

## DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVES AND GRADIENT

1. Find  $\nabla f$  if

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

We know,

$$\nabla f = (f_x(x, y), f_y(x, y))$$

$$f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (-x^2y + xy^2 + xy)$$

$$= -2xy + y^2 + y$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (-x^2y + xy^2 + xy)$$

$$= -x^2 + 2xy + x$$

$$\therefore \nabla f = (-2xy + y^2 + y, -x^2 + 2xy + x)$$

b)  $f(x, y) = \sin x \cos y$

We know,

$$\nabla f = (f_x(x, y), f_y(x, y))$$

$$f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\sin x \cos y)$$

$$= \cos y \cdot \cos x$$

$$= \cos x \cos y$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\sin x \cos y)$$

$$= / \sin y \cdot \cos x$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\sin x \cos y)$$

$$= \sin x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\cos y)$$

$$= \sin x (-\sin y)$$

$$= -\sin x \sin y$$

$$\therefore \nabla f = (\cos x \cos y, -\sin x \sin y)$$

2. A function  $z = f(x, y)$  and a point  $P$  are given. Find the directional derivative of  $f$  in the indicated directions.

a.  $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{x^2+y^2+1}$ ,  $P = (1, 1)$ .

i) In the direction of  $v = (1, -1)$ .

Here,

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{x^2+y^2+1}$$

We know,  $D_u f(x, y) = \nabla f(x, y) \cdot u$   
where  $u$  is a unit vector.

Calculation of  $\nabla f(x, y)$ .

$$\nabla f(x, y) = (f_x(x, y), f_y(x, y))$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(x, y) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{1}{x^2+y^2+1} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial (x^2+y^2+1)^{-1}}{\partial x} \\ &= -\frac{1}{(x^2+y^2+1)^2} \cdot \frac{\partial (x^2+y^2+1)}{\partial x} \\ &= -\frac{2x}{(x^2+y^2+1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f_x(1, 1) = \frac{-2 \times 1}{(1)^2+(1)^2+1)^2}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{3^2}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{9}$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{1}{x^2+y^2+1} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 + y^2 + 1)^{-1} \\
 &= \frac{-1}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)^2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 + y^2 + 1) \\
 &= \frac{-2y}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)^2} \\
 \therefore f_y(1, 1) &= \frac{-2 \cdot 1}{(1^2 + 1^2 + 1)^2} \\
 &= -\frac{2}{9}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \nabla f(1, 1) &= (f_x(1, 1), f_y(1, 1)) \\
 &= (-\frac{2}{9}, -\frac{2}{9})
 \end{aligned}$$

Given,  $v = (1, -1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Unit vector along } v \text{ is given by } \hat{v} &= \frac{v}{|v|} \\
 &= \frac{(1, -1)}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2}} \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore D_{\hat{v}} f(1, 1) &= \nabla f(1, 1) \cdot \hat{v} \\
 &= \left(-\frac{2}{9}, -\frac{2}{9}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \\
 &= -\frac{2}{9\sqrt{2}} + \frac{2}{9\sqrt{2}} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

ii) in the direction toward the point  $Q = (-2, -2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } \overrightarrow{PQ} &= (-2, -2) - (1, 1) \\
 &= (-3, -3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Unit vector } u \text{ along } \overrightarrow{PQ} = \frac{(-3, -3)}{\sqrt{(-3)^2 + (-3)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{(-3, -3)}{\sqrt{18}}$$

$$= \left( \frac{-3}{\sqrt{18}}, -\frac{3}{\sqrt{18}} \right)$$

$$\therefore D_u f(1,1) = \nabla f(1,1) \cdot u \\ = (-2/9, -2/9) \cdot \left( -\frac{3}{\sqrt{18}}, -\frac{3}{\sqrt{18}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-6}{9\sqrt{18}} + \frac{6}{9\sqrt{18}}$$

$$= \frac{12}{9\sqrt{18}}$$

$$= \frac{12}{27\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{4}{9\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{9}$$

b)  $f(x,y) = -4x + 3y, P = (5,2)$

i) in the direction of  $v = (3,1)$

Here,

$$f(x,y) = -4x + 3y$$

$$\therefore f_x(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(-4x + 3y) \\ = -4$$

$$\therefore f_y(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(-4x + 3y) \\ = 3$$

$$\therefore \nabla f(x,y) = (f_x(x,y), f_y(x,y)) \\ = (-4, 3)$$

$$\therefore \nabla f(5,2) = (-4, 3)$$

Now, given vector  $v = (3, 1)$   
 Unit vector  $u$  along  $v = \frac{(3, 1)}{\sqrt{(3)^2 + (1)^2}}$

$$= \frac{(3, 1)}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$= \left( \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore D_u f(5, 2) &= \nabla f(5, 2) \cdot u \\ &= (-4, 3) \cdot \left( \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \right) \\ &= \frac{-12}{\sqrt{10}} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \\ &= \frac{-9}{\sqrt{10}} \end{aligned}$$

ii) In the direction toward the point  $Q = (2, 7)$ .

Here,  $\vec{PQ} = (2, 7) - (5, 2)$

$$= (-3, 5)$$

Unit vector along  $\vec{PQ}$ ,  $u = \frac{\vec{PQ}}{|\vec{PQ}|}$

$$= \frac{(-3, 5)}{\sqrt{(-3)^2 + (5)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{(-3, 5)}{\sqrt{34}}$$

$$= \left( \frac{-3}{\sqrt{34}}, \frac{5}{\sqrt{34}} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore D_u f(5, 2) &= \nabla f(5, 2) \cdot u \\ &= (-4, 3) \cdot \left( \frac{-3}{\sqrt{34}}, \frac{5}{\sqrt{34}} \right) \\ &= \frac{12}{\sqrt{34}} + \frac{15}{\sqrt{34}} \\ &= \frac{27}{\sqrt{34}} \end{aligned}$$

3. If

a)  $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y^2 - xy - 7x$ ,  $P = (1, 1)$

then

i) Find the direction of maximal increase of  $f$  at  $P$ .

Here,  $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y^2 - xy - 7x$  and  $P(1, 1)$ .

The direction of maximal increase of  $f$  at  $P$  is given by

$$\frac{\nabla f(P)}{\|\nabla f(P)\|} \Rightarrow \nabla f(P).$$

Here,

$$f_x(x, y) = 2x - y - 7$$

$$\therefore f_x(1, 1) = 2 \cdot 1 - 1 - 7 \\ = 0$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 + 2y^2 - xy - 7x)$$

$$= 2x^2y - x$$

$$= 4y - x$$

$$\therefore f_y(1, 1) = 4 \cdot 1 - 1 \\ = 0$$

$$\therefore \nabla f(P) = [f_x(P), f_y(P)] \\ = (0, 0)$$

thus, the required direction is  $(0, 0)$ .

ii) What is the maximal value of  $D_u f$  at  $P$ ?

Maximal value of  $D_u f$  at  $P$  is given by  $\|\nabla f(P)\|$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\|\nabla f(P)\| &= \sqrt{(0)^2 + (0)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{0} \\ &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

iii)

iv) give a direction  $u$  such that  $D_u f = 0$  at  $P$ .

Here,

$$D_u f = 0 \text{ at } P$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f(P) \cdot u = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

We know that  $\nabla f(P) = 0$ . Thus for any value of  $u$ , the above eqn(i) is satisfied. Thus, for all directions  $u$ ,  $D_u f(P) = 0$ .

b)  $f(x, y) = x^2y^3 - 2x$ ,  $P = (1, 1)$ ,

i) Find the direction of maximal increase of  $f$  at  $P$ .

Here,  $f(x, y) = x^2y^3 - 2x$ ,  $P = (1, 1)$

thus,

$$f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 y^3 - 2x)$$

$$= 2xy^3 - 2$$

$$\therefore f_x(1, 1) = 2 \times 1 \times 1^3 - 2 \\ = 0$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 y^3 - 2x)$$

$$= 3x^2y^2$$

$$\therefore f_y(1, 1) = 3 \times 1^2 \times 1^2 \\ = 3$$

$$\therefore \nabla f(P) = (f_x(1, 1), f_y(1, 1)) \\ = (0, 3)$$

The direction of maximal increase is given by

$$\frac{\nabla f(P)}{\|\nabla f(P)\|} = \frac{(0, 3)}{\sqrt{0^2 + 3^2}}$$

$$= \frac{(0, 3)}{3}$$

$$= (0, 1)$$

iii) what is the maximal value of  $D_{nf}$  at P?

The maximal value of  $D_{nf}$  at P is given by  $\|\nabla f(P)\|$ .

$$\|\nabla f(P)\| = \sqrt{0^2 + 3^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{0+9}$$

$$= \sqrt{9}$$

$$= 3.$$

iii) find the direction of minimal increase of  $f$  at  $P$ .

iv) give a direction  $u$  such that  $D_u f = 0$  at  $P$ .

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}D_u f(P) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \nabla f(P) \cdot u &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (0, 3) \cdot u &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (0, 3) \cdot (u_1, u_2) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 0 + 3u_2 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore u_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Required direction } u &= (u_1, u_2) \quad (u_1, u_2) \\ &= (u_1, 0)\end{aligned}$$

Since  $u$  is a unit vector,  
 $\|u\| = \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2} = \sqrt{u_1^2 + 0} = |u_1|$

Q. A function  $w = f(x, y, z)$ , a vector  $v$  and a point  $P$  are given.

a)  $f(x, y, z) = 3x^2z^3 + 4xy - 3z^2$ ,  $v = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $P = (3, 2, 1)$ .

i) Find  $\nabla f(x, y, z)$

Ans

Here,

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

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}f_x(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3x^2z^3 + 4xy - 3z^2) \\&= 6xz^3 + 4y\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f_y(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3x^2z^3 + 4xy - 3z^2) \\&= 4x - 0 \\&= 4x\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f_z(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (3x^2z^3 + 4xy - 3z^2) \\&= 9x^2z^2 - 6z\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \nabla f(x, y, z) = (6xz^3 + 4y, 4x, 9x^2z^2 - 6z)$$

$$\therefore \nabla f(P) = \nabla f(3, 2, 1) = (6 \times 3 \times 1^3 + 4 \times 2, 4 \times 3, 9 \times 3^2 \times 1^2 - 6 \times 1)$$
$$= (26, 12, 75)$$

ii) Find the directional derivative of  $f$  at  $P$  in the direction of  $v$ .

$$D_v f(P) = ?$$

Here,  $v = (1, 1, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Unit vector along } v &= \frac{v}{\|v\|} \\&= \frac{(1, 1, 1)}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2 + (1)^2}} \\&= \frac{(1, 1, 1)}{\sqrt{3}}\end{aligned}$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore D_{\hat{v}} f(p) &= \nabla f(p) \cdot \hat{v} \\ &= (26, 12, 75) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \\ &= \frac{26 + 12 + 75}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{113}{\sqrt{3}}\end{aligned}$$

b)  $f(x, y, z) = \sin(x) \cos(y) e^z$ ,  $v = (2, 2, 1)$ ,  $p = (0, 0, 0)$ .

i) Find  $\nabla f(x, y, z)$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned}f(x, y, z) &= \sin(x) \cos(y) e^z \\ f_x(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\sin(x) \cos(y) e^z) \\ &= \cos(y) e^z \cos(x) \\ &= \cos(x) \cos(y) e^z\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f_y(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\sin(x) \cos(y) e^z) \\ &= \sin(x) e^z (-\sin(y)) \\ &= -\sin(x) \sin(y) e^z\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f_z(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\sin(x) \cos(y) e^z) \\ &= \sin(x) \cos(y) e^z\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \nabla f(x, y, z) &= (f_x, f_y, f_z) \\ &= (\cos(x) \cos(y) e^z, -\sin(x) \sin(y) e^z, \sin(x) \cos(y) e^z)\end{aligned}$$

ii) Find the directional derivative of  $f$  at  $P$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{v}$ .

Here,

$$D_{\mathbf{v}} f(P) = ?$$

Given  $\mathbf{v} = (2, 2, 1)$  and  $P = (0, 0, 0)$ .

Unit vector along  $\mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}$

$$= \frac{(2, 2, 1)}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (2)^2 + (1)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{(2, 2, 1)}{3}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\nabla f(P) = (\cos(\theta) \cos(\phi) e^0, -\sin(\theta) \sin(\phi) e^0, \sin(\theta) \cos(\phi) e^0)$$
$$= (1, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore D_{\mathbf{v}} f(P) = \nabla f(P) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}$$

$$= (1, 0, 0) \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}$$

5. Find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y, z) = xy + z^3$  at  $P = (3, -2, -1)$  in the direction pointing to the origin.

Here,

$$f(x, y, z) = xy + z^3$$

$$\overrightarrow{PO} = (0, 0, 0) - (3, -2, -1)$$

$$= (-3, 2, 1)$$

$$\text{Unit vector } \mathbf{u} \text{ along } \overrightarrow{PO} = \frac{(-3, 2, 1)}{\sqrt{(-3)^2 + (2)^2 + (1)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{(-3, 2, 1)}{\sqrt{14}}$$

$$= \left( \frac{-3}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \right)$$

Now,

$$f_x(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xy + z^3)$$

$$= y$$

$$f_y(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xy + z^3)$$

$$= x$$

$$f_z(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (xy + z^3)$$

$$= 3z^2$$

$$\therefore \nabla f(x, y, z) = (y, x, 3z^2)$$

$$\therefore \nabla f(P) = \nabla f(3, -2, -1) = (-2, 3, 3 \times (-1)^2)$$

$$= (-2, 3, 3)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Directional derivative } D_u f(P) &= \nabla f(P) \cdot u \\ &= (-2, 3, 3) \cdot \left( \frac{-3}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \right) \\ &= \frac{6 + 6 + 3}{\sqrt{14}} \\ &= \frac{15}{\sqrt{14}}.\end{aligned}$$

6. A bug located at  $(3, 9, 4)$  begins walking in a straight line toward  $(5, 7, 3)$ . At what rate is the bug's temperature changing if the temperature is  $T(x, y, z) = xe^{y-z}$ ? Units are in meters and degrees Celsius.

Here,

Temperature function,  $T(x, y, z) = xe^{y-z}$

starting point,  $P = (3, 9, 4)$ ; Directed point  $Q = (5, 7, 3)$

Direction vector,  $u = \overrightarrow{PQ}$

$$= (5, 7, 3) - (3, 9, 4)$$

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

$\therefore$  Unit vector  $\hat{u} = \frac{u}{\|u\|}$

$$= \frac{(2, -2, -1)}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-2)^2 + (-1)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{(2, -2, -1)}{\sqrt{9}}$$

$$= \left( \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3} \right)$$

Now,

$$T_x(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xe^{y-z})$$

$$= e^{y-z}$$

$$T_y(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xe^{y-z})$$

$$= xe^{y-z}$$

$$T_z(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (xe^{y-z})$$

$$= -xe^{y-z}$$

$$\therefore \nabla T(x, y, z) = (e^{y-z}, xe^{y-z}, -xe^{y-z})$$

$$\therefore \nabla T(P) = \nabla T(3, 9, 4) = (e^{9-4}, 3e^{9-4}, -3e^{9-4})$$

$$= (e^5, 3e^5, -3e^5)$$

Now,

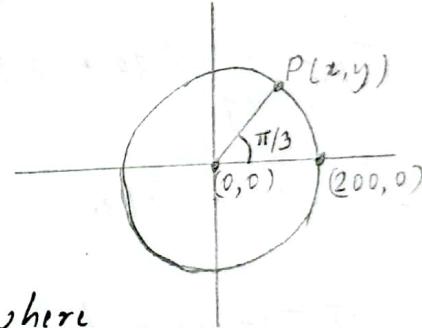
$$\begin{aligned} D_{\hat{n}} T(P) &= \nabla T(P) \cdot \hat{n} \\ &= (e^5, 3e^5, -3e^5) \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ &= \frac{2e^5 + (-6e^5) + 3e^5}{3} \\ &= -\frac{e^5}{3} \\ &\approx -49.47 \end{aligned}$$

∴ Rate of change of temperature is  $-49.47^\circ\text{C}$ .

Q7. The temperature at location  $(x, y)$  is  $T(x, y) = 20 + 0.1(x^2 - xy)$  (degree Celsius). Beginning at  $(200, 0)$  at time  $t = 0$  (second), a bug travels along a circle of radius 200 cm centered at the origin, at a speed of 3 cm/s. How fast is the temperature changing at time  $t = \pi/3$ ?

The position  $P(x, y)$  of a circle with center  $(0, 0)$  is given in parametric form by

$$r(t) = (200 \cos t, 200 \sin t) \quad \text{where, } 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$



At  $t = \pi/3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} r(\pi/3) &= (200 \times \cos \pi/3, 200 \times \sin \pi/3) \\ &= (100, 100\sqrt{3}) \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating (i), with respect to  $t$ , we get:

$$r'(t) = (-200 \sin t, 200 \cos t)$$

At  $t = \pi/3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} v = r'(t) &= r'(\pi/3) = (-200 \times \sin \pi/3, 200 \times \cos \pi/3) \\ &= (-100\sqrt{3}, 100) \end{aligned}$$

The unit vector  $u$  associated with  $v$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{v}{\|v\|} \\ &= \frac{(-100\sqrt{3}, 100)}{\sqrt{(-100\sqrt{3})^2 + (100)^2}} \\ &= \frac{(-100\sqrt{3}, 100)}{200} \\ &= \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Now, for gradient of Temperature function,

$$\text{Hrn. } T(x, y) = 20 + 0.1(x^2 - xy)$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_x &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (20 + 0.1(x^2 - xy)) \\ &= 0.2x - 0.1y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_y &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (20 + 0.1(x^2 - xy)) \\ &= -0.1x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \nabla T(x, y) &= (T_x, T_y) \\ &= (0.2x - 0.1y, -0.1x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \nabla T(100, 100\sqrt{3}) &= (0.2 \times 100 - 0.1 \times 100\sqrt{3}, -0.1 \times 100) \\ &= (20 - 10\sqrt{3}, -10) \end{aligned}$$

The rate of change of temperature at the point  $t = \pi/3$  is given by directional derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} D_u T(\pi/3) &= \nabla T(100, 100\sqrt{3}) \cdot u \\ &= (20 - 10\sqrt{3}, -10) \cdot \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= -10\sqrt{3} + 15 - 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 10 - 10\sqrt{3}$$

$$\approx -7.32$$

$\therefore$  The change in temperature is  $-7.32^\circ C$ .

8. Suppose that  $\nabla f_P = (2, -4, 4)$ . Is  $f$  increasing or decreasing at  $P$  in the direction  $v = (2, 1, 3)$ ?

Here,

$$v = (2, 1, 3)$$

$$\text{Unit vector } u \text{ in direction of } v = \frac{v}{\|v\|}$$

$$= \frac{(2, 1, 3)}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (1)^2 + (3)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{(2, 1, 3)}{\sqrt{14}}$$

$$= \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \right)$$

$$\therefore D_u f(P) = \nabla f_P \cdot u$$

$$= (2, -4, 4) \cdot \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{4 - 4 + 12}{\sqrt{14}}$$

$$= \frac{12}{\sqrt{14}} > 0$$

$\therefore f$  is increasing at  $P$  in the direction of  $v$ .

9. Let  $f(x, y, z) = \sin(xy + z)$  and  $P = (0, -1, \pi)$ . Calculate  $D_u f(P)$ , where  $u$  is a unit vector making an angle  $\theta = 30^\circ$  with  $\nabla f_P$ .

Here,

$$f(x, y, z) = \sin(xy + z)$$

$$P = (0, -1, \pi)$$

Given  $u$  is a unit vector making an angle  $\theta = 30^\circ$  with  $\nabla f_P$ .

Now,

$$f_x(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\sin(xy + z))$$

$$= y \cos(xy + z)$$

$$f_y(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\sin(xy + z))$$

$$= x \cos(xy + z)$$

$$f_z(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\sin(xy + z))$$

$$= \cos(xy + z)$$

Thus,  $\nabla f(x, y, z) = (y \cos(xy + z), x \cos(xy + z), \cos(xy + z))$

$$\therefore \nabla f_P = \nabla f(0, -1, \pi) = (-1 \cos \pi, 0 \cos \pi, \cos \pi)$$

$$= (1, 0, -1).$$

Now,

$$D_u f(P) = \nabla f_P \cdot u$$

$$= \|\nabla f_P\| \|u\| \cos \theta$$

$$= \sqrt{(1)^2 + (0)^2 + (-1)^2} (1) \cos 30^\circ$$

$$= \sqrt{2} * \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

10. Find an equation of tangent plane to the surface at the given point.

a)  $x^2 + 3y^2 + 4z^2 = 20$ ,  $P = (2, 2, 1)$

Here,

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

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} F_x(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 + 3y^2 + 4z^2) \\ &= 2x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_y(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 + 3y^2 + 4z^2) \\ &= 6y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_z(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x^2 + 3y^2 + 4z^2) \\ &= 8z \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore F_x(2, 2, 1) = 2 \times 2 = 4$$

$$\therefore F_y(2, 2, 1) = 6 \times 2 = 12$$

$$\therefore F_z(2, 2, 1) = 8 \times 1 = 8$$

Now equation of tangent plane to a given surface  $S$  at point  $P$  is given by

$$F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)(x - x_0) + F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y - y_0) + F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)(z - z_0) = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

where  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is the given point  $P$ .

For  $P = (2, 2, 1)$ , eqn (i) becomes:

$$F_x(2, 2, 1)(x - 2) + F_y(2, 2, 1)(y - 2) + F_z(2, 2, 1)(z - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(x - 2) + 12(y - 2) + 8(z - 1) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow 4x + 12y + 8z - 40 = 0$  is the required equation of tangent plane.

$$b. xz + 2x^2y + y^2z^3 = 11, P(2, 1, 1)$$

Here,

$$F(x, y, z) = xz + 2x^2y + y^2z^3, P(2, 1, 1)$$

Now,

$$F_x(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xz + 2x^2y + y^2z^3)$$

$$= z + 4xy$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_y(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xz + 2x^2y + y^2z^3) \\ &= 2x^2 + 2yz^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_z(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (xz + 2x^2y + y^2z^3) \\ &= x + 3y^2z^2 \end{aligned}$$

At Point  $P = (2, 1, 1)$

$$\therefore F_x(2, 1, 1) = 1 + 4 \times 2 \times 1 = 9$$

$$\therefore F_y(2, 1, 1) = 2 \times 2^2 + 2 \times 1 \times 1^3 = 10$$

$$\therefore F_z(2, 1, 1) = 2 + 3 \times 1^2 \times 1^2 = 5$$

Now, equation of tangent plane to a given surface  $S$  at point  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0) = P(2, 1, 1)$  is given by:

$$F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)(x - x_0) + F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y - y_0) + F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)(z - z_0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_x(2, 1, 1)(x - 2) + F_y(2, 1, 1)(y - 1) + F_z(2, 1, 1)(z - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9(x - 2) + 10(y - 1) + 5(z - 1) = 0$$

$\therefore 9x + 10y + 5z - 33 = 0$  is required equation of tangent plane  $P'$  for surface  $S$  at point  $P(2, 1, 1)$ .

11. find a unit vector in the direction in which  $f$  increases most rapidly at  $P$ , and find the rate of change of  $f$  at  $P$  in that direction.

a)  $f(x, y) = 4x^3y^2$ ;  $P(-1, 1)$

Here,

$$f(x, y) = 4x^3y^2$$

$$\text{then, } f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(4x^3y^2)$$

$$= 12x^2y^2$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(4x^3y^2)$$

$$= 8x^3y$$

At  $P = (-1, 1)$

$$\therefore f_x(-1, 1) = 12 \times (-1)^2 \times (1)^2 = 12$$

$$\therefore f_y(-1, 1) = 8 \times (-1)^3 \times 1 = -8$$

$$\therefore \nabla f_p = \nabla f(-1, 1) = (f_x(-1, 1), f_y(-1, 1)) \\ = (12, -8)$$

We know that the directional derivative is maximum along the direction of  $\nabla f_p$  for a given point  $P$ . Thus,  $f$  increases most rapidly towards the direction of  $\nabla f_p$  for a given point  $P$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{the required unit vector is given by, } u &= \frac{\nabla f_p}{\|\nabla f_p\|} \\ &= \frac{(12, -8)}{\sqrt{(12)^2 + (-8)^2}} \\ &= \frac{(12, -8)}{\sqrt{208}} \\ &= \left( \frac{12}{\sqrt{208}}, \frac{-8}{\sqrt{208}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Required rate of change at P in that direction  
is given by  $\|\nabla f_p\|$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\|\nabla f_p\| &= \sqrt{(4)^2 + (-8)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{144 + 64} \\ &= \sqrt{208} \\ &= \underline{\underline{14.422}}\end{aligned}$$

b)  $f(x, y) = 3x - \ln y$ ;  $P(2, 4)$

Here,

$$f(x, y) = 3x - \ln y$$

Then,  $f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(3x - \ln y)$   
 $= 3$

$$\begin{aligned}f_y(x, y) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(3x - \ln y) \\ &= -\frac{1}{y}\end{aligned}$$

At Point  $P = (2, 4)$ ,

$$f_x(x, y) = f_x(2, 4) = 3$$

$$f_y(x, y) = f_y(2, 4) = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \nabla f_p &= \nabla f(2, 4) = (f_x(2, 4), f_y(2, 4)) \\ &= (3, -\frac{1}{4})\end{aligned}$$

We know that for a given point P, f increases most rapidly towards the direction of  $\nabla f_p$ . Now, unit vector associated with  $\nabla f_p$  is  $u = \frac{\nabla f_p}{\|\nabla f_p\|}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(3, -1/4)}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-1/4)^2}} \\
 &= \frac{(3, -1/4)}{\sqrt{9 + \frac{1}{16}}} \\
 &= \frac{(3, -1/4)}{\sqrt{\frac{145}{16}}} \\
 &= \left( \frac{12}{\sqrt{145}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{145}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

The rate of change of  $f$  at point  $P$  in that direction is given by  $\|\nabla f_P\|$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \|\nabla f_P\| &= \sqrt{3^2 + (-1/4)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{9 + \frac{1}{16}} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{145}}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

12. Find a unit vector in which  $f$  decreases most rapidly at  $P$ , and find the rate of change of at  $P$  in that direction.

a)  $f(x, y) = 20 - x^2 - y^2$ ;  $P(-1, -3)$

Here,

$$f(x, y) = 20 - x^2 - y^2$$

Then,  $f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (20 - x^2 - y^2)$

$$= -2x$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_y(x, y) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (20 - x^2 - y^2) \\
 &= -2y
 \end{aligned}$$

At point  $P(-1, -3)$ ,

$$f_x(x, y) = f_x(-1, -3) = -2x-1 = 2$$

$$f_y(x, y) = f_y(-1, -3) = -2x-3 = 6$$

$$\therefore \nabla f_p = \nabla f(-1, -3) = (f_x(-1, -3), f_y(-1, -3)) \\ = (2, 6)$$

We know that for a given point  $P$ ,  $f$  decreases the most in the direction of  $-\nabla f_p$ . Thus, unit vector  $u$  associated with

$$-\nabla f_p \text{ is } u = \frac{-\nabla f_p}{\|\nabla f_p\|}$$

$$= \frac{(-2, -6)}{\sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-6)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{(-2, -6)}{\sqrt{4+36}}$$

$$= \left( \frac{-2}{\sqrt{40}}, \frac{-6}{\sqrt{40}} \right)$$

The rate of change in that direction is given by

$$-\|\nabla f_p\|$$

$$\therefore -\|\nabla f_p\| = -\sqrt{(2)^2 + (6)^2}$$

$$= -\sqrt{40}$$

$$= -2\sqrt{10}.$$

b)  $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$ ;  $P(2, 3)$

Here,  $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$

Then,  $f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (e^{xy}) \\ = e^{xy} \cdot y$

$$= y e^{xy}$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (e^{xy})$$

$$= e^{xy} \cdot x$$

$$= x e^{xy}$$

At Point  $P = (2, 3)$ ,

$$f_x(x, y) = f_x(2, 3) = 3e^{2*3} = 3e^6$$

$$f_y(x, y) = f_y(2, 3) = 2e^{2*3} = 2e^6$$

$$\therefore \nabla f_p = \nabla f(2, 3) = (f_x(2, 3), f_y(2, 3)) \\ = (3e^6, 2e^6)$$

We know that for a given point  $P$ ,  $f$  decreases the most in the direction of  $-\nabla f_p$ . Thus, unit vector  $u$  associated with

$-\nabla f_p$  is  $u = \frac{-\nabla f_p}{\|\nabla f_p\|}$

$$= \frac{(-3e^6, -2e^6)}{\sqrt{(-3e^6)^2 + (-2e^6)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{(-3e^6, -2e^6)}{\sqrt{13} e^6}$$

$$= \left( -\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} \right)$$

$$\text{Now, maximum rate of decrease} = -\|\nabla f_p\| \\ = -\sqrt{(3e^6)^2 + (2e^6)^2} \\ = -\sqrt{13} e^6$$

13. Find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y) = x^2 + 4y^2$  at  $P = (3, 2)$  in the direction pointing to the origin.

Here,

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

Now,

$$f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 + 4y^2)$$
$$= 2x$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 + 4y^2)$$
$$= 8y$$

Now, at point  $P = (3, 2)$ ,

$$f_x(x, y) = f_x(3, 2) = 2 \times 3 = 6$$

$$f_y(x, y) = f_y(3, 2) = 8 \times 2 = 16$$

$$\therefore \nabla f_P = \nabla f(3, 2) = (f_x(3, 2), f_y(3, 2))$$
$$= (6, 16)$$

Now vector  $\vec{PO} = (0, 0) - (3, 2)$

$$= (-3, -2)$$

Unit vector  $u$  along the direction of  $\vec{PO} = \frac{(-3, -2)}{\sqrt{(-3)^2 + (-2)^2}}$

$$= \frac{(-3, -2)}{\sqrt{13}}$$
$$= \left( \frac{-3}{\sqrt{13}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{13}} \right)$$

$$\therefore D_u f(P) = D_u f(3, 2) = \nabla f(3, 2) \cdot u$$
$$= (6, 16) \cdot \left( \frac{-3}{\sqrt{13}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{13}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-18 - 32}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$= \frac{-50}{\sqrt{13}}$$

14. Find an equation of the tangent plane and find a set of symmetric equations for the normal line to the surface at the given point.

a)  $z = x^2 - y^2, (3, 2, 5)$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} z &= x^2 - y^2 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 - y^2 - z &= 0 \\ \therefore F(x, y, z) &= x^2 - y^2 - z \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$F_x(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 - y^2 - z) = 2x$$

$$F_y(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 - y^2 - z) = -2y$$

$$F_z(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x^2 - y^2 - z) = -1$$

At  $(3, 2, 5)$ , i.e.  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (3, 2, 5)$

$$\nabla f(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

$$F_x(3, 2, 5) = 2 \times 3 = 6$$

$$F_y(3, 2, 5) = -2 \times 2 = -4$$

$$F_z(3, 2, 5) = -1$$

Now equation of tangent <sup>plane</sup> to a <sup>surface</sup> at point P is given by:

$$F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)(x - x_0) + F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y - y_0) + F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)(z - z_0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_x(0, 2, 5)(x - 3) + F_y(3, 2, 5)(y - 2) + F_z(3, 2, 5)(z - 5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6(x - 3) + (-4)(y - 2) + (-1)(z - 5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x - 4y - z - 18 + 8 + 5 = 0$$

$\therefore 6x - 4y - z = 5$  is required equation of tangent plane.

Symmetric equation of normal line is given by:

$$\frac{x - x_0}{F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \frac{y - y_0}{F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \frac{z - z_0}{F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x - 3}{6} = \frac{y - 2}{-4} = \frac{z - 5}{-1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x - 3}{6} = \frac{y - 2}{-4} = \frac{z - 5}{-1} \text{ is required equation of normal line.}$$

b)  $xy - z = 0$ ,  $(-2, -3, 6)$

Here,

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

$$\therefore F_x(x, y, z) = y$$

$$\therefore F_y(x, y, z) = x$$

$$\therefore F_z(x, y, z) = -1$$

At point  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (-2, -3, 6)$

$$F_x(-2, -3, 6) = -3$$

$$F_y(-2, -3, 6) = -2$$

$$F_z(-2, -3, 6) = -1$$

Now eqn of tangent plane at point  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is given by:

$$F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)(x - x_0) + F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y - y_0) + F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)(z - z_0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -3(x+2) - 2(y+3) + (-1)(z-6) = 0$$

$\therefore 3x + 2y + z + 6 = 0$  is required equation of tangent plane.

Symmetric eqn of normal line is given by:

$$\frac{x - x_0}{F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \frac{y - y_0}{F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \frac{z - z_0}{F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)}$$

$\therefore \frac{x+2}{3} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z-6}{1}$  is required eqn of normal line.

c.  $xyz = 10, (1, 2, 5)$

Here,

$$F(x, y, z) = xyz$$

$$\therefore F_x(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xyz) = yz$$

$$\therefore F_y(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(xyz) = xz$$

$$\therefore F_z(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(xyz) = xy$$

At point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (1, 2, 5)$ ,

$$F_x(1, 2, 5) = 2 \times 5 = 10$$

$$F_y(1, 2, 5) = 1 \times 5 = 5$$

$$F_z(1, 2, 5) = 1 \times 2 = 2$$

Now, eqn of tangent plane is given by:

$$F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)(x - x_0) + F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y - y_0) + F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)(z - z_0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 10(x-1) + 5(y-2) + 2(z-5) = 0$$

$10x + 5y + 2z - 30 = 0$  is required equation of tangent plane.

Equation of normal line at  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is given by

$$\frac{x - x_0}{F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \frac{y - y_0}{F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \frac{z - z_0}{F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-1}{10} = \frac{y-2}{5} = \frac{z-5}{2} \text{ is required}$$

equation of normal line.

d)  $z = ye^{2xy}, (0, 2, 2)$

Here,

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

$$\therefore ye^{2xy} - z = 0$$

Thus,

$$F(x, y, z) = ye^{2xy} - z$$

Now,

$$F_x(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(ye^{2xy} - z)$$

$$= ye^{2xy} \cdot 2y$$

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

$$F_y(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(ye^{2xy} - z)$$

$$= y \frac{\partial(e^{2xy})}{\partial y} + e^{2xy} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} - 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= y e^{2xy} \cdot 2x + e^{2xy} \\
 &= 2xye^{2xy} + e^{2xy} \\
 F_z(x, y, z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (ye^{2xy} - z) \\
 &= -1
 \end{aligned}$$

Now at point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (0, 2, 2)$ ,

$$F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0) = F_x(0, 2, 2) = 2 \times 2^2 \times e^0 = 8$$

$$F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0) = F_y(0, 2, 2) = 2 \times 0 \times 2 \times e^0 + e^0 = 0 + 1 = 1$$

$$F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0) = -1$$

Equation of tangent plane at  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (0, 2, 2)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)(x-x_0) + F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y-y_0) + F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)(z-z_0) \\
 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 8(x-0) + 1(y-2) + (-1)(z-2) = 0$$

$\therefore 8x + y - z = 0$  is required equation of tangent plane.

Symmetric eqn of <sup>normal</sup> line at  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is given by:

$$\frac{x-x_0}{F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \frac{y-y_0}{F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \frac{z-z_0}{F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)}$$

Put  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (0, 2, 2)$ , we get:

$$\frac{x-0}{8} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-2}{-1}$$

$\therefore \frac{x}{8} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-2}{-1}$  is required symmetric equation of normal line.

$$e) y \ln(xz^2) = 2, (e, 2, 1)$$

Here,

$$F(x, y, z) = y \ln(xz^2)$$

Now,

$$F_x(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (y \ln(xz^2))$$

$$= y \cdot \frac{1}{xz^2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xz^2)$$

$$= \frac{y z^2}{x z^2}$$

$$= y/x$$

$$F_y(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y \ln(xz^2))$$

$$= \ln(xz^2)$$

$$F_z(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (y \ln(xz^2))$$

$$= y \cdot \frac{1}{xz^2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (xz^2)$$

$$= \frac{2xyz}{xz^2}$$

$$= \frac{2y}{z}$$

At point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (e, 2, 1)$ ,

$$F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0) = F_x(e, 2, 1) = 2/e$$

$$F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0) = F_y(e, 2, 1) = \ln(e \cdot 1)^2$$

$$= \ln e = 1$$

$$F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0) = F_z(e, 2, 1) = \frac{2 \cdot 2}{1} = 4$$

The equation of tangent plane is given by:

$$F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)(x - x_0) + F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y - y_0) + F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)(z - z_0) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{e}(x - e) + 1(y - 2) + 4(z - 1) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{e}x + y + 4z = 8$$

$\therefore \frac{2}{e}x + y + 4z = 8$  is required equation of tangent plane.

Now, symmetric equation of normal line at  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is given by:

$$\frac{x - x_0}{F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \frac{y - y_0}{F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = \frac{z - z_0}{F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{x - e}{\frac{2}{e}} = \frac{y - 2}{1} = \frac{z - 1}{4}$$

$\therefore \frac{x - e}{\frac{2}{e}} = \frac{y - 2}{1} = \frac{z - 1}{4}$  is required symmetric equation of normal line.