

Implicit Function Theorem

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

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

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

$$df = \frac{\partial f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx$$

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

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}

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

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

Chain Rule

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

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

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

Gradient is perpendicular to the level curves.

It points towards higher values of w .

Example 1

$$w = a_1 x + a_2 y + a_3 z,$$

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

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 2

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

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

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

$\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t)$ stays on the level surface $w = c$.

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 $w = c$.

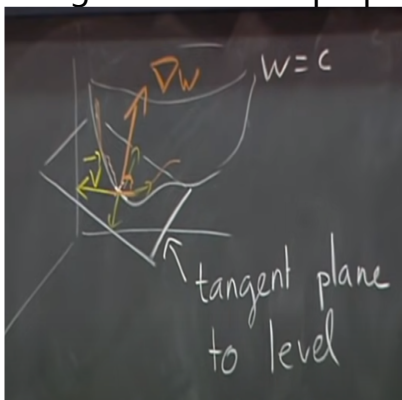
By the chain rule $\frac{dw}{dt} = \nabla w \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$

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

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 $(2,1,1)$

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

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

Tangential plane: $4x + 2y - 2z = 8$

Alternative method

$$dw = 2x dx + 2y dy - 2z dz$$

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

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

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

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

Gradient

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

level curves

$$z = 2x + y$$

All these level curves will be lines e.g.

$$0 = 2x + y$$

$$1 = 2x + y$$

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

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.

Directional derivative

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Example

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

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

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

Gradient is the direction of steepest ascent

Implicit Function Theorem Examples

Example 1

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

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

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

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

Example 2

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

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

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 $y = f(\vec{x})$

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

Example 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We can find y explicitly without the theorem.

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

Using the quotient rule

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

Example 4

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

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 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$F(x, y, f(x, y)) = 0 \text{ in a neighbourhood}$$

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

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

The tangent plane at (M_0)

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

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

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

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

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 $(0,0,R)$

$$g(x,y,z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} - R$$

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

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

$$2Rz = d$$

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

Example 6

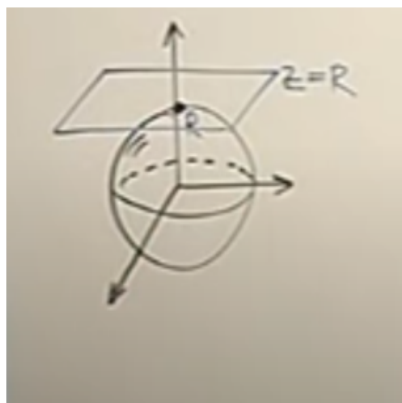
$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \sin(xy)$$

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

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} \tan$$

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

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



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