

MA2E01: Problem Set 3

Due at the end of the tutorial, 15-17 October.

1. Consider the function

$$f(x, y, z) = y \ln(x + y + z),$$

at the point P = (-4, 5, 0).

- (a) Find the unit vector in the direction in which f increases fastest at P.
- (b) Find the unit vector in the direction in which f decreases fastest at P. Sketch the projection of the vector in the xy-plane, and in the xz-plane.
- (c) Find the rate of change along these directions at the point P.
- 2. Consider the function defined by

$$F(x, y, z) = z - \sqrt{25 - x^2 - y^2}$$
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For F(x, y, z) = 0 it defines a surface. Find

- (a) The gradient and rate of change of F(x, y, z) at the point P = (3, 0, 4).
- (b) The equation of the tangent plane of the surface defined by F(x, y, z) = 0 at P = (3, 0, 4).
- 3. For the surface

$$z = f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2y - x + \sin(2x - y)},$$

find the equations of the tangent plane and normal line at the point (1, 2, 1).











