MAT B41 — Techniques of the Calculus of Several Variables I

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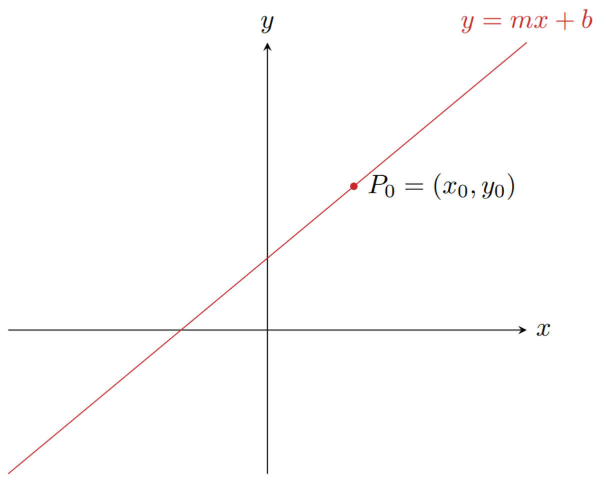
1.1 Equations of Lines & Planes and Parametric Equations (§§10.1, 12.5)



In $\mathbb{R}^2$, the equation of a line L is $y = mx + b$. Alternatively, in point-slope form, $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$ (given $P_0, P_1 \in L$ with $P_0 \neq P_1$ to compute m).

Definition 1.1 — Parametric Equations (p. 662)

Suppose that x and y are real-valued functions of t on an interval $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. That is, $x = f(t)$ and $y = g(t)$ with $t \in I$. These equations are called *parametric equations* with *parameter* t.

The set of points of x and y as t varies over I

$$\big\{(x, y) : x = f(t) \wedge y = g(t) \wedge t \in I\big\}$$

is the graph of the parametric equations of the *parametric curve*.

Example 1.2 *(Parametric Line)*: Consider $x = t - 1$ and $y = 2t + 4$, where $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

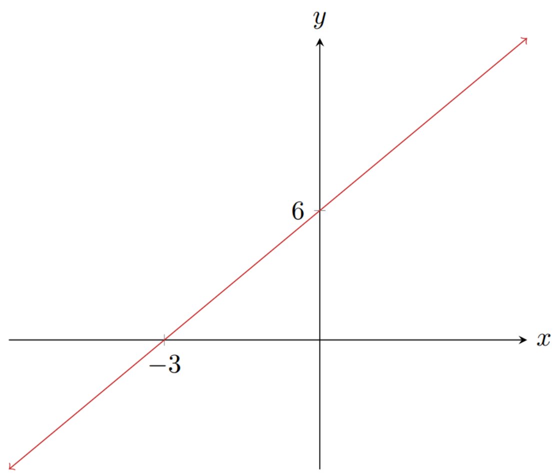
(a) Sketch the parametric curve.

(b) Write the parametric curve in the form $y = f(x)$.

(a) A table of values with some points as follows:

t	"$x(t)$"	"$y(t)$"
-1	-2	2
0	-1	4
1	0	6

Using these points, the curve is



(b) Since $x = t - 1 \iff t = x + 1$, we have

$$y = 2t + 4 = 2(x + 1) + 4 = 2x + 6$$

Therefore, $y = 2x + 6$.

Alternatively, we could proceed by noting that $y = 2t + 4 \iff t = \frac{1}{2}(y - 4)$, so

$$x + 1 = \frac{1}{2}(y - 4) \iff y = 2x + 6$$

Example 1.3: What curve/function in $\mathbb{R}^2$ is given by

$$x = \cos(t) \qquad y = \sin(t) \qquad t \in [0, 2\pi]$$

(in the form $y = f(x)$ or $f(x, y) = 0$)?

For all $t \in [0, 2\pi]$, $x^2 + y^2 = \cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t) = 1$. Thus, the given curve is

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0$$

1.2 More Lines in $\mathbb{R}^3$ (§12.5)

Definition 1.4 — Position Vector

A *position vector* represents a vector's components as a point with respect to the origin. In $\mathbb{R}^3$, a position vector $\mathbf{v}$ is denoted by $\mathbf{v} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$ for $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Remark: The angled brackets for position vectors as in definition 1.4 are used to distinguish between ordered tuples representing points in space and vectors (e.g. $\langle a, b, c \rangle$ instead of (a, b, c) in $\mathbb{R}^3$).

Theorem 1.5 — Derivation of Line Equation in $\mathbb{R}^3$

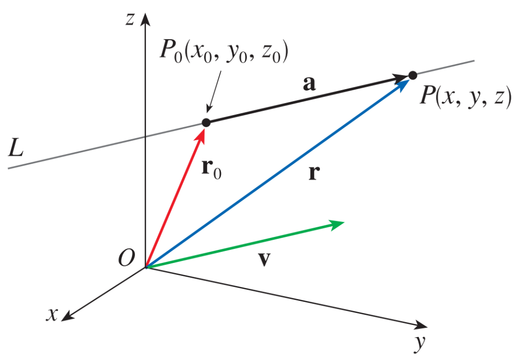
A line L in $\mathbb{R}^3$ may be determined by one of the following:

- Points $P_0, P \in L$ with $P_0 \neq P$
- A point $P_0 \in L$ and a *direction vector* — some $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ such that $\mathbf{v} \parallel L$

Given a point $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0) \in L$ and a direction vector $\mathbf{v} = \langle a, b, c \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^3$ for L,

$$x = x_0 + ta \qquad y = y_0 + tb \qquad z = z_0 + tc \qquad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

are the parametric equations of L in $\mathbb{R}^3$. Here, $t \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfies $\overrightarrow{P_0P} = t\mathbf{v}$ for some arbitrary $P = (x, y, z) \in L$.



Proof: We will derive the line L given a point and a direction vector. Let $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0) \in L$, $\mathbf{v}$ be some direction vector for L, and $P = (x, y, z) \in L$ be an arbitrary point. Define position vectors $\mathbf{r}_0$ and $\mathbf{r}$ from the origin to P_0 and P (respectively), and let $\mathbf{a} = \overrightarrow{P_0P}$.

We have $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{a}$. Note that $\mathbf{a} \parallel \mathbf{v}$, so $\mathbf{a} = t\mathbf{v}$ for some $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Therefore, $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + t\mathbf{v}$. Now let $\mathbf{r}_0 = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$, $\mathbf{r} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$, and $\mathbf{v} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$. It follows that

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{v} \iff \langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle + \langle ta, tb, tc \rangle \iff \langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle x_0 + ta, y_0 + tb, z_0 + tc \rangle$$

Therefore, $x = x_0 + ta$, $y = y_0 + tb$, and $z = z_0 + tc$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ are the parametric equations of L in $\mathbb{R}^3$. ■

Definition 1.6 — Vector Equation of a Line (p. 865)

In the context of the derivation of the parametric equations of a line in $\mathbb{R}^3$ (the proof of theorem 1.5), the *vector equation of L* is

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + t\mathbf{v}$$

or equivalently,

$$\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle x_0 + ta, y_0 + tb, z_0 + tc \rangle$$

Definition 1.7 — Symmetric Equations of a Line in $\mathbb{R}^3$

The *symmetric equations* of a line L in $\mathbb{R}^3$ is

$$\frac{x - x_0}{a} = \frac{y - y_0}{b} = \frac{z - z_0}{c}$$

where a, b, and c must be non-zero and $\langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$ and $\langle a, b, c \rangle$ are the same vectors as in the derivation of the parametric equations of L (the proof of theorem 1.5). If $a = 0$, $x = x_0$, and similarly $y = y_0$ and $z = z_0$ for the cases where $b = 0$ and $c = 0$ (respectively).

Remark: The symmetric equations in definition 1.7 follow from theorem 1.5, where $x = x_0 + ta \iff t = \dfrac{x - x_0}{a}$ for $a \neq 0$, and similarly $t = \dfrac{y - y_0}{b}$ for $b \neq 0$ and $t = \dfrac{z - z_0}{c}$ for $c \neq 0$.

1.3 Equations of Planes in $\mathbb{R}^3$

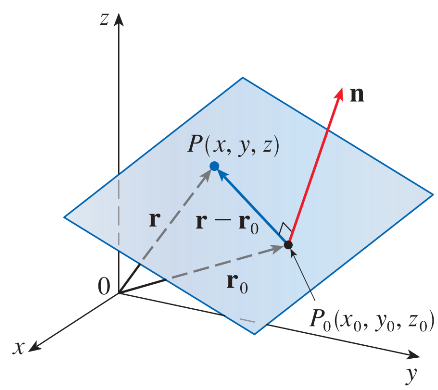
Theorem 1.8 — Derivation of Plane Equation in $\mathbb{R}^3$

The equation of a plane in $\mathbb{R}^3$ can be uniquely determined by one of the following:

- A point $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ in the plane and a *normal vector* to the plane
- A point $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ in the plane and a line L on the plane such that $P_0 \notin L$

Given a point $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ on the plane and a normal vector $\mathbf{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$ to the plane, the *scalar equation* of the plane is

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$$



Proof: We will derive the plane's equation given a point and a normal vector. Let $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ be a point on the plane, $\mathbf{n}$ be a normal vector to the plane, and $P = (x, y, z)$ be an arbitrary point on the plane. Suppose that $\mathbf{a} = \overrightarrow{P_0P}$ and $\mathbf{r}_0$ and $\mathbf{r}$ are position vectors with respect to the points P_0 and P (respectively).

The set of all points P on the plane satisfy $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0$ (as $\mathbf{n}$ is normal to the plane). Also, $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0$, so $\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) = 0$. Now let $\mathbf{r}_0 = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$, $\mathbf{r} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$, and $\mathbf{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) = 0 \quad &\iff \quad \langle a, b, c \rangle \cdot \big(\langle x, y, z \rangle - \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle\big) = 0 \\ &\iff \quad \langle a, b, c \rangle \cdot \langle x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0 \rangle = 0 \\ &\iff \quad a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$ is the plane's scalar equation. ■

Remark: Unlike in linear algebra, "normal" and "orthogonal" are synonymous in this course, both representing perpendicularity (but *not* unit length).

Definition 1.9 — Vector Equation of a Plane (p. 868)

In the context of the derivation of the scalar equation of a plane in $\mathbb{R}^3$ (the proof of theorem 1.8), the *vector equation of the plane* is

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) = 0$$

Corollary 1.10 — Plane Alternative Scalar Equation

In the setup of the derivation of a plane's scalar equation in $\mathbb{R}^3$ (the proof of theorem 1.8), an equivalent form of the scalar equation of the plane is

$$ax + by + cz + d = 0$$

for $\mathbf{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$ and $d = -(ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0)$.

Remark: The equivalent form of a plane's scalar equation in corollary 1.10 is a result of expanding the scalar equation (as in theorem 1.8's proof) and collecting like terms.

Example 1.11: Find the scalar equation of a plane containing the points $P = (1, 1, -2)$, $Q = (0, 2, 1)$, and $R = (-1, -1, 0)$.

We first find a normal vector $\mathbf{n}$ to the plane. Note that

$$\overrightarrow{QP} = \langle 1 - 0, 1 - 2, -2 - 1 \rangle = \langle 1, -1, -3 \rangle$$

$$\overrightarrow{QR} = \langle -1 - 0, -1 - 2, 0 - 1 \rangle = \langle -1, -3, -1 \rangle$$

Thus,

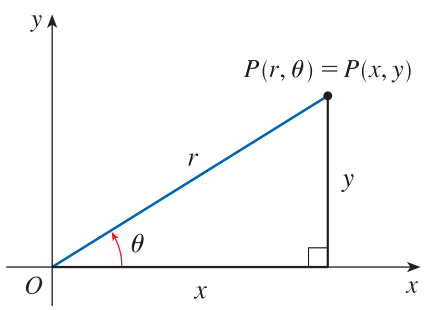
$$\mathbf{n} = \overrightarrow{QP} \times \overrightarrow{QR} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & -1 & -3 \\ -1 & -3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{i}(1-9) - \mathbf{j}(-1-3) + \mathbf{k}(-3-1) = -8\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k} = \langle -8, 4, -4 \rangle$$

using cofactor expansion along the first row (note that the standard basis vectors $\mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{j}$, and $\mathbf{k}$ are treated just as any other entry in the matrix). Therefore, taking $P_0 = (1, 1, -2)$ (any point on the plane works here), the scalar equation of the desired plane is

$$-8(x-1) + 4(y-1) - 4(z-2) = 0$$

by theorem 1.5.

1.4 Polar Coordinates (§10.3)



Definition 1.12 — Polar Coordinates (p. 686)

Let $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Each (x, y) can be represented using *polar coordinates* (r, θ), where r is the *radial component* and θ is the *angular component*.

Let θ be the angle starting from the positive x-axis to the line segment between O and P. We have

$$x = r\cos\theta \qquad y = r\sin\theta \qquad \tan\theta = \frac{y}{x} \quad \text{provided } x \neq 0$$

where $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$.

Remark: If we restrict r and θ to $r > 0$ and $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$, the polar representation is unique.

Example 1.13:

(a) Express $(1, -1)$ in polar coordinates such that $r > 0$ and $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$.

(b) Convert $\left(2, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$ to rectangular coordinates.

(a) We have

$$r^2 = 1^2 + (-1)^2 = 2 \implies r = \sqrt{2}$$

as $r > 0$ and

$$\tan\theta = \frac{1}{-1} \implies \theta = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

as $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$.

(b) We have

$$x = 2\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = 2 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$y = 2\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = 2 \cdot (-1) = -2$$

Therefore, $(x, y) = (0, -2)$.

Chapter 2 Functions

2.1 Functions of Two Variables (§14.1)

Definition 2.1 — Two-Variable Function (p. 934)

A real *two-variable function* $z = f(x, y)$ is a rule that assigns to each $(x, y) \in D$ exactly one $z \in \mathbb{R}$. Here,

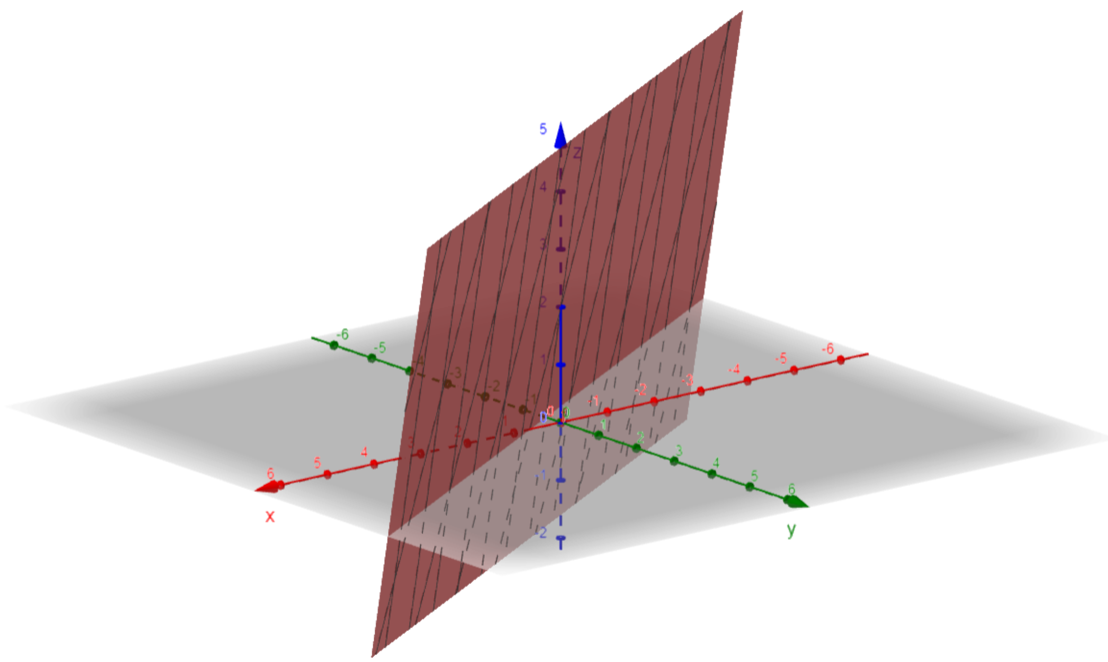
- $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : z = f(x, y)\} = \operatorname{dom}(f)$ is the *domain* of f
- The set $\{z \in \mathbb{R} : z = f(x, y) \text{ for some } (x, y) \in D\}$ is the *range* of f

Example 2.2: Find the domain D and the range of the following functions and graph them:

(a) $f(x, y) = -3x + 5y + 2$

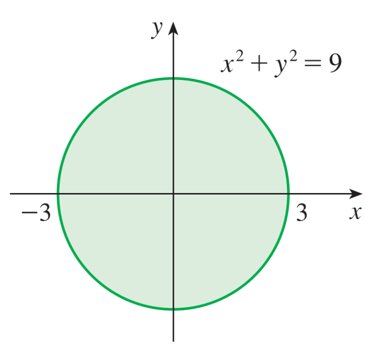
(b) $g(x, y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$

(a) $\operatorname{dom}(f) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : f(x, y) = -3x + 5y + 2\} = \mathbb{R}^2$ as there are no x or y-values that make f undefined. For $k \in \mathbb{R}$, $-3x + 5y + 2 = k$ is the equation of a plane. Thus, $\operatorname{range}(f) = \{z \in \mathbb{R} : z = f(x, y)\} = \mathbb{R}^2$. The graph is as follows:



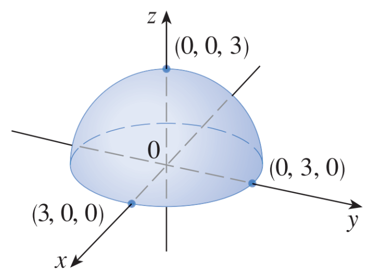
(b) We have $\operatorname{dom}(g) = \left\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : g(x, y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}\right\}$, where the function is defined if and only if

$$9 - x^2 - y^2 \geq 0 \iff 9 \geq x^2 + y^2$$



Thus, $\operatorname{dom}(g) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \leq 9\}$. Also, $\operatorname{range}(g) = \{z \in \mathbb{R} : z = f(x, y) \text{ for some } (x, y) \in \operatorname{dom}(f)\} =$

$[0,3]$ as $x^2+y^2 \leq 9 \implies 9-x^2-y^2 \geq 0 \implies \sqrt{9-x^2-y^2} \geq 0$ and $x^2+y^2 \geq 0 \implies 9-x^2-y^2 \leq 9 \implies \sqrt{9-x^2-y^2} \leq 3$. The graph is as follows:



Example 2.3: Consider $f(x,y) = \dfrac{(x^2+3y^2-9)(xy-1)}{x}$. For what $(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is $f(x,y)$ zero, undefined, positive, and negative? Illustrate these points.

Since f is a quotient,

$$\operatorname{dom}(f) = \operatorname{dom}(x^2+3y^2-9) \cap \operatorname{dom}(xy-1) \cap \operatorname{dom}(x) \cap \left\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \neq 0\right\}$$

Note that x^2+3y^2-9, $xy-1$, and x are polynomials in two variables, so we get

$$\operatorname{dom}(f) = \mathbb{R}^2 \cap \mathbb{R}^2 \cap \mathbb{R}^2 \cap \left\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \neq 0\right\} = \left\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \neq 0\right\}$$

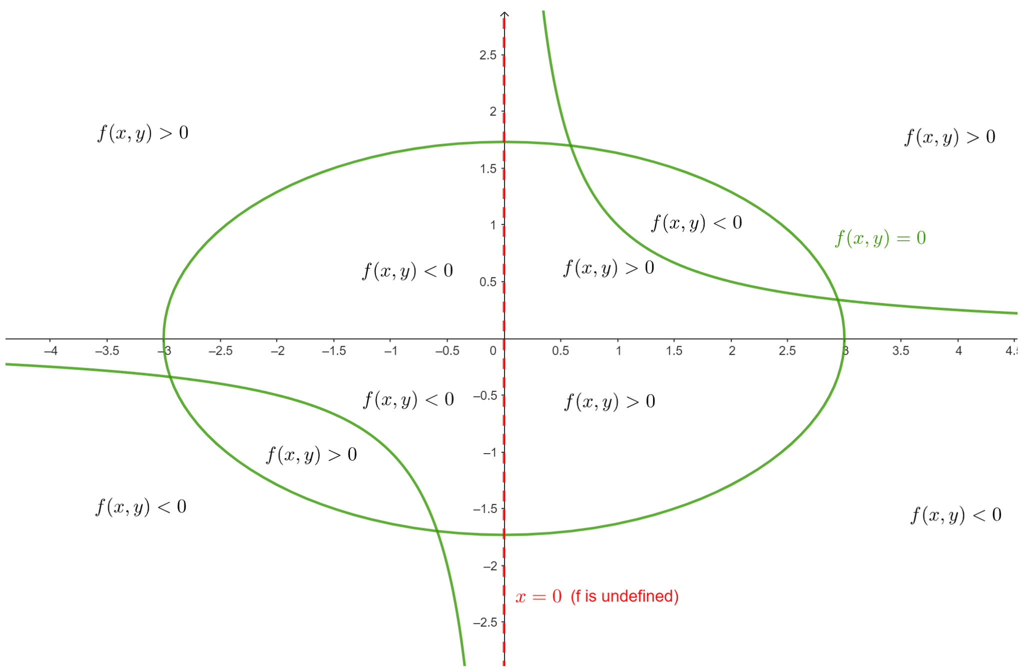
Thus, f is undefined for $\left\{(0,y) : y \in \mathbb{R}\right\}$ (i.e. the y-axis). Now observe that

$$f(x,y) = 0 \iff (x^2+3y^2-9)(xy-1) = 0 \iff x^2+3y^2-9 = 0 \lor xy-1 = 0$$

Here, $xy-1=0 \iff y = \dfrac{1}{x}$ and $x^2+3y^2-9=0 \iff \dfrac{x^2}{9}+\dfrac{y^2}{3} = 1 \iff \left(\dfrac{x}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\dfrac{y}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 = 1$. Thus,

$$f(x,y) = 0 \iff \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 = 1 \lor y = \frac{1}{x}$$

We determine where f is positive and negative by substituting appropriate sample points.



Observe that

$$f(-4,2)=\frac{117}{4}>0 \quad f(-1,1)=-10<0 \quad f\left(1,\frac{1}{2}\right)=\frac{13}{4}>0 \quad f(2,1)=-1<0 \quad f(4,2)=\frac{91}{4}>0$$

$$f(-4,-2)=-\frac{7}{4}<0 \quad f(-2,-1)=4>0 \quad f\left(-1,-\frac{1}{2}\right)=-\frac{19}{4}<0 \quad f(1,-1)=22>0 \quad f(4,-1)=-5<0$$

Remark: The intervals where a single-variable function is positive and negative can be determined by substituting sample points from each interval in the partition of $\mathbb{R}$ formed by the function's roots and undefined points. The same information can be obtained for functions in two variables using sample points from each region in the partition of $\mathbb{R}^2$ formed by the function's roots and undefined points.

2.2 Graphs of Two-Variable Functions

Definition 2.4 — Graph of a Two-Variable Function (p. 937)

If $z=f(x,y)$ has domain D, then the *graph* (or *surface*) of f is

$$\left\{(x,y,z)\in\mathbb{R}^3 : (x,y)\in D \wedge z=f(x,y)\right\}\subseteq\mathbb{R}^3$$

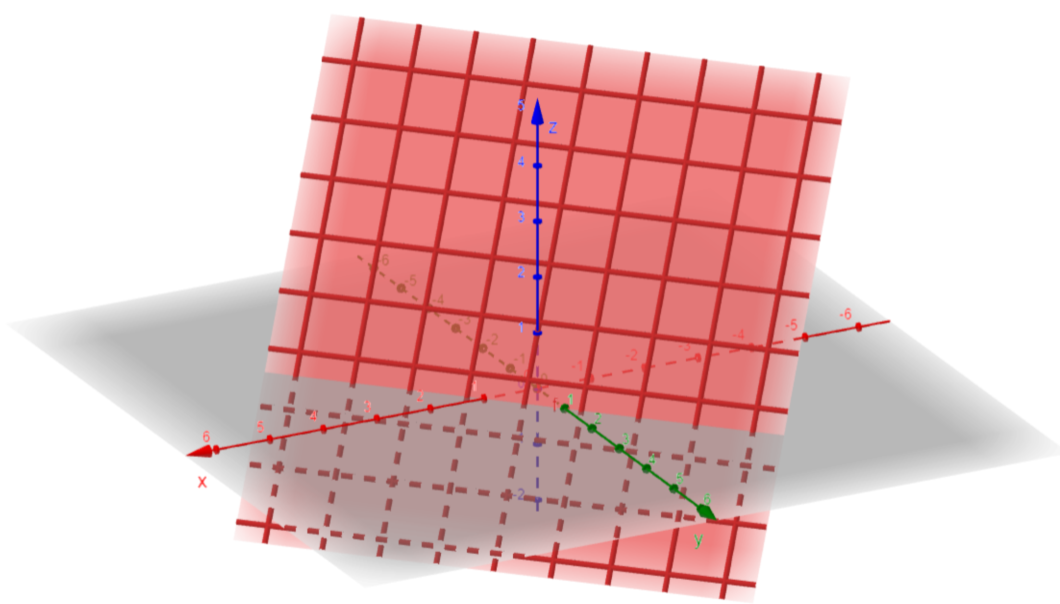
Example 2.5: Sketch the graph in $\mathbb{R}^3$ given by:

(a) $z+x+y-1=0$

(b) $x^2+y^2-4x+2y+z^2=4$

(a) The given function is a plane. Note that $z+x+y-1=0 \iff z=-x-y+1$. Thus,

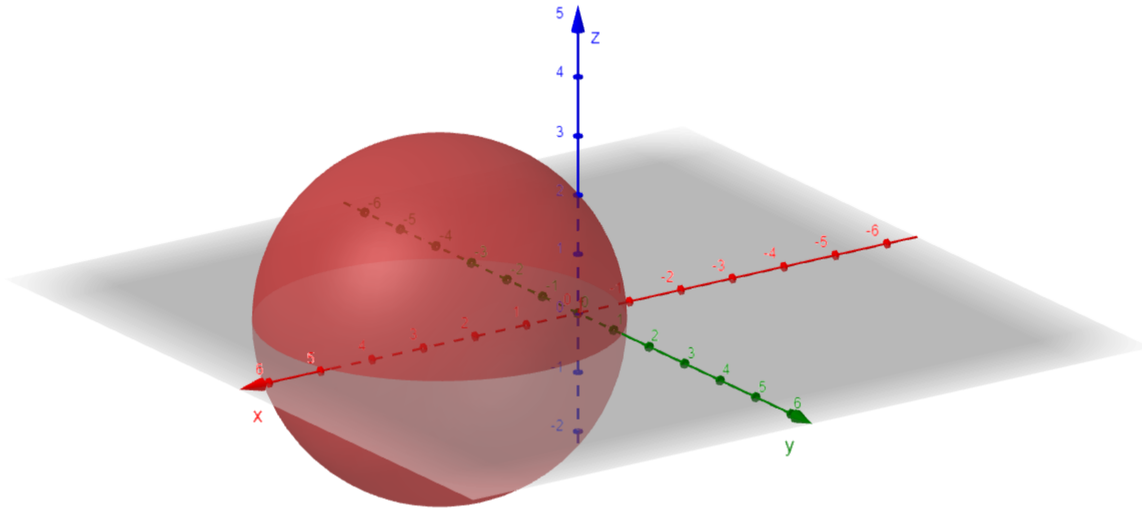
$$x=0\wedge y=0 \implies z=1 \implies P=(0,0,1)\in\text{graph}(f)$$
$$x=0\wedge z=0 \implies y=1 \implies Q=(0,1,0)\in\text{graph}(f)$$
$$y=0\wedge z=0 \implies x=1 \implies R=(1,0,0)\in\text{graph}(f)$$



(b) Observe that

$$x^2+y^2-4x+2y+z^2=4 \iff (x^2-4x+4)+(y^2+2y+1)+z^2=4+4+1 \iff (x-2)^2+(y+1)^2+z^2=9$$

which is the equation of a sphere with radius 3, centered at $(2, -1, 0)$. The graph is as follows:



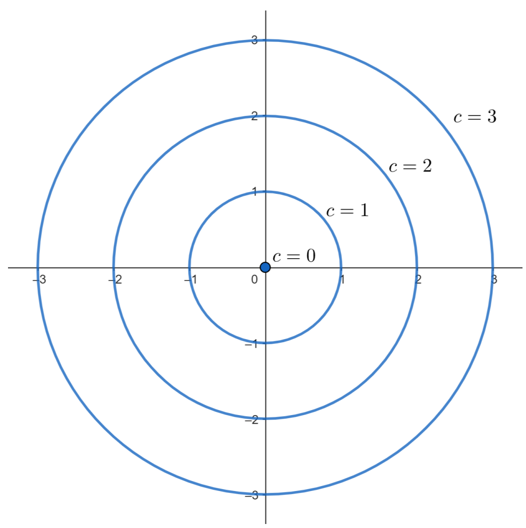
Definition 2.6 — Level Curve and Contour Map (p. 939)

Let $z = f(x, y)$ and $c \in \text{range}(f)$. The *level curve* (or *contour*) of f (for c) is the set of points $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ that satisfy

$$f(x, y) = c$$

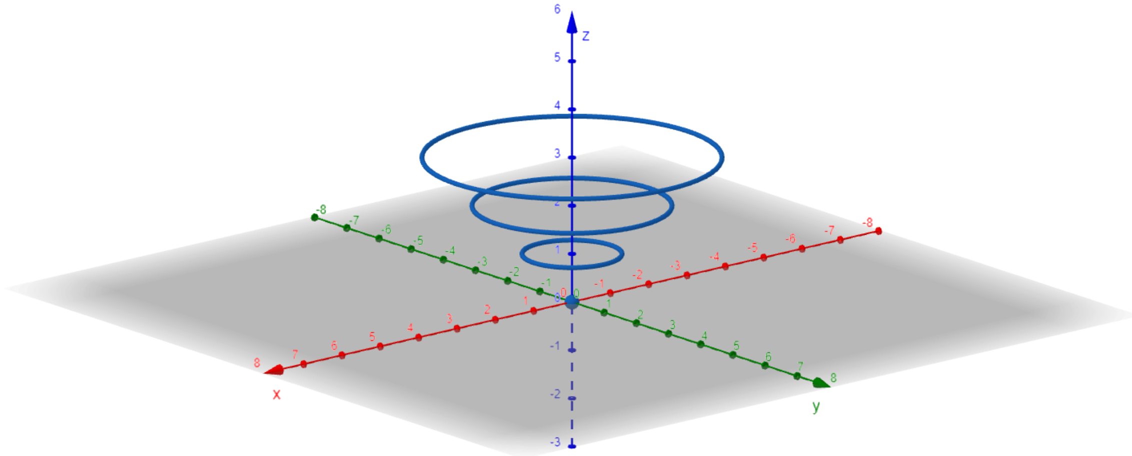
A collection of level curves is called a *contour diagram/map*.

Example 2.7: Consider the contour diagram

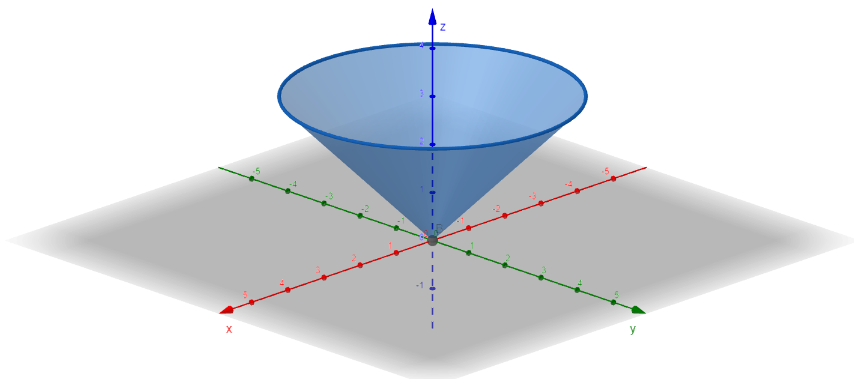


Provide a sketch of $z = f(x, y)$. Repeat this exercise for the same contour diagram, but with c values $c = 0$, $c = -1$, $c = -2$, and $c = -3$ in that order from the inner to outermost circle.

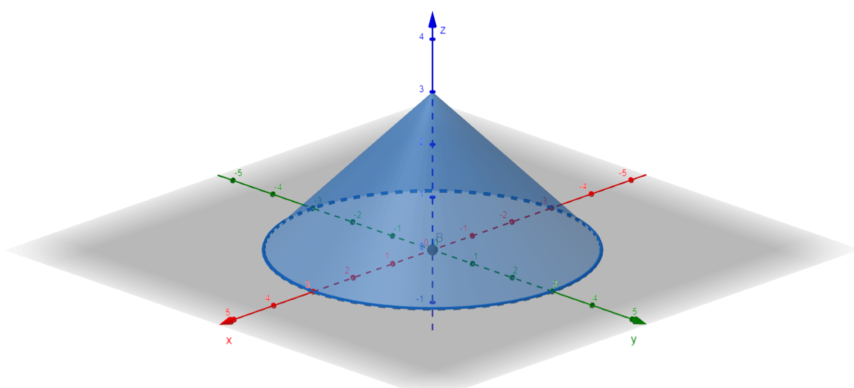
The given contours yield the graph



When the contours are interpolated, we obtain the following cone:



When the c values are reversed, we obtain the following cone:



Example 2.8: Draw the contour diagram of the graph for

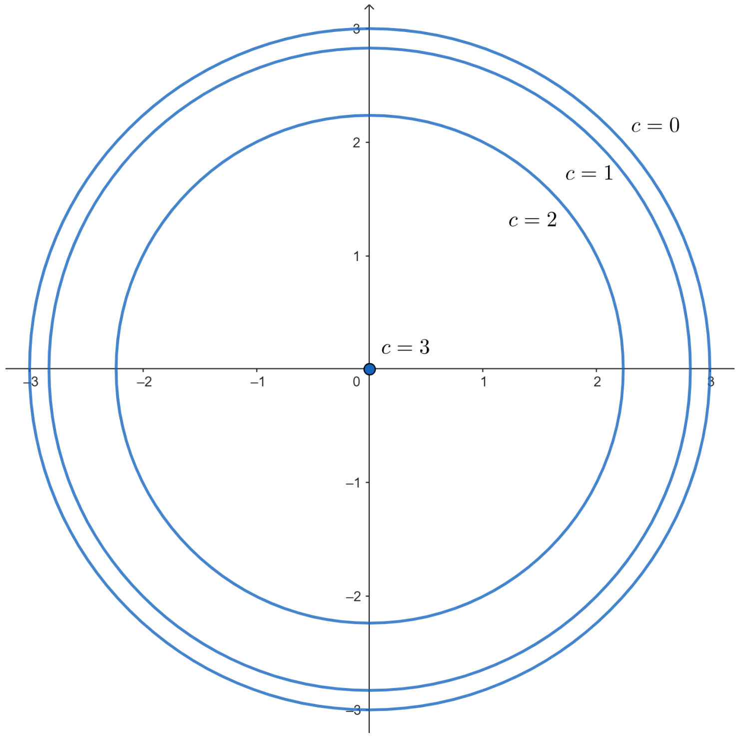
(a) $f(x,y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$

(b) $z = \dfrac{x^2}{a^2} + \dfrac{y^2}{b^2}$ for $a^2 \geq b^2 > 0$.

(a) From example 2.2, $\operatorname{dom}(f) = \left\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \leq 9\right\}$, so $\operatorname{range}(f) = [0,3]$ (as $0 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 9 \implies \sqrt{x^2+y^2} \leq 3$). For $c = 0$, we have

$$\sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2} = 0 \iff 9 - x^2 - y^2 = 0 \iff x^2 + y^2 = 9$$

Similarly, for $c = 1$, $c = 2$, and $c = 3$, we have $f(x,y) = 1 \iff x^2 + y^2 = 8$, $f(x,y) = 2 \iff x^2 + y^2 = 5$, and $f(x,y) = 3 \iff x^2 + y^2 = 0$ (respectively). This gives us



(b) Let $c \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$. We have

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = c \iff b^2 \cdot x^2 + a^2 \cdot y^2 = a^2 b^2 \cdot c \iff (bx)^2 + (ay)^2 = (ab)^2 c$$

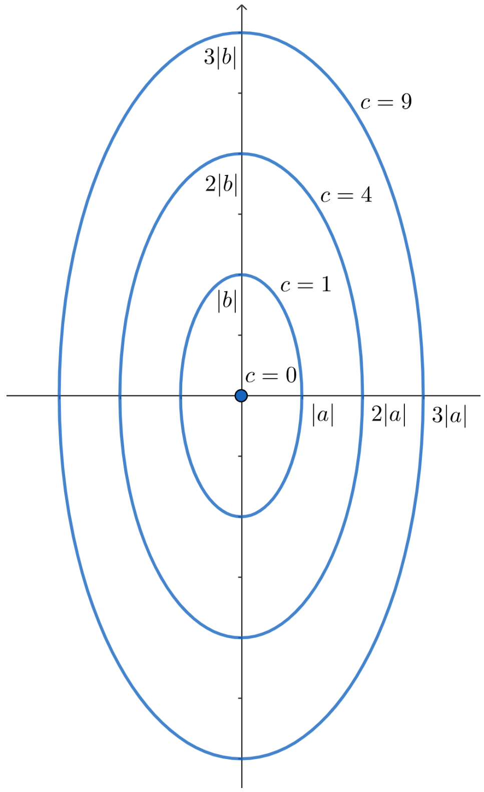
This is the equation of an ellipse centered at the origin. Setting $y = 0$ and solving for $|x|$ yields its radius along the x-axis, as follows:

$$(bx)^2 = (ab)^2 c - (ay)^2 = (ab)^2 c - (a \cdot 0)^2 = (ab)^2 c \implies x^2 = a^2 c \implies |x| = |a| \sqrt{c}$$

Similarly, setting $x = 0$ and solving for $|y|$ yields the ellipse's radius along the y-axis, as follows:

$$(ay)^2 = (ab)^2 c - (bx)^2 = (ab)^2 c - (b \cdot 0)^2 = (ab)^2 c \implies y^2 = b^2 c \implies |y| = |b| \sqrt{c}$$

Note that $c \geq 0$ in the previous calculations, so $\sqrt{c}$ is defined. For $c = 0$, $c = 1$, $c = 4$, and $c = 9$, we thus have ellipses centered at the origin with x and y-axis radii 0 and 0, $|a|$ and $|b|$, $2|a|$ and $2|b|$, and $3|a|$ and $3|b|$. This gives us the contour diagram



2.3 Multivariable Functions

Definition 2.9 — Multivariable Function (p. 945)

Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. A *function of n variables* is a rule which assigns to each point $(x-1, \dots, x_n) \in D$ exactly one real number $z = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

1. $D = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : z = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)\}$ is the *domain* of f
2. $\{z \in \mathbb{R} : z = f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ for some } (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in D\}$ is the *range* (or *codomain*) of f
3. The set of points $\left\{(x_1, \dots, x_n, f(x_1, \dots, x_n)) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in D\right\}$ is the *graph* of f

Example 2.10: What the domain of $f(x, y, z) = \ln(z - y) + xy\sin(z)$?

Logarithms are defined on $\mathbb{R}^+$, so we need $z - y > 0 \iff z > y$. xy is defined for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, while $\sin(z)$ is defined for $-1 \leq z \leq 1$. Therefore,

$$\text{dom}(f) = \left\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : y < z \wedge -1 \leq z \leq 1\right\}$$

2.4 Limits (§14.2)

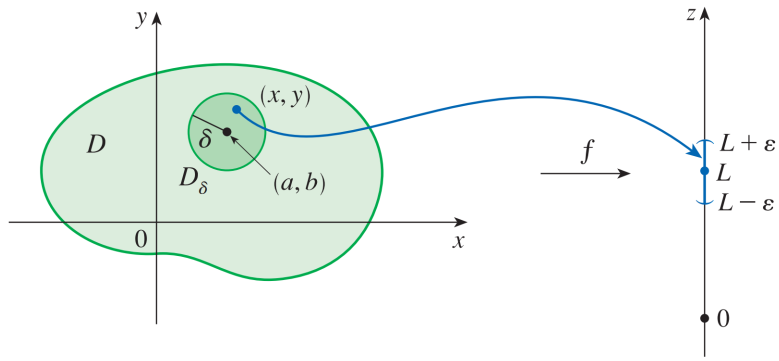
Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f\colon \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$. Recall that for single-variable functions, we say that the “limit of f as x approaches a”, denoted by

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = L$$

if and only if for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta \implies \left|f(x) - L\right| < \epsilon$$

where $x \in \text{dom}(f)$ and $L \in \mathbb{R}$.



We now establish an analogous concept for multivariable functions.

Definition 2.11 — Two-Variable Function Limit (p. 952)

Let $(a,b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $z = f(x,y)$. We say that the "limit of f as (x,y) approaches (a,b)", denoted by

$$\lim_{(x,y)\to(a,b)} f(x,y) = L$$

if and only if for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that

$$0 < \big\|(x,y) - (a,b)\big\| < \delta \implies \big|f(x,y) - L\big| < \epsilon$$

where $x \in D = \operatorname{dom}(f)$ and $L \in \mathbb{R}$.

Remark: In definition 2.11, the *Euclidean norm* is used, which is given by

$$\big\|(x,y) - (a,b)\big\| = \sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2}$$

Example 2.12: Prove that $\displaystyle\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \frac{x^2}{x^2+y^2}$ does not exist.

Let $f(x,y)$ be the given function and $D = \operatorname{dom}(f)$. We want to choose a curve/path $C_1 \subseteq D$ for which $\displaystyle\lim_{\substack{(x,y)\to(a,b)\\(x,y)\in C_1}} f(x,y) = C_1$ and another path $C_2 \subseteq D$ for which $\displaystyle\lim_{\substack{(x,y)\to(a,b)\\(x,y)\in C_2}} f(x,y) = L_2$ such that $L_1 \neq L_2$.

Along the x-axis, $y = 0$, so we get

$$\lim_{(x,0)\to(0,0)} \frac{x^2}{x^2+0^2} = \lim_{x\to0} \frac{x^2}{x^2} = \lim_{x\to0} 1 = 1$$

for $x \neq 0$. Along the y-axis, $x = 0$, which gives us

$$\lim_{(0,y)\to(0,0)} \frac{0^2}{0^2+y^2} = \lim_{y\to0} 0 = 0$$

Since $0 \neq 1$, the limit depends on the path. Therefore, the limit does not exist.

Example 2.13: Show that $\displaystyle\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \frac{x^2y}{x^4+y^2}$ does not exist.

Along the x-axis, $y = 0$, so we get

$$\lim_{(x,0)\to(0,0)} \frac{x^2\cdot 0}{x^4+0^2} = \lim_{x\to0} 0 = 0$$

Along the curve $y = x^2$, we get

$$\lim_{(x,x^2)\to(0,0)} \frac{x^2\cdot x^2}{x^4+(x^2)^2} = \lim_{x\to0} \frac{x^4}{2x^4} = \lim_{x\to0} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

for $x \neq 0$. Since $0 \neq \frac{1}{2}$, the limit does not exist.

Example 2.14: Compute $\lim\limits_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \dfrac{e^{-(x^2+y^2)}-1}{x^2+y^2}$, if it exists.

Let $x = r\cos\theta$ and $y = r\sin\theta$ for $r \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ and $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$. As $(x,y) \to (0,0)$,

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \to 0 \iff r = \pm\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \to 0$$

Since $r \geq 0$, $r \to 0^+$. Thus, by L'Hopital's Rule (for $\frac{0}{0}$ indeterminate forms), the limit becomes

$$\lim_{r\to 0^+} \frac{e^{-r^2}-1}{r^2} = \lim_{r\to 0^+} \frac{e^{-r^2}\cdot(-2r)}{2r} = \lim_{r\to 0^+} -e^{-r^2} = -e^0 = -1$$

Example 2.15 *(One-Variable ϵ-δ)*: Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$. Prove, using ϵ-δ, that $\lim\limits_{x\to c} f(x)$ exists for $f(x) = ax + b$.

We want to show that for some $L \in \mathbb{R}$, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that $0 < |x - c| < \delta \implies \left|f(x) - L\right| < \epsilon$. Let $L = ac + b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\epsilon > 0$. Choose $\delta = \dfrac{\epsilon}{|a|+1} > 0$, and suppose that $0 < |x - c| < \delta$. We want to show that $\left|f(x) - (ac+b)\right| < \epsilon$. Now

$$\begin{aligned}
\left|f(x) - (ac+b)\right| &= \left|(ax+b) - (ac+b)\right| \\
&= \left|a(x-c)\right| \\
&= |a||x-c| && \text{(by the absolute value property } |AB| = |A||B|\text{)} \\
&< |a|\,\delta \\
&= |a| \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{|a|+1} \\
&< \frac{|a|+1}{|a|+1}\cdot\epsilon && \text{(by increasing the numerator)} \\
&= \epsilon
\end{aligned}$$

as desired.

Remark: The choice of $\delta = \dfrac{\epsilon}{|a|+1}$ in example 2.15 instead of $\delta = \dfrac{\epsilon}{|a|}$ was made to handle the case where $|A| = 0$, while still allowing us to use the same reasoning as with $\dfrac{\epsilon}{|a|}$ with the inequalities.

Example 2.16 *(Two-Variable ϵ-δ)*: Let $(a,b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $A, B \in \mathbb{R}$. Prove, by definition (i.e. using ϵ-δ), that $\lim\limits_{(x,y)\to(a,b)} f(x,y) = Aa + Bb$ for $f(x,y) = Ax + By$.

We want to show that for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that $0 < \left\|(x,y) - (a,b)\right\| < \delta \implies \left|f(x,y) - (Aa+Bb)\right| < \epsilon$. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. Choose $\delta = \dfrac{\epsilon}{|A|+|B|+1} > 0$, and suppose that $0 < \sqrt{(x-a)^2+(y-b)^2} < \delta$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left|f(x,y) - (Aa+Bb)\right| \\
&= \left|(Ax+By) - (Aa+Bb)\right| \\
&= \left|A(x-a) + B(y-b)\right| \\
&\leq \left|A(x-a)\right| + \left|B(y-b)\right| && \text{(by the triangle inequality)} \\
&= |A||x-a| + |B||y-b| && \text{(by the absolute value multiplicative property)} \\
&= |A|\sqrt{(x-a)^2} + |B|\sqrt{(y-b)^2} && \text{(since } |\cdot| = \sqrt{\cdot^2}\text{)} \\
&\leq |A|\sqrt{(x-a)^2+(y-b)^2} + |B|\sqrt{(y-b)^2+(x-a)^2} && \text{(as the square root function is increasing and } \cdot^2 \geq 0\text{)} \\
&= \big(|A| + |B|\big)\sqrt{(x-a)^2+(y-b)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&< \big(|A| + |B|\big)\delta \\
&= \big(|A| + |B|\big) \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{|A| + |B| + 1} \\
&< \frac{|A| + |B| + 1}{|A| + |B| + 1} \cdot \epsilon \\
&= \epsilon
\end{aligned}$$

as desired.

Example 2.17: Prove by definition that $\displaystyle\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \frac{x+y}{x^2+y^2+1} = 0$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. Choose $\delta = \dfrac{\epsilon}{2} > 0$, and suppose that $0 < \sqrt{x^2+y^2} < \delta$. We want to show that $\left|\dfrac{x+y}{x^2+y^2+1} - 0\right| < \epsilon$. Now

$$\begin{aligned}
\left|\frac{x+y}{x^2+y^2+1} - 0\right| &= \left|\frac{x+y}{x^2+y^2+1}\right| \\
&= \frac{|x+y|}{|x^2+y^2+1|} && \text{(by the absolute value property } \left|\tfrac{A}{B}\right| = \tfrac{|A|}{|B|}\text{)} \\
&= \frac{|x+y|}{x^2+y^2+1} && \text{(since } x^2+y^2+1 > 0 \text{ for all } (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\text{)} \\
&\le |x+y| && \text{(as } x^2+y^2+1 \ge 1 \text{ for all } (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\text{)} \\
&\le |x| + |y| && \text{(by the triangle inequality)} \\
&= \sqrt{x^2} + \sqrt{y^2} && \text{(since } |\cdot| = \sqrt{\cdot^2}\text{)} \\
&\le \sqrt{x^2+y^2} + \sqrt{y^2+x^2} && \text{(as } \cdot^2 \ge 0 \text{ and the square root function is increasing)} \\
&= 2\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \\
&< 2\delta \\
&= 2 \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\
&= \epsilon
\end{aligned}$$

as desired.

Definition 2.18 — n-Variable Function Limit (p. 959)

Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and $f(\mathbf{x})$ be an n-variable function with domain $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. We say that

$$\lim_{\mathbf{x}\to\mathbf{a}} f(\mathbf{x}) = L$$

if for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that

$$0 < \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\| < \delta \implies \big|f(x) - L\big| < \epsilon$$

where $\mathbf{x} \in D$ and $L \in \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 2.19 — Limit Laws (p. 955)

Let $(a,b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $f(x,y)$ and $g(x,y)$ be defined for all $(x,y) \neq (a,b)$ in a neighbourhood (a disk) around (a,b).

If $\lim\limits_{(x,y)\to(a,b)} f(x,y) = L_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\lim\limits_{(x,y)\to(a,b)} g(x,y) = L_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ exist then

1. $\lim\limits_{(x,y)\to(a,b)} \big(f(x,y) \pm g(x,y)\big) = L_1 \pm L_2$
2. $\lim\limits_{(x,y)\to(a,b)} cf(x,y) = cL_1$ for all $c \in \mathbb{R}$
3. $\lim\limits_{(x,y)\to(a,b)} f(x,y)g(x,y) = L_1L_2$
4. $\lim\limits_{(x,y)\to(a,b)} \dfrac{f(x,y)}{g(x,y)} = \dfrac{L_1}{L_2}$ (provided that $L_2 \neq 0$)

Proof: Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose that $f \to L_1$ and $g \to L_2$ as $(x,y) \to (a,b)$. To prove (1) and (2), we will show that $\lim\limits_{(x,y)\to(a,b)} \big(f(x,y) + cg(x,y)\big) = L_1 + cL_2$ using the ϵ-δ definition. We want to show that for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that

$$0 < \big\|(x,y) - (a,b)\big\| < \delta \implies \Big|\big(f(x,y) + cg(x,y)\big) - (L_1 + cL_2)\Big| < \epsilon$$

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. Since $f \to L_1$ as $(x,y) \to (a,b)$, there exists some $\delta_1 > 0$ such that

$$0 < \big\|(x,y) - (a,b)\big\| < \delta_1 \implies \big|f(x,y) - L\big| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Similarly, since $g \to L_2$ as $(x,y) \to (a,b)$, there exists some $\delta_2 > 0$ such that

$$0 < \big\|(x,y) - (a,b)\big\| < \delta_2 \implies \big|g(x,y) - L\big| < \frac{\epsilon}{2\big(|c| + 1\big)}$$

Choose $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2) > 0$, and suppose that $0 < \big\|(x,y) - (a,b)\big\| < \delta$. We want to show that $\big|f(x,y) + cg(x,y) - (L_1 + cL_2)\big| < \epsilon$. Now

$$\begin{aligned}
\big|f(x,y) + cg(x,y) - (L_1 + cL_2)\big| &= \Big|\big(f(x,y) - L_1\big) + c\big(g(x,y) - L_2\big)\Big| \\
&\leq \big|f(x,y) - L_1\big| + \Big|c\big(g(x,y) - L_2\big)\Big| && \text{(by the triangle inequality)} \\
&= \big|f(x,y) - L_1\big| + |c|\big|g(x,y) - L_2\big| && \text{(by an absolute value property)} \\
&< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + |c| \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{|c| + 1} \\
&< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} && \left(\text{as } \tfrac{|c|}{|c|+1} < 1\right) \\
&= \epsilon
\end{aligned}$$

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Example 2.20: Compute $\lim\limits_{(x,y)\to(2,-1)} \dfrac{2x + 3y}{4x - 3y}$, if it exists.

Using limit laws, we obtain

$$\frac{\lim_{(x,y)\to(2,-1)}(2x + 3y)}{\lim_{(x,y)\to(2,-1)}(4x - 3y)} = \frac{2\lim_{(x,y)\to(2,-1)} x + 3\lim_{(x,y)\to(2,-1)} y}{4\lim_{(x,y)\to(2,-1)} x - 3\lim_{(x,y)\to(2,-1)} y} = \frac{1}{11}$$

Definition 2.21 — Two-Variable Rational Function

A *rational function of two variables* is a function of the form

$$\frac{p(x,y)}{q(x,y)}$$

where $p(x,y)$ and $q(x,y)$ are two-variable polynomials with $q(x,y) \neq 0$.

2.5 Continuity (§14.2)

Definition 2.22 — Two-Variable Function Continuity (p. 957)

Let $f\colon \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ be a function with domain $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ and $(a,b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. f is *continuous at* (a,b) if and only if

$$\lim_{(x,y)\to(a,b)} f(x,y) = f(a,b)$$

That is, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\left\|(x,y)-(a,b)\right\| < \delta \implies \left|f(x,y)-f(a,b)\right| < \epsilon$$

f is *continuous on* D if and only if f is continuous at (x,y) for all $(x,y) \in D$.

Example 2.23: Prove that $f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \dfrac{2x+3y}{4x-3y} & \text{if } (x,y) \neq (2,-1) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x,y) = (2,-1) \end{cases}$ is discontinuous at $(2,-1)$.

From example 2.20, we have

$$\lim_{(x,y)\to(2,-1)} f(x,y) = \lim_{(x,y)\to(2,-1)} \frac{2x+3y}{4x-3y} = \frac{1}{11}$$

so the limit exists. By the definition of f, $f(2,-1) = 0$, so f is defined at $(2,-1)$. Since $\frac{1}{11} \neq 0$ (i.e. $\lim\limits_{(x,y)\to(2,-1)} f(x,y) \neq f(2,-1)$), f is discontinuous at $(2,-1)$.

Theorem 2.24 — Continuity Properties (p. 957)

Let $f, g\colon \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ and $(a,b) \in \operatorname{dom}(f) \cap \operatorname{dom}(g)$. If f and g are continuous at (a,b), then each of the following functions are continuous at (a,b):

1. $f \pm g$
2. cf for all $c \in \mathbb{R}$
3. fg
4. $\dfrac{f}{g}$ (provided that $g(a,b) \neq 0$)

Theorem 2.25 — Continuity Composition (p. 958)

Let g be a two-variable function with domain $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ and range $R \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, and f be a a single-variable function. Suppose that $(a,b) \in D$ and $z = g(a,b)$. If

- g is continuous at (a,b) and
- f is continuous at $z \in \operatorname{dom}(f)$

then the two-variable composition $f \circ g$ is continuous at (a,b).

Example 2.26: Determine the set of points at which the function $H(x,y) = \dfrac{xy}{1+e^{x-y}}$ is continuous. Justify your answer.

H is a quotient.

- The numerator xy is a polynomial and thus continuous on its domain $\mathbb{R}^2$
- The denominator $1 + e^{x-y}$ is the sum of
  - 1, which is a polynomial and thus continuous on its domain $\mathbb{R}^2$
  - e^{x-y}, a composition of the polynomial $x-y$, which is continuous on its domain $\mathbb{R}^2$, and the single-variable function e^t that is continuous on its domain $\mathbb{R}$. Thus, e^{x-y} is continuous on $\mathbb{R}^2$

- $1+e^{x-y} \neq 0$ for all $(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ since $e^t > 0$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$

Therefore, H is continuous on the "common points of continuity", namely

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \cap \mathbb{R}^2 - \Big\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 1+e^{x-y} = 0\Big\} = \mathbb{R}^2 \cap \mathbb{R}^2 - \emptyset = \mathbb{R}^2$$

Remark: In example 2.26, the fact that polynomials of two variables are continuous on their domains ($\mathbb{R}^2$) was proven in Q7 (c) of extra exercises 3.

Example 2.27 *(§14.2 Q43)*: Determine the set of points for which $f(x,y) = \dfrac{1+x^2+y^2}{1-x^2-y^2}$ is discontinuous. Justify your answer.

f is a quotient whose numerator and denominator are both polynomials and thus continuous on $\mathbb{R}^2$. Therefore, f is only discontinuous where its denominator is zero; that is,

$$1-x^2-y^2 = 0 \iff x^2+y^2 = 1$$

so f is discontinuous on $\big\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2+y^2 = 1\big\}$ (all points on the unit circle).

Example 2.28: Find $\displaystyle\lim_{(x,y)\to(-2,2)} e^{-xy}\cos(x+y)$, if it exists.

Using limit laws, we get

$$\left(\lim_{(x,y)\to(-2,2)} e^{-xy}\right)\left(\lim_{(x,y)\to(-2,2)} \cos(x+y)\right)$$

e^{-xy} is a composition of the polynomial $-xy$ (which is continuous on its domain $\mathbb{R}^2$) and the single-variable exponential e^t (which is continuous on its domain $\mathbb{R}$). Thus, e^{-xy} is continuous on $\mathbb{R}^2$. In particular, it is continuous at $(-2,2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

$\cos(x+y)$ is a composition of the polynomial $x+y$ (which is continuous on its domain $\mathbb{R}^2$) and the single-variable function $\cos(t)$ (which is continuous on its domain $\mathbb{R}$). Therefore, $\cos(x+y)$ is continuous on $\mathbb{R}^2$ and thus continuous at $(-2,2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

By continuity at $(-2,2)$, the limit becomes

$$e^{-(-2)\cdot 2} \cdot \cos(-2+2) = e^4 \cdot \cos(0) = e^4$$

Chapter 3 Differentiation

3.1 Partial Derivatives (§14.3)

Recall that for a single-variable function $f\colon \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, the derivative is defined as

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

We now establish a similar concept for multivariable functions.

Definition 3.1 — Two-Variable Partial Derivatives

Let $z = f(x, y)$. The *partial derivative of f with respect to x*, denoted by

$$f_x \text{ or } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \text{ or } \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \text{ or } \mathrm{D}_1 f$$

is

$$f_x(x, y) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h}$$

Similarly, the *partial derivative of f with respect to y*, denoted by

$$f_y \text{ or } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \text{ or } \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \text{ or } \mathrm{D}_2 f$$

is

$$f_x(x, y) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x, y+h) - f(x, y)}{h}$$

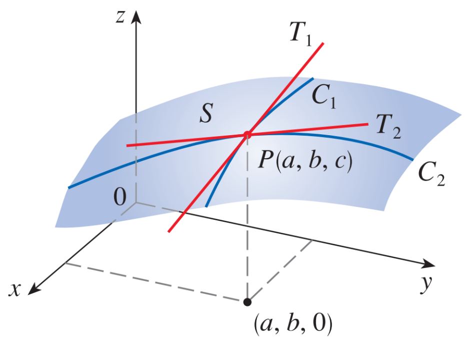
Remark: In the context of definition 3.1, suppose that $c = f(a, b)$ (for some $(a, b) \in \mathrm{dom}(f)$),

$$C_1 = \Big\{ \big(x, b, f(x, b)\big) : (x, b) \in \mathrm{dom}(f) \Big\}$$

and

$$C_2 = \Big\{ \big(a, y, f(a, y)\big) : (a, y) \in \mathrm{dom}(f) \Big\}$$

Let T_1 and T_2 be the tangents to C_1 and C_2 (respectively) at (a, b). The slopes of T_1 and T_2 are $f_x(a, b)$ and $f_y(a, b)$ (respectively), depicted in the following graph:



Example 3.2: Compute $f_x(0, 1)$ and $f_y(0, 1)$ by definition for $f(x, y) = x^2 - 3xy$.

By definition, $f_x(x, y) = \lim\limits_{h \to 0} \dfrac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h}$, so

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(0, 1) &= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(0+h, 1) - f(0, 1)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(h^2 - 3h \cdot 1) - (0^2 - 3 \cdot 0 \cdot 1)}{h} && \text{(by the definition of } f\text{)} \end{aligned}$$

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\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{h^2 - 3h}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{h(h-3)}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h\to 0} (h-3) && (\text{as } h \neq 0) \\
&= -3
\end{aligned}
$$

Also, $f_y(x,y) = \lim_{h\to 0} \dfrac{f(x,y+h) - f(x,y)}{h}$, so

$$
\begin{aligned}
f_y(0,1) &= \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{f(0,1+h) - f(0,1)}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{\left(0^2 - 3\cdot 0\cdot(1+h)\right) - 3\cdot 0\cdot(1+h)}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{0}{1+h} \\
&= \lim_{h\to 0} 0 \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}
$$

Example 3.3: Let $f(x,y) = xy^3 - x^2\sqrt{y}$ for $y \neq 0$. Compute $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$.

Treating y as a constant, we get

$$f_x(x,y) = y^3 - 2x\sqrt{y}$$

Similarly, treating x as a constant yields

$$f_y(x,y) = x\cdot 3y^2 - x^2\cdot\frac{1}{2}y^{-1/2} = 3xy^2 - \frac{x^2}{2\sqrt{y}}$$

Example 3.4: Let $\dfrac{x^2}{2} + \dfrac{y^2}{4} + \dfrac{z^2}{3} = 1$. Compute f_x.

Implicitly differentiating with respect to x while treating y as a constant, we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{2x}{2} + 0 + \frac{2z}{3}\cdot\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0 \quad &\iff \quad \frac{2}{3} z f_x = -x \\
&\iff \quad f_x = -\frac{3x}{2z}
\end{aligned}
$$

Definition 3.5 — n-Variable Partial Derivatives (p. 966)

Let $z = f(x_1,\dots,x_n)$, where $f\colon \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ is a function. The *partial derivative of f with respect to x_i* is

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x_i} = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{f(x_1,\dots,x_i+h,\dots,x_n) - f(x_1,\dots,x_n)}{h}$$

This is denoted as

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x_i} \text{ or } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \text{ or } \mathrm{D}_i f \text{ or } f_{x_i}$$

Definition 3.6 — Higher Order Partial Derivatives

Let $z = f(x, y)$. The second order partial derivatives of f are

$$f_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)$$
$$f_{yy} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)$$
$$(f_x)_y = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y\,\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)$$
$$(f_y)_x = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x\,\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)$$

Example 3.7: Let $z = f(x, y) = xe^{-3y} + \sin(2x - 5y)$. Compute all second order partial derivatives of f.

Treating y as a constant, we get

$$f_x = e^{-3y} + \cos(2x - 5y) \cdot 2$$

Thus,

$$f_{xx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\Big(e^{-3y} + 2\cos(2x - 5y)\Big) = 0 - 2\sin(2x - 5y) \cdot 2 = -4\sin(2x - 5y)$$

Now treating x as a constant, we get

$$f_{xy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\Big(e^{-3y} + 2\cos(2x - 5y)\Big) = -3 \cdot e^{-3y} - 2\sin(2x - 5y) \cdot (-5) = -3e^{-3y} + 10\sin(2x - 5y)$$

Treating x as a constant yields

$$f_y = -3 \cdot xe^{-3y} + \cos(2x - 5y) \cdot (-5) = -3xe^{-3y} - 5\cos(2x - 5y)$$

Thus,

$$f_{yy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\Big(-3xe^{-3y} - 5\cos(2x - 5y)\Big) = -3 \cdot (-3xe^{-3y}) + 5\sin(2x - 5y) \cdot (-5) = 9e^{-3y} - 25\sin(2x - 5y)$$

Treating y as a constant now yields

$$f_{yx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\Big(-3xe^{-3y} - 5\cos(2x - 5y)\Big) = -3e^{-3y} + 5\sin(2x - 5y) \cdot 2 = -3e^{-3y} + 10\sin(2x - 5y)$$

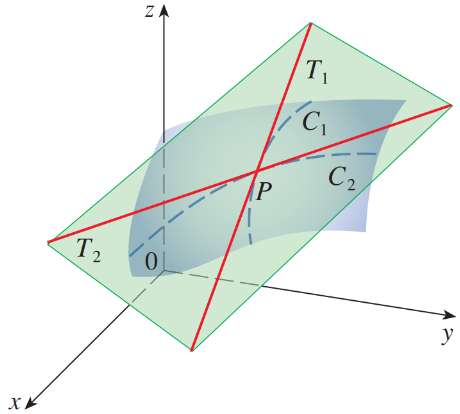
Theorem 3.8 — Clairaut

Let $z = f(x, y)$ and $(a, b) \in \mathrm{dom}(f)$. Suppose there exists a disk $D \subseteq \mathrm{dom}(f)$ such that $(a, b) \in D$. If f_{xy} and f_{yx} are continuous on D, then

$$f_{xy}(a, b) = f_{yx}(a, b)$$

Remark: The proof of theorem 3.8 can be found in Appendix F of the textbook.

3.2 Tangent Planes (§14.4)



Let (x_0, y_0, z_0) be a point on a surface $z = f(x,y)$, $\mathbf{u} = \langle 0, 1, f_y(x_0,y_0)\rangle$, and $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, 0, f_x(x_0,y_0)\rangle$. In the above graph, T_1 and T_2 are the tangent lines to f at $P = (x_0,y_0,z_0)$, with position vectors $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ (respectively). Also, $C_1 = \Big\{(x, y_0, f(x,y_0)) : (x,y_0) \in \mathrm{dom}(f)\Big\}$ and $C_2 = \Big\{(x_0, y, f(x_0,y)) : (x_0,y) \in \mathrm{dom}(f)\Big\}$.

Note that $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ span a plane. It can be shown that $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \langle f_x(x_0,y_0), f_y(x_0,y_0), -1\rangle$.

Definition 3.9 — Tangent Plane Equation (p. 975)

Let $z = f(x,y)$ and $(x_0,y_0) \in \mathrm{dom}(f)$. Suppose that f_x and f_y are continuous near (x_0,y_0). The *tangent plane to f at (x_0,y_0,z_0)* (where $z_0 = f(x_0,y_0)$) has the equation

$$f_x(x_0,y_0)(x-x_0) + f_y(x_0,y_0)(y-y_0) - (z-z_0) = 0$$

Remark: Definition 3.9 uses the equation of a plane in $\mathbb{R}^3$, as in theorem 1.8.

Example 3.10: Find the tangent plane to $f(x,y) = x^3y^{-2}$ at $(1,1,1)$.

We have $f_x = 3y^{-2}x^2$ and $f_y = -2x^3y^{-3}$. These are both rational functions, continuous where $y \neq 0$. In particular, they are continuous at $(1,1)$. We have $f_x(1,1) = 3$ and $f_y(1,1) = -2$, so the plane's equation (by definition 3.9) is

$$3(x-1) - 2(y-1) - (z-1) = 0 \iff 3x - 2y - z = 0$$

Example 3.11: Find the point where the tangent plane to $f(x,y) = e^{x-y}$ at $P_0 = (1,1,1)$ intersects the z-axis.

We have $f_x = e^{x-y} \cdot 1 = e^{x-y}$ and $f_y = e^{x-y} \cdot (-1) = -e^{x-y}$. These are compositions of the polynomial $x - y$, which is continuous on its domain $\mathbb{R}^2$, and a single-variable exponential $g(t) = \pm e^t$, which is continuous on its domain $\mathbb{R}$. Thus, the compositions are continuous on $\mathbb{R}^2$. In particular, f_x and f_y are continuous at $(1,1)$. Therefore, the tangent plane at P_0 is

$$e^{1-1}(x-1) - e^{1-1}(y-1) - (z-1) = 0 \iff (x-1) - (y-1) - (z-1) = 0 \iff x - y - z + 1 = 0$$

The tangent plane intersects the z-axis where $x = 0$ and $y = 0$, which yields

$$0 - 0 - z + 1 = 0 \iff z = 1$$

Therefore, the tangent plane intersects the z-axis at $(0,0,1)$.

Definition 3.12 — Differentiability

Let $z = f(x, y)$ and $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. f is *differentiable at* (a, b) if and only if each of the following conditions hold:

- f_x and f_y both exist at (a, b)
- $\displaystyle\lim_{(x,y)\to(a,b)} \frac{f(x,y) - \big(f(a,b) + f_x(a,b)(x-a) + f_y(a,b)(y-b)\big)}{\big\|(x,y)-(a,b)\big\|} = 0$

Remark: In definition 3.12, the term subtracted from $f(x, y)$ in the limit's numerator is the expression

$$z = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(y - b)$$

obtained by isolating z in the equation for the tangent plane at (a, b) (as in definition 3.9).

Example 3.13: Let $f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \dfrac{2xy}{x^2+y^2} & \text{if } (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x,y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$. Is f differentiable at $(0, 0)$?

Consider $f_x(0, 0)$ and $f_y(0, 0)$. By definition,

$$f_x(0,0) = \lim_{h\to0} \frac{f(0+h,0) - f(0,0)}{h} = \lim_{h\to0} \frac{1}{h} \cdot \left(\frac{2h \cdot 0}{h^2 + 0^2} - 0 \right) = \lim_{h\to0} \frac{1}{h} \cdot 0 = \lim_{h\to0} 0 = 0$$

Also,

$$f_y(0,0) = \lim_{h\to0} \frac{f(0,0+h) - f(0,0)}{h} = \lim_{h\to0} \frac{1}{h} \cdot \left(\frac{2 \cdot 0 \cdot h}{0^2 + h^2} - 0 \right) = \lim_{h\to0} \frac{1}{h} \cdot 0 = \lim_{h\to0} 0 = 0$$

Now

$$\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \frac{\dfrac{2xy}{x^2+y^2} - \big(0 + 0\cdot(x-0) + 0\cdot(y-0)\big)}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} = \lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \frac{\dfrac{2xy}{x^2+y^2}}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} = \lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \frac{2xy}{(x^2+y^2)^{3/2}}$$

Along the path $y = x$ for $x > 0$, the limit becomes

$$\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} \frac{2x^2}{(2x^2)^{3/2}} = \lim_{x\to0^+} \frac{2x^2}{2^{3/2}x^3} = \lim_{x\to0^+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}x} = \infty$$

so the limit does not exist. By definition, f is not differentiable at $(0, 0)$.

Theorem 3.14 — Major Differentiability Theorems (p. 977)

Let $z = f(x, y)$.

1. If f is differentiable at $(a, b) \in \operatorname{dom}(f)$, then f is continuous at (a, b).
2. If f_x and f_y both exist near (a, b) and f_x and f_y are continuous at (a, b), then f is differentiable at (a, b).

Example 3.15: Show that $f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \dfrac{2xy}{x^2+y^2} & \text{if } (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x,y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$ as in example 3.13 is not differentiable at $(0, 0)$ using (1) in theorem 3.14.

Consider $\displaystyle\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} f(x, y)$. Along $y = x$, we have

$$\lim_{(x,x)\to(0,0)} \frac{2x \cdot x}{x^2 + x^2} = \lim_{x\to0} \frac{2x^2}{2x^2} = \lim_{x\to0} 1 = 1$$

Along $y = 0$, we get

$$\lim_{(x,0)\to(0,0)} \frac{2x \cdot 0}{x^2 + 0^2} = \lim_{x\to0} 0 = 0$$

Since $0 \neq 1$, the limit does not exist, so f is not continuous at $(0,0)$. By the contrapositive of (1) in theorem 3.14, f is not differentiable at $(0,0)$.

Example 3.16: Come up with counterexamples to show that the converses of both parts in theorem 3.14 are false.

Consider $f(x,y) = (x+y)^{1/3}$. This is a composition of the polynomial $x+y$, which is continuous on its domain $\mathbb{R}^2$, and the single-variable cube root function, which is continuous on its domain $\mathbb{R}$. Thus, f is continuous on $\mathbb{R}^2$, including $(0,0)$. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(0,0) &= \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{f(0+h,0) - f(0,0)}{h} && \text{(by definition)} \\ &= \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{h^{1/3} - 0^{1/3}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{1}{h^{2/3}} \end{aligned}$$

which does not exist. Thus, $f_x(0,0)$ does not exist, so f is not differentiable at $(0,0)$. Since f is continuous but not differentiable at $(0,0)$, $f(x,y) = (x+y)^{1/3}$ is a counterexample for the converse of (1) in theorem 3.14.

Insert counterexample for major theorem (2) here.

Example 3.17: Let $f(x,y) = x^3y^{-2}$. Where is f differentiable? Justify your answer.

Treating y as a constant, we have $f_x = 3x^2y^{-2} = \dfrac{3x^2}{y^2}$. Similarly, $f_y = x^2 \cdot (-2y^{-3}) = -\dfrac{2x^3}{y^3}$ by treating x as a constant. f_x and f_y are rational functions and thus continuous on their domains. Now

$$\operatorname{dom}(f_x) = \mathbb{R}^2 - \big\{(x,0) : x \in \mathbb{R}\big\}$$

$$\operatorname{dom}(f_y) = \mathbb{R}^2 - \big\{(x,0) : x \in \mathbb{R}\big\}$$

Since f_x and f_y are rational functions, they are continuous on their domains. Therefore, f is differentiable on $\mathbb{R}^2 - \big\{(x,0) : x \in \mathbb{R}\big\}$.

3.3 Vector-Valued Functions

Definition 3.18 — Vector-Valued Function

Let $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. A *vector-valued function* $f\colon \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ is an n-variable function whose range is a set of vectors in $\mathbb{R}^m$. That is, if $\underline{x} = (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then

$$f(\underline{x}) = \big\langle f_1(\underline{x}), f_2(\underline{x}), \ldots, f_m(\underline{x})\big\rangle$$

for some functions $f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_m$.

Example 3.19: One vector-valued function $f\colon \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ is

$$f(x,y) = \left\langle xy, \frac{x}{y}, x+y \right\rangle$$

Definition 3.20 — Vector-Valued Derivative

Let $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $f\colon \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ be a function so that $f(\underline{x}) = \langle f_1(\underline{x}), \dots, f_m(\underline{x}) \rangle$. The *derivative of f at $\underline{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$* is the $m \times n$ matrix of partial derivatives

$$\mathrm{D}f(\underline{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \dfrac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dfrac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \dfrac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \dfrac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \dfrac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \dfrac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \dfrac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \dfrac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \dfrac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

Example 3.21: Find $\mathrm{D}f(\underline{x})$ where $\underline{x} = (1,1)$ and $f\colon \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ is given by $f(x,y) = x^3 y^{-2}$.

From example 3.10, $f_x(1,1) = 3$ and $f_y(1,1) = -2$. Thus,

$$\mathrm{D}f(1,1) = \begin{bmatrix} \left.\dfrac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right|_{(1,1)} & \left.\dfrac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right|_{(1,1)} \end{bmatrix}_{1 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 3.22: Let $f\colon \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ be given by $f(x,y) = \left\langle xy, \dfrac{x}{y}, x+y \right\rangle$. Find $\mathrm{D}f(2,1)$.

We have $f_1(x,y) = xy$, $f_2 = \dfrac{x}{y}$, and $f_3(x,y) = x+y$, where each $f_i\colon \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$. Thus, for $\underline{x} = (x,y)$,

$$\mathrm{D}f(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} \dfrac{\partial f_1}{\partial x}(\underline{x}) & \dfrac{\partial f_1}{\partial y}(\underline{x}) \\ \dfrac{\partial f_2}{\partial x}(\underline{x}) & \dfrac{\partial f_2}{\partial y}(\underline{x}) \\ \dfrac{\partial f_3}{\partial x}(\underline{x}) & \dfrac{\partial f_3}{\partial y}(\underline{x}) \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} y & x \\ \dfrac{1}{y} & -\dfrac{x}{y^2} \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathrm{D}f(2,1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem 3.23 — Differentiation Rules

Let $f\colon \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ and $g\colon \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ be functions and $\underline{x} = (x,y) \in \mathrm{dom}(f) \cap \mathrm{dom}(g)$. If f and g are both differentiable at $\underline{x}$, then each of the following hold:

1. *Sum Rule:* $f + g$ is differentiable at $\underline{x}$ with

$$\mathrm{D}\big(f(\underline{x}) + g(\underline{x})\big) = \mathrm{D}f(\underline{x}) + \mathrm{D}g(\underline{x})$$

2. *Constant Multiple Rule:* For all $c \in \mathbb{R}$, cf is differentiable at $\underline{x}$ with

$$\mathrm{D}\big(cf(\underline{x})\big) = c\mathrm{D}f(\underline{x})$$

3. *Product Rule:* fg is differentiable at $\underline{x}$ with

$$\mathrm{D}\big(f(\underline{x})g(\underline{x})\big) = \mathrm{D}\big(f(\underline{x})\big)g(\underline{x}) + f(\underline{x})\mathrm{D}\big(g(\underline{x})\big)$$

4. *Quotient Rule:* $\dfrac{f}{g}$ is differentiable at $\underline{x}$, provided that $g(\underline{x}) \neq 0$, with

$$\mathrm{D}\left(\frac{f(\underline{x})}{g(\underline{x})}\right) = \frac{\mathrm{D}\big(f(\underline{x})\big)g(\underline{x}) - f(\underline{x})\mathrm{D}\big(g(\underline{x})\big)}{\big(g(\underline{x})\big)^2}$$

Example 3.24: Let $h(x,y,z) = zxe^{xy}$ (so that $h\colon \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}$). Find $\mathrm{D}h(x,y,z) = \mathrm{D}h(\underline{x})$

(a) By the definition of the derivative.

(b) Using the product rule.

(a) By definition,

$$\mathrm{D}h(\underline{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} h_x(\underline{x}) & h_y(\underline{x}) & h_z(\underline{x}) \end{bmatrix}_{1\times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} ze^{xy} + zxye^{xy} & zx^2e^{xy} & xe^{xy} \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) We have $h(\underline{x}) = g(\underline{x})f(\underline{x})$, where $g(\underline{x}) = zx$ ($g\colon \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}$) and $f(\underline{x}) = e^{xy}$ ($f\colon \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}$). Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{D}h(\underline{x}) &= \mathrm{D}\big(g(\underline{x})f(\underline{x})\big) \\ &= \mathrm{D}\big(g(\underline{x})\big)f(\underline{x}) + g(\underline{x})\mathrm{D}\big(f(\underline{x})\big) && \text{(by the product rule)} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} z & 0 & x \end{bmatrix}_{1\times 3} e^{xy} + zx \begin{bmatrix} ye^{xy} & xe^{xy} & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{1\times 3} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} ze^{xy} + zxye^{xy} & zx^2e^{xy} & xe^{xy} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

3.4 The Chain Rule (§14.5)

Theorem 3.25 — Chain Rule: Case I (p. 985)

Let $z = f(x,y) = f\big(x(t), y(t)\big)$, where $x\colon \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ and $y\colon \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$. If

- f is differentiable at (x,y) and
- $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ are differentiable at t

then z is differentiable and

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

Example 3.26: Find $\frac{\mathrm{d}w}{\mathrm{d}t}$ for $w = \ln(x^2+y^2+z^2)$, where $x = \sin(t)$, $y = \cos(t)$, and $z = \tan(t)$,

(a) Using the multivariable chain rule (theorem 3.25).

(b) Using the single-variable chain rule (writing w as a function of t only).

(a) We have

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}w}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\mathrm{d}z}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{2x}{x^2+y^2+z^2} \cdot \cos(t) + \frac{2y}{x^2+y^2+z^2} \cdot \big(-\sin(t)\big) + \frac{2z}{x^2+y^2+z^2} \cdot \sec^2(t)$$

Note that

$$x^2+y^2+z^2 = \sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t) + \tan^2(t) = 1 + \tan^2(t) = \sec^2(t)$$

so the original expression becomes

$$\frac{2\sin(t)\cos(t)}{\sec^2(t)} - \frac{2\cos(t)\sin(t)}{\sec^2(t)} + \frac{2\tan(t)\sec^2(t)}{\sec^2(t)} = 2\tan(t)$$

(b) As shown earlier, $x^2+y^2+z^2 = \sec^2(t)$. Thus, $w = \ln\big(\sec^2(t)\big)$, so

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}w}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{1}{\sec^2(t)} \cdot 2\sec(t) \cdot \sec(t)\tan(t) = 2\tan(t)$$

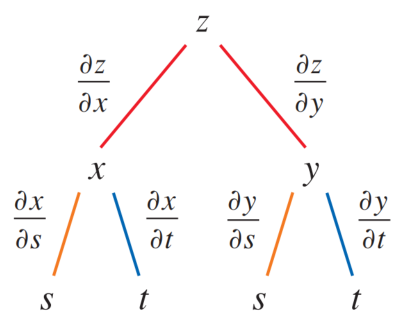
Theorem 3.27 — Chain Rule: Case II (p. 987)

Let $z = f(x,y) = f\big(x(s,t), y(s,t)\big)$. If

- f is differentiable at (x,y) and
- x and y are differentiable at (s,t)

then

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



Example 3.28: Let $z = \tan^{-1}(xy)$, $x = st$, and $y = se^t$. Compute $\frac{\partial z}{\partial s}\Big|_{s=0}$.

We have
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\cdot\frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\cdot\frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = \frac{1}{1+(xy)^2}\cdot y\cdot t + \frac{1}{1+(xy)^2}\cdot x\cdot e^t$$
At $s=0$, $x = 0\cdot t = 0$ and $y = 0\cdot e^t = 0$. Therefore,
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s}\Big|_{s=0} = \frac{1}{1+0^2}\cdot 0\cdot t + \frac{1}{1+0^2}\cdot 0\cdot e^t = 0$$

Theorem 3.29 — Chain Rule: General Case

Let $m,n,p\in\mathbb{Z}^+$, $g\colon \mathbb{R}^n\to\mathbb{R}^m$, and $U = \operatorname{dom}(g)\subseteq\mathbb{R}^n$. Also, let $f\colon\mathbb{R}^m\to\mathbb{R}^p$, where $g(U)\subseteq\operatorname{dom}(f)$. Suppose that $\underline{x}\in U$. If

- g is differentiable at $\underline{x}$ and
- f is differentiable at $g(\underline{x})$

then $f\circ g$ is differentiable at $\underline{x}$ with
$$\mathrm{D}f\big(g(\underline{x})\big)\mathrm{D}g(\underline{x})$$

Remark: In theorem 3.29, $\mathrm{D}f\big(g(\underline{x})\big)$ is a $p\times m$ matrix and $\mathrm{D}g(\underline{x})$ is an $m\times n$ matrix. The multiplication performed is matrix multiplication.

Example 3.30: Let $g\colon\mathbb{R}^2\to\mathbb{R}^2$ and $f\colon\mathbb{R}^2\to\mathbb{R}^2$ be given by $g(x,y) = \langle x+y^2, y+x^2\rangle$ and $f(u,v) = \langle e^u, uv\rangle$.

(a) Compute $\mathrm{D}(f\circ g)$ at $\underline{x} = (1,2)$ using the chain rule (general case).

(b) Compute $\mathrm{D}(f\circ g)$ at $(1,2)$ directly (writing $f\big(g(x,y)\big)$ as a vector-valued function of x and y only)

(a) Let $g_1(x,y) = x+y^2$, $g_2(x,y) = y+x^2$, $f_1(u,v) = e^u$, and $f_2(u,v) = uv$. We have $g(\underline{x}) = g(1,2) = \langle 1+2^2, 2+1^2\rangle =$

$\langle 5,3\rangle$ and

$$\mathrm{D}g(x,y)=\begin{bmatrix}1 & 2y\\ 2x & 1\end{bmatrix} \implies \mathrm{D}g(1,2)=\begin{bmatrix}1 & 4\\ 2 & 1\end{bmatrix}$$

Also,

$$\mathrm{D}f(u,v)=\begin{bmatrix}e^u & 0\\ v & u\end{bmatrix} \implies \mathrm{D}f\big(g(1,2)\big)=\mathrm{D}f(5,3)=\begin{bmatrix}e^5 & 0\\ 3 & 5\end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, by the chain rule,

$$\mathrm{D}(f\circ g)(1,2)=\begin{bmatrix}e^5 & 0\\ 3 & 5\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}1 & 4\\ 2 & 1\end{bmatrix}=\begin{bmatrix}e^5 & 4e^5\\ 13 & 17\end{bmatrix}$$

(b) We have $f\big(g(x,y)\big)=f(x+y^2,y+x^2)=\left\langle e^{x+y^2},(x+y^2)\cdot(y+x^2)\right\rangle=\left\langle e^{x+y^2},x^3+y^3+x^2y^2+xy\right\rangle$. Letting $f_1(x,y)=e^{x+y^2}$, $f_2(x,y)=x^3+y^3+x^2y^2+xy$, and $\underline{x}=(x,y)$, we get

$$\mathrm{D}f\big(g(\underline{x})\big)=\begin{bmatrix}\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x}(\underline{x}) & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y}(\underline{x})\\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x}(\underline{x}) & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y}(\underline{x})\end{bmatrix}_{2\times 2}=\begin{bmatrix}e^{x+y^2} & e^{x+y^2}\cdot 2y\\ 3x^2+2xy^2+y & 3y^2+2x^2y+x\end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$\mathrm{D}f\big(g(1,2)\big)=\begin{bmatrix}e^{1+2^2} & e^{1+2^2}\cdot 2\cdot 2\\ 3\cdot 1^2+2\cdot 1\cdot 2^2+2 & 3\cdot 2^2+2\cdot 1^2\cdot 2+1\end{bmatrix}=\begin{bmatrix}e^5 & 4e^5\\ 13 & 17\end{bmatrix}$$

3.5 Gradients and Directional Derivatives (§14.6)

Definition 3.31 — Gradient

Let $n\in\mathbb{Z}^+$, $f\colon\mathbb{R}^n\to\mathbb{R}$, and $\underline{x}=(x_1,\dots,x_n)\in\operatorname{dom}(f)$. The *gradient* of f, denoted $\operatorname{grad}(f)$ or ∇f, is a vector-valued function $\nabla f\colon\mathbb{R}^n\to\mathbb{R}^n$ defined by

$$\nabla f=\left\langle\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(\underline{x}),\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}(\underline{x}),\dots,\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(\underline{x})\right\rangle$$

Example 3.32: Let $f(x,y,z)=\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}$. Find ∇f.

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(x,y,z)&=\big\langle f_x(x,y,z),f_y(x,y,z),f_z(x,y,z)\big\rangle\\ &=\left\langle\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}\cdot 2x,\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}\cdot 2y,\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}\cdot 2z\right\rangle\\ &=\left\langle\frac{x}{sqrt x^2+y^2+z^2},\frac{y}{sqrt x^2+y^2+z^2},\frac{z}{sqrt x^2+y^2+z^2}\right\rangle\\ &=\frac{\mathbf{r}}{r}\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{r}=\langle x,y,z\rangle$ and $r=\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}$. Note that in this example, ∇f is the unit vector in the direction of (x,y,z).

Definition 3.33 — Directional Derivative (p. 995)

Let $z = f(x, y)$, $(x, y) \in \text{dom}(f)$, and $\mathbf{u} = \langle a, b\rangle \in \mathbb{R}^2$. The *directional derivative* of f at (x, y) in the direction of $\mathbf{u}$ is

$$\mathrm{D}_{\mathbf{u}} f(x, y) = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{f(x + ha, y + hb) - f(x, y)}{h}$$

if it exists.

Remark: Recall that for $f\colon \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ with $(x_0, y_0) \in \text{dom}(f)$, we have

$$f_x(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h, y) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

which is simply the rate of change of f with respect to x *in the direction of* $\mathbf{i}$.

In general,

$$\mathrm{D}_{\mathbf{i}} f = f_x \qquad \mathrm{D}_{\mathbf{j}} = f_y$$

Example 3.34: Let $f(x, y) = x + y$ and $\mathbf{u} = \langle 1, 1\rangle$. Find $\mathrm{D}_{\mathbf{u}} f(x, y)$.

By definition,

$$\mathrm{D}_{\mathbf{u}} = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{f(x + h\cdot 1, y + h\cdot 1) - f(x, y)}{h} = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{(x + h) + (y + h) - (x + y)}{h} = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{2h}{h} = \lim_{h\to 0} 2 = 2$$

Theorem 3.35 — Directional Derivatives as Dot Products (p. 996)

Let $z = f(x, y)$ and $(x, y) \in \text{dom}(f)$. If

- f is differentiable at (x, y) and
- $\mathbf{u} = \langle a, b\rangle$ is any unit vector in $\mathbb{R}^2$

then the directional derivative of f at (x, y) in the direction of $\mathbf{u}$ exists and

$$\mathrm{D}_{\mathbf{u}} f(x, y) = f_x(x, y)a + f_y(x, y)b$$

Remark: In theorem 3.35, notice that

$$f_x(x, y)a + f_y(x, y)b = \big\langle f_x(x, y), f_y(x, y)\big\rangle \cdot \langle a, b\rangle = \nabla f \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

Example 3.36: Compute the directional derivative of $f(x, y, z) = xyz^3$ at the point $p = (2, 1, -3)$ in the direction of $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2, -2, 1\rangle$.

We have

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = \big\langle f_x(x, y, z), f_y(x, y, z), f_z(x, y, z)\big\rangle = \left\langle yz^3, xz^3, 3xyz^2\right\rangle$$

Note that $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-2)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{9} = 3$, so the unit vector in the direction of $\mathbf{u}$ is $\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{3}\langle 2, -2, 1\rangle = \left\langle \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right\rangle$. Thus,

$$\mathrm{D}_{\mathbf{v}} f(x, y, z) = \left\langle yz^3, xz^3, 3xyz^2\right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right\rangle = \frac{2yz^3}{3} - \frac{2xz^3}{3} + xyz^2$$

so we have

$$\mathrm{D}_{\mathbf{v}} f(2, 1, -3) = \frac{2\cdot 1\cdot (-3)^3}{3} - \frac{2\cdot 2\cdot (-3)^3}{3} + 2\cdot 2\cdot (-3)^2 = -18 - (-36) + 18 = 36$$

3.6 Extrema of Two-Variable Functions (§14.7)

Definition 3.37 — Maximum and Minimum (p. 1008)

Let $z = f(x, y)$ and $\underline{x}_0 = (x, y) \in \text{dom}(f)$.

f has a *local maximum* at $\underline{x}_0$ if there exists a neighbourhood V of $\underline{x}_0$ (i.e. an open disk centered at $\underline{x}_0$) such that

$$f(\underline{x}_0) \geq f(\underline{x})$$

for all $\underline{x} \in V$.

f has an *absolute maximum* at $\underline{x}_0$ if

$$f(\underline{x}_0) \geq f(\underline{x})$$

for all $\underline{x} \in \text{dom}(f)$.

f has a *local minimum* at $\underline{x}_0$ if there exists a neighbourhood V of $\underline{x}_0$ such that

$$f(\underline{x}_0) \leq f(\underline{x})$$

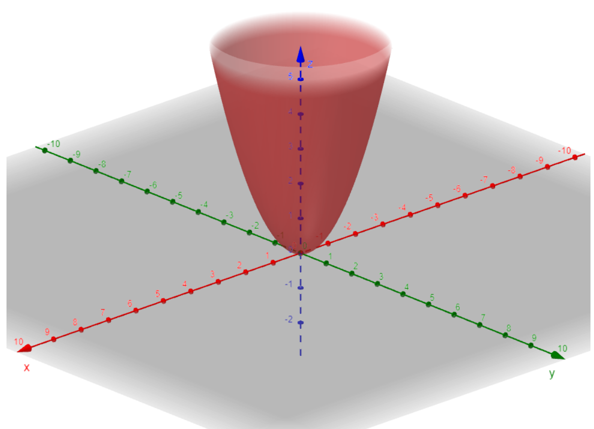
for all $\underline{x} \in V$.

f has an *absolute minimum* at $\underline{x}_0$ if

$$f(\underline{x}_0) \leq f(\underline{x})$$

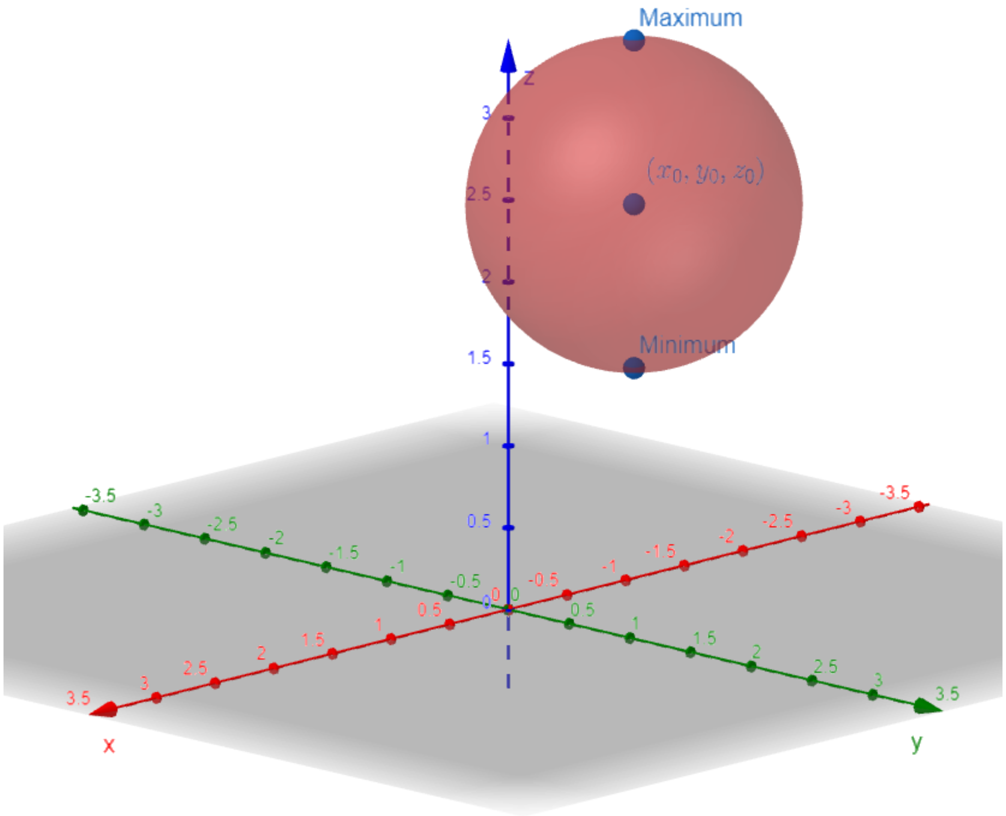
for all $\underline{x} \in \text{dom}(f)$.

Example 3.38: Let $z = x^2 + y^2$.



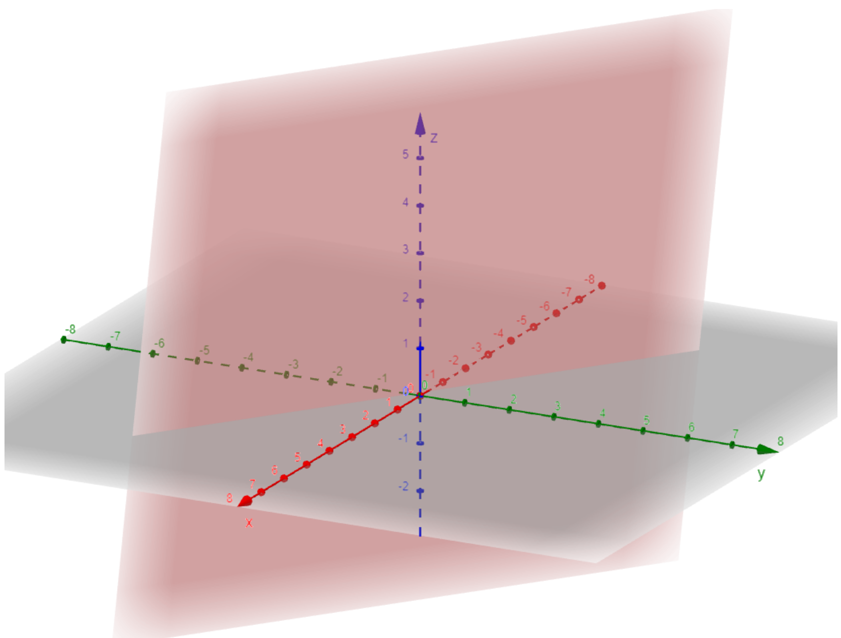
There is a local minimum at $(0, 0, 0)$. This is also the global minimum. The function has no local or absolute maxima.

Example 3.39: Consider $(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^2 = r^2$ for $r \in \mathbb{R}^+$ (and $(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in \mathbb{R}^3$).



There is a local maximum at $(x_0, y_0, z_0 + r)$, which is also the absolute maximum. Also, there is a local minimum at $(x_0, y_0, z_0 - r)$, which is also the absolute minimum.

Example 3.40: Let $z = 1 + 3x + 4y$.



This function has no extrema.

Theorem 3.41 — Fermat's Theorem for Two-Variable Functions (p. 1009)

Let $z = f(x, y)$, $\underline{x}_0 = (a, b) \in \text{dom}(f)$, and $\underline{x} = (x, y)$. If

- f has an extremum at $\underline{x}_0$ and
- $f_x(\underline{x}_0)$ and $f_y(\underline{x}_0)$ both exist

then $f_x(\underline{x}_0) = f_y(\underline{x}_0) = 0$.

PROOF: Suppose that

1. f has a local minimum or maximum at $\underline{x}_0 = (a, b)$ and
2. $f_x(a, b)$ and $f_y(a, b)$ exist

Let $g(x) = f(x, b)$. By (1), g has a local minimum/maximum at a. Without loss of generality, suppose that g has a local maximum at a. For all $x > a$ "near" a (in an interval),

$$\begin{aligned}
g(a) \geq g(x) &\iff 0 \geq g(x) - g(a) \\
&\iff 0 \geq \frac{g(x) - g(a)}{x - a} && \text{(as } x - a > 0\text{)} \\
&\implies 0 \geq \lim_{x \to a^+} \frac{g(x) - g(a)}{x - a} \\
&\qquad = \lim_{h \to 0^+} \frac{g(a + h) - g(a)}{h} && \text{(for } h = x - a\text{)} \\
&\qquad = \lim_{h \to 0^+} \frac{f(a + h, b) - f(a, b)}{h} && \text{(by the definition of } g\text{)} \\
&\qquad = f_x(a, b) && \text{from the right}
\end{aligned}$$

By (2), this value exists, so $0 \geq f_x(a, b)$ as $h \to 0^+$. By similar reasoning, for $x < a$ "near" a, we have $0 \leq f_x(a, b)$ as $h \to 0^-$. Since $f_x(a, b)$ exists by (2), $0 \leq f_x(a, b) \leq 0$. Therefore, $f_x(a, b) = 0$. Using analogous arguments (with $g(y) = f(a, y)$), $f_y(a, b) = 0$. ∎

Definition 3.42 — Critical Point (pp. 1009, 1014)

Let $z = f(x, y)$ and $\underline{x}_0 \in \text{dom}(f)$. The point $\underline{x}_0$ is said to be a *critical point* if $f_x(\underline{x}_0) = f_y(\underline{x}_0) = 0$, or at least one of these partial derivatives does not exist.

Example 3.43: Find all critical points of $f(x, y) = 3x - x^3 - 3xy^2$.

Since f is a polynomial, we have $\text{dom}(f) = \mathbb{R}^2$. Now $f_x(x, y) = 3 - 3x^2 - 3y^2$ and $f_y(x, y) = -6xy$. Thus,

$$f_y(x, y) = 0 \iff -6xy = 0 \iff x = 0 \vee y = 0$$

If $x = 0$,

$$f_x(x, y) = 0 \iff 3 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 = 0 \implies 3 - 3 \cdot 0^2 - 3y^2 = 0 \iff y^2 = 1 \iff y = \pm 1$$

so $(0, 1)$ and $(0, -1)$ are critical points. Similarly, if $y = 0$,

$$f_x(x, y) = 0 \iff 3 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 = 0 \implies 3 - 3x^2 - 3 \cdot 0^2 = 0 \iff x^2 = 1 \iff x = \pm 1$$

so $(1, 0)$ and $(-1, 0)$ are also critical points. Note that f_x and f_y are polynomials, so there are no critical points where f_x or f_y does not exist.

Definition 3.44 — Saddle Point (p. 1010)

Suppose that $z = f(x, y)$ and $\underline{x}_0 \in \text{dom}(f)$. If $\underline{x}_0$ is a critical point of f but f does *not* have an extremum at $\underline{x}_0$, then f is said to be a *saddle point.*

Example 3.45 *(The Pringle Chip Saddle Point™)*: The center of a pringle chip (before you eat it) is a saddle point.

Theorem 3.46 — Second Derivatives Test (p. 1010)

Let $z = f(x, y)$ and $\underline{x}_0 = (x, y) \in \text{dom}(f)$. Suppose that $\underline{x}_0$ is a critical point of f and all second-order partial derivatives of f are continuous in a disk centered at $\underline{x}$. Let

$$\Delta = \Delta(\underline{x}) = f_{xx}(\underline{x}) f_{yy}(\underline{x}) - \left(f_{xy}(\underline{x})\right)^2$$

(a) If $\Delta(\underline{x}_0) > 0$ and $f_{xx}(\underline{x}_0) > 0$, then f has a local minimum at $\underline{x}_0$

(b) If $\Delta(\underline{x}_0) > 0$ and $f_{xx}(\underline{x}_0) < 0$, then f has a local maximum at $\underline{x}_0$

(c) If $\Delta(\underline{x}_0) < 0$, then f has a saddle point at $\underline{x}$

Remark: In theorem 3.46, if $\Delta(\underline{x}_0) = 0$, then the test is inconclusive.

Example 3.47: Classify all critical points of $f(x, y) = 3x - x^3 - 3xy^2$ as in example 3.43 (i.e. find all local extrema and saddle points of f).

From example 3.43, f has the critical points $(\pm 1, 0)$ and $(0, \pm 1)$, $f_x(x, y) = 3 - 3x^2 - 3y^2$, and $f_y(x, y) = -6xy$. Thus, $f_{xx}(x, y) = -6x$, $f_{xy}(x, y) = -6y$, $f_{yy}(x, y) = -6x$, and $f_{yx}(x, y) = -6y$. These are all polynomials and thus continuous on $\mathbb{R}^2$. We now have

Critical point	Δ at the critical point	f_{xx} at the critical point	Conclusion
$(0, 1)$	-36		Saddle point
$(1, 0)$	36	-6	Local maximum
$(0, -1)$	-36		Saddle point
$(-1, 0)$	36	6	Local minimum