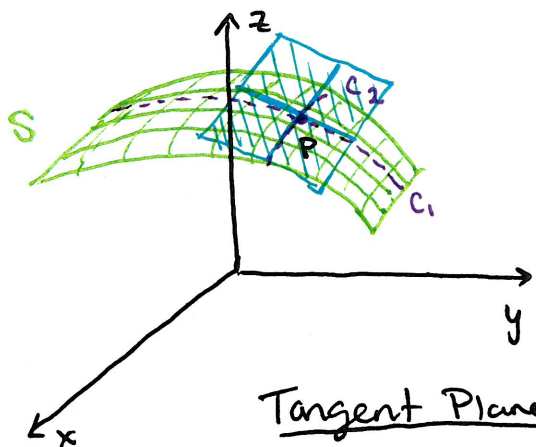


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- S given by $z = f(x, y)$ with continuous first partials
- P a point (x_0, y_0, z_0) on S
- $C_1 = f(x_0, y)$ and $C_2 = f(x, y_0)$

Tangent Plane to S at P : the plane containing the tangent lines to C_1 and C_2 at the point P .

Slope of tangent line to $C_1 = f_y(x_0, y_0)$ Direction = $\langle 0, 1, f_y \rangle$

Slope of tangent line to $C_2 = f_x(x_0, y_0)$ Direction = $\langle 1, 0, f_x \rangle$

normal vector to plane = $\langle 0, 1, f_y \rangle \times \langle 1, 0, f_x \rangle = \langle f_x, f_y, -1 \rangle$

Tangent plane to $z = f(x, y)$ at (x_0, y_0) : $f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) - (z - z_0) = 0$

Example 1 Find the tangent plane to $z = 2x^2 + y^2$ at $(1, 1, 3)$.

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Big|_{(1,1)} = 4x \Big|_{(1,1)} = 4$$

tangent plane:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \Big|_{(1,1)} = 2y \Big|_{(1,1)} = 2$$

$$4(x-1) + 2(y-1) - (z-3) = 0$$

• Linear Approximation: $f(x, y) \approx L(x, y) = f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) + z_0$
 Points near (x_0, y_0) on $f \approx$ tangent plane value for points (x, y) near (x_0, y_0)

• $f(x, y)$ Differentiable: at (a, b) if $\Delta z = f_x(a, b)\Delta x + f_y(a, b)\Delta y + \epsilon_1\Delta x + \epsilon_2\Delta y$ where $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$ as $(\Delta x, \Delta y) \rightarrow 0$.

Theorem If f_x and f_y exist near (a, b) and are continuous at (a, b) then f is differentiable at (a, b) .

Proof: $\Delta z = f(a + \Delta x, b + \Delta y) - f(a, b)$ let $a' = a + \Delta x$ and $b' = b + \Delta y$

$$= \underbrace{[f(a', b') - f(a, b')]}_{\text{function of } x} + \underbrace{[f(a, b') - f(a, b)]}_{\text{function of } y}$$

by MVT = $f_x(x_a, b')\Delta x + f_y(a, y_b)\Delta y$ where $x_a \in (a, a + \Delta x)$ $y_b \in (b, b + \Delta y)$

$$= f_x(a, b)\Delta x + \underbrace{[f_x(x_a, b') - f_x(a, b)]}_{\text{continuous} \rightarrow (a, b)}\Delta x + f_y(a, b)\Delta y + \underbrace{[f_y(a, y_b) - f_y(a, b)]}_{\text{continuous} \rightarrow (a, b)}\Delta y$$

$$= f_x(a, b)\Delta x + \epsilon_1\Delta x + f_y(a, b)\Delta y + \epsilon_2\Delta y \quad \text{where } \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \Delta x, \Delta y \rightarrow 0$$

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Example 2 Show $f(x,y) = xe^{xy}$ is differentiable at $(1,0)$ and find its Linearization at $(1,0)$ to approximate $f(1.1, -0.1)$.

$$f_x(x,y) = e^{xy} + xye^{xy}$$

$$f_y(x,y) = x^2e^{xy}$$

Both continuous
so f is differentiable

$$f_x(1,0) = 1 \quad f_y(1,0) = 1$$

$$L(x,y) = (x-1) + y + 1 \quad f(1.1, -0.1) \approx L(1.1, -0.1) = 1$$

• Differentials:

one variable

$$y = f(x)$$

$$\Delta y = f'(x)\Delta x + \varepsilon_1\Delta x$$

$$dy = f'(x)dx$$

$$\Delta y \approx dy$$

Two variables

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

$$\Delta z = f_x(x,y)\Delta x + f_y(x,y)\Delta y + \varepsilon_1\Delta x + \varepsilon_2\Delta y$$

$$dz = f_x(x,y)dx + f_y(x,y)dy$$

$$\Delta z \approx dz$$

Example 5 The base radius and height of a right circular cone are measured as 10cm and 25cm, with a possible error of 0.1cm in each. Use differentials to estimate the max error in calculating the volume of the cone, then check by computing two volumes.

$$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h \quad |\Delta r| = |dr| \leq 0.1 \quad |\Delta h| = |dh| \leq 0.1$$

$$dV = \frac{2}{3}\pi r h dr + \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 dh$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max error in volume} &\approx dV = \frac{2}{3}\pi(10)(25)(0.1) + \frac{1}{3}\pi(10)^2(0.1) \\ &= 20\pi \text{ cm}^3 \approx \boxed{62.83 \text{ cm}^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Check: } V_1 = \frac{1}{3}\pi(10)^2(25) = \frac{2500}{3}\pi$$

$$V_2 = \frac{1}{3}\pi(10.1)^2(25.1) = \frac{2560.451}{3}\pi$$

$$\text{Difference} = \frac{2560.451}{3}\pi - \frac{2500}{3}\pi \approx \boxed{63.30 \text{ cm}^3}$$

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• Extra Examples

31 If $z = 5x^2 + y^2$ and (x, y) changes from $(1, 2)$ to $(1.05, 2.1)$
Compare Δz and dz .

$$\Delta z = z(1.05, 2.1) - z(1, 2) = 5(1.05)^2 + (2.1)^2 - 5 - 4 = \boxed{0.612}$$

$$dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy \quad dz = 10x|_{(1,2)}(0.05) + 2y|_{(1,2)}(0.1)$$
$$= 10(0.05) + 4(0.1)$$
$$= \boxed{0.9}$$

38 The pressure, volume, and temp of a mole of an ideal gas are related by the equation $PV = 8.31T$ where P is measured in kPa, V in L, T in K. Use differentials to find the approx. change in pressure if V is increased from 12L to 12.3L and the temp decreases from 310K to 305K.

$$P = \frac{8.31T}{V}$$

$$dP = -8.31V^{-2}T dV + \frac{8.31}{V} dT$$

$$dP = -8.31(12)^{-2}(310)(0.3) + \frac{8.31}{12}(-5) \approx \boxed{-8.829 \text{ kPa}}$$

42 $\vec{r}_1(t) = \langle 2+3t, 1-t^2, 3-4t+t^2 \rangle$ and $\vec{r}_2(u) = \langle 1+u^2, 2u^3-1, 2u+1 \rangle$ lie on S
and contain $(2, 1, 3)$. Find the tangent plane to S at $(2, 1, 3)$.

$$\vec{r}_1'(t) = \langle 3, -2t, -4+2t \rangle \quad \vec{r}_1'(0) = \langle 3, 0, -4 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}_2'(u) = \langle 2u, 6u^2, 2 \rangle \quad \vec{r}_2'(1) = \langle 2, 6, 2 \rangle$$

Point $(2, 1, 3)$

$$t = 0$$

$$u = 1$$

$$\text{Normal} = \vec{r}_1'(0) \times \vec{r}_2'(1) = \langle 10, -14, 18 \rangle$$

tangent plane:

$$\boxed{10(x-2) - 14(y-1) + 18(z-3) = 0}$$