

## 14.5 Chain rule

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- $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dh} \cdot \frac{dh}{dx}$

- Assume  $z = z(x, y)$ , and assume  $x$  is a function of  $t$ ,  $y$  is a function of  $t$ . Then

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$$

e.g.  $z = x^3 y^2 + 7y^3 x$ , where  $x = \sin t$ ,  $y = \cos t$ .

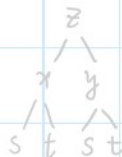
$$\frac{dz}{dt} = (3x^2 y^2 + 7y^3) \cos t + (2x^3 y + 21y^2 x)(-\sin t)$$

$$\left. \frac{dz}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = 7$$

- $z(x, y)$ ,  $x(s, t)$ ,  $y(s, t)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$$



- In general,  $z(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , and  $x_i(t_1, \dots, t_m)$  then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t_i} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_1} \cdot \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial t_i} + \dots + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_n} \cdot \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial t_i}$$

e.g.  $u(x, y, z) = x^4 y + y^2 z^3$ ,  $x = r s e^t$ ,  $y = r s^2 e^{-t}$ ,  $z = r^2 s \sin t$ , find  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial s}$  when

$$r=2, s=1, t=0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial s}$$

$$= 4x^3 y \cdot r e^t + (x^4 + 2z^3 y) \cdot 2r s e^{-t} + 3z^2 y^2 \cdot (r^2 \sin t)$$

$$x=2, y=2, z=0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = 16 \times 4 \times 2 + 16 \times 2 \times 2 + 0$$

$$= 16 \times 12 = 160 + 32 = 192$$

# 14.6 Directional Derivatives & the Gradient Vector

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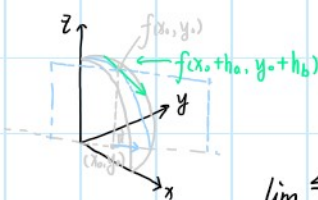
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- REM for  $f(x,y)$ , directional vector

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{(x_0, y_0)} = f_x(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0+h, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h} \text{ in direction of } \hat{i}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Big|_{(x_0, y_0)} = f_y(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0, y_0+h) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h} \text{ in direction of } \hat{j}$$

- Pick  $\vec{u} = \langle a, b \rangle$ ,  $|\vec{u}| = 1$  Unit Vector!



$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta z}{h} = \frac{f(x_0+ha, y_0+hb) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

Directional derivative of  $f(x,y)$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$  in the direction of

$\vec{u} = \langle a, b \rangle$ , unit vector is

$$D_{\vec{u}} f(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0+ha, y_0+hb) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h} : \text{the slope of the tangent line on } (x_0, y_0)$$

- Theorem  $D_{\vec{u}} f(x,y) = f_x(x,y)a + f_y(x,y)b$

Define  $g(h) = f(x_0+ha, y_0+hb)$ ,  $\vec{u} = \langle a, b \rangle$  unit vector

$$\text{then } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(h) - g(0)}{h} = g'(0)$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0+ha, y_0+hb) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h} = D_{\vec{u}} f(x_0, y_0)$$

$$\therefore g'(0) = D_{\vec{u}} f(x_0, y_0)$$

$$\frac{dg}{dh} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dh} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dh}, \quad \begin{cases} x(h) = x_0 + ha \\ y(h) = y_0 + hb \end{cases}$$

$$g'(h) = f_x \cdot a + f_y \cdot b = D_{\vec{u}} f(x_0, y_0)$$

- $\because \vec{u}$  is unit vector, then  $\vec{u} = \langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta \rangle$  for some  $\theta$ .

$$D_{\vec{u}} f(x,y) = f_x(x,y) \cos \theta + f_y(x,y) \sin \theta$$



e.g. Find  $D_{\vec{u}} f(x,y)$  if  $f(x,y) = x^2 - 3xy + 4y^2$ ,  $\vec{u}$  is unit vector with angle  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ .

what is  $D_{\vec{u}} f(1,2)$ ?

$$\vec{u} = \langle \cos \frac{\pi}{6}, \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \rangle = \langle \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \rangle$$

$$f_x = 3x^2 - 3y = 3 - 6 = -3 \quad f_y = -3x + 3y = -3 + 6 = 3$$

$$D_u f(1, 2) = -\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{13}{2}$$

- Let  $f$  be a differentiable function with two variables,  $f(x, y)$ . The **gradient vector** is  $\text{grad } f = \nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j}$  (can only be taken by a scalar field)

$$D_u f(x, y) = \nabla f \cdot \vec{u} = |\nabla f| \cdot |\vec{u}| \cdot \cos \theta = |\nabla f| \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle \cdot \vec{u}$$

e.g. Find  $D_u f(x, y)$ ,  $f(x, y) = x^2 y^2 - 4y^3$  at  $(2, -1)$  in the direction of  $\vec{v} = 2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}$

$$\vec{v} = \langle 2, 5 \rangle \Rightarrow \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} = \left\langle \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{5}{\sqrt{29}} \right\rangle \quad \text{Remember to convert to unit vector.}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2xy^2 = 4$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2x^2 y - 12y^2 = -8 - 12 = -20$$

$$D_u f(x, y) = \frac{8}{\sqrt{29}} - \frac{100}{\sqrt{29}} = -\frac{92}{\sqrt{29}}$$

- $D_u f(x, y) = \nabla f \cdot \vec{u}$  is maximum when  $\vec{u}$  is the same direction with  $\nabla f$ 

$$= |\nabla f| |\vec{u}|$$

$$= |\nabla f| \cos \theta, \quad \theta = 0 \text{ maximum}$$

$$= |\nabla f|$$

- Theorem.** Let  $f$  be a differentiable function of two (or three) variables. The max value of  $D_u f(x, y) = |\nabla f|$ , and it occurs when it has the same direction as  $\nabla f$

- We can describe the **gradient** of  $f$  as the vector that points in the same direction as the direction of **fastest increase** or the direction of **steepest ascent**.  $-\nabla f$  is fast decrease  
(can be used to check if conservative)

◦ The gradient vector is perpendicular to level curve.

- Tangent plane to level surface at  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$

$$F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)(x - x_0) + F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y - y_0) + F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)(z - z_0) = 0$$

direction of normal line:  $\nabla F$

# Prob

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Suppose you are climbing a hill whose shape is given by the equation  $z = 1500 - 0.005x^2 - 0.01y^2$ , where  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are measured in meters, and you are standing at a point with coordinates  $(100, 120, 1306)$ . The positive  $x$ -axis points east and the positive  $y$ -axis points north.

(a) If you walk due south, will you start to ascend or descend?

☒ ascend  
☐ descend

$$\vec{u} = \langle 0, -1 \rangle \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -0.01x = -1, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -0.02y = -\frac{12}{5}$$

$$\nabla z = \frac{13}{5} > 0, \text{ ascend}$$

At what rate?

vertical meters per horizontal meter

(b) If you walk northwest, will you start to ascend or descend?

☐ ascend  
☒ descend

$$\vec{u} = \langle -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle$$

$$\nabla z = -\frac{7\sqrt{2}}{10}$$

At what rate? (Round your answer to two decimal places.)

vertical meters per horizontal meter

(c) In which direction is the slope largest?

direction of  $\langle f_x, f_y \rangle$

$$\nabla z = \frac{f_x^2}{\sqrt{f_x^2 + f_y^2}} + \frac{f_y^2}{\sqrt{f_x^2 + f_y^2}}$$

What is the rate of ascent in that direction?

vertical meters per horizontal meter



At what angle above the horizontal does the path in that direction begin? (Round your answer to two decimal places.)

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$$\tan \theta = \frac{13}{5} = \text{slope.}$$

$$\theta \approx 68.96^\circ$$