Calculus Stewart Ch14 Problem Plus

5. Suppose f is a differentiable function of one variable. Show that all tangent planes to the surface $z = xf\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ intersects common point.

Solution

$$\nabla F = \left(f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - \frac{y}{x} f'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right), f'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - 1 \right)$$

$$\left(f\left(\frac{y_0}{x_0}\right) - \frac{y_0}{x_0} f'\left(\frac{y_0}{x_0}\right) \right) (x - x_0) + \left(f'\left(\frac{y_0}{x_0}\right) - 1 \right) (y - y_0) = z - z_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(f\left(\frac{y_0}{x_0}\right) - \frac{y_0}{x_0} f'\left(\frac{y_0}{x_0}\right) \right) x + \left(f'\left(\frac{y_0}{x_0}\right) - 1 \right) y = z$$

 \therefore intersects (0,0,0)