

Def:  $f(x, y)$  is differentiable  
at  $(x_0, y_0)$  if

(i)  $f'_x(x_0, y_0), f'_y(x_0, y_0)$  exist

(\*) (ii)  $f(x, y) \approx L(x, y)$

$$= f(x_0, y_0) + f'_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f'_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) \\ + \varepsilon_1(x - x_0) + \varepsilon_2(y - y_0)$$

where  $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} \varepsilon_1 = 0 = \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} \varepsilon_2$

Same definition as next page



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$$\Delta Z = f'_x(x_0, y_0) \Delta x + f'_y(x_0, y_0) \Delta y + \varepsilon_1 \Delta x + \varepsilon_2 \Delta y$$

where  $\Delta Z = f(x, y) - f(x_0, y_0)$

$$\Delta x = x - x_0$$

$$\Delta y = y - y_0$$

and  $\lim_{(\Delta x, \Delta y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = (0, 0)$

$(\Delta x, \Delta y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  Same definition as last page



Remark:

(a) We can replace

$$\varepsilon_1 \cdot \Delta x + \varepsilon_2 \cdot \Delta y$$

by  $\varepsilon \cdot \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}$

where  $\lim_{(\Delta x, \Delta y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \varepsilon = 0$

$$\text{Eq 1: } (\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2$$

$$= \underbrace{\Delta x}_{\varepsilon_1} \cdot \Delta x + \underbrace{\Delta y}_{\varepsilon_2} \cdot \Delta y$$

$$= \underbrace{\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}}_{\varepsilon} \cdot \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}$$

For general  $\varepsilon$  case, see homework 07



(b) Recall

$z = f(x, y)$  and  $z = g(x, y)$   
are tangent at  $(x_0, y_0, f(x_0, y_0))$

$$\text{if } \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} \frac{f(x, y) - g(x, y)}{\sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2}} = 0$$

That is

[distance between  $f(x, y)$  and  $g(x, y)$ ]

is much smaller than

[distance between  $(x, y)$  and  $(x_0, y_0)$ ]



Therefore (\*) + (a) simply means

$$z = f(x, y) \text{ and } z = L(x, y)$$

are tangent at  $(x_0, y_0, f(x_0, y_0))$

That is  $z = L(x, y)$

is the tangent plane

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

$$(x_0, y_0, f(x_0, y_0))$$

$(x_0, y_0)$



Remark If  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

such that  $y = f(x)$

is tangent to  $y = a(x - x_0) + b$

then (i)  $f$  is diff. at  $x_0$

(ii)  $a = f'(x_0)$ ,  $b = f(x_0)$

(i.e. need not assume  $f'(x_0)$  exist)

$$\text{Pf } \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - (a(x - x_0) + b)}{x - x_0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - b}{x - x_0} - a = 0$$

$$\text{exist} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} f(x_0) - b = 0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} - a = 0 \end{cases}$$



Thm 4:  $f(x, y)$  is diff. at  $(x_0, y_0)$   $(*)_1$

$\implies f(x, y)$  is cont. at  $(x_0, y_0)$   $(*)_2$

pf (Important)  $\Delta z$   $(\lim \varepsilon_a = 0)$   
 $(*)_2 \iff f(x, y) - f(x_0, y_0) = \varepsilon_a$

i.e.  $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} f(x, y) - f(x_0, y_0) = 0$

$(*)_1 \iff \Delta z = f_x(x_0, y_0) \Delta x + f_y(x_0, y_0) \Delta y$   
 $+ \varepsilon_1 \Delta x + \varepsilon_2 \Delta y$

Since  
 $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} (f_x + \varepsilon_1) \Delta x + (f_y + \varepsilon_2) \Delta y = 0$   
 $\therefore (*)_1 \implies (*)_2$



When is  $f$  diff. at  $(x_0, y_0)$ ?

Note:  $f_x(x_0, y_0), f_y(x_0, y_0)$  exist

~~$\Rightarrow$~~   $f$  is cont. at  $(x_0, y_0)$

~~$\Rightarrow$~~   $f$  is diff. at  $(x_0, y_0)$

Thm 3:  $R$  is an open region

$(x_0, y_0) \in R$ . If  $f, f_x, f_y$  are defined on  $R$  and continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$ , then  $f$  is differentiable at  $(x_0, y_0)$

Proof: See Appendix 9 of the textbook



See homework 07 for more details

$$\text{Eg 2 } f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} & (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0 & (x,y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$$

Is  $f(x,y)$  differentiable?

Ans: (i)  $f$  is cont. on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (including  $(0,0)$ )  
the  $x$ - $y$  plane

(ii)  $f_x, f_y$  are cont. at  $\mathbb{R}^2 - (0,0)$

$\implies$  Thm 3  $f$  is diff. on  $\mathbb{R}^2 - (0,0)$

$$f_x = \frac{y^3}{(x^2+y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}, \quad (x,y) \neq (0,0)$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f_x(x, mx) = \frac{m^3}{(1+m^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \xrightarrow{\text{2 path}} \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f_x \text{ does not exist}$$

$\implies$  Thm 3 not applicable at  $(0,0)$



Proof of Theorem 2: Appendix 9 of the textbook

Thm 2: If  $f, f_x, f_y, f_{xy}, f_{yx}$  are cont. in an open region  $R$  and  $(x_0, y_0) \in R$

$$\text{Then } f_{xy}(x_0, y_0) = f_{yx}(x_0, y_0)$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \right)$$

Remark.  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} xy \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$

Then  $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus (0, 0)$

but  $f_{xy}(0, 0) \neq f_{yx}(0, 0)$

(Note:  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are not cont. at  $(x_0, y_0)$ )

See section 14.3, problem 72 for details



# Chain Rule

Single variable

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) = \frac{df}{dy} \Big|_{y=g(x)} \cdot \frac{dg(x)}{dx}$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(x(t), y(t)) = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta t}$$

(assume  $f$  is differentiable)

$$= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left( f_x(x(t), y(t)) + \varepsilon_1 \right) \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} + \left( f_y(x(t), y(t)) + \varepsilon_2 \right) \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}$$

$$= f_x(x(t_0), y(t_0)) x'(t_0) + f_y(x(t_0), y(t_0)) y'(t_0)$$

(assume  $x(t), y(t)$  are differentiable)



Similarly

$$\partial_s f(x(s,t), y(s,t), z(s,t))$$

$$= f_x(x(s,t), y(s,t), z(s,t)) \cdot \partial_s x(s,t) \\ + f_y(x(s,t), y(s,t), z(s,t)) \cdot \partial_s y(s,t) \\ + f_z(x(s,t), y(s,t), z(s,t)) \cdot \partial_s z(s,t)$$

Similarly

$$\partial_t f(x(s,t), y(s,t), z(s,t))$$

$$= f_x(x(s,t), y(s,t), z(s,t)) \partial_t x(s,t)$$

$$+ f_y(x(s,t), y(s,t), z(s,t)) \partial_t y(s,t)$$

$$+ f_z(x(s,t), y(s,t), z(s,t)) \partial_t z(s,t)$$



Implicit differentiation revisited.

Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  if  $F(x, y, z) = 0$

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

$$\partial_x F(x, y, z(x, y))$$

fixed

$$= \partial_1 F \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \partial_2 F \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + \partial_3 F \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$= \partial_1 F(x, y, z(x, y)) + \partial_3 F(x, y, z(x, y)) \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(x, y, z) = - \frac{\partial_1 F(x, y, z)}{\partial_3 F(x, y, z)}$$
$$= - \frac{\partial_x F(x, y, z)}{\partial_z F(x, y, z)}$$