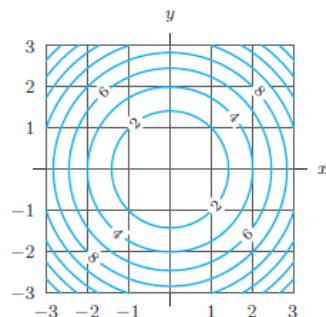


14.4 GRADIENTS AND DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVES IN THE PLANE

The Rate of Change in an Arbitrary Direction: The Directional Derivative

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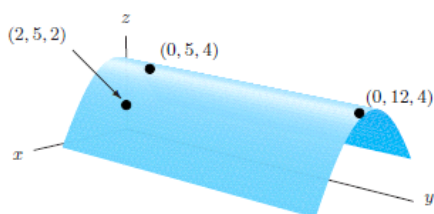


Figure 14.36

Example 2 For each of the functions f , g , and h in Figure 14.30, decide whether the directional derivative at the indicated point is positive, negative, or zero, in the direction of the vector $\vec{v} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j}$, and in the direction of the vector $\vec{w} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j}$.

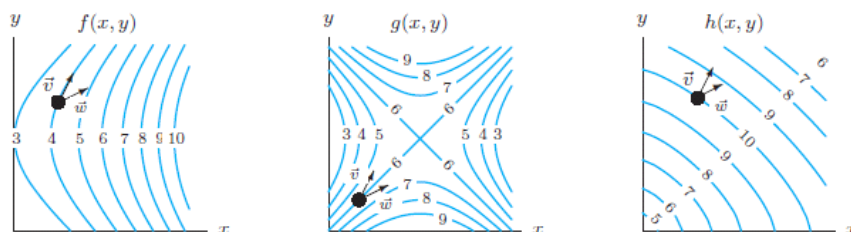


Figure 14.30: Contour diagrams of three functions with direction vectors $\vec{v} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j}$ and $\vec{w} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j}$ marked on each

The Gradient Vector of a differentiable function f at the point (a, b) is

$$\text{grad } f(a, b) = f_x(a, b)\vec{i} + f_y(a, b)\vec{j}$$

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The Directional Derivative and the Gradient

If f is differentiable at (a, b) and $\vec{u} = u_1\vec{i} + u_2\vec{j}$ is a unit vector, then

$$f_{\vec{u}}(a, b) = f_x(a, b)u_1 + f_y(a, b)u_2 = \text{grad } f(a, b) \cdot \vec{u}.$$

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Example 3 Calculate the directional derivative of $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ at $(1, 0)$ in the direction of the vector $\vec{i} + \vec{j}$.

Solution First we have to find the unit vector in the same direction as the vector $\vec{i} + \vec{j}$. Since this vector has magnitude $\sqrt{2}$, the unit vector is

$$\vec{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\vec{i} + \vec{j}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\vec{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\vec{j}.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\vec{u}}(1, 0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1 + h/\sqrt{2}, h/\sqrt{2}) - f(1, 0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 + h/\sqrt{2})^2 + (h/\sqrt{2})^2 - 1}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2}h + h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (\sqrt{2} + h) = \sqrt{2}. \end{aligned}$$

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Example 5 Find the gradient vector of $f(x, y) = x + e^y$ at the point $(1, 1)$.

Solution Using the definition, we have

$$\text{grad } f = f_x\vec{i} + f_y\vec{j} = \vec{i} + e^y\vec{j},$$

so at the point $(1, 1)$

$$\text{grad } f(1, 1) = \vec{i} + e\vec{j}.$$

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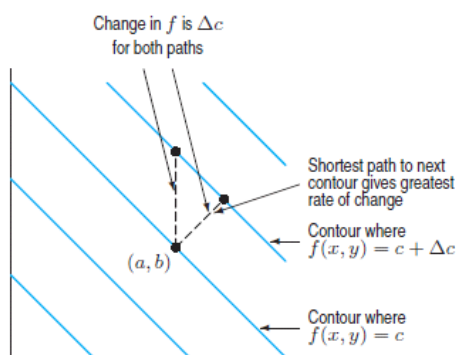


Figure 14.32: Close-up view of the contours around (a, b) , showing the gradient is perpendicular to the contours

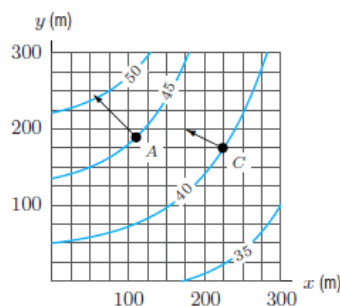


Figure 14.33: A temperature map showing directions and relative magnitudes of two gradient vectors

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Example 7 Use the gradient to find the directional derivative of $f(x, y) = x + e^y$ at the point $(1, 1)$ in the direction of the vectors $\vec{i} - \vec{j}$, $\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}$, $\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}$.

Solution In Example 5 we found

$$\text{grad } f(1, 1) = \vec{i} + e\vec{j}.$$

A unit vector in the direction of $\vec{i} - \vec{j}$ is $\vec{s} = (\vec{i} - \vec{j})/\sqrt{2}$, so

$$f_{\vec{s}}(1, 1) = \text{grad } f(1, 1) \cdot \vec{s} = (\vec{i} + e\vec{j}) \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{i} - \vec{j}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{1-e}{\sqrt{2}} \approx -1.215.$$

A unit vector in the direction of $\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}$ is $\vec{v} = (\vec{i} + 2\vec{j})/\sqrt{5}$, so

$$f_{\vec{v}}(1, 1) = \text{grad } f(1, 1) \cdot \vec{v} = (\vec{i} + e\vec{j}) \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}}{\sqrt{5}} \right) = \frac{1+2e}{\sqrt{5}} \approx 2.879.$$

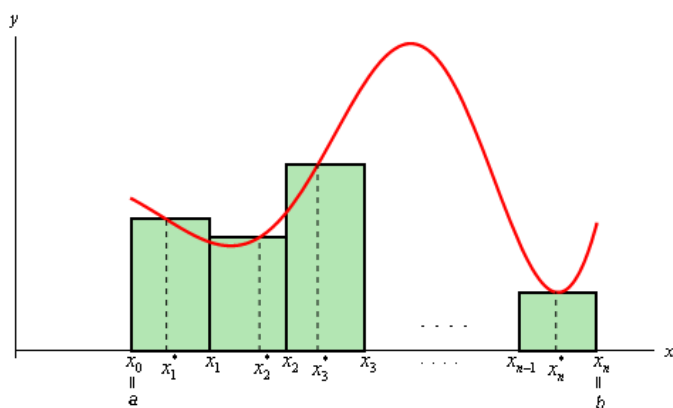
A unit vector in the direction of $\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}$ is $\vec{w} = (\vec{i} + 3\vec{j})/\sqrt{10}$, so

$$f_{\vec{w}}(1, 1) = \text{grad } f(1, 1) \cdot \vec{w} = (\vec{i} + e\vec{j}) \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}}{\sqrt{10}} \right) = \frac{1+3e}{\sqrt{10}} \approx 2.895.$$

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Double Integral:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx$$



$$A \approx f(x_1^*) \Delta x + f(x_2^*) \Delta x + \cdots + f(x_i^*) \Delta x + \cdots + f(x_n^*) \Delta x$$

To get the exact area we then took the limit as n goes to infinity and this was also the definition of the definite integral.

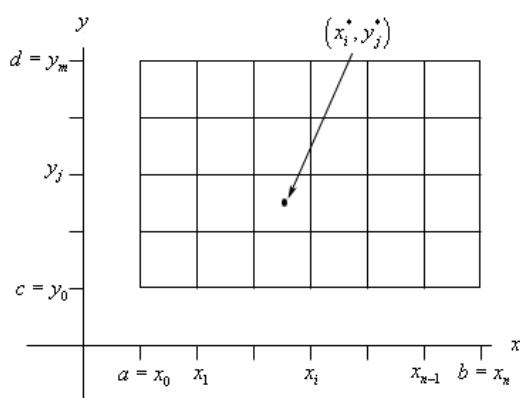
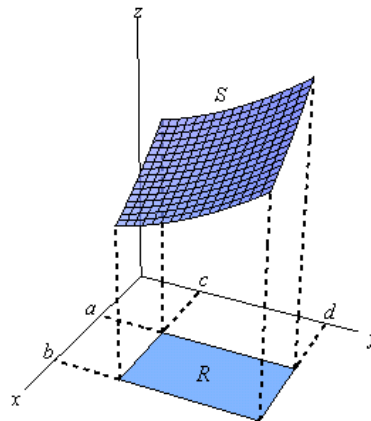
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x$$

We will start out by assuming that the region in \mathbb{R}^2 is a rectangle which we will denote as follows,

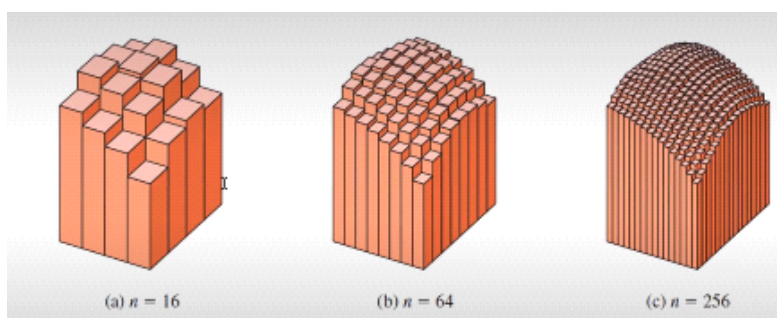
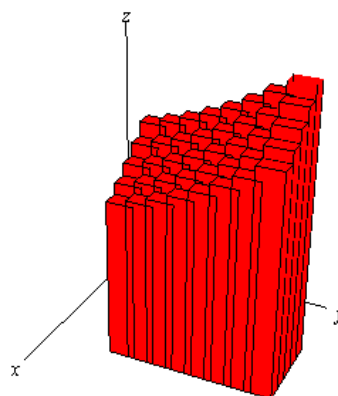
$$R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$$

This means that the ranges for x and y are $a \leq x \leq b$ and $c \leq y \leq d$.

Also, we will initially assume that $f(x, y) \geq 0$ although this doesn't really have to be the case. Let's start out with the graph of the surface S given by graphing $f(x, y)$ over the rectangle R .



Now, over each of these smaller rectangles we will construct a box whose height is given by $f(x_i^*, y_j^*)$. Here is a sketch of that.



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$$V \approx \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta A$$

$$V = \lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta A$$

$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta A$$

$$\text{Volume} = \iint_R f(x, y) dA$$

The sum $\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A$ is called
 DOUBLE RIEMANN SUM and is used as an
 approximation to the value of double integral.
EXAMPLE: Estimate the volume of the solid
 that lies above the square $R = [0, 2] \times [0, 2]$
 and below the elliptic paraboloid $z = 16 - x^2 - 2y^2$.
 Divide R into 4 equal squares & choose the
 sample point to be the Midpoint
 of each square R_{ij} .

$$\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \Delta x$$

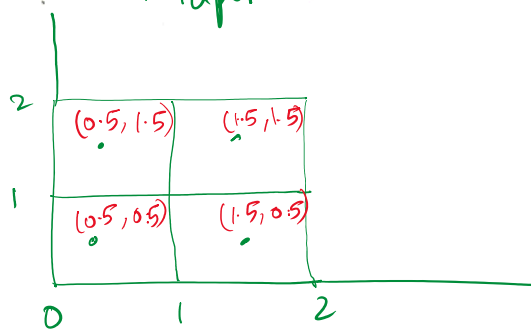
$$\Rightarrow f(x_1) \Delta x + f(x_2) \Delta x$$

$$+ f(x_3) \Delta x + f(x_4) \Delta x$$

$$\Rightarrow (16 - (0.5)^2 - 2(0.5)^2) \times 0.1 + (16 - (1.5)^2 - 2(0.5)^2) \times 0.1$$

$$+ (16 - (0.5)^2 - 2(1.5)^2) \times 0.1 + (16 - (1.5)^2 - 2(1.5)^2) \times 0.1$$

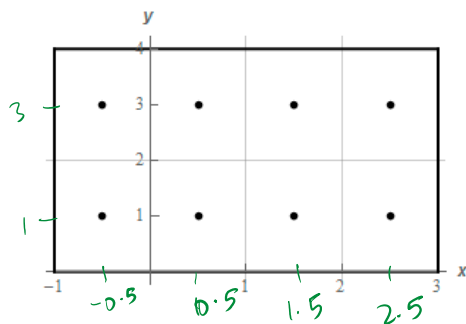
\Rightarrow



$$\Delta x = 1$$

1. Use the Midpoint Rule to estimate the volume under $f(x, y) = x^2 + y$ and above the rectangle given by $-1 \leq x \leq 3$, $0 \leq y \leq 4$ in the xy -plane. Use 4 subdivisions in the x direction and 2 subdivisions in the y direction.





$$(-0.5, 3), (0.5, 3), (1.5, 3), (2.5, 3)$$

$$(-0.5, 1), (0.5, 1), (1.5, 1), (2.5, 1)$$

$$V = \iint_R f(x, y) dA$$

$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA \approx \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^2 f(\bar{x}_i, \bar{y}_j) \Delta A \quad f(x, y) = x^2 + y$$

$$\Delta A =$$

$$V \approx \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^2 2f(\bar{x}_i, \bar{y}_j) \quad f(x, y) = x^2 + y$$

$$i = 1 : \sum_{j=1}^2 2f(\bar{x}_1, \bar{y}_j) = \sum_{j=1}^2 2f\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \bar{y}_j\right) = 2 \left[f\left(-\frac{1}{2}, 1\right) + f\left(-\frac{1}{2}, 3\right) \right] = 9$$

$$i = 2 : \sum_{j=1}^2 2f(\bar{x}_2, \bar{y}_j) = \sum_{j=1}^2 2f\left(\frac{1}{2}, \bar{y}_j\right) = 2 \left[f\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right) + f\left(\frac{1}{2}, 3\right) \right] = 9$$

$$i = 3 : \sum_{j=1}^2 2f(\bar{x}_3, \bar{y}_j) = \sum_{j=1}^2 2f\left(\frac{3}{2}, \bar{y}_j\right) = 2 \left[f\left(\frac{3}{2}, 1\right) + f\left(\frac{3}{2}, 3\right) \right] = 17$$

$$i = 4 : \sum_{j=1}^2 2f(\bar{x}_4, \bar{y}_j) = \sum_{j=1}^2 2f\left(\frac{5}{2}, \bar{y}_j\right) = 2 \left[f\left(\frac{5}{2}, 1\right) + f\left(\frac{5}{2}, 3\right) \right] = 33$$

$$V \approx \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^2 2f(\bar{x}_i, \bar{y}_j) = 9 + 9 + 17 + 33 = \boxed{68}$$

For reference purposes we will eventually be able to verify that the exact volume is

$$\int_0^4 \int_{-1}^3 (x^2 + y) dx dy \Rightarrow \int_0^4 \left(\frac{x^3}{3} + xy \right) \Big|_{-1}^3 dy$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^4 \left(\left(\frac{3^3}{3} + 3y \right) - \left(\frac{(-1)^3}{3} + (-1)y \right) \right) dy \Rightarrow \int_0^4 \left(\frac{28}{3} + 4y \right) dy$$

$$\frac{28}{3}y + 4 \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_0^4 \Rightarrow \frac{28(4)}{3} + 4 \frac{(4)^2}{2} = 69.333$$

Fubini's Theorem

If $f(x, y)$ is continuous on $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$ then,

$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx = \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy$$

These integrals are called **iterated integrals**.

Choosing order wisely!

Example 4:

$$\iint_R x e^{xy} dA, R = [-1, 2] \times [0, 1]$$

$$\iint_R x e^{xy} dA = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{x}{y} e^{xy} - \frac{1}{y} e^{xy} dx \right) \Big|_{-1}^2 dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{x}{y} e^{xy} - \frac{1}{y^2} e^{xy} \right) \Big|_{-1}^2 dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{2}{y} e^{2y} - \frac{1}{y^2} e^{2y} \right) - \left(-\frac{1}{y} e^{-y} - \frac{1}{y^2} e^{-y} \right) dy$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-1}^2 x \left(\frac{e^{xy}}{y} \right) \Big|_0^1 dx \Rightarrow \int_{-1}^2 e^{xy} \Big|_0^1 dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-1}^2 (e^x - 1) dx \Rightarrow e^x - x \Big|_{-1}^2 \Rightarrow (e^2 - 2) - (e^{-1} - (-1))$$

$$\text{Ex 1} \quad \int_0^3 \int_1^2 x^2 y dy dx$$

$$\text{Ex 2} \quad \iint_R (x - 3y^2) dA \quad \text{where } R = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 2, 1 \leq y \leq 2\}$$

$$\text{Ex 3} \quad \iint_R y \sin(\pi y) dA \quad \text{where } R = [1, 2] \times [0, \pi]$$

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