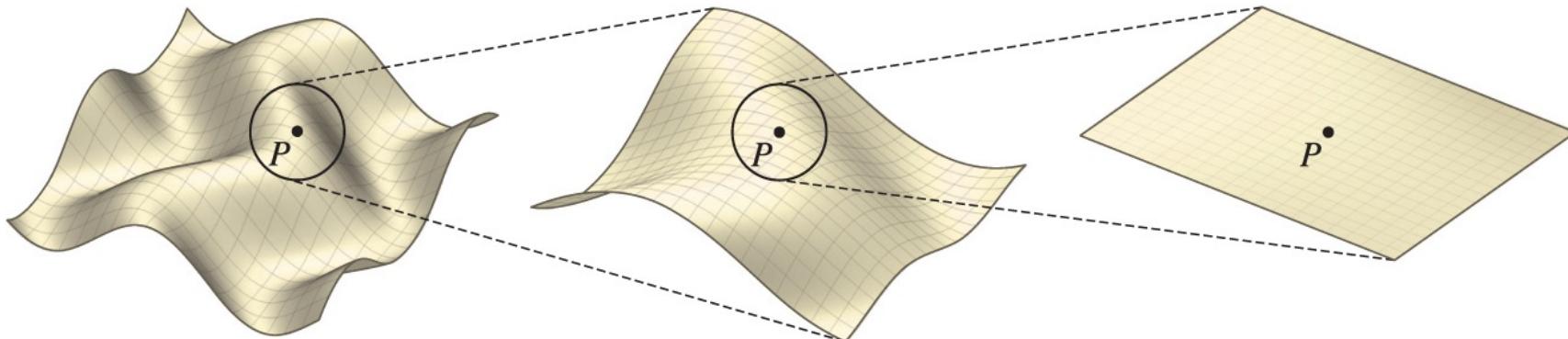
Notice  $\vec{n} = \langle -3/2, -1, -1 \rangle$  is also normal to tangent plane

must have  $f_x(a,b) = -3/2$ ,  $f_y(a,b) = -1$

Now,  $f(x,y) = 3x^2 - 4y^2 \Rightarrow f_x(x,y) = 6x$ ,  $f_y(x,y) = -8y$

Thus,  $\begin{aligned} 6x &= -3/2 \\ -8y &= -1 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x &= -\frac{1}{4} \\ y &= \frac{1}{8} \end{aligned} \therefore \text{only point is } (-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8})$

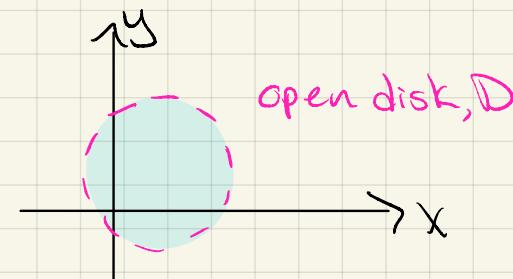
Note: For  $z = f(a,b) + f_x(a,b)(x-a) + f_y(a,b)(y-b)$  to be tangent to the surface  $z = f(x,y)$  at  $P(a,b, f(a,b))$ ,  $f(x,y)$  must be locally linear.



We say  $f(x,y)$  is differentiable at  $(a,b)$  if it is locally linear at  $(a,b, f(a,b))$ .

Theorem 1: (Criterion for Differentiability)

If  $f_x(x,y)$  and  $f_y(x,y)$  exist and are continuous on an open disk  $D$ , then  $f(x,y)$  is differentiable on  $D$ .



Linear Approximation : Will continue here next class. Review this slide before lecture!

If  $f(x,y)$  is differentiable at  $(a,b)$ , we may use the tangent plane to approximate the value of  $f$  for values of  $(x,y)$  near  $(a,b)$ .

The Linearization of  $f$  centered at  $(a,b)$  is:

$$L(x,y) = f(a,b) + f_x(a,b)(x-a) + f_y(a,b)(y-b)$$

$$f(x,y) \approx L(x,y) \text{ for } (x,y) \text{ near } (a,b).$$

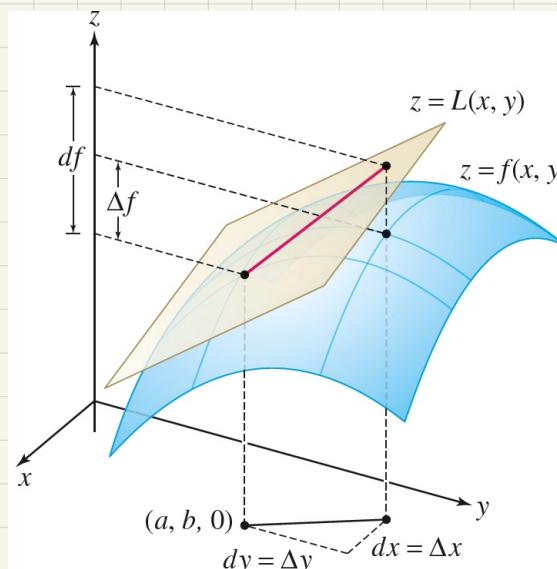
We can write  $x=a+\Delta x$  and  $y=b+\Delta y$  so the linear approximation is,

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

The differential of  $F$ ,  $df$ , is defined as:

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

where  $\Delta x = dx$  and  $\Delta y = dy$ .



Example: Use linearization to approximate  $\frac{3.03}{1.99}$ .

i.e., Use the linearization of  $f(x,y) = \frac{x}{y}$  centered at  $(a,b) = (3,2)$ .

Extends to 3 or more variables ...

If  $f(x, y, z)$  is differentiable near  $(a, b, c)$ , then

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

and

$$\Delta f \approx f_x(a, b, c)\Delta x + f_y(a, b, c)\Delta y + f_z(a, b, c)\Delta z$$