

$$\phi, \quad \vec{\nabla} = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \phi = \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

Gradient of  $\phi \rightarrow$  Normal to the Surface

$\phi \rightarrow$  Scalar

$$\phi = C$$

$$d\phi = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot d\vec{r} = 0, \quad d\vec{r} \rightarrow \text{tgt to the surface}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \phi \rightarrow \perp \text{ from tgt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \phi \rightarrow \text{Normal to the surface.}$$

### Directional Derivative

Let  $\phi$  be a scalar pt func  $\phi(x, y, z)$

then  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$  &  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$  are the

directional derivative of  $\phi$  in the direction of the coord axes

If  $\vec{\nabla}(x, y, z)$  represents a vector pt

func. the  $\frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial z}$  represents  
directional derivatives of  $\bar{V}$  in the direction  
of coord axes

Note i) The directional derivative of a  
scalar pt func  $\phi$  in the direction  
of a line whose direction cosines  
are  $l, m, n$

$$= l \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + m \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + n \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$= \nabla \phi \cdot (l \hat{i} + m \hat{j} + n \hat{k})$$

$$= \left( i \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (l \hat{i} + m \hat{j} + n \hat{k})$$

$$= l \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + m \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + n \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$



Directional der. of  $\phi$   
in the direction of a  
line whose direction cosine  
is  $l, m, n$

Note 2 Directional derivative of a  
Scalar fun  $\phi$  in the direction  
of a vector  $\vec{a} \rightarrow \nabla\phi \cdot \hat{a}$

$$\nabla\phi \cdot \hat{a} = \frac{\nabla\phi \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$$

$$\nabla\phi \cdot \hat{a} = |\nabla\phi| |\hat{a}| \cos\theta$$

$\theta \rightarrow$  Angle between  $\nabla\phi$  &  $\hat{a}$

$$\vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \hat{a} = |\nabla \phi| \cos \theta$$

This value will be max  
when  $\theta = 0$

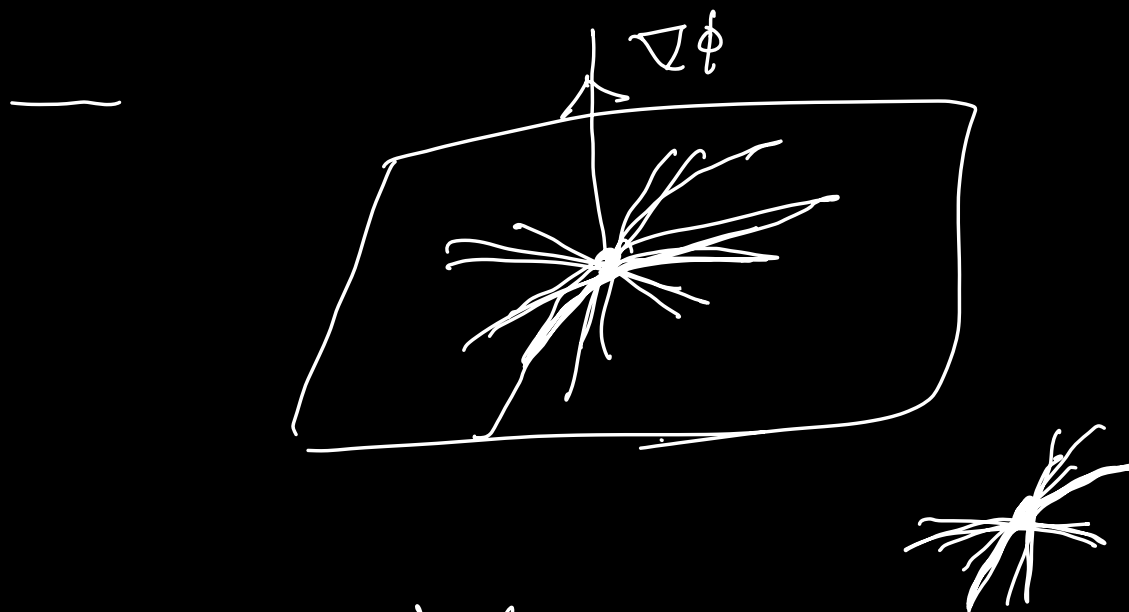
$\Rightarrow$  when both the vectors  
are in the same direction

OR

$\Rightarrow$  when  $\vec{a}$  is in the the  
direction of  $\nabla \phi$

$\Rightarrow$  Max direction of the  
directional derivation of  $\phi$   
with any vector  $\vec{a}$  is in  
the direction of  $\vec{\nabla} \phi$  or  
Normal to the surface

Equation of tgt plane with the  
help of Gradient of  $\phi = c$



$\nabla\phi$  normal to surface at pt

$P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$

Let  $(x, y, z)$  be any pt on  
the tgt the vector

$$(x-x_0)\mathbf{i} + (y-y_0)\mathbf{j} + (z-z_0)\mathbf{k}$$

is a vector in the tgt plane

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \phi(P_0) \cdot [(x-x_0)\hat{i} + (y-y_0)\hat{j} + (z-z_0)\hat{k}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \phi(P_0)}{\partial x}(x-x_0) + \frac{\partial \phi(P_0)}{\partial y}(y-y_0) + \frac{\partial \phi(P_0)}{\partial z}(z-z_0) = 0$$

This represents eqn of the tgt plane at  $P_0$

OR

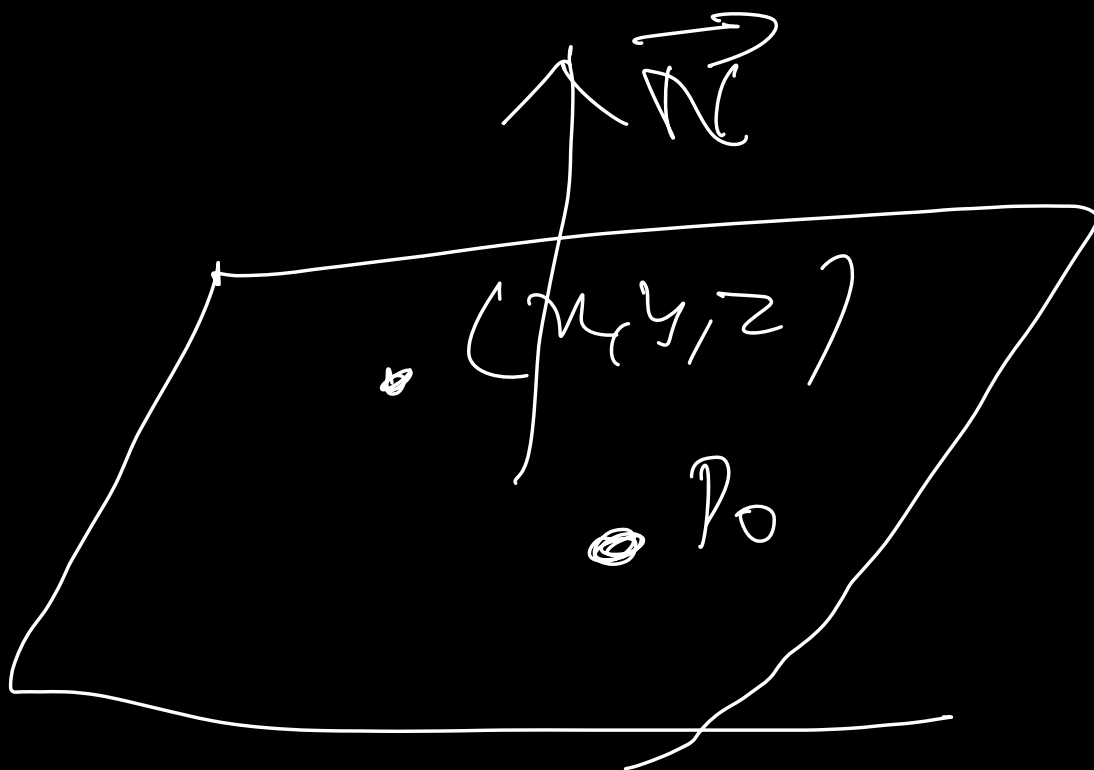
Eqn of the tgt plane passing through a pt  $r_0$

$$(r-r_0) \cdot \vec{N} = 0$$

$$\vec{r} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{r}_0 = x_0\vec{i} + y_0\vec{j} + z_0\vec{k}$$

$$(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \cdot \vec{N} = 0$$



$$P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

$$(x-x_0)\hat{i} + (y-y_0)\hat{j} \\ + (z-z_0)\hat{k}$$

$$= d\vec{r}$$

$$d\vec{r} \cdot \vec{N} = 0$$

Ques  $2xz^2 - 3xy - 4x = 7$

at  $(1, -1, 2)$

Find the eqn of the tgt  
plane

$$\vec{N} = \nabla \phi \mid$$



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

$$\nabla\phi = (2z^2 - 3y - 4)\hat{i} - 3xz\hat{j} + 4zx\hat{k}$$

$$\nabla\phi|_{(1, -1, 2)} = \vec{N} = 7\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$$

Equn of the ~~test~~ plane

$$(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \cdot \vec{N} = 0$$

$$[(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})] \cdot$$

$$[7\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}] = 0$$

$$7(x-1) - 3(y+1) + 8(z-2) = 0$$

Eqn of the tangent plane.

Ques Find the directional derivative of

$\phi = xy^2 + yz^2$  at  $(2, -1, 1)$  in  
the direction of the vector  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

$$\nabla \phi \Big|_{(2, -1, 1)} \cdot \hat{a}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \phi &= \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xy^2 + yz^2) + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xy^2 + yz^2) \\ &\quad + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (xy^2 + yz^2) \\ &= \hat{i} y^2 + \hat{j} (2xy + z^2) + \hat{k} (2yz)\end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla \phi \Big|_{(2, -1, 1)} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{1+4+4}}$$

$$\nabla \vec{\phi} \cdot \hat{a} = (i - 3j - 2k) \cdot \left( \frac{i + 2j + 2k}{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1 - 6 - 4}{3} = -3$$

Ques  $\phi = x^2y + yz^2 + zx^2$

along the tgt to the curve  
 $x=t, y=t^2, z=t^3$  at the  
 pt  $(1, 1, 1)$

Soln Tangent to the Curve

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{T} &= \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt}(t\hat{i} + t^2\hat{j} + t^3\hat{k}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{T} = i + 2t\hat{j} + 3t^2\hat{k}$$

$$\text{At } (1,1,1), t=1$$

$$\vec{a} = \vec{T} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\phi = xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2$$

$$\nabla\phi = i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2)$$

$$+ j \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2)$$

$$+ k (xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2)$$

$$= i(y^2 + 2xz) + j(2xy + z^2)$$

$$+ k(2yz + x^2)$$

$$\nabla\phi|_{(1,1,1)} = 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

Directional derivative  
of  $\phi$  in the direction  
of  $\vec{T} = \vec{a}$

$$= \nabla \phi \cdot \hat{T} = \frac{\nabla \phi \cdot \vec{T}}{|\vec{T}|}$$

$$= \frac{(3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})}{\sqrt{1+4+9}}$$

$$= \frac{18}{\sqrt{14}}$$

