

## Numerical Integration

Please look at visual calculus web site for it.

## Directional Derivatives

Note that for a fn.  $z = f(x, y)$  the partial derivatives represent the

$f_x$  &  $f_y$  represent the rate of change of  $f$  in the directions of the unit vectors  $\hat{i}$  &  $\hat{j}$

— How to find derivative of  $f(x, y)$  in any direction?

$$\text{Note } f_x(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

$$\& f_y(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0, y_0 + h) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

So if  $\hat{u} = \langle a, b \rangle$  is an arbitrary unit vector we can define what we call directional derivative of  $f$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$  in the direction  $\hat{u}$  of a unit vector

$$\hat{u} = \langle a, b \rangle \text{ as}$$

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

if this limit exists

— The graph of  $f =$  surface  $S$  with  $z = f(x, y)$  and  $z_0 = f(x_0, y_0)$

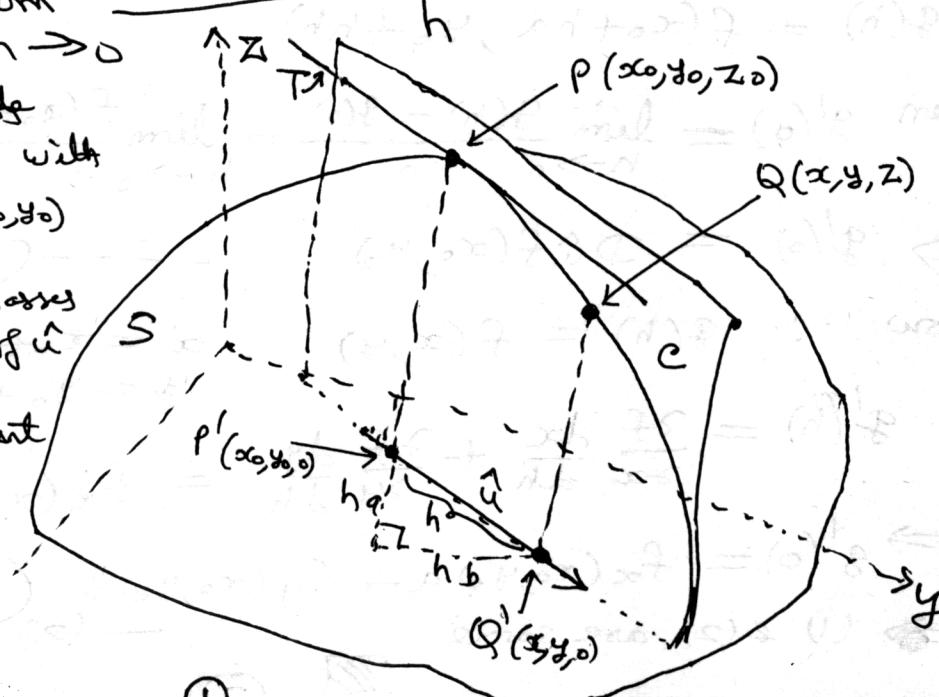
— Pt.  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  lies on  $S$

— The vertical plane that passes through  $P$  in the direction of  $\hat{u}$  intersects  $S$  in a curve  $C$

— The slope of the tangent line  $T$  to  $C$  at pt.  $P$

is the rate of change of  $z$  in the dir<sup>n</sup> of  $\hat{u}$

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— If  $Q(x_0, y_0, z)$  is another pt. on  $C$  and  $P' \neq Q'$  are projections of  $P, Q$  on the  $xy$ -plane then the vector  $\overrightarrow{P'Q'}$  is  $\parallel$  to  $\hat{u}$  and so

$$\overrightarrow{P'Q'} = h\hat{u} = \langle ha, hb \rangle \quad \text{for some scalar } h$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore x - x_0 &= ha \\ &\& y - y_0 = hb \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta x}{h} = \frac{z - z_0}{h} = \frac{f(x_0 + ha, y_0 + hb) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

— If we take limit  $h \rightarrow 0$  this is rate of change of  $z$  (w.r.t. to distance) in the direction of  $\hat{u}$ . It is called directional derivative.

— Note if  $\hat{u} = \hat{i} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$  then  $D_i f = f_x$  & similarly for  $\hat{u} = \hat{j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$

**Theorem** If  $f$  is a differentiable fn. of  $x$  &  $y$  then  $f$  has a directional derivative in the direction of any unit vector  $\hat{u} = \langle a, b \rangle$  and

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

□ If we define a fn.  $g$  of single variable

$$g(h) = f(x_0 + ha, y_0 + hb)$$

$$\text{then } g'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(h) - g(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + ha, y_0 + hb) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(0) = D_{\hat{u}} f(x_0, y_0) \quad \dots \dots (1)$$

Now  $\because g(h) = f(x, y)$ ,  $x = x_0 + ha$ ,  $y = y_0 + hb$   $\Rightarrow$  By chain rule

$$g'(h) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dh} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dh} = f_x(x, y) a + f_y(x, y) b$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(0) = f_x(x_0, y_0) a + f_y(x_0, y_0) b \quad (\because \text{for } h=0 \quad x=x_0, y=y_0) \quad \dots \dots (2)$$

∴ (1) & (2) are same



(2)

If the unit vector  $\hat{u}$  makes an angle  $\theta$  with the  $x$ -axis then  $\hat{u} = \langle \cos\theta, \sin\theta \rangle$

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

**Example** Find the directional derivative  $D_{\hat{u}} f(x, y)$

if  $f(x, y) = x^3 - 3xy + 4y^2$  and  $\hat{u}$  is the unit vector given by angle  $\theta = \pi/6$

What is  $D_{\hat{u}} f(1, 2) = ?$

$$\square \quad \because \theta = \pi/6$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{\hat{u}} f(x, y) = f_x(x, y) \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + f_y(x, y) \sin \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$= (3x^2 - 3y) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + (-3x + 8y) \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore D_{\hat{u}} f(1, 2) = \frac{13 - 3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

### Gradient vector

$$D_{\hat{u}} f(x, y) = f_x(x, y) a + f_y(x, y) b \quad \leftarrow \text{dot product}$$

$$= \langle f_x(x, y), f_y(x, y) \rangle \cdot \langle a, b \rangle$$

$$D_{\hat{u}} f(x, y) = \underbrace{\langle f_x, f_y \rangle}_{\text{Gradient vector}} \cdot \hat{u}$$

Gradient vector

$$\nabla f = \nabla f(x, y) = \langle f_x(x, y), f_y(x, y) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j}$$

**Example**

$$\text{If } f(x, y) = \sin x + e^{xy}$$

$$\text{then } \nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle = \langle \cos x + y e^{xy}, x e^{xy} \rangle$$

$$\text{& } \nabla f(0, 0) = \langle 2, 0 \rangle$$

- Thus the directional derivative can be written as

$$D_u f(x, y) = \nabla f(x, y) \cdot \hat{u}$$

(scalar projection of the gradient vector onto  $\hat{u}$ )

**Example** Find the deral derivative of the fn.  
 $f(x, y) = x^2 y^3 - 4y$  at  $(2, -1)$  in the direction  
of the vector  $\bar{v} = 2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}$ .

□ The gradient vector  $\nabla f = 2xy^3\hat{i} + (3x^2y^2 - 4)\hat{j}$   
at  $(2, -1)$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f(2, -1) = -4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j}$$

Now  $\bar{v}$  is not a unit vector but  $|\bar{v}| = \sqrt{29}$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{u} = \frac{\bar{v}}{|\bar{v}|} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}\hat{i} + \frac{5}{\sqrt{29}}\hat{j}$$

thus  $D_u f(2, -1) = \nabla f(2, -1) \cdot \hat{u}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (-4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j}) \cdot \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}\hat{i} + \frac{5}{\sqrt{29}}\hat{j}\right) \\ &= \frac{32}{\sqrt{29}} \end{aligned}$$

### FUNCTIONS OF 3 VARIABLES

- The directional derivative of  $f$  at  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  in the direction of a unit vector  $\bar{u} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$  is

$$D_{\bar{u}} f(x_0, y_0, z_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + ha, y_0 + hb, z_0 + hc) - f(x_0, y_0, z_0)}{h}$$

if this limit exists.

— Using vector notation we can write

$$D_{\hat{u}} f(\bar{x}_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\bar{x}_0 + h\hat{u}) - f(\bar{x}_0)}{h}$$

where  $\bar{x}_0 = \langle x_0, y_0 \rangle$  if  $n=2$

$\bar{x}_0 = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$  if  $n=3$

— Note this is reasonable since the vector eqn of the line through  $\bar{x}_0$  in the direction of the vector  $\hat{u}$  is given by  $\bar{x} = \bar{x}_0 + t\hat{u}$

& so  $f(\bar{x}_0 + h\hat{u})$  represents the value of  $f$  at a pt. on this line.

— If  $f(x,y,z)$  is differentiable &  $\hat{u} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$  then we can show that

$$D_{\hat{u}} f(x,y,z) = f_x(x,y,z)a + f_y(x,y,z)b + f_z(x,y,z)c$$

(Verify!)

— Gradient vector

$$\nabla f \text{ or grad } f = \langle f_x, f_y, f_z \rangle = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

$$D_{\hat{u}} f(x,y,z) = \nabla f(x,y,z) \cdot \hat{u}$$

**Exercise** If  $f(x,y,z) = x \sin y z$  find the gradient of  $f$  and find the directional derivative of  $f$  at  $(1,3,0)$  in the direction of  $\bar{v} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ .

□ Answer  $D_{\hat{u}} f(1,3,0) = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$

## Maximizing the directional derivative

Given a fn.  $f$  of 2 or more variables.

Consider all possible directional derivatives of  $f$  at a given pt. These give the rates of change of  $f$  in all possible directions.

Question: In which of these directions does  $f$  change fastest and what is the max rate of change?

**Theorem** Suppose  $f$  is differentiable of 2 or 3 variables. The max value of the directional derivative  $D_{\hat{u}} f(\bar{x})$  is  $|\nabla f(\bar{x})|$  and it occurs when  $\hat{u}$  has the same direction as the gradient vector  $\nabla f(\bar{x})$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\square \quad D_{\hat{u}} f &= \nabla f \cdot \hat{u} = |\nabla f| |\hat{u}| \cos \theta \\ &= |\nabla f| \cos \theta \quad (\because |\hat{u}| = 1)\end{aligned}$$

$\theta$  = angle between  $\nabla f$  and  $\hat{u}$ .

$\cos \theta$  is max when  $\theta = 0$  ( $\Rightarrow \cos 0 = 1$ )

∴ The max. value of  $D_{\hat{u}} f$  is  $|\nabla f|$  and it occurs at  $\theta = 0$  (i.e., when  $\hat{u}$  has the same direction as  $\nabla f$ )



**Example** If  $f(x,y) = xe^y$  (a) find the rate of change of  $f$  at the pt.  $P(2,0)$  in the direction from  $P$  to  $Q(\frac{1}{2}, 2)$ .

(b) In what direction does  $f$  have the max. rate of change? What is this max. rate of change?

$$\square \quad (a) \nabla f = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle = \langle e^y, xe^y \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f(2,0) = \langle 1, 2 \rangle$$

The unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{PQ} = \langle -1.5, 2 \rangle$  is  $\hat{u} = \left\langle -\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right\rangle$

$\Rightarrow$  The rate of change of  $f$  in the direction from  $P$  to  $Q$  is  $D\hat{u}f(2,0) = \nabla f(2,0) \cdot \hat{u} = \langle 1, 2 \rangle \cdot \left\langle -\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right\rangle = 1$

(b) ~~The~~  $f$  increases fastest in the direction of the gradient vector  $\nabla f(2,0) = \langle 1, 2 \rangle$ . The max. rate of change is  $|\nabla f(2,0)| = |\langle 1, 2 \rangle| = \sqrt{5}$  

**Example** Suppose that the temperature at a pt.  $(x,y,z)$  in space is given by  $T(x,y,z) = \frac{80}{(1+x^2+2y^2+3z^2)}$ , where

$T$  is measured in deg. Celsius. &  $x, y, z$  in meters. In which direction the temp. increases faster at the pt.  $(1,1,-2)$ ? What is the max. rate of increase?

$$\square \quad \nabla T = \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla T = \frac{160}{(1+x^2+2y^2+3z^2)^2} (-x\hat{i} - 2y\hat{j} - 3z\hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla T(1,1,-2) = \frac{5}{8} (-\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$$

The temp. increases faster in the direction of  $\nabla T(1,1,-2)$  or in the direction of  $-\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$  or the unit vector  $(-\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})/\sqrt{41}$ . The max. rate of increase is the length of grad. vector =  $|\nabla T(1,1,-2)|$

$$\approx \frac{5\sqrt{41}}{8} \approx 4^\circ \text{C/m.}$$

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