

Calculus, week 10, Spring 2025

Recall

at $\vec{p} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

① If $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, then the gradient of f is

$$\nabla f(\vec{p}) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\vec{p}) \vec{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\vec{p}) \vec{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\vec{p}) \vec{k}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\vec{p}), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\vec{p}), \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\vec{p}) \right)$$

② The directional derivative of f along a unit vector $\vec{u}$ at $\vec{p}$ is

$$(\nabla_{\vec{u}} f)(\vec{p}) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\vec{p} + h\vec{u}) - f(\vec{p})}{h}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Thm}}{=} \nabla f(\vec{p}) \cdot \vec{u}$$

§ Mean value thm and chain rule

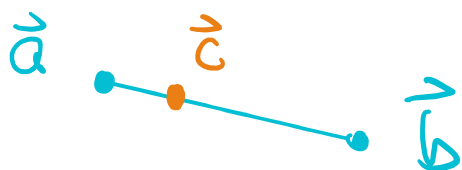
Thm (Thm 16.3.1)

Let f be a smooth function of n variables. Given $\vec{a}, \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\exists$ a point $\vec{c}$

on the line segment connecting $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$

s.t.

$$f(\vec{b}) - f(\vec{a}) = \nabla f(\vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \quad (*)$$



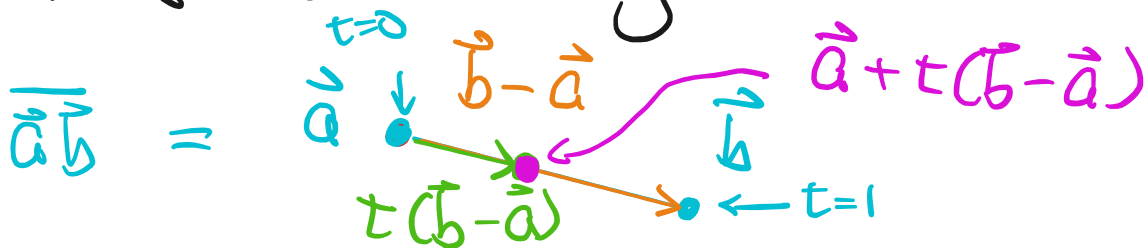
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If $\vec{a} = \vec{b}$, then the thm is true

$$(\text{LHS of } (*) = \text{RHS of } (*) = 0)$$

Assume $\vec{a} \neq \vec{b}$.

Recall the line segment



can be parametrized by

$$\vec{a} + t(\vec{b} - \vec{a}), \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

$$\text{Let } \vec{u} = \frac{\vec{b} - \vec{a}}{\|\vec{b} - \vec{a}\|} \quad \vec{a} + t \cdot \|\vec{b} - \vec{a}\| \cdot \vec{u}$$

Consider the restriction of f to $\overline{\vec{a}\vec{b}}$:

$$g(t) = f(\vec{a} + t(\vec{b} - \vec{a})), \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

$$= f(\vec{a} + t \|\vec{b} - \vec{a}\| \vec{u})$$

NOTE:

$$\frac{d}{ds} f(\vec{a} + s \vec{u}) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\vec{a} + s \vec{u} + h \vec{u}) - f(\vec{a} + s \vec{u})}{h}$$

$$= \nabla_{\vec{u}} f(\vec{a} + s \vec{u}) \stackrel{\text{Thm}}{=} \nabla f(\vec{a} + s \vec{u}) \cdot \vec{u}$$

Therefore $(s = t \cdot \|\vec{b} - \vec{a}\| \Rightarrow g(t) = f(\vec{a} + s \vec{u}))$

$$\begin{aligned} g'(t) &= \left(\frac{dg}{ds} \right) \left(\frac{ds}{dt} \right) \\ &= \left(\nabla f(\vec{a} + t \cdot \|\vec{b} - \vec{a}\| \cdot \vec{u}) \cdot \vec{u} \right) \cdot \|\vec{b} - \vec{a}\| \\ &= \nabla f(\vec{a} + t(\vec{b} - \vec{a})) \cdot (\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \end{aligned}$$

By the mean value thm (apply to $g(t)$),

$\exists t_0 \in (0, 1)$ s.t.

$$g(1) - g(0) = g'(t_0) \cdot (1 - 0)$$

$$\| \quad \|$$

$$f(\vec{b}) - f(\vec{a}) = \nabla f(\vec{a} + t_0(\vec{b} - \vec{a})) \cdot (\vec{b} - \vec{a})$$

Let $\vec{c} = \vec{a} + t_0(\vec{b} - \vec{a})$. Then

$$f(\vec{b}) - f(\vec{a}) = \nabla f(\vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \quad \#$$

Thm

(i) If $\nabla f(\vec{x}) = \vec{0} \quad \forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, then

f is constant. i.e. $f(\vec{x}) = f(\vec{y}) \quad \forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

(ii) If $\nabla f(\vec{x}) = \nabla g(\vec{x}) \quad \forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, then

$\exists c \in \mathbb{R}$ st,

$$f(\vec{x}) = g(\vec{x}) + c \quad \forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

pf

(i) Given any $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, by MVT, $\exists \vec{c} \in \overline{\vec{x}\vec{y}}$

st,

$$f(\vec{x}) - f(\vec{y}) = \nabla f(\vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{y})$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\vec{x}) = f(\vec{y}) \quad \forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$
$$= f(\vec{0})$$

(ii) Consider $f-g$

$$\nabla (f-g)(\vec{x}) = \nabla f(\vec{x}) - \nabla g(\vec{x}) = \vec{0} \quad \forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

$$(f-g)_x, (f-g)_y, (f-g)_z)$$

$$(f_x - g_x, f_y - g_y, f_z - g_z)$$

$$(f_x, f_y, f_z) - (g_x, g_y, g_z)$$

By (i), $f-g(\vec{x}) = \text{Constant} = C \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\Rightarrow f(\vec{x}) = g(\vec{x}) + C \quad \forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

Chain rule

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

smooth

$$\mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$$

Let $\vec{\gamma}(t)$ be vector-valued function with one variable. Consider differentiable

$f(x, y, z)$

$$f \circ \vec{\gamma} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(f \circ \vec{\gamma})(t) = f(\gamma_1(t), \gamma_2(t), \gamma_3(t))$$

$$\vec{\gamma}(t) = (\gamma_1(t), \gamma_2(t), \gamma_3(t))$$

Then (Chain rule Th. 3.4) $\cap f(\vec{\gamma}(t+h)) - f(\vec{\gamma}(t))$

chain rule, limit $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h}$

$$\underbrace{(f \circ \vec{\sigma})'(t)}_{=} = \nabla f(\vec{\sigma}(t)) \cdot \vec{\sigma}'(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (f(\sigma_1(t), \sigma_2(t), \sigma_3(t))) \parallel (\sigma_1'(t), \sigma_2'(t), \sigma_3'(t))$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\vec{\sigma}(t)), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\vec{\sigma}(t)), \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\vec{\sigma}(t)) \right) \cdot \vec{\sigma}'(t)$$

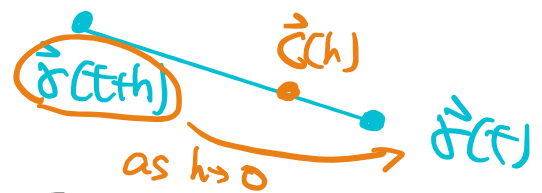
$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\sigma_1(t), \sigma_2(t), \sigma_3(t)) \cdot \sigma_1'(t) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\sigma_1(t), \sigma_2(t), \sigma_3(t)) \cdot \sigma_2'(t) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\sigma_1(t), \sigma_2(t), \sigma_3(t)) \cdot \sigma_3'(t)$$

pf

By MVT, $\exists \vec{c} = \vec{c}(h)$ between $\vec{\sigma}(t+h)$ and $\vec{\sigma}(t)$

s.t.

$$f(\vec{\sigma}(t+h)) - f(\vec{\sigma}(t)) = \nabla f(\vec{c}(h)) \cdot (\vec{\sigma}(t+h) - \vec{\sigma}(t))$$



$\Rightarrow$ $\vec{b}$ $\vec{a}$

$$\frac{f(\vec{\sigma}(t+h)) - f(\vec{\sigma}(t))}{h}$$

$$= \frac{1}{h} \left(\nabla f(\vec{c}(h)) \bullet (\vec{\sigma}(t+h) - \vec{\sigma}(t)) \right)$$

$$= \nabla f(\vec{c}(h)) \bullet \left(\frac{\vec{\sigma}(t+h) - \vec{\sigma}(t)}{h} \right)$$

as $h \rightarrow 0$
 $\vec{\sigma}(t)$

as $h \rightarrow 0$
 $\vec{\sigma}'(t)$

Recall

$$\vec{\sigma}'(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{\sigma}(t+h) - \vec{\sigma}(t)}{h}$$

Since f is smooth, f_x, f_y, f_z are continuous

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f_x(\vec{c}(h)) = f_x\left(\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \vec{c}(h)\right) = f_x(\vec{\sigma}(t))$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f_y(\vec{c}(h)) = f_y(\vec{\sigma}(t)), \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f_z(\vec{c}(h)) = f_z(\vec{\sigma}(t))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \nabla f(\vec{c}(h)) &= (f_x(\vec{\sigma}(t)), f_y(\vec{\sigma}(t)), f_z(\vec{\sigma}(t))) \\ &= \nabla f(\vec{\sigma}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\infty \quad (f \circ \vec{\gamma})'(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\vec{\gamma}(t+h)) - f(\vec{\gamma}(t))}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\underbrace{\nabla f(\vec{\gamma}(h))}_{\downarrow \nabla f(\vec{\gamma}(t))} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\vec{\gamma}(t+h) - \vec{\gamma}(t)}{h}}_{\downarrow \vec{\gamma}'(t)} \right)$$

$$= \nabla f(\vec{\gamma}(t)) \cdot \vec{\gamma}'(t) \quad \#$$

Example

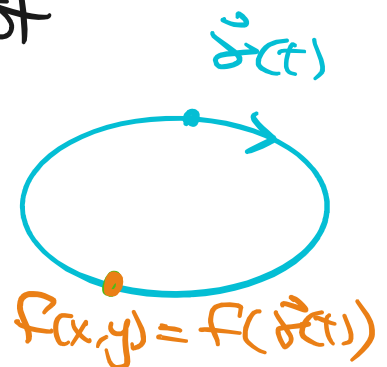
① Find the rate of change of

$$f(x,y) = \frac{1}{3}(x^3 + y^3)$$

along the curve

$$\vec{\gamma}(t) = (a \cos t, b \sin t)$$

with respect to t .



Sol

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(\vec{\gamma}(t)) \stackrel{\text{chain rule}}{=} \nabla f(\vec{\gamma}(t)) \cdot \vec{\gamma}'(t)$$

$$\nabla f = (f_x, f_y) = (x^2, y^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(\vec{r}(t)) &= ((a \cos t)^2, (b \sin t)^2) \\ &= (a^2 \cos^2 t, b^2 \sin^2 t)\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = (-a \sin t, b \cos t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ans} = \nabla f(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t)$$

$$= (a^2 \cos^2 t)(-a \sin t) + (b^2 \sin^2 t)(b \cos t)$$

$$= \sin t \cos t (b^3 \sin t - a^3 \cos t) \quad \#$$

② Assume

$$u = \underline{x^2 - y^2}$$

$$x = \underline{t^2 - 1}$$

$$y = \underline{3}$$

$$Q: \frac{du}{dt} = ?$$

sol

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

chain rule

$$\frac{du}{dt} \underset{\text{rule}}{=} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right) + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)$$

$$\nabla u \cdot \left(\frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt} \right) = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt} \right)$$

$$= 2(t^2 - 1) \cdot 2t + 0$$

$$= 4t^3 - 4t \quad \#$$

③ Assume

$$u = x^2 - 2xy + 2y^3$$

$$x = s^2 \ln t, \quad y = 2st^3$$

$$Q: \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = ? \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = ?$$

sol

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} \underset{\text{rule}}{\overset{\text{chain}}{=}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$

$$= (2x - 2y)(2s \ln t) + (-2x + 6y^2)(2t^3)$$

$$= (2s^2 \ln t - 4st^3) \cdot 2s \ln t$$

$$+ (-2s^2 \ln t + 24s^2 t^6) \cdot 2t^3$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} \underset{\text{chain}}{=} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$

$$\overline{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}} = \overline{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}} \overline{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}} + \overline{\frac{\partial}{\partial y}} \overline{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}}$$

$$= (2s^2 \ln t - 4st^3) \cdot \frac{s^2}{t}$$

$$+ (-2s^2 \ln t + 24st^6) \cdot 6st^2 \quad \#$$

④ Assume

$y = y(x)$ is differentiable
and

$$u(x, y) = 2x^2y - y^3 + 1 - x - 2y = 2$$

$$Q: \frac{dy}{dx} = ?$$

Sol

$$0 = \frac{d(u(x, y))}{dx} \stackrel{\text{chain rule}}{=} u_x \cdot \frac{dx}{dx} + u_y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$= (4xy - 1) \cdot 1 + (2x^2 - 3y^2 - 2) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 - 4xy}{2x^2 - 3y^2 - 2} \quad \#$$

$$D_{x,y} f(x, y) = \vec{f}'(t)$$

Remark

$$\mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R} \quad \xleftarrow{\vec{\sigma}} \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\vec{\sigma}(f(x,y,z)) = (\sigma_1(f(x,y,z)), \sigma_2(f(x,y,z)), \sigma_3(f(x,y,z)))$$

$$\frac{\partial(\sigma_i \circ f)}{\partial x} = \sigma_i'(f(x,y,z)) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x,y,z)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial(\sigma_1 \circ f)}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial(\sigma_1 \circ f)}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial(\sigma_1 \circ f)}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial(\sigma_2 \circ f)}{\partial x} & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 3} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1' \\ \sigma_2' \\ \sigma_3' \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 1} \begin{pmatrix} f_x & f_y & f_z \end{pmatrix}_{1 \times 3}$$

Recall

$$\mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\vec{\sigma}} \mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$$

$f \circ \vec{\sigma}$

$$(f \circ \vec{\sigma})'(t) = \nabla f(\vec{\sigma}(t)) \bullet \vec{\sigma}'(t)$$

Or

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

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

$\sigma_1(t) \leftarrow x(t), \quad \sigma_2(t) \leftarrow y(t), \quad \sigma_3(t) \leftarrow z(t)$

$$u(t) = f(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \quad \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}, \frac{dz}{dt} \right)$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{dz}{dt}$$

Example

Assume $z = z(x, y)$. Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad z^4 + x^2 z^3 + y^2 + xy = 2$$

Sol

$$\frac{\partial \textcircled{1}}{\partial x} : \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\overset{u(x,y,z)}{z^4 + x^2 z^3 + y^2 + xy}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2) = 0$$

$$= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial x} \right)^1 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)^0 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$= (2xz^3 + y) \cdot 1 + (4z^3 + 3x^2 z^2) \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-(2xz^3 + y)}{4z^3 + 3x^2 z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \textcircled{1}}{\partial y} : \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (z^4 + x^2 z^3 + y^2 + xy) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (2) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial y} \right)^0 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial y} \right)^1 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$= (2y+x) \cdot 1 + (4z^3 + 3x^2z^2) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{-(2y+x)}{4z^3 + 3x^2z^2} \quad \#$$

$u(x,y,z)$

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$$(2) \quad \underline{\cos(xyz) + \ln(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 0}$$

sol

$$\frac{\partial (2)}{\partial x} : \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial x} \right)^1 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)^0 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} 0 = 0$$

$$\left(-\sin(xyz) \cdot yz + \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right) \cdot 1 \quad //$$

$$+ \left(-\sin(xyz) \cdot xy + \frac{2z}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\sin(xyz) \cdot yz - \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}{-\sin(xyz) \cdot xy + \frac{2z}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$$

$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ can be computed similarly

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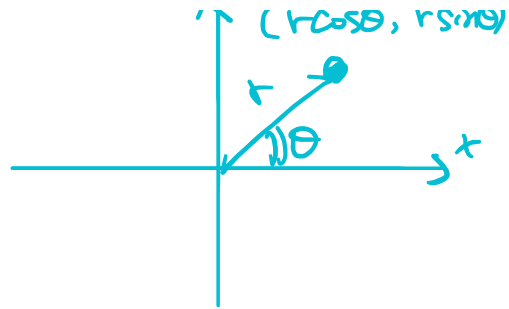
Example (Polar coordinates)

Assume $u = u(x, y)$ is smooth
 $\quad \quad \quad = u(r, \theta)$

Suppose

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$



① $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = ?$ $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = ?$

Sol

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \stackrel{\text{Chain rule}}{=} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r \sin \theta) = \sin \theta$$

$$= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \cos \theta + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(r \cos \theta) = -r \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (r \sin \theta) = r \cos \theta$$

$$= -\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot r \sin \theta + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot r \cos \theta \quad \#$$

② Assume $r \neq 0$.

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}\right)^2 = ?$$

sol

By ①,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}\right)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \cos \theta + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \sin \theta \right)^2 \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(-\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot r \sin \theta + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot r \cos \theta \right)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^2 \cdot \cos^2 \theta + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2 \cdot \sin^2 \theta + 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ & \quad + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^2 \sin^2 \theta + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2 \cos^2 \theta - 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^2 (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2 (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2 (= \Delta u) \end{aligned}$$

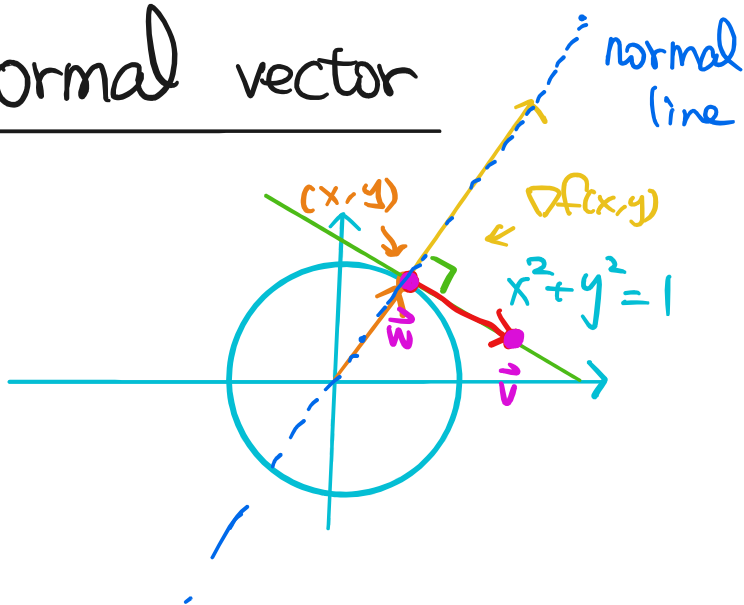
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§ Gradient and normal vector

Example

$$f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(x,y) &= (2x, 2y) \\ &= 2 \cdot (x, y)\end{aligned}$$



Def

法向量

$\vec{n}$

A normal vector of a line L in $\mathbb{R}^2$ is a vector that is perpendicular to L , i.e.

$$\vec{n} \cdot (\vec{v} - \vec{w}) = 0$$

$$\forall \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in L$$

The normal line of L is the line that is perpendicular to L .

A line L in $\mathbb{R}^2$ is given by

Assume a line L in $\mathbb{R}^2$ is defined by

$$ax + by = c$$

" $\parallel$

$$(a, b) \bullet (x, y)$$

Then for $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in L$,

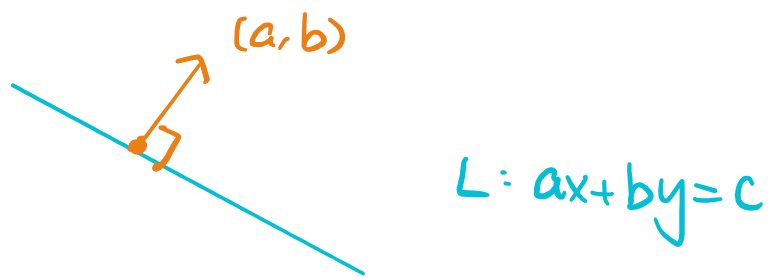
$$(a, b) \bullet \vec{v} = c$$

$$\rightarrow (a, b) \bullet \vec{w} = c$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) \bullet (\vec{v} - \vec{w}) = c - c = 0$$

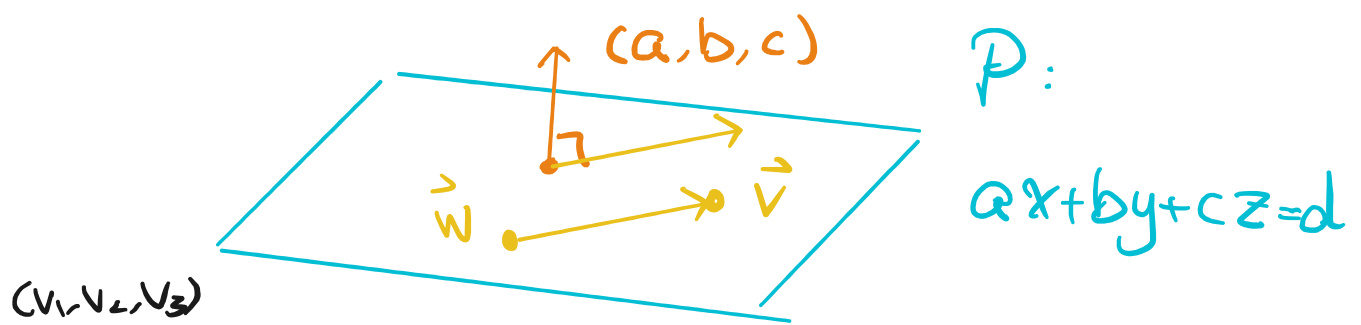
So

(a, b) is a normal vector of L .



Similarly, a normal vector of a plane P in $\mathbb{R}^3$ is a vector that is perpendicular to P , and a normal line of P

is a line that is perpendicular to P .



If $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in P$, then
 (w_1, w_2, w_3)

$$\begin{aligned} av_1 + bv_2 + cv_3 &= C \\ &= (a, b, c) \cdot \vec{v} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} aw_1 + bw_2 + cw_3 &= C \\ &= (a, b, c) \cdot \vec{w} \end{aligned}$$

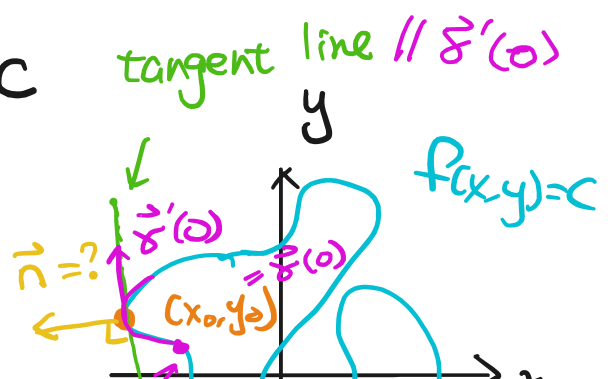
$$\Rightarrow (a, b, c) \cdot (\vec{v} - \vec{w}) = 0$$

Consider a curve in xy -plane

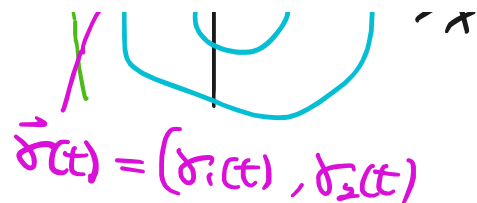
$$C: f(x, y) = c$$

Suppose $(x_0, y_0) \in C$ and

$$\nabla f(x_0, y_0) \neq \vec{0}$$



Suppose, near (x_0, y_0) ,


$$\vec{r}(t) = (r_1(t), r_2(t))$$

C is parametrized by a differentiable function

$$\vec{r}(t) = (r_1(t), r_2(t)), \quad \vec{r}(0) = (x_0, y_0)$$

$\Rightarrow$

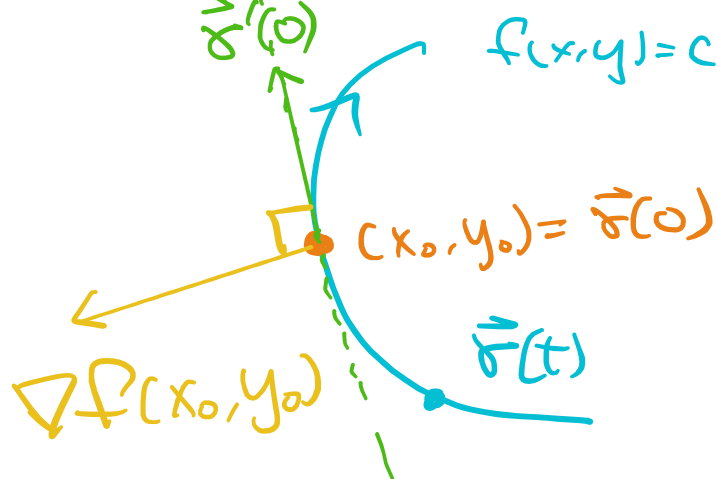
$$f(\vec{r}(t)) = f(r_1(t), r_2(t)) = c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} (f(r_1(t), r_2(t))) = \frac{d}{dt} (c) = 0$$

$$= \nabla f(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t)$$

At $t=0$:

$$\nabla f(x_0, y_0) \cdot \vec{r}'(0) = 0$$



So $\nabla f(x_0, y_0)$ is a normal vector of the tangent line of C at (x_0, y_0)

Difference between
 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{df}{dx}$

For example, if

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2, \quad y = y(x)$$

then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d(x^2 + (y(x))^2)}{dx} = 2x + 2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

HW6. 2:

Assume f is entire and

$$f''(x) + xf(x) = 0 \quad - (*)$$

Q: $f(x) = ?$

Sol

$$f(x) = \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k + \dots$$

Since f is entire, $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ $a_k \neq 0$ / $\dots$

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

Thm

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1} \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow f''(x) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) a_k x^{k-2} \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

⊗:

$$f''(x) + x f(x) = 0$$

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \overbrace{k(k-1)}^{(k+3)(k+2)} a_{\underbrace{k}_{k+3}} x^{\overbrace{k-2}^{k+1}} + \cancel{x} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \cdot x^{k+1}$$

$k=1$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+3)(k+2) a_{k+3} x^{k+1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \cdot x^{k+1}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 1 \cdot a_2 + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left((k+3)(k+2) a_{k+3} + a_k \right) x^{k+1}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a_2 = 0 \Rightarrow a_2 = 0$$

Remark

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k x^k = 0 \quad \forall x$$

$$\Rightarrow b_k = 0 \quad \forall k$$

$$\left(\underline{(k+3)(k+2) a_{k+3} + a_k = 0} \right) \quad \forall k \geq 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$a_{k+3} = - \frac{a_k}{(k+3)(k+2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\because b_0 &= ()|_{x=0} = 0 \\ b_1 &= ()'|_{x=0} = 0 \\ &= 0'|_{x=0} = 0 \\ 2b_2 &= ()''|_{x=0} = 0 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

$k=0$

$$a_3 = - \frac{a_0}{3 \cdot 2}$$

$k=1$

$$a_4 = - \frac{a_1}{4 \cdot 3}$$

$k=2$

$$a_5 = - \frac{a_2}{5 \cdot 4} = 0$$

$k=3$

$$a_6 = - \frac{a_3}{6 \cdot 5} = \frac{a_0}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 2}$$

$\vdots$

$$a_{3n} = \left(- \frac{1}{3n(3n-1)} \right) \left(- \frac{1}{(3n-3)(3n-4)} \right) \dots$$

$$\left(- \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2} \right) \cdot a_0$$

$$a_{3n+1} = \left(- \frac{1}{(3n+1)(3n)} \right) \left(- \frac{1}{(3n-2)(3n-3)} \right) \dots$$

$$\left(- \frac{1}{4 \cdot 3} \right) \cdot a_1$$

$$a_{3n+2} = 0$$

So

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{3n} x^{3n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{3n+1} x^{3n+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cancel{a_{3n+2} x^{3n+2}} = 0$$

$$= a_0 \cdot \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{x^{3n}}{(3n(3n-1)) \cdot ((3n-3)(3n-4)) \cdots (3 \cdot 2)} \right)$$

$$+ a_1 \cdot \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{x^{3n+1}}{((3n+1)(3n)) \cdot ((3n-2)(3n-3)) \cdots (4 \cdot 3)} \right)$$

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