DEF. LET $f(x,y)$ BE DEFINED ON A NEIGHBORHOOD OF (x_0,y_0). WE SAY THAT f IS DIFF AT (x_0,y_0) IFF $\exists\, a,b\in\mathbb{R}$:

$$\lim_{(x,y)\to(x_0,y_0)} \frac{f(x,y)-P(x,y)}{\|(x,y)-(x_0,y_0)\|}=0 \quad \text{FOR } P(x,y)=f(x_0,y_0)+a(x-x_0)+b(y-y_0)$$

THEO. IF f IS DIFFERENTIABLE, THEN $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0,y_0)$, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0,y_0)$ EXIST.

MOREOVER, $(a,b)=\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0,y_0),\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0,y_0)\right)$

PROOF. ... $0=\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{f(x_0+h,y_0)-f(x_0,y_0)-ah}{|h|}$

$\longrightarrow 0=\lim_{h\to 0^+}\frac{f(x_0+h,y_0)-f(x_0,y_0)}{h}-a\frac{h}{h}$ $= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0,y_0)-a$

$\longrightarrow 0=\lim_{h\to 0^+}\left(\frac{f(x_0+h,y_0)-f(x_0,y_0)}{h}-a\right)$

$\Longrightarrow \lim_{h\to 0^+}\frac{f(x_0+h,y_0)-f(x_0,y_0)}{h}=\lim_{h\to 0^+}\left(\frac{f(x_0+h,y_0)-f(x_0,y_0)}{h}-a\right)+(a)=0+a$ (1)

SIMILARLY, $\lim_{h\to 0^-}\frac{f(x_0+h,y_0)-f(x_0,y_0)}{h}=a$ (2)

FROM (1) AND (2), $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0,y_0)=\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{f(x_0+h,y_0)-f(x_0,y_0)}{h}=a$

REMARK. f DIFFERENTIABLE AT (x_0,y_0) $\Longleftrightarrow$

$z=f(x,y)=f(x_0,y_0)+\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0)+\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0)+E(x,y)\,\|(x,y)-(x_0,y_0)\|$

WITH $\lim_{(x,y)\to(x_0,y_0)}E(x,y)=0$. MOREOVER $z=f(x_0,y_0)+f_x(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0)+f_y(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0)$ IS THE TANGENT PLANE

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f DIFF $\Longrightarrow \exists f_x, f_y$ ($\not\Longleftarrow$)

f DIFF $\Longrightarrow$ f CONTINUOUS ($\not\Longleftarrow$); f CONTINUOUS $\not\Longrightarrow \exists f_x, f_y$

THEO. f DIFF $\longrightarrow$ f CONTINUOUS.

PROOF. $\lim_{(x,y)\to(x_0,y_0)} f(x,y)=\lim_{(x,y)\to(x_0,y_0)} f(x_0,y_0)+f_x(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0)+f_y(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0)+E(x,y)\sqrt{(x-x_0)^2+(y-y_0)^2}=f(x_0,y_0)$

(terms $\to f(x_0,y_0)$, 0, 0, 0, 0)

SIMILARLY, $\lim_{h\to 0^-}\frac{f(x_0+h,y_0)-f(x_0,y_0)}{h}=a$ (2)

FROM (1) AND (2), $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0,y_0)=\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{f(x_0+h,y_0)-f(x_0,y_0)}{h}=a$

$\lim_{(x,y)\to(x_0,y_0)}\frac{f(x,y)-f(x_0,y_0)-a(x-x_0)-b(y-y_0)}{\|(x,y)-(x_0,y_0)\|}=0$; $E(x,y)$

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$$E(x,y)=\frac{f(x,y)-f(x_0,y_0)-f_x(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0)-f_y(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0)}{\|(x,y)-(x_0,y_0)\|}$$

$f(x,y)=f(x_0,y_0)+f_x(\ ,\ )(x-x_0)+f_y(\ ,\ )(y-y_0)+E(x,y)\,\|(x,y)-(x_0,y_0)\|$

$\exists f_x, f_y$ CONT $\Longrightarrow$ f DIFF

THEO. f DIFF $\longrightarrow$ f CONTINUOUS.

THEO. f_x, f_y EXIST ON A NEIGHBORHOOD OF (x_0,y_0) AND f_x, f_y CONTINUOUS AT (x_0,y_0), THEN f IS DIFFERENTIABLE.

PROOF: $f(x,y)-f(x_0,y_0)=f(x,y)-f(x_0,y)+f(x_0,y)-f(x_0,y_0)$

(FUNCTION OF x: $h(x)-h(x_0)$; FUNCTION OF y: $k(y)-k(y_0)$)

USING LAGRANGE:

$f(x,y)-f(x_0,y_0)=f_x(x_1,y)(x-x_0)+f_y(x_0,y_1)(y-y_0)$

FOR x_1 BETWEEN x_0 AND x, y_1 BETWEEN y_0 AND y.

$f(x,y)-f(x_0,y_0)=f_x(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0)+f_y(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0)+\left(f_x(x_1,y)-f_x(x_0,y_0)\right)(x-x_0)+$

$+\left(f_y(x_0,y_1)-f_y(x_0,y_0)\right)(y-y_0)$

$\left|f(x,y)-f(x_0,y_0)-f_x(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0)-f_y(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0)\right|\le\left|f_x(x_1,y)-f_x(x_0,y_0)\right||x-x_0|+\left|f_y(x_0,y_1)-f_y(x_0,y_0)\right||y-y_0|$

$<\varepsilon\,\|(x,y)-(x_0,y_0)\|$

$\Longrightarrow |E(x,y)|<\varepsilon$.

$\exists f_x, f_y$ CONT.; f DIFF $\not\Longrightarrow$ $\exists f_x, f_y$ CONT.; f CONT $\not\Longrightarrow$ $\exists f_x, f_y$; $\exists f_x, f_y$ $\not\Longrightarrow$ f CONT

EXAMPLE: f DIFF $\not\Longrightarrow$ f_x, f_y EXIST AND CONTINUOUS

$$f(x,y)=\begin{cases}(x-y)^2\sin\frac{1}{x-y}, & x\neq y\\ 0 & x=y\end{cases}$$

$x\neq y$: $f_x(x,y)=\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left((x-y)^2\sin\frac{1}{x-y}\right)=2(x-y)\sin\frac{1}{x-y}-\cos\frac{1}{x-y}$

$\lim_{(x,y)\to(a,a)} f_x(x,y)$ $\nexists$

$f_x(a,a)=\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{f(a+h,a)-f(a,a)}{h}=\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{h^2\sin\frac{1}{h}-0}{h}=\lim_{h\to 0}h\sin\left(\frac{1}{h}\right)=0$

$\longrightarrow$ f_x EXISTS BUT IT IS NOT CONTINUOUS ON (a,a).

$f_x(a,a)=\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{f(a+h,a)-f(a,a)}{h}=\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{h^2\sin\frac{1}{h}-0}{h}=\lim_{h\to 0}h\sin\left(\frac{1}{h}\right)=0$

$f_y(a,a)=\dots\ \frac{f(a,a+h)-f(a,a)}{h}=\dots=0$

$\longrightarrow$ f_x EXISTS BUT IT IS NOT CONTINUOUS ON (a,a).

f IS DIFF AT $(0,0)$:

$\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)}E(x,y)=\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)}\frac{f(x,y)-0-0(x-0)-0(y-0)}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}=$

$=\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)}\frac{f(x,y)}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$ — $x=y$: $\lim\frac{0}{\sqrt{2x^2}}=0$; $x\neq y$: $\lim\frac{(x-y)^2\sin\left(\frac{1}{x-y}\right)}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}\overset{?}{=}0$

LAGRANGE: $h(x)=f(x,y)$, $h(x)-h(x_0)=h'(\xi)(x-x_0)$, $h'(x)=f_x(x,y)$

$\left|\frac{(x-y)^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}\sin\left(\frac{1}{x-y}\right)\right|\le\frac{(x-y)^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}=\frac{x^2-2xy+y^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}\le 2\frac{x^2+y^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}=2\sqrt{x^2+y^2}<2\delta=\varepsilon$.

$0\le(x+y)^2=x^2+2xy+y^2 \longrightarrow -2xy\le x^2+y^2$

REMARK. f DIFFERENTIABLE AT (x_0,y_0) $\Longleftrightarrow$

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WITH $\lim_{(x,y)\to(x_0,y_0)}E(x,y)=0$. MOREOVER $z=f(x_0,y_0)+f_x(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0)+f_y(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0)$ IS THE TANGENT PLANE

WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH $f_x=\frac{\partial}{\partial x}=\frac{\partial}{\partial(1,0)}$, $f_y=\frac{\partial}{\partial y}=\frac{\partial}{\partial(0,1)}$

IS IT WORTHWHILE TO CONSIDER ALL THE DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVES $\frac{\partial}{\partial\vec{u}}$

THEO. IF f IS DIFFERENTIABLE AT (x_0,y_0), THEN $\frac{\partial f}{\partial\vec{u}}(x_0,y_0)$ EXISTS, $\forall\vec{u}=(u_1,u_2)$

MOREOVER, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial\vec{u}}=\left\langle(u_1,u_2),\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x},\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)\right\rangle=u_1\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}+u_2\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$

PROOF: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial\vec{u}}(x_0,y_0)=\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{f(x_0+hu_1,y_0+hu_2)-f(x_0,y_0)}{h}=\lim_{h\to 0}\left(\frac{f_x(x_0,y_0)hu_1+f_y(x_0,y_0)hu_2+}{h}\right.$

$\left.+\frac{E(x_0+hu_1,y_0+hu_2)\sqrt{h^2u_1^2+h^2u_2^2}}{h}\right)=$

$=\lim_{h\to 0}\left(f_x(x_0,y_0)u_1+f_y(x_0,y_0)u_2+E(x_0+hu_1,y_0+hu_2)\frac{|h|}{h}\right)=f_x(\ ,\ )u_1+f_y(\ ,\ )u_2$

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f DIFF $\Longrightarrow$ ALL DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVES EXIST.

EXAMPLE: ALL DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVES EXIST $\not\Longrightarrow$ f DIFF

$$f(x,y)=\begin{cases}\frac{x^3}{x^2+y^2}, & (x,y)\neq(0,0)\\ 0, & (x,y)=(0,0)\end{cases}$$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial\vec{u}}(0,0)=\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{f(0+hu_1,0+hu_2)-f(0,0)}{h}=$

$=\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{(hu_1)^3}{h^2(u_1^2+u_2^2)}\frac{1}{h}=\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{h^3u_1^3}{h^3}=u_1^3$

BY CONTRADICTION, IF f IS DIFF AT $(0,0)$, THEN:

$u_1^3=\frac{\partial f}{\partial\vec{u}}(0,0)=u_1\frac{\partial f}{\partial(1,0)}(0,0)+u_2\frac{\partial f}{\partial(0,1)}(0,0)=u_1 1^3+u_2 0^3=u_1$ ✗

($f_x(0,0)$, $f_y(0,0)$)

$\vec{u}=\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}},\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$, $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^3+\frac{4}{5}$

THEO (CHAIN RULE). $z=f(x,y)$ DIFF AT (x_0,y_0), $x=x(u,v)$, $y=y(u,v)$ DIFF AT (u_0,v_0), $x(u_0,v_0)=x_0$, $y(u_0,v_0)=y_0$

LET $g(u,v)=f(x(u,v),y(u,v))$ $\quad (u,v)\longrightarrow(x(u,v),y(u,v))\xrightarrow{f}\mathbb{R}$

$\frac{\partial g}{\partial u}=\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}+\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$, $\frac{\partial g}{\partial v}=\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\frac{\partial x}{\partial v}+\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$

REMARK. f DIFFERENTIABLE AT (x_0,y_0) $\Longleftrightarrow$

$z=f(x,y)=f(x_0,y_0)+\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0)+\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0)+E(x,y)\,\|(x,y)-(x_0,y_0)\|$

WITH $\lim_{(x,y)\to(x_0,y_0)}E(x,y)=0$. MOREOVER $z=f(x_0,y_0)+f_x(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0)+f_y(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0)$ IS THE TANGENT PLANE

PROOF: $\frac{\partial g}{\partial u}(u_0,v_0)=\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{g(u_0+h,v_0)-g(u_0,v_0)}{h}=\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{f(x(u_0+h,v_0),y(u_0+h,v_0))-f(x(u_0,v_0),y(u_0,v_0))}{h}$

$=\lim_{h\to 0}\left(f_x(x_0,y_0)\frac{x(u_0+h,v_0)-x(u_0,v_0)}{h}+f_y(x_0,y_0)\frac{y(u_0+h,v_0)-y(u_0,v_0)}{h}+E(x(u_0+h,v_0),y(u_0+h,v_0))\dots\right.$

$\left.+\ \dots\dots\right)=f_x(x_0,y_0)\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}(u_0,v_0)+f_y(x_0,y_0)\frac{\partial y}{\partial u}(u_0,v_0)+0$

$E(x,y)\to 0$ as $(x,y)\to(x_0,y_0)$