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Let $f(x, y) = \sin(xy^2 + y) + 2e^x$.

Compute the linear approximation of f around $(0, 0)$. Express your answer in terms of x and y .

$f(x, y) \approx$ ✓ Answer: $2+2x+y$

Use your approximation from above to approximate $f(0.1, 0.2)$.

$f(0.1, 0.2) \approx$ ✓ Answer: 2.4

We want to find a value of y near to zero so that $f(0, y) = 1.99$. Approximate this value of y .

$y \approx$ ✓ Answer: -0.01

We want to find a point (x, y) near $(0, 0)$ where $f(x, y) = 2$ and $x - y = 0.01$. Approximate this point (x, y) . (Enter your answer to 5 decimal places.)

$x \approx$ ✓ Answer: $0.01/3$ $y \approx$ ✓

Answer: $-0.02/3$

Solution:

To compute the linear approximation, we need the values

$$f(0, 0) = \sin(0) + 2e^0 = 2$$

$$f_x(0, 0) = y^2 \cos(xy^2 + y) + 2e^x \Big|_{(x,y)=(0,0)} = 2$$

$$f_y(0, 0) = \cos(xy^2 + y)(2xy + 1) \Big|_{(x,y)=(0,0)} = 1.$$

Then we obtain

$$f(x, y) \approx f(0, 0) + f_x(0, 0)x + f_y(0, 0)y = 2 + 2x + y$$

for (x, y) near $(0, 0)$.

To approximate $f(0.1, 0.2)$, we substitute these values into our linear approximation to obtain

$$f(0.1, 0.2) \approx 2 + 2(0.1) + 0.2 = 2.4.$$

To find an approximate value of y near zero so that $f(0, y) = 1.99$, we use our linear

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$1.99 \approx 2 + 2(0) + 1(y).$

Solving for y yields $y \approx -0.01$. Therefore, $f(0, -0.01) \approx 1.99$.

Finally, to find the point (x, y) such that $f(x, y) = 2$ and $x - y = 0.01$, we can substitute $x = 0.01 + y$ into the linear approximation:

$2 = 2 + 2(0.01 + y) + 1(y).$

Solving for y yields $y = -0.02/3$. Then from $x - y = 0.01$ we have $x = 0.01 - 0.02/3 = 0.01/3$.

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