

# 13-6 Tangent Plane and Differentials

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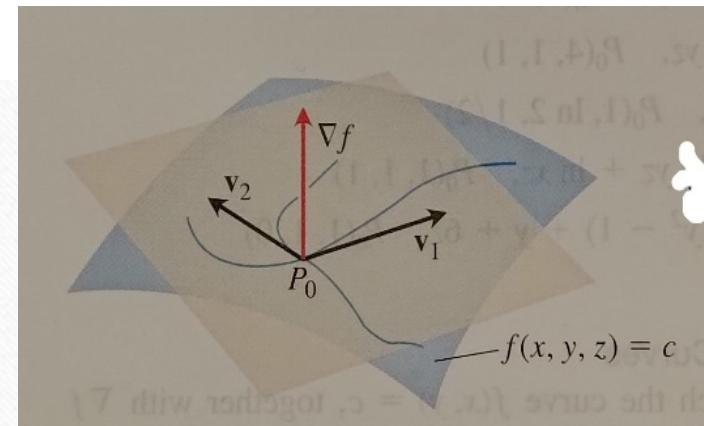
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If  $\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\vec{i} + y(t)\vec{j} + z(t)\vec{k}$  is a smooth curve on the surface  $f(x, y, z) = c$

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  $\nabla f$  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  $\nabla f$  at  $P_0$ , so the curve's tangent lines all lie in the plane through  $P_0$  normal to  $\nabla f$ .



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

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

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

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

Equation of tangent plane

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

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

Equation of normal line

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{對稱式} \\ \rightarrow \frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{4} = \frac{z-4}{1} = t \end{array}$$

## 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

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

$$\begin{aligned} z &= f(x, y) \\ F(x, y, z) &= f(x, y) - z \\ \nabla F &= (f_x, f_y, -1) \end{aligned}$$

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  $(0, 0, 0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= \cos y - ye^x & f_y &= -x \sin y - e^x \Big|_{(0,0)} = 0 - 1 = -1 \\ f_x(0,0) &= 1 - 0 = 1 & \Rightarrow (x-0) - 1(y-0) - (z-0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

$$\nabla f \perp \nabla f, \nabla g$$

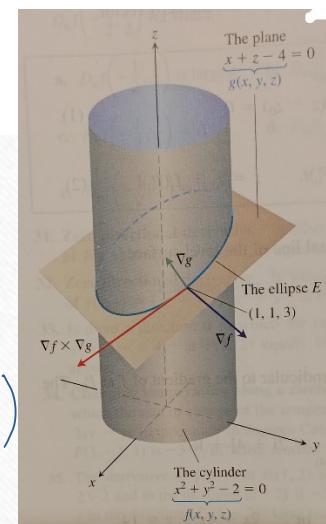
$$\nabla f \times \nabla g \parallel \nabla_{\text{tan}}$$

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 1 + 2t & z &= 3 - 2t \\ y &= 1 - 2t \end{aligned}$$



## Estimating 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:  $df = (\nabla f|_{P_0} \cdot \vec{u}) ds$ .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$f_x = 2ye^{2xy}$$

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

$$f_z = -1$$

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

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

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

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