

13-6 Tangent Plane and Differentials

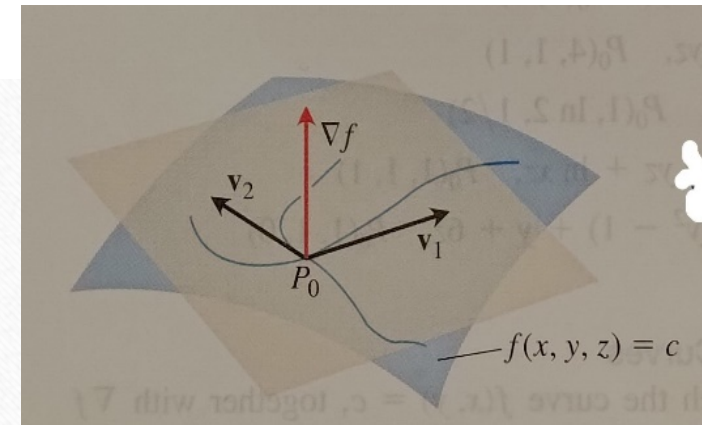
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If $\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\vec{i} + y(t)\vec{j} + z(t)\vec{k}$ is a smooth curve on the surface $f(x, y, z) = c$

of a differential function f , $\frac{d}{dt}f(\vec{r}(t)) = \nabla f(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0$, which implies the

gradient ∇f is orthogonal to the curve's velocity vector \vec{r}' .

Restrict attention to the curves that pass through P_0 . All the velocity vectors at P_0 are orthogonal to ∇f at P_0 , so the curve's tangent lines all lie in the plane through P_0 normal to ∇f .



Definition The **tangent plane** to the level surface $f(x, y, z) = c$ of a differentiable function f at a point P_0 where the gradient is not zero is the plane through P_0 normal to $\nabla f|_{P_0}$. The **normal line** of the surface at P_0 is the line through P_0 parallel to $\nabla f|_{P_0}$.

Tangent Plane to $f(x, y, z) = c$ at $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$:

$$f_x(P_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(P_0)(y - y_0) + f_z(P_0)(z - z_0) = 0$$

Normal Line to $f(x, y, z) = c$ at $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$:

$$x = x_0 + f_x(P_0)t, \quad y = y_0 + f_y(P_0)t, \quad z = z_0 + f_z(P_0)t$$

Ex1(p763) Find the tangent plane and normal line of the level surface

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z - 9 = 0 \quad \text{at the point } P_0(1, 2, 4).$$

$$\nabla f = 2x\vec{i} + 2y\vec{j} + \vec{k}$$

$$\nabla f|_{P_0} = 2\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} + \vec{k}$$

Equation of tangent plane

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

$$2x + 4y + z = 14$$

Equation of normal line

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$$\rightarrow \frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{4} = \frac{z-4}{1} = t$$

Tangent Plane to a Surface $z = f(x, y)$ at $(x_0, y_0, f(x_0, y_0))$

The plane tangent to the surface $z = f(x, y)$ of a differentiable function f at the point $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (x_0, y_0, f(x_0, y_0))$ is

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

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

$$F(x, y, z) = f(x, y) - z$$

$$\nabla F = (f_x, f_y, -1)$$

Analysis: $z = f(x, y)$ is equivalent to $f(x, y) - z = 0$. The surface $z = f(x, y)$ is the zero level surface of the function $F(x, y, z) = f(x, y) - z$. The formula

$F_x(P_0)(x - x_0) + F_y(P_0)(y - y_0) + F_z(P_0)(z - z_0) = 0$ is therefore reduced to

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

Ex2(p764) Find the plane tangent to the surface $z = x \cos y - ye^x$ at $(0,0,0)$.

$$f_x = \cos y - ye^x \quad f_y = -x \sin y - e^x \Big|_{(0,0)} = 0 - 1 = -1$$

$$f_x(0,0) = 1 - 0 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow 1(x-0) - 1(y-0) - (z-0) = 0$$

Ex3(p764) The surfaces $f(x,y,z) = x^2 + y^2 - 2 = 0$ and $g(x,y,z) = x + z - 4 = 0$

meet in an ellipse E . Find parametric equations for the line tangent to E at the point $P_0(1,1,3)$.

$$f(x,y,z) = 0, \quad g(x,y,z) = 0$$

$$\vec{V}_{\text{tan}} \perp \nabla f, \nabla g$$

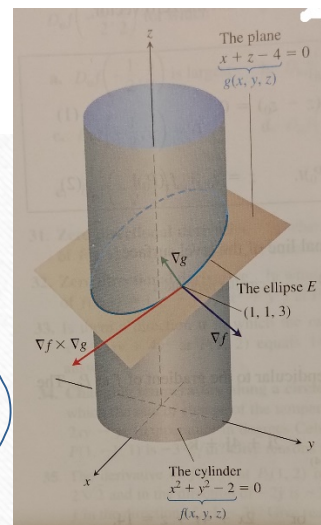
$$\nabla f \times \nabla g \parallel \vec{V}_{\text{tan}}$$

$$\nabla f = 2x\vec{i} + 2y\vec{j}$$

$$\nabla g = \vec{i} + \vec{k}$$

$$\nabla f \times \nabla g = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2y & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2x & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (2y, -2x, -2y)$$

$$x = 1 + 2t \quad y = 1 - 2t \quad z = 3 - 2t$$



Estimaing the Change in f in the direction \vec{u}

To estimate the change in the value of a differentiable function f when we move a small distance ds from a point P_0 in a particular direction \vec{u} , use

this formula: $df = \left(\nabla f \Big|_{P_0} \cdot \vec{u} \right) ds$.

Ex4(p765) Estimate how much the value of $f(x, y, z) = y \sin x + 2yz$ will

change if the point $P(x, y, z)$ moves 0.1 unit from $P_0(0, 1, 0)$ straight toward

$P_1(2, 2, -2)$.

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6. Find a parametric equation for the line tangent to the curve of intersection of the surfaces $x + y^2 + 2z - 4 = 0$ and $x = 1$ at the point $(1, 1, 1)$. (10 pts)

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3. Let $z = ye^{2xy}$ be a surface and $P(0, 2, 2)$ be a point in its domain. (5 pts each)

(a) Find an equation of the tangent plane at P .

(b) Find the normal line to the surface at P .

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

$$g(x, y, z) = x - 1$$

$$\nabla f = (1, 2y, 2) \quad \nabla f(1, 1, 1) = (1, 2, 2)$$

$$\nabla g = (1, 0, 0) \quad \nabla g(1, 1, 1) = (1, 0, 0)$$

$$\nabla f(1, 1, 1) \times \nabla g(1, 1, 1) = (0, 2, -2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 1 \\ y &= 1 + 2t \\ z &= 1 - 2t \end{aligned}$$

$$103. 3. \quad f(x, y, z) = ye^{2xy} - z$$

$$f_x = 2y^2e^{2xy}$$

$$f_y = e^{2xy} + 2xye^{2xy}$$

$$f_z = -1$$

$$\nabla f = (2y^2e^{2xy})\vec{i} + (e^{2xy} + 2xye^{2xy})\vec{j} - \vec{k}$$

$$\nabla f(0, 2, 2) = 8\vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k}$$

$$8(x-0) + (y-2) - (z-2) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 0 + 8t \\ y = 2 + t \\ z = 2 - t \end{cases}$$

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