

# Implicit Diff. Revisited.

Ex Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  at  $(0, 0, 0)$

if  $z(x, y)$  is implicitly defined

by  $x^3 + z^2 + y \overset{xz}{\circ} + z \cos y = 0$

$$F(x, y, z) = 0$$

Sol  $F(x, y, z(x, y)) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F(x, y, z(x, y)) = 0$$

$$0 = \partial_x \bar{F}(x, y, z(x, y))$$

$$= \underbrace{F_x(x, y, z)}_{\text{fixed } y, z} \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \underbrace{F_z(x, y, z)}_{\text{fixed } x, y} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$= F_x(x, y, z) \Big|_{z=z(x, y)} + F_z(x, y, z) \Big|_{z=z(x, y)} \frac{\partial z(x, y)}{\partial x}$$

$$= F_x + F_z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Big|_{(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = - \frac{F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)}{F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)}$$

Similarly  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \Big|_{(x_0, y_0, z_0)} = - \frac{F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)}{F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)}$

$$F_x(0,0,0) = 3x^2 + yz e^{zx} + 0 \Big|_{(0,0,0)} = 0$$

$$F_y(0,0,0) = e^{xz} - z \sin y \Big|_{(0,0,0)} = 1$$

$$F_z(0,0,0) = 2z + xy e^{xz} + \cos y \Big|_{(0,0,0)} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Big|_{(0,0,0)} = - \frac{F_x(0,0,0)}{F_z(0,0,0)} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \Big|_{(0,0,0)} = - \frac{F_y(0,0,0)}{F_z(0,0,0)} = -1$$

# Directional derivative.

Def: "Derivative of  $f(x, y)$

at  $P_0 = (x_0, y_0)$  in the

direction of unit vector

$$\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2) \quad (\text{i.e. } u_1^2 + u_2^2 = 1)$$

$$\left( \frac{df}{ds} \right)_{\vec{u}, P_0} = D_{\vec{u}} f(x_0, y_0)$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + \Delta s u_1, y_0 + \Delta s u_2) - f(x_0, y_0)}{\Delta s}$$

Thm If  $f(x, y)$  is  
diff. at  $(x_0, y_0)$ , then

$$D_{\vec{u}} f(x_0, y_0) = \nabla f(x_0, y_0) \cdot \vec{u}$$

where  $\nabla f = (f_x, f_y)$ .

pf:  $\Delta f = f_x(x_0, y_0) \Delta x + f_y(x_0, y_0) \Delta y$

$$+ \varepsilon_1 \Delta x + \varepsilon_2 \Delta y \quad (\lim \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 = 0)$$

$$\Delta x = \Delta s u_1, \quad \Delta y = \Delta s u_2$$

$$\lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta f}{\Delta s} = f_x(x_0, y_0) u_1 + f_y(x_0, y_0) u_2 = \nabla f(x_0, y_0) \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$\text{Eg. } f(x, y) = x^2 + xy$$

$$\vec{u} = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$D_{\vec{u}} f(1, 2) = ? \quad \left( \text{Note: } f \text{ is diff.} \right)$$

$$\text{Sol } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f\left(1 + \frac{h}{\sqrt{2}}, 2 + \frac{h}{\sqrt{2}}\right) - f(1, 2)}{h}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dh} f\left(1 + \frac{h}{\sqrt{2}}, 2 + \frac{h}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \Big|_{h=0}$$

$$= f_x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + f_y \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= (2x + y, x) \Big|_{(1, 2)} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{Ex. } f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3 y}{x^2 + y^2} & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

$$D_{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)} f(0, 0) = ?$$

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

$$f_y(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, h) - f(0, 0)}{h} = 0$$

$$D_{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)} f(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f\left(\frac{h}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{h}{\sqrt{2}}\right) - f(0, 0)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{h}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^3 / h^2}{h} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \neq \nabla f(0, 0) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

Remark: In polar coordinates

$$f(r, \theta) = r \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta$$

In contrast: a plane  
passing through  $(0, 0)$

$$L(x, y) = a(x-0) + b(y-0)$$

$$= r(a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta)$$

$$= L_x(x-0) + L_y(y-0)$$



# Properties of $\nabla f$ :

If  $f$  is diff.

$$\Rightarrow D_{\vec{u}} f(x_0, y_0) = \nabla f(x_0, y_0) \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$= |\nabla f(x_0, y_0)| \cdot |\vec{u}| \cdot \cos\theta$$

$\Rightarrow$  (1)  $f$  increases most rapidly  
(decreases)

in the direction  $\vec{u}$  if  $\cos\theta = 1$   
( $\cos\theta = -1$ )

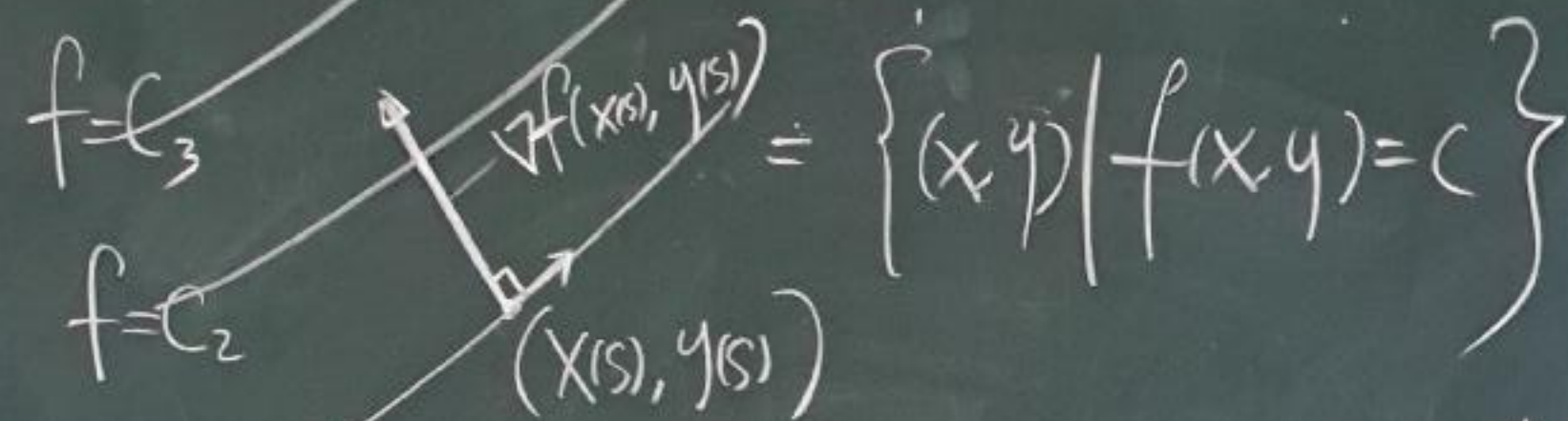
i.e. the direction of  $\nabla f(x_0, y_0)$   
( $-\nabla f(x_0, y_0)$ )

(2)  $D_{\vec{u}} f(x_0, y_0) = 0$  if  $\nabla f(x_0, y_0) \perp \vec{u}$

# Application

$c_1 < c_2 < c_3$

$f(x, y) = \text{const}$



If  $(x(s), y(s))$  is a parametrization of a level curve, then

$$f(x(s), y(s)) = \text{constant}$$

If  $f(x, y)$  is diff.

$(x'(s), y'(s))$  is a tangent vector of the level curve

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{d}{ds} f(x(s), y(s)) = \nabla f(x(s), y(s)) \cdot (x'(s), y'(s))$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f \perp (\text{tangent line of level curve})$$

Eg: Find the tangent line and normal line of

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 = 2 \text{ at } (-2, 1)$$

Sol: Let  $F(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{4} + y^2$

$$\nabla F(-2, 1) = \left( \frac{x}{2}, 2y \right) \Big|_{(-2, 1)} = (-1, 2)$$

$\therefore$  a normal vector =  $(-1, 2)$

tangent line:  $(x - x_0, y - y_0) \cdot \text{Normal vector} = 0$

i.e.  $(x + 2, y - 1) \cdot (-1, 2) = 0$ ; Normal line:  $\frac{y - 1}{x + 2} = \frac{2}{-1}$