

14.6:- Tangent planes and differentials

Tangent plane :-

to function $f(x, y, z) = c$ and at Point $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$

The equation of tangent plane is:-

$$f_x(P_0)(x-x_0) + f_y(P_0)(y-y_0) + f_z(P_0)(z-z_0) = 0$$

x direction, y direction, z direction

Normal line:-

The equation:

$$x = x_0 + f_x(P_0)b$$

$$y = y_0 + f_y(P_0)b$$

$$z = z_0 + f_z(P_0)b$$

• ∇f is orthogonal to the tangent plane

* If the function was $z = f(x, y)$, $P_0(x_0, y_0, f(x_0, y_0))$ then the equation of tangent line is:-

$$f_x(x_0, y_0)(x-x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y-y_0) - (z-z_0) = 0$$

Question idea :-

If there are two surfaces meeting in a specific shape then the parametric equations for the line tangent at E at $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$

find $v = \nabla f \times \nabla g$ (Direction of tangent plane) and equations are then:-

$$x = x_0 + v_1 b, \quad y = y_0 + v_2 b, \quad z = z_0 + v_3 b$$

Estimating change in specific direction:-

$$df = (\nabla f|_{P_0} \cdot u) ds$$

where

$$u = \frac{PP_0}{|PP_0|}$$

∇f : Directional derivative

u : Direction of movement

ds : distance increment

Linearization a function of two variables:-

function $f(x, y)$ at $P_0(x_0, y_0)$

$$L(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

→ The error in the standard linear approximation

$$|E(x, y)| \leq \frac{1}{2} M (|x - x_0| + |y - y_0|)^2$$

where E is the error

M is the upperbound for the values $|f_{xx}|$,

$|f_{yy}|$, $|f_{xy}|$

→ to find M , we put values of x, y to make f_{xx}, f_{yy}, f_{xy} the highest possible value

Differentials

x, y is taken from given $|x| \leq x', |y| \leq y'$

Total differentiation of f

$$df = f_x(x_0, y_0) dx + f_y(x_0, y_0) dy$$

where df is the resulting change of moving from (x_0, y_0) to $(x_0 + dx, y_0 + dy)$

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14.7 Extreme values and Saddle point

Derivative tests for local extreme values

- local maximum: if $f(a,b) \geq f(x,y)$ for all domain points (x,y) in an open disk centered at (a,b)
- local minimum: $f(a,b) \leq f(x,y)$ for all domain points (x,y) in an open disk centered at (a,b)

→ First derivative test for local extreme values

$f(a,b)$ is a local max or min if the first derivatives exist $\rightarrow f_x(a,b) = 0, f_y(a,b) = 0$

Second derivative test for local extreme values

- 1- local max at (a,b) if $f_{xx} < 0$ and $f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 > 0$ at (a,b)
- 2- local min at (a,b) if $f_{xx} > 0$ and $f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 > 0$ at (a,b)
- 3- saddle point at (a,b) if $f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 < 0$ at (a,b)
- 4- Test fails if $f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 0$ at (a,b)

*Critical point :- a point where $f_x, f_y = 0$ or one or both of f_x, f_y does not exist.

• Extreme values are critical points or boundary points

→ Saddle point is similar to the inflection point in single variable function

* When you find a critical point or Boundary point you need to check if it's min, max
→ use second derivative test

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