

# Implicit Function Theorem

## Background

### Function

Function is one-to-one or many to one. One-to-one function is one x values corresponds to one y values.

### Projection of $\vec{a}$ onto $\vec{b}$

$$\text{Projection} = |a| \cos(\theta) = \frac{a \cdot b}{|b|}$$

### Resolved vector of $\vec{a}$ onto $\vec{b}$

$$\text{Resolved} = \text{Projection} \times \hat{b}$$

$$|\text{resolved}| = |\text{Projection}|$$

## Tangential planes

$$\text{Plane: } a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$$

$$z_0 = f(x_0, y_0).$$

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

$$\Delta F = \langle -f_x, -f_y, 1 \rangle$$

$$\Delta F_{x_0, y_0, z_0} = \langle -f_x(x_0, y_0), -f_y(x_0, y_0), 1 \rangle$$

$$\text{Plane: } -f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) - f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) + (z - z_0) = 0$$

## Chain Rule

$$w = w(x, y, z), x = x(t), y = y(t), z = z(t)$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = w_x \frac{dx}{dt} + w_y \frac{dy}{dt} + w_z \frac{dz}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \nabla w \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$$

## level curves

$$z = 2x + y$$

All these level curves will be lines e.g.

$$0 = 2x + y$$

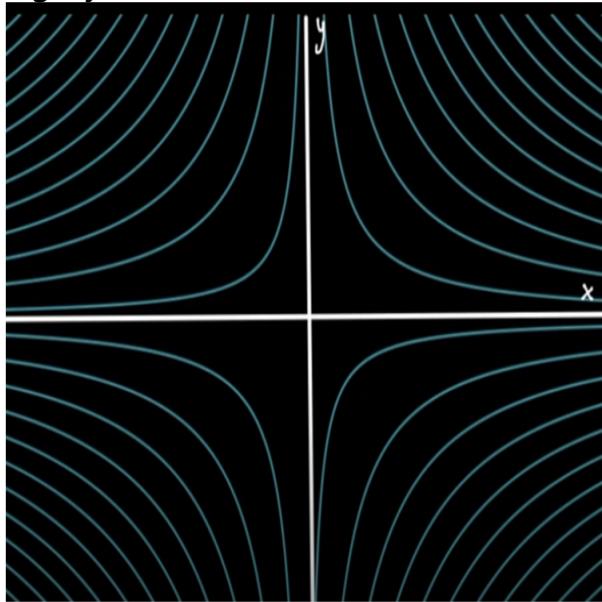
$$1 = 2x + y$$

$$z = x^2 + y^2 \text{ e.g } 1 = x^2 + y^2$$

### Example

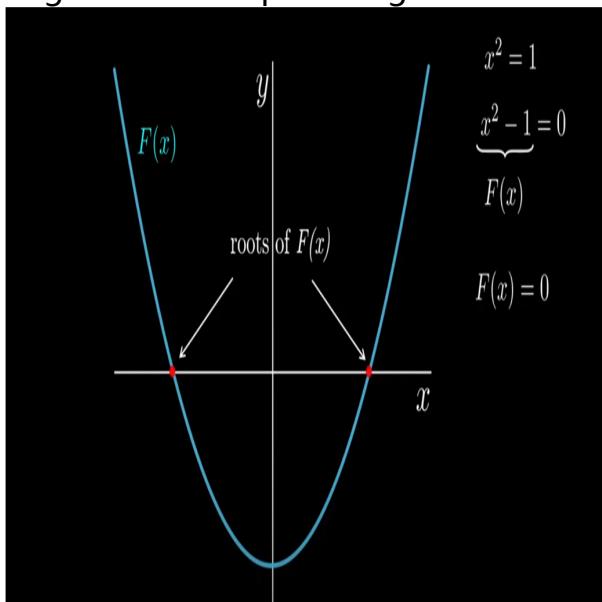
$$z = f(x,y) = xy$$

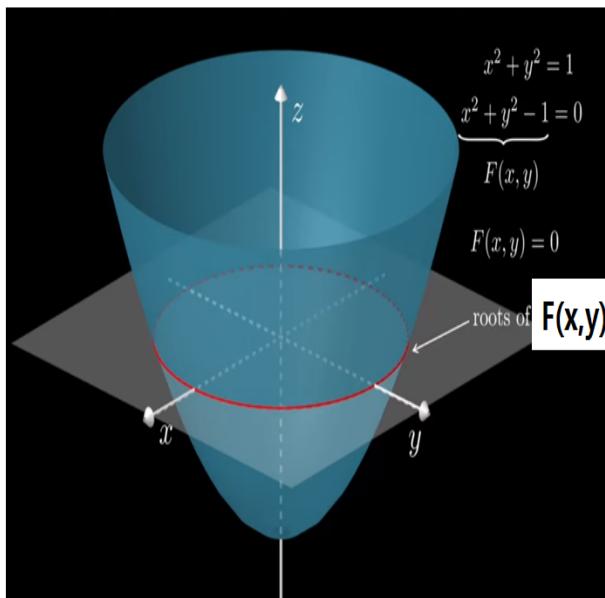
$$\text{e.g. } xy = 2$$



### Level Surface

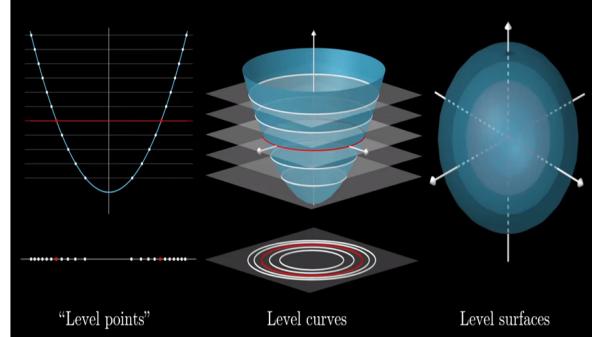
A surface  $S$  in the  $R^3$  is called a level surface of  $f(x,y,z)$  if the value of  $f$  on every point  $S$  is some fixed constant. For example every body in a class room is the level surface of 37 degrees celsius- providing students do not have fever.





$$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = c$$

Level sets!



"Level points"

Level curves

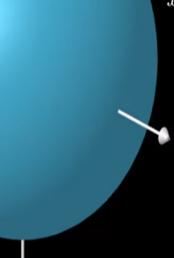
Level surfaces

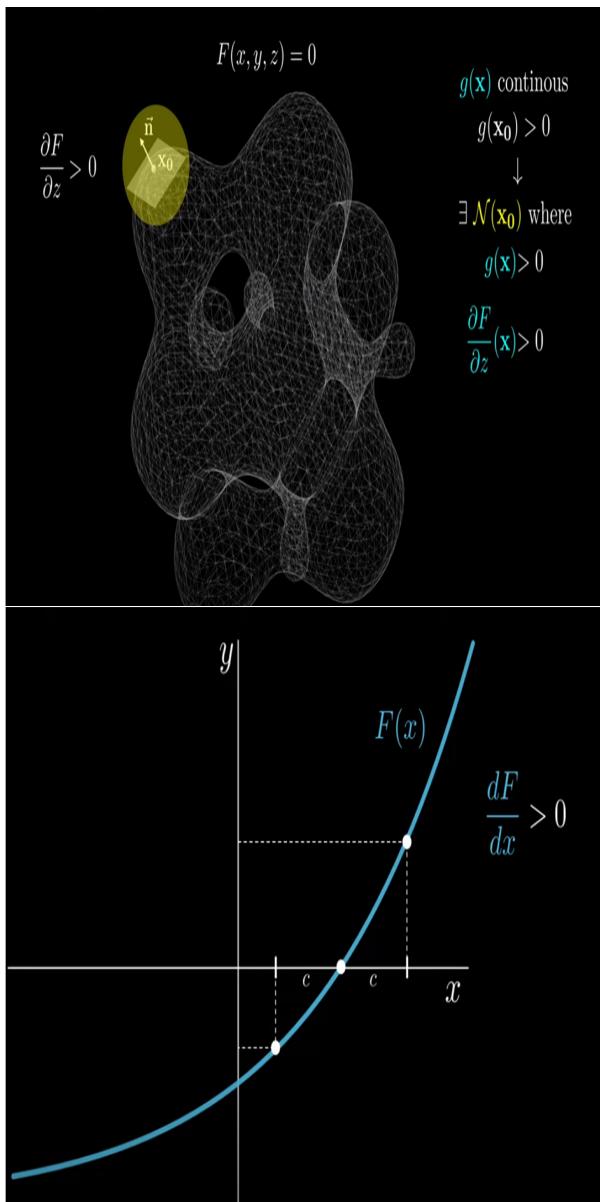
Why  $F(x, y, f(x, y)) = 0$ ?

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1 = 0$$

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

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





## Gradient

Gradient is perpendicular to the level curves.

It points towards higher values.

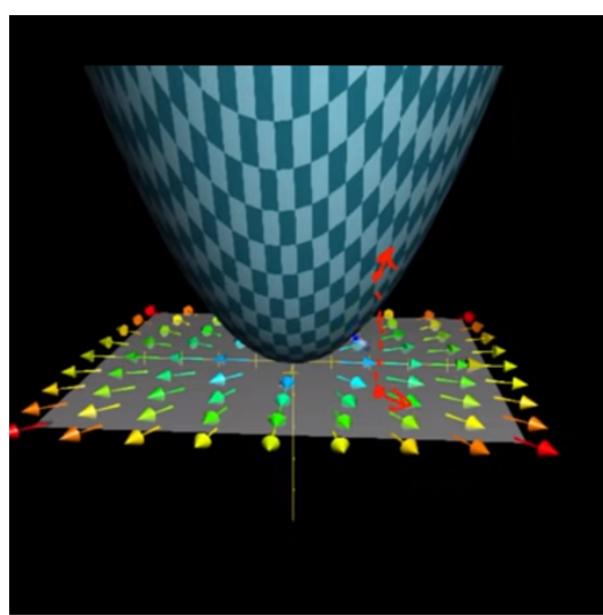
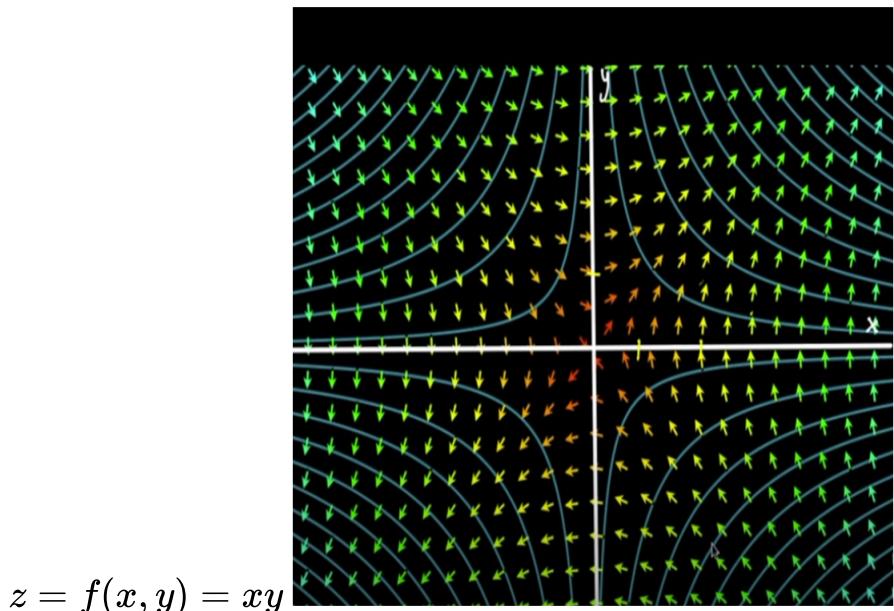
$$\nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Example 1

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Example 2



### Example 2

$$w = a_1x + a_2y + a_3z,$$

$$\nabla w = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$$

$$\text{Level surface } c = a_1x + a_2y + a_3z$$

This is a plane

The normal to the plane is the vector  $\langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$

This is the same as the gradient.

### Example 3

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

$$0 = x^2 + y^2 - z - \text{circular parabola.}$$

$1 = x^2 + y^2 - z$  - circular parabola where the vertex is at -1.

Gradient is the direction of steepest ascent

#### Example 4

$$w = x^2 + y^2,$$

$$\nabla w = \langle 2x, 2y, \rangle$$

$$\text{Level curve } c = x^2 + y^2$$

This is a circle where  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-x}{y}$

The normal to the tangent is the vector  $\langle x, y, \rangle$

This is the same direction as the gradient.

#### Proof that normal to the tangent plane is the gradient

$\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t)$  stays on the level surface  $w = F(x, y, z) = c$ .

$$\vec{r} = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$$

velocity vector is going to be tangential to the curve and also tangential to level surface (curve is inside the surface).

$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$  is tangential to the level surface  $w = c$ .

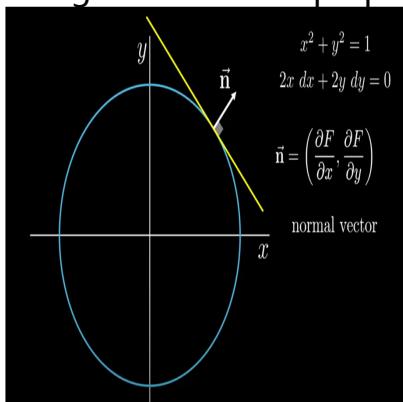
By the chain rule  $\frac{dw}{dt} = \nabla w \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$

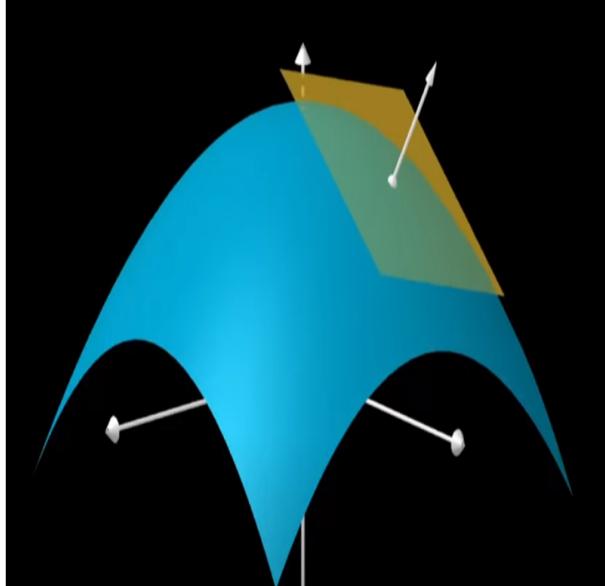
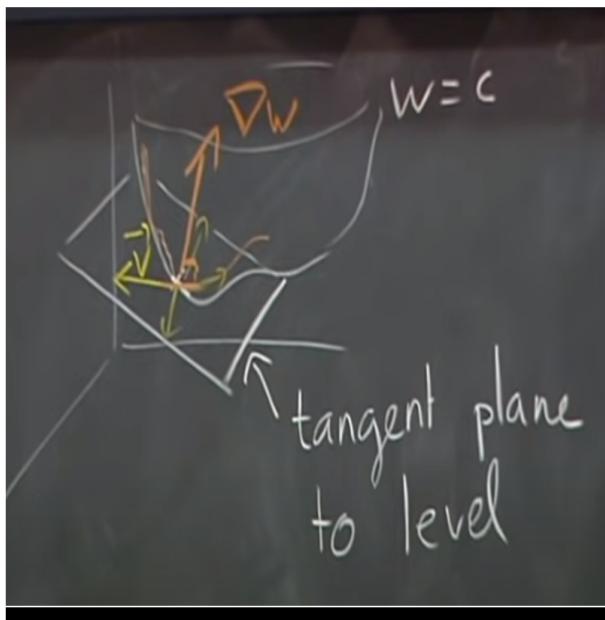
$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \nabla w \cdot \vec{v}$$

since  $w = c$ , therefore  $\frac{dw}{dt} = 0$

Hence the velocity as the gradient are perpendicular to each other

The gradient is also perpendicular to any vector on the tangential plane.





## Finding Tangential plane to a surface

Level surface  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 4$  at  $(2,1,1)$

$$\nabla w = \langle 2x, 2y, -2z \rangle$$

$$\text{Normal to tangential plane } \langle 4, 2, -2 \rangle$$

$$\text{Tangential plane: } 4x + 2y - 2z = 8$$

## Alternative method

$$dw = 2xdx + 2ydy - 2zdz$$

$$\text{at } (2,1,1) \quad dw = 4dx + 2dy - 2dz$$

$$\text{at } (2,1,1) \quad \Delta W \approx 4\Delta x + 2\Delta y - 2\Delta z$$

We stay on the level surface  $\Delta W = 0$

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

## Directional derivative

Fix a direction  $\vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$  where  $|\vec{u}| = 1$

$$x(s) = x_0 + su_1$$

$$y(s) = y_0 + su_2$$

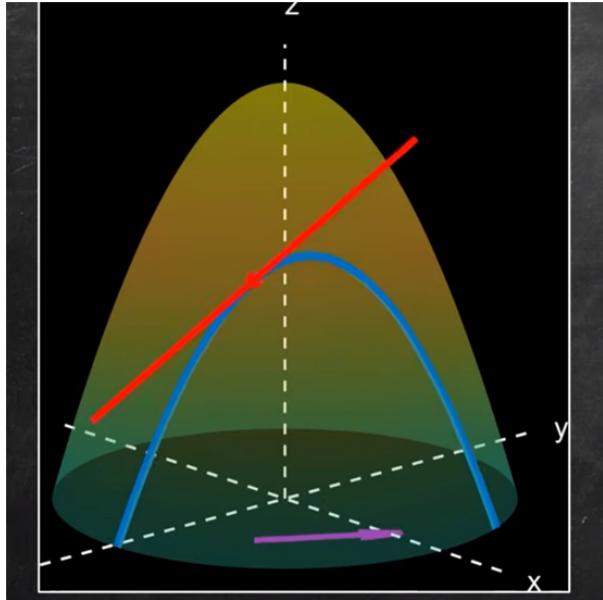
$$D_{\vec{u}}f(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + su_1, y_0 + su_2) - f(x_0, y_0)}{s}$$

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(x_0, y_0) = \frac{d}{ds}[f(x(s), y(s))]|_{s=0}$$

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(x_0, y_0) = f_x|_{(x_0, y_0)} \frac{dx}{ds} + f_y|_{(x_0, y_0)} \frac{dy}{ds}$$

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(x_0, y_0) = f_x|_{(x_0, y_0)} u_1 + f_y|_{(x_0, y_0)} u_2$$

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(x_0, y_0) = \nabla f|_{x_0, y_0} \cdot \vec{u}$$



## Implicit Function Theorem

$F(x, y) \in C^1$  in a neighbourhood of  $(x_0, y_0)$

$$F(x_0, y_0) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \neq 0$$

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx$$

If these conditions are met then there is an explicit function  $y=f(x)$

## Implicit Function Theorem Examples

## Example 1

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

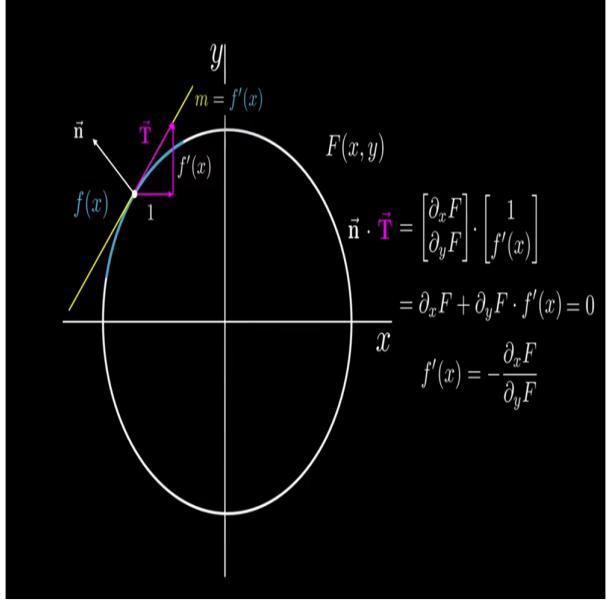
$$F(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$dF = (2y)dy + (2x)dx$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-x}{y}$$

Interval is (-1,1)

$$f(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2} \text{ on I or } f(x) = -\sqrt{1 - x^2} \text{ on I}$$



## Example 2

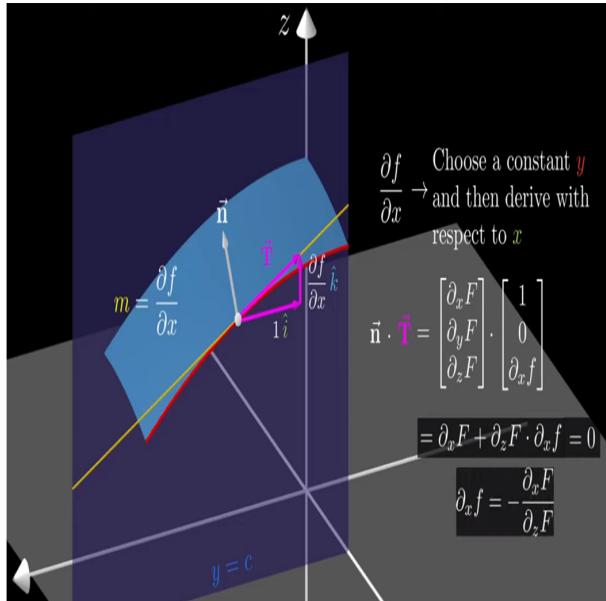
$$\vec{n} = \left\langle \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \right\rangle$$

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

$$m = \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

$$\text{Tangent line} = \left\langle 1, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, 0 \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{n} \cdot \text{Tangent line} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$



## Example 3

$$F(x, y) = y^5 + y^3 + y + x = 0$$

$$F_y(x, y) = 5y^4 + 3y^2 + 1 > 0$$

This function is strictly increasing

exactly one root

$$dF = (5y^4 + 3y^2 + 1)dy + (x)dx$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{(5y^4 + 3y^2 + 1)}$$

## Generalisation- $n + 1$ coordinates

$$\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$F(\vec{x}, y) \in C^1$  in a neighbourhood of  $N_0(\vec{x}_0, y_0)$

$$F(N_0) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(N_0) \neq 0$$

If these conditions are met then there is an explicit function  $y = f(\vec{x})$

$$\frac{dy}{dx_i} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}} \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, k)$$

## Example 4

$$F(x, y, z) = 3x^2y - yz^2 - 4xz - 7 = 0$$

We can show that near  $(-1, 1, 2)$  we can write  $y = f(x, z)$

$$F(-1, 1, 2) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 6xy - 4z$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 3x^2 - z^2$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 2zy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(-1, 2)} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{(-1, 2)} = -\frac{6xy - 4z}{3x^2 - z^2} \Big|_{(-1, 1, 2)} = -14$$

We can find  $y$  explicitly without the theorem.

$$y = f(x, z) = \frac{4xz + 7}{3x^2 - z^2}$$

Using the quotient rule

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{(-1, 2)} = -14$$

## Example 5

$$F(x, y, z) = 3x^2y - yz^2 - 4xz - 7 = 0$$

In this example, we can write  $z = f(x, y)$  explicitly by the quadratic formula

$$z = \frac{4x \pm \sqrt{(-4x)^2 - 4(-y)(-7 + 3x^2y)}}{6x^2y}$$

The theorem fails at  $N_0(-1, 1, 2)$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = -2zy - 4x$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(N_0) = 0$$

## Example 6

$$F(x, y) = (x - y)^3$$

$$F(x, y) = 0 \text{ therefore } y = x$$

There is an explicit function at any point.

However at  $(0, 0)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0) = 0$$

The theorem does not apply

## Proof for two variables

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \neq 0$$

Case 1

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} > 0$$

At a neighbourhood of  $(x_0, y_0)$

$F(x_0, y)$  is strictly increasing in terms of y.

$$F(x_0, y_0) = 0$$

There exists a  $y_1$  such that  $F(x_0, y_1) > 0$

There exists a  $y_2$  such that  $F(x_0, y_2) < 0$

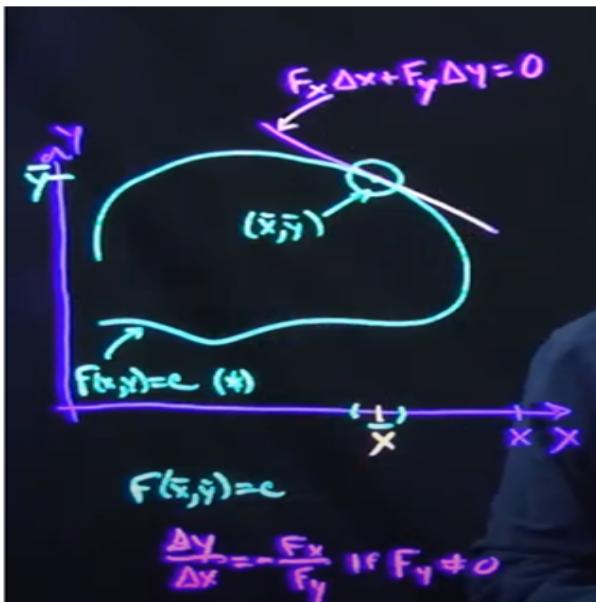
For every x near  $x_0$

$$F(x, y_1) > 0$$

$$F(x, y_2) < 0$$

For such an x near  $x_0$ , since

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} > 0$ ,  $F(x, y)$  is increasing (as an increasing function of y)



Summary if  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) > 0$  therefore assuming  $(x, y)$  are near  $(x_0, y_0)$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x, y) > 0$$

Therefore there exists a unique  $y$  such that  $F(x, y) = 0$

$f(x)$  is an implicit function with  $x$  as the domain.

This proves that  $y=f(x)$  exists and is unique proof of the formula for  $f'(x)$

$$F(x, f(x)) = 0$$

By the chain rule

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} f'(x) = 0$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}$$

## The gradient is perpendicular to level surfaces

Suppose we have a function  $g(x, y, z) \in C^1$  at  $M_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$

$$g(M_0) = g(x_0, y_0, z_0) = c_0$$

Denote by  $S$  the level surface  $g(x, y, z) = c_0$

Assume that  $\nabla g(x_0, y_0, z_0) \neq 0$

Say for example that  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \neq 0$

$$F(x, y, z) = g(x, y, z) - c_0$$

$$F(M_0) = 0, F \in C^1$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(M_0) \neq 0$$

By the implicit function theorem

$$f \in C^1, z_0 = f(x_0, y_0)$$

$F(x, y, f(x, y)) = 0$  in a neighbourhood

$$g(x, y, f(x, y)) = c_0 \text{ near } M_0$$

Hence near  $M_0$  the level surface  $S$  is the graph of  $f(x, y)$ .

The tangent plane at  $M_0$

$$z = f(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

$$z = f(x_0, y_0) + -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

$$z = f(x_0, y_0) + \frac{-\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial g}{\partial z}}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{-\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(y - y_0) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial z}(z - z_0) = 0$$

Hence the gradient of  $g$  is perpendicular to the tangential plane to  $S$  at  $M_0$ .

The gradient of  $g$  is the normal of the tangential plane.

### Example

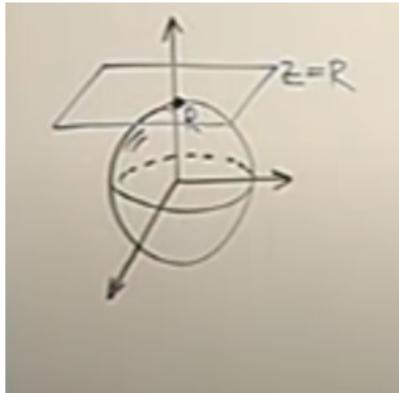
Find the tangential plane to the surface  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = R^2$  at  $(0,0,R)$

$$g(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - R^2$$

$$\nabla g = \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle$$

$$\text{Normal of the tangent } \langle 0, 0, 2R \rangle$$

$$2R z = d$$



$$\text{Tangent plane: } z = R$$

### Example 6

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \sin(zy)$$

$$F(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - \sin(zy)$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{2x}{2z - y \cos(zy)}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{2y - z \cos(zy)}{2z - y \cos(zy)}$$

### Example 7

$$x^2 + y^4 + z^3 + 3xy^2 = 8$$

$$F(x, y) = x^2 + y^4 + z^3 + 3xy^2 - 8$$

$$F_x(x, y) = 2x + 3y^2$$

$$F_y(x, y) = 4y^3 + 6xy$$

$$F_z(x, y) = -3z^2$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{2x+3y^2}{-3z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{4y^3+6xy}{-3z^2}$$

## Method 2- implicit differentiation

$$2x + 3z^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 3y^2 = 8$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{2x+3y^2}{-3z^2}$$

## Example 8

$$xy^3 + x^2z^2 = 6$$

$$F(x, y) = xy^3 + x^2z^2 - 6$$

$$F_x(x, y) = y^3 + 2xz^2$$

$$F_y(x, y) = 3xy^2$$

$$F_z(x, y) = 2zx^2$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{y^3+2xz^2}{2zx^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{3xy^2}{2zx^2}$$