

Math Lab: M-F 12-5, 6-8 PDT

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Notes & Video

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Recall from Calc I $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \quad \leftarrow$$

$$f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

input output

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_m) = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

real real real real

We now can take partial derivatives
 $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f_x = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h}$$

Partial derivatives work the same way except you claim everything except x is a constant (for f_x)

Ex Compute $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(2,0) = f_y(2,0)$ & $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = f_x$ for

$$f(x,y) = \underline{(x-3)^2 e^y} \quad \leftarrow$$

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$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} (2,0) = (2-3)^2 e^0 = (-1)^2 \cdot 1 = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2(x-3)^1 \cdot 1 \cdot e^y \quad (x-3)^2 \cdot e^c \sim (x-3)^2 \cdot C$$

$$= \boxed{2(x-3)e^y}$$

Let $f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1 = \mathbb{R}$.

$f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ gives a single real value
 Say $\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ is the input.

Then

$$Df(\vec{x}) = \nabla f(\vec{x}) = [f_{x_1}(\vec{x}), \dots, f_{x_m}(\vec{x})] \leftarrow \text{vector}$$

this is called the gradient of f at \vec{x}

Let $f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_m) = (f_1(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, f_n(x_1, \dots, x_m))$$

e.g. $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$f(x, y) = (x_1, x - y, x^2)$$

$$f_1(x, y) = x_1 \quad f_2(x, y) = x - y \quad f_3(x, y) = x^2$$

then

$$Df(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_m} \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \nabla f \text{ if } f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

So when $n=1$ $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $\nabla f = Df$

Why is the gradient important?

$\nabla f(\underline{x})$ gives the direction of the largest rate of increase in f at \underline{x}

Ex Let $f(x,y,z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$. In what direction does f increase most rapidly at the point

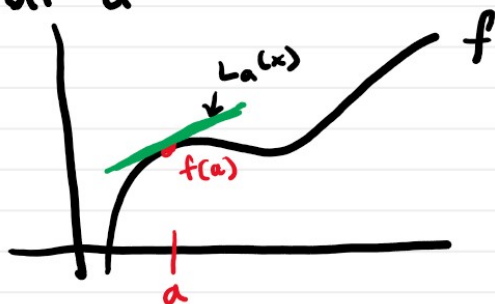
$(1, 2, -1)$?

$$\nabla f(1, 2, -1) = [f_x(1, 2, -1), f_y(1, 2, -1), f_z(1, 2, -1)]$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} f_x = 2x & f_x(1, 2, -1) = 2 \\ f_y = 2y & f_y(1, 2, -1) = 4 \\ f_z = 2z & f_z(1, 2, -1) = -2 \end{array}$$

$$\nabla f(1, 2, -1) = \boxed{[2, 4, -2]}$$

Recall from Calc I linear approximation of $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ at a



Near a , $L_a(x)$ is really close to f

$$L_a(x) = f(a) + \underline{f'(a)}(x-a) \leftarrow$$

We can generalize this for multivariable functions.

$$L_{\vec{a}}(\vec{x}) = f(\vec{a}) + \underline{Df(\vec{a})}(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \leftarrow$$

Ex Find $L_{(1,1)}(\vec{x})$ when $f(x,y) = \underline{1-x^2-2y^2} \leftarrow$

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1 = \mathbb{R}$$

$$Df = \nabla f$$

$$L_{(1,1)}(\vec{x}) = \underline{f(1,1)} + \underline{\nabla f(1,1)}(\underline{\vec{x} - (1,1)})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet f(1,1) &= 1-1^2-2 \cdot 1^2 = -2 \\ \bullet \nabla f(1,1) &= [f_x(1,1), f_y(1,1)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= -2x & f_x(1,1) &= -2 \\ f_y &= -4y & f_y(1,1) &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla f(1,1) = [-2, -4]$$

$$\bullet (\vec{x} - (1,1)) = (x,y) - (1,1) = (x-1, y-1) = \begin{bmatrix} x-1 \\ y-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

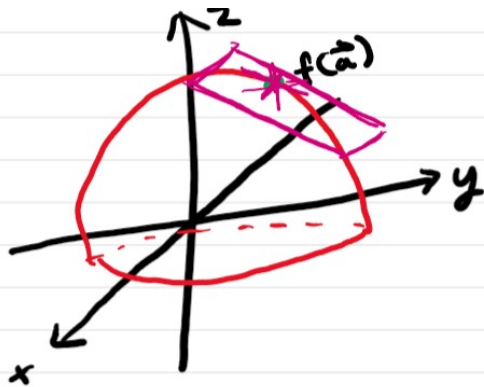
$$L_{(1,1)}(\vec{x}) = -2 + [-2, -4] \begin{bmatrix} x-1 \\ y-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= -2 - 2x + 2 - 4y + 4$$

$$\boxed{L_{(1,1)}(x) = 4 - 2x - 4y}$$

A linear approximation represents the equation of a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 . So the equation of the tangent plane is the same as the linear approximation.



Ex Compute the equation of the plane tangent to $f(x, y) = \arctan(xy)$ at $(1, 1)$

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad Df = \nabla f$$

$$L_{(1,1)}(\vec{x}) = f(1,1) + \nabla f(1,1)(\vec{x} - (1,1))$$

$$\bullet f(1,1) = \arctan(1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\bullet \nabla f(1,1) = [f_x(1,1), f_y(1,1)]$$

$$f_x = \frac{y}{1+x^2y^2} \quad f_x(1,1) = \frac{1}{1+1^2 \cdot 1^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f_y = \frac{x}{1+x^2y^2} \quad f_y(1,1) = \frac{1}{1+1^2 \cdot 1^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\nabla f(1,1) = \left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$\bullet \vec{x} - (1,1) = (x, y) - (1,1) = (x-1, y-1) = \begin{bmatrix} x-1 \\ y-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L_{(1,1)}(\vec{x}) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right] \begin{bmatrix} x-1 \\ y-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2}(x-1) + \frac{1}{2}(y-1)$$

$$0 = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2}(x-1) + \frac{1}{2}(y-1) - z$$

$$0 = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}y - \frac{1}{2} - 2$$

$$\left[0 = \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 1 \right) + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}y - 2 \right] \times 4$$

$$\boxed{0 = (\pi - 4) + 2x + 2y - 4}$$

Ex Let $f(x, y) = (xy, x-y, x^2)$. Find $L_{(1,2)}(\vec{x})$
 $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$L_{(1,2)}(\vec{x}) = f(1,2) + Df(1,2)(\vec{x} - (1,2))$$

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

$$Df(1,2)$$

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

$$f_1(x, y) = xy \quad f_2(x, y) = x-y \quad f_3(x, y) = x^2$$

$$Df(1,2) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x}(1,2) & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y}(1,2) \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x}(1,2) & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y}(1,2) \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x}(1,2) & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y}(1,2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} = y \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x}(1,2) = 2 \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} = x \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y}(1,2) = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} = 1 \quad \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} = -1 \quad \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x} = 2x \quad \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x}(1,2) = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$Df(1,2) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\vec{x} - (1,2)) = (x,y) - (1,2) = (x-1, y-2) = \begin{bmatrix} x-1 \\ y-2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L_{(1,2)}(\vec{x}) = [2, -1, 1] + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x-1 \\ y-2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= [2, -1, 1] + \begin{bmatrix} 2(x-1) + (y-2) \\ x-1 - (y-2) \\ 2(x-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= [2, -1, 1] + [2(x-1) + (y-2), x-1 - (y-2), 2(x-1)]$$

$$= [2 + 2(x-1) + (y-2), -1 + x-1 - (y-2), 1 + 2(x-1)]$$

$$\boxed{[2x + y - 2, x - y - 4, 2x]}$$