

# C3 Q102 LESSON 1

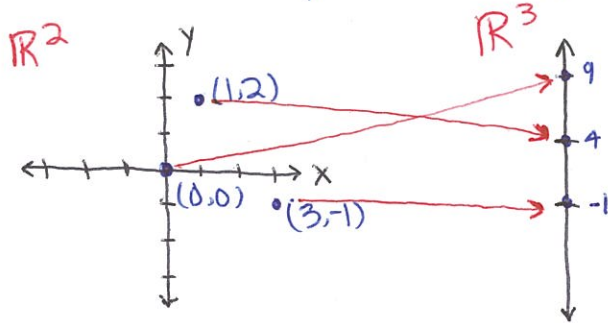
$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^1$$

**PART I: MULTIVARIABLE FUNCTIONS:  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^1$**

**(INTRODUCTION AND ILLUSTRATIONS)**

**Concept Development:** consider a function of type  $z = f(x, y)$

ex.  $f(x, y) = 9 - x^2 - y^2$

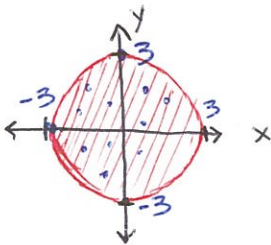


- An ordered pair from the cartesian plane yields a single one-dimensional value
- Since  $f$  takes any coordinate from  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , its natural domain is:

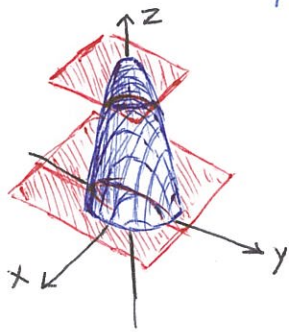
$$D = \{(x, y) \mid (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$$

Now suppose the domain of the same function is restricted

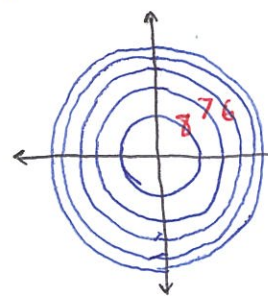
$$f(x, y) = 9 - x^2 - y^2 \quad D = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 9\}$$



Take this restricted domain and let each point correspond to a  $z$ -value, such that it has a "height"  
 ex.  $f(x, y) = \text{height/altitude of some hill at point } (x, y)$   
 of  $\mathbb{R}^2$



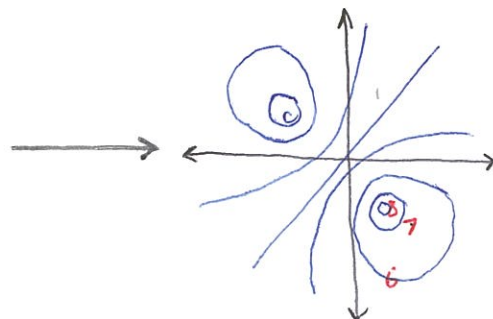
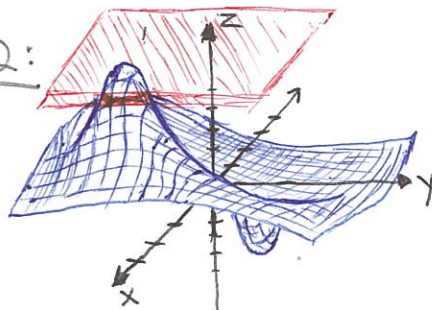
Take "slices" at different values of  $z$   
 and project the traces



□ Every point along a level curve remains constant

□ Alternate interpretation:  $f(x, y) = \text{temp. of a plate at points } (x, y)$ , and the level curves are isothermals

Level curves Ex. 2:



## PART II: FIRST PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

### A. First Partial Derivatives at a Point

□ Review First derivatives in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

□  $f: \mathbb{R}^1 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^1$ ; function that maps from 1D to 1D

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=a} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = f'(a) \quad h = \Delta x$$

*First partial derivative in*

□ First Partial Derivative in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

□  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^1$  ex.  $z = f(x, y)$

*"pure z pure x"*

$$\left. \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right|_{(a,b)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h, b) - f(a, b)}{h} = f_x(a, b) \quad h = \Delta x$$

*"derivative of f with respect to x"*

$$\left. \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right|_{(a,b)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a, b+h) - f(a, b)}{h} = f_y(a, b) \quad h = \Delta y$$

*constant ← → changing incrementally*

1. Let  $z = f(x, y)$ . Assume  $f$  is continuous and differentiable.

The table below gives values of  $f$  at certain  $(x, y)$  coordinates.

|   |   | x    |     |     |      |     |     |
|---|---|------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|
|   |   | 0    | 1   | 2   | 3    | 4   | 5   |
| y | 0 | 2.0  | 3.0 | 4.0 | 5.0  | 6.0 | 7.0 |
|   | 1 | 4.0  | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.75 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
|   | 2 | 6.0  | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0  | 6.0 | 6.0 |
|   | 3 | 10.0 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 6.5  | 5.1 | 6.9 |
|   | 4 | 12.0 | 8.5 | 4.5 | 7.5  | 5.0 | 7.0 |
|   | 5 | 18.0 | 9.0 | 3.0 | 8.5  | 4.5 | 8.0 |

Suppose  $f(x, y)$  represents the temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) at points  $(x, y)$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are measured in inches.

OR

Suppose  $f(x, y)$  represents the altitude of a range (miles) at points  $(x, y)$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are measured in km.

*outside interpretations*

“What is the rate of change of  $f$  at  $(1, 4)$  as we increase in  $x$ ?”

Estimate and interpret:  $f_x(1, 4)$ ,  $f_y(1, 4)$ ,  $f_x(4, 2)$ ,  $f_y(4, 2)$ .

*ave rate  $\Delta$  over nearest neighborhood*

$$\square f_x(1, 4) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1 + \Delta x, 4) - f(1, 4)}{\Delta x} \approx \frac{f(2, 4) - f(0, 4)}{2 - 0} = \frac{4.5 - 12}{2} = \boxed{-3.75}$$

*Interpretation:* the temp. (alt.) decreases approx.  $3.75^{\circ}\text{F}/\text{in.}$  (mi/km) as we move in the  $+x$  direction away from  $(1, 4)$

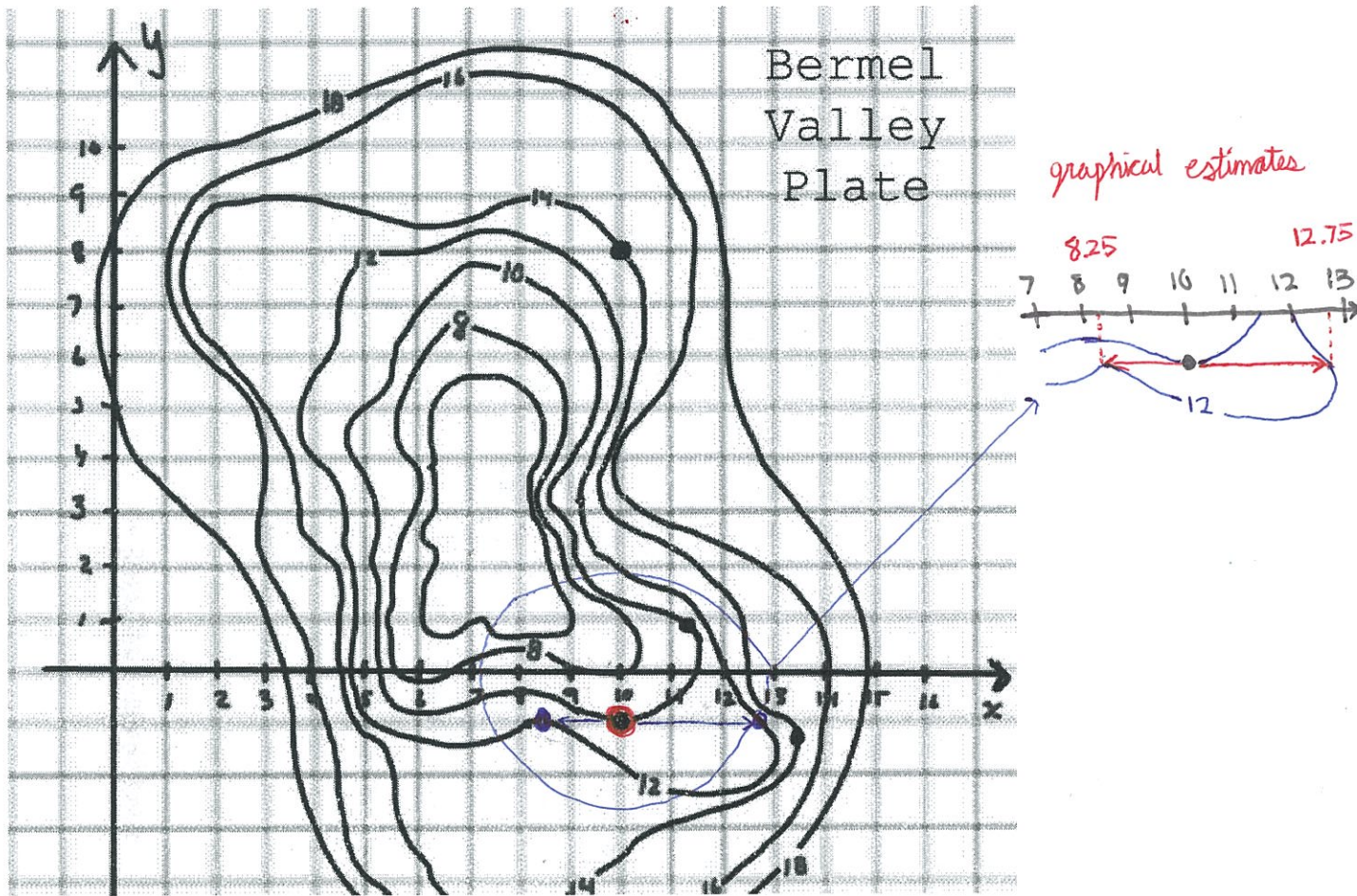
$$\square f_y(1, 4) = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1, 4 + \Delta y) - f(1, 4)}{\Delta y} \approx \frac{f(1, 5) - f(1, 3)}{5 - 3} = \frac{9 - 7}{2} = \boxed{1}$$

$$\square f_x(4, 2) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(4 + \Delta x, 2) - f(4, 2)}{\Delta x} \approx \frac{f(5, 2) - f(3, 2)}{5 - 3} = \boxed{0}$$

$$\square f_y(4, 2) = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(4, 2 + \Delta y) - f(4, 2)}{\Delta y} \approx \frac{f(4, 3) - f(4, 1)}{3 - 1} = \boxed{0.05}$$

2. Let  $z = f(x, y)$ . Assume  $f$  is continuous and differentiable.

The level curve map for  $f$  is given below.



Suppose  $f(x, y)$  represents the temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) at points  $(x, y)$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are measured in inches.

OR

Suppose  $f(x, y)$  represents the altitude of a range (miles) at points  $(x, y)$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are measured in m.

Estimate and interpret:  $f_x(10, -1)$ ,  $f_y(10, -1)$

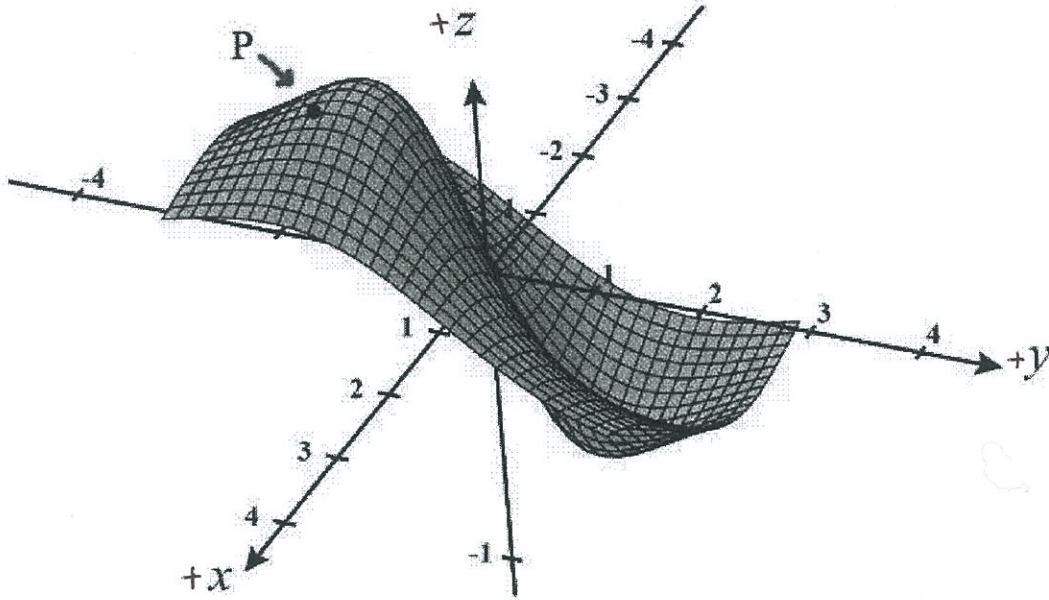
$$\square f_x(10, -1) \approx \frac{f(12.75, -1) - f(8.25, -1)}{12.75 - 8.25} = \frac{12 - 12}{4.5} = 0 \begin{matrix} ^{\circ}\text{F/in} \\ \text{or} \\ \text{mi/m} \end{matrix}$$

"staying on the level curve as we move along the x-direction"

$$\square f_y(10, -1) \approx \frac{f(10, 0) - f(10, -1.75)}{0 - (-1.75)} = \frac{8 - 12}{1.75} = -\frac{16}{7}$$

3. Let  $z = f(x, y)$ . Assume  $f$  is continuous and differentiable.

The graph of  $f$  is shown below.



Suppose  $f(x, y)$  represents the temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) at points  $(x, y)$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are measured in inches.

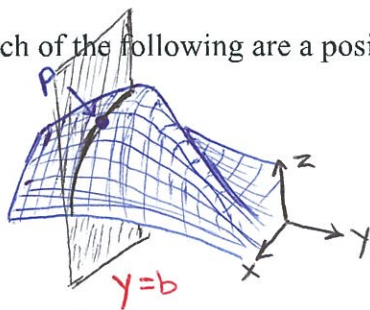
**OR**

Suppose  $f(x, y)$  represents the altitude of a range (miles) at points  $(x, y)$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are measured in m.

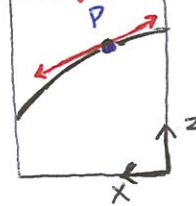
Determine if each of the following are a positive or negative value.

$f_x$  at point P.

$$f_x|_P < 0$$



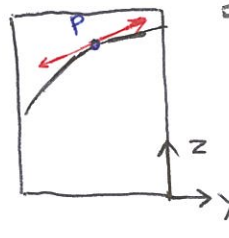
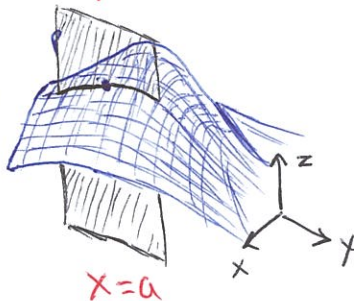
Resulting trace



$\Rightarrow$  As  $x$  increases, when  $y$  is held constant at  $y=b$ , the function goes down; the slope of the tangent is negative

$f_y$  at point P.

$$f_y|_P > 0$$



$\Rightarrow$  As  $y$  increases at  $x=a$ , the function goes up and the tangent is positive

## B. First Partial Derivative Functions

**Definition:** Let  $f$  be a function of  $x$  and  $y$ .

The first partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  is the function

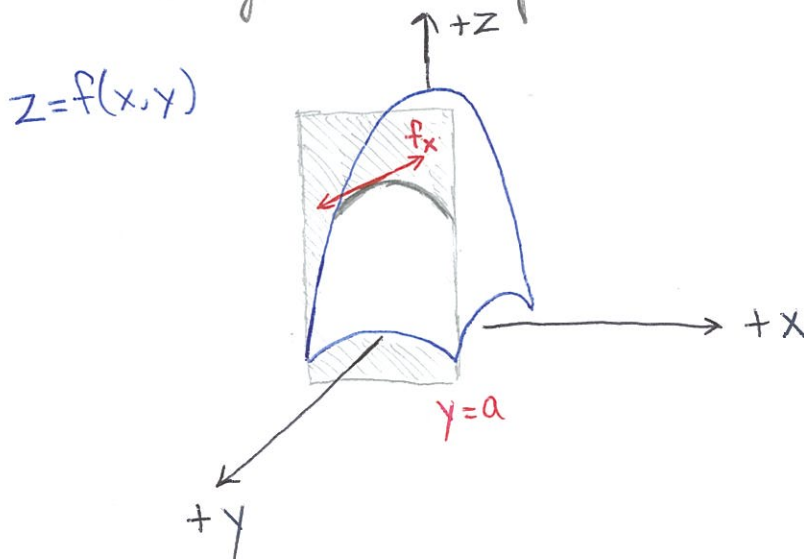
$$f_x(x, y) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h} \text{ provided it exists.}$$

The first partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $y$  is the function

$$f_y(x, y) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+h) - f(x, y)}{h} \text{ provided it exists.}$$

Notation:  $f_x(x, y) = f_x = \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = D_x f$

- This function represents the rate of change in  $f$  as  $x$  increases if we hold  $y$  constant  
i.e. Along any plane  $y=b$ , the slope of the tangent is this function  $f_x$



## First Partial Derivative Techniques

Example1:  $f(x, y) = x^3y^2 - 2x^2y + 3x$

Find the first partial derivatives.

\* Since  $y$  is held constant, the  $y$  terms are treated as coefficients to the  $x$ -terms

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = y^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x^3) - y \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(2x^2) + \frac{d}{dx}(3x) \\ &= y^2(3x^2) - y(4x) + 3 = \boxed{3x^2y^2 - 4xy + 3} \end{aligned}$$

$$f_y = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \boxed{2x^3y - 2x^2}$$

Example2:  $z = xy^2e^{xy}$

Find the first partial derivatives.

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = y^2(x \cdot e^{xy} \cdot y + e^{xy} \cdot y^2)$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x(y^2 \cdot e^{xy} \cdot x + e^{xy} \cdot x \cdot 2y)$$



## **C3 Q102 LESSON 2**

## PART I: GRADIENT AND DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVE $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^1$

### GRADIENT $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^1$

#### Del Definition

$$\nabla = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right\rangle \rightarrow \text{Vector operator (acts on something else)}$$

#### Result of Del Operating on $f$ : the Gradient Vector

$$\nabla f = \nabla f(x, y) = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right\rangle f(x, y) \rightarrow \text{scalar function}$$

Gradient: 
$$= \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle$$

- Vector of corresponding  $x$  and  $y$  slopes
- Direction of greatest change in  $f$
- "Natural slope" vector

#### Magnitude of Gradient

$$|\nabla f| = \sqrt{f_x^2 + f_y^2} \rightarrow \text{max rate of change in } f$$

### DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVE $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^1$

▫ previously...

$f_x$  = rate of change in  $f$  when moving in the  $+x$  direction  $\rightarrow \langle 1, 0 \rangle = \hat{i}$

$f_y$  = rate of change in  $f$  when moving in the  $+y$  direction  $\rightarrow \langle 0, 1 \rangle = \hat{j}$

▫ now...

The Directional Derivative is the rate of change in  $f$  when moving in direction  $\vec{v}$ , such that  $\vec{v} \neq \hat{i}, \hat{j}$

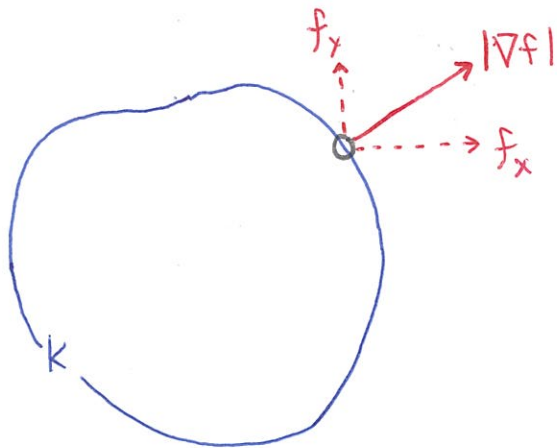
$\rightarrow$  this is equal to the component of  $\nabla f$  along  $\vec{v}$

Therefore, the directional derivative of  $f$  in the direction of  $\vec{v}$

$$= \text{Comp}_{\vec{v}} \nabla f = \nabla f \cdot \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} = \nabla f \hat{u} = D_{\hat{u}} f$$

(more on directional derivative)

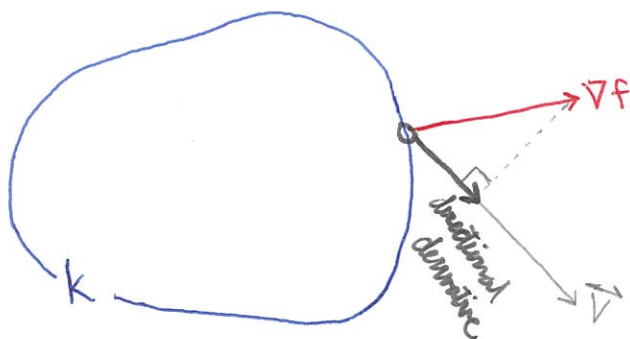
Visual: Consider the level curve  $f(x,y)=k$



$f_x$  = instantaneous rate of change  
w.r.t.  $x$

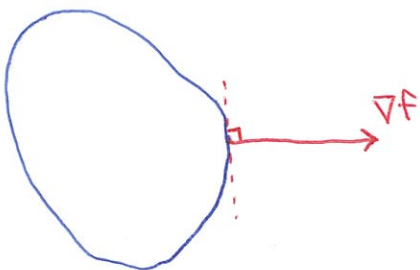
$f_y$  = instantaneous rate of change  
w.r.t.  $y$

$|\nabla f|$  = max instantaneous rate of  
change in  $f$



□ The directional derivative is  
the component of  $\nabla f$  onto  $\vec{v}$   
(how much of  $\nabla f$  is applied  
onto vector  $\vec{v}$ )

Property:  $\nabla f$  at  $P$  is always orthogonal to the level curve at  $P$



Intuition:

□ if we were to move in the direction  
of the tangent, then we are essentially  
moving along the level curve

↳ it then follows that there would  
be no change in  $f$ :  $\Delta f = 0$

□ We can reasonably infer that the  
max rate of change would occur when  
we move perpendicular to the tangent

Example 1: Let  $f(x, y) = x^3 y^2$

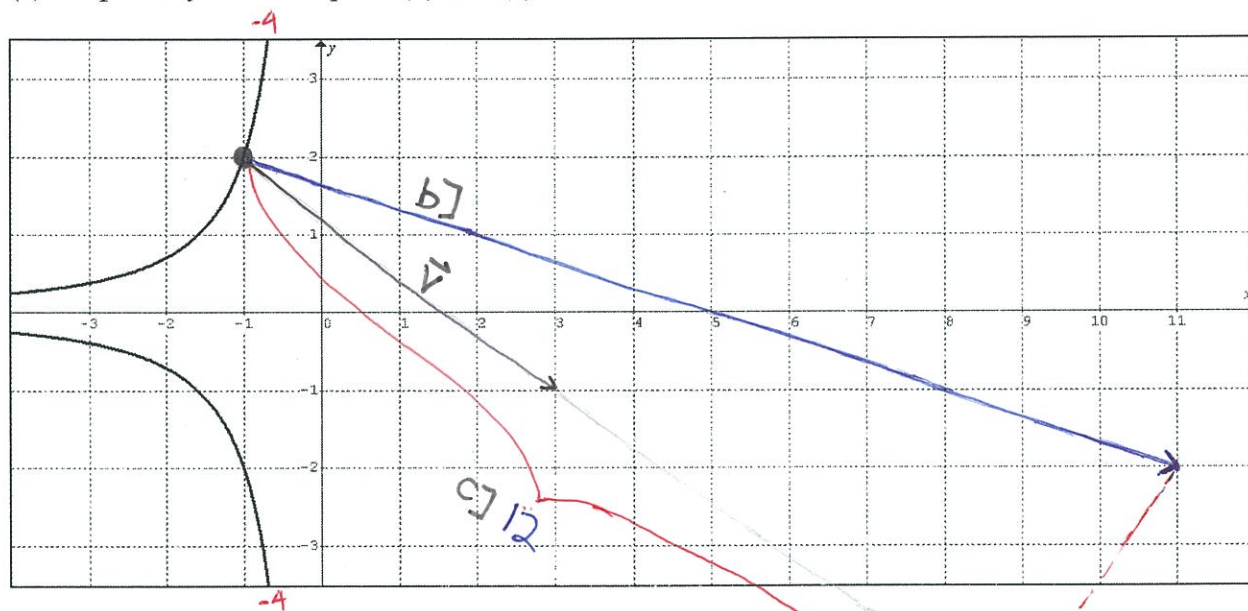
(a) Define the level curve shown below which passes through the point  $(-1, 2)$ .

(b) In what direction from the point  $(-1, 2)$  will  $f$  have a maximum rate of change?

(c) What is the rate of change in  $f$  from  $(-1, 2)$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 4, -3 \rangle$ ?

(d) If  $f(x, y)$  is temperature ( $^{\circ}F$ ) at  $(x, y)$  and  $x$  and  $y$  are in meters, provided an interpretation of the answer found in part (c).

(e) Graphically illustrate parts (b) and (c).



a]  $f(-1, 2) = (-1)^3 (2)^2 = -4$  → the graph is defined by the level curve  $x^3 y^2 = -4$

b]  $\nabla f = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x^3 y^2], \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [x^3 y^2] \right\rangle = \langle 3x^2 y^2, 2x^3 y \rangle$

$\nabla f|_{(-1, 2)} = \langle 3(-1)^2 (2)^2, 2(-1)^3 (2) \rangle = \langle 12, -4 \rangle$

c]  $\text{Comp}_{\vec{v}} \nabla f = \frac{\nabla f \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{\langle 12, -4 \rangle \cdot \langle 4, -3 \rangle}{\sqrt{4^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{48 + 12}{5} = 12$

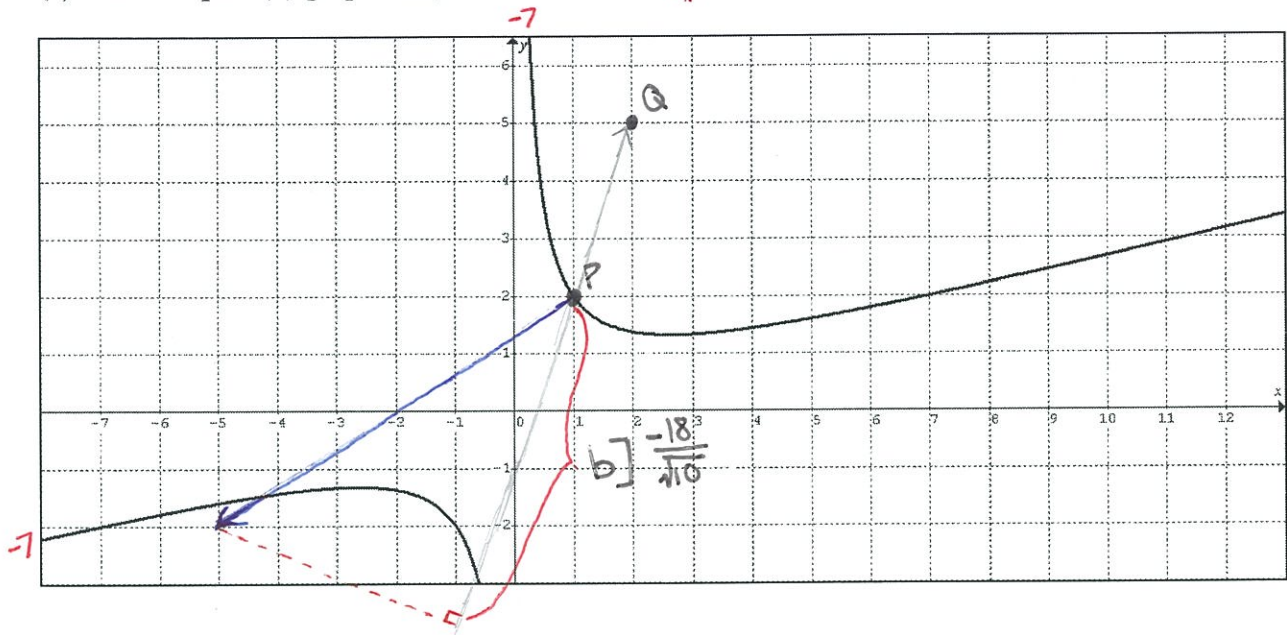
d] The temperature will increase at a rate of  $12^{\circ}F/m$  as we move in the direction  $\langle 4, -3 \rangle$  from the point  $(-1, 2)$

Example 2: Let  $f(x, y) = x^2 - 4xy$

(a) Define the level curve shown below which passes through the point  $(1, 2)$

(b) Find the directional derivative of  $f$  at  $P(1, 2)$  in the direction from  $P(1, 2)$  to  $Q(2, 5)$ .

(c) Illustrate part (b) graphically.



$$a] f(1, 2) = (1)^2 - 4(1)(2) = -7 \rightarrow f(x, y) = x^2 - 4xy = -7$$

$$b] \nabla f = \langle 2x - 4y, -4x \rangle$$

$$\nabla f|_{(1,2)} = \langle -6, -4 \rangle \quad \vec{PQ} = \langle 2-1, 5-2 \rangle = \langle 1, 3 \rangle = \vec{v}$$

$$D_{\vec{v}} f(1, 2) = \frac{\langle -6, -4 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 3 \rangle}{\sqrt{1^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{-6 - 12}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{-18}{\sqrt{10}}$$

Example 3: Let  $f(x, y) = 2 + x^2 + \frac{1}{4}y^2$

(a) Define the level curve of  $f$  that passes through the point  $P(1, 2)$

(b) Find the direction in which  $f(x, y)$  increases most rapidly at the point  $P(1, 2)$ .

Find the direction in which  $f(x, y)$  decreases most rapidly at the point  $P(1, 2)$ .

(c) Find the maximum rate of change of  $f$  at point  $P$ .

Find the minimum rate of change of  $f$  at point  $P$ .

$$a] f(1, 2) = 2 + 1^2 + \frac{1}{4}(2)^2 = 4$$

$$\text{Level curve: } 2 + x^2 + \frac{1}{4}y^2 = 4 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{8} = 1$$

*Ellipse: center (0, 0)*

$$r_x = \sqrt{2}$$
$$r_y = 8^{1/4}$$

$$b] \nabla f = \langle 2x, \frac{1}{2}y \rangle$$

$$\nabla f|_{(1, 2)} = \langle 2, 1 \rangle \rightarrow \text{direction for max rate of change}$$

$$-\nabla f|_{(1, 2)} = -\langle 2, 1 \rangle = \langle -2, -1 \rangle \rightarrow \text{direction for min rate of change}$$

$$c] |\nabla f|_{(1, 2)}| = \sqrt{5} \rightarrow \text{max rate of change}$$

$$-|\nabla f|_{(1, 2)}| = -\sqrt{5} \rightarrow \text{min rate of change}$$

## PART II: THE CHAIN RULE

Consider the function  $z = (x^2 + y^2)^3 + (5xy)^2$

= The Chain Rule is required to differentiate this composite function

method

① "Direct" Differentiation - for simple functions  
*product rule and chain rule*

$$a) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 3(x^2 + y^2)^2 (2x) + 2(5xy) \cdot 5y$$

$$b) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 3(x^2 + y^2)^2 (2y) + 2(5xy) \cdot 5x$$

method

② The Chain Rule for Partial Derivatives

= to redefine this problem to use the chain rule, we can introduce arbitrary variables

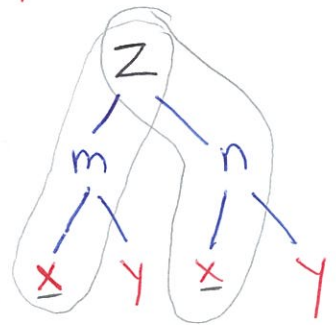
$$\text{let } z = m^2 n \quad m = x^2 + y^2 \quad n = 5xy$$

$$a) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial m} \cdot \frac{\partial m}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial n} \cdot \frac{\partial n}{\partial y}$$

have to "pass through" m/n before you can get to x/y

$$= 2mn \cdot 2x + m^2 \cdot 5y$$

$$= 2(x^2 + y^2) \cdot (5xy) \cdot 2x + (x^2 + y^2)^2 (5y)$$



= Revisiting ①a]

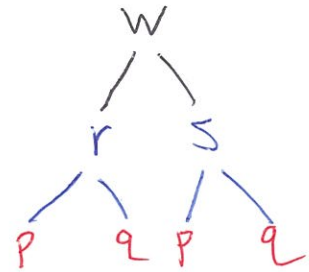
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \underbrace{3(x^2 + y^2)^2 (2x)}_{\frac{\partial z}{\partial m} \cdot \frac{\partial m}{\partial x}} + \underbrace{2(5xy) \cdot 5y}_{\frac{\partial z}{\partial n} \cdot \frac{\partial n}{\partial y}}$$

(chain rule continued)

ex.1 let  $w = F(r, s)$   $r = f(p, q)$   $s = g(p, q)$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial s} \cdot \frac{\partial s}{\partial p}$$

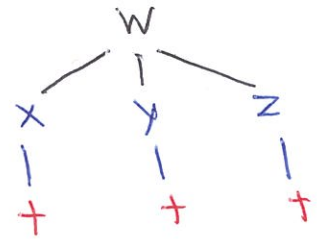
$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial q} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial q} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial s} \cdot \frac{\partial s}{\partial q}$$



= Bottom "ring" gives variables of interest

ex.2 let  $w = f(x, y, z)$   $x = g(t)$   $y = f(t)$   $z = h(t)$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$$



↓

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

★  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \frac{dw}{dt}$  is only true if we did not pass through  $x, y, z$

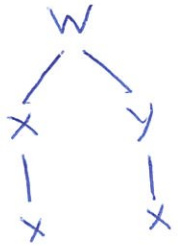


# IMPLICIT DIFFERENTIATION AND PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

Consider  $x^2y + 5xy^3 - x = 8$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ :

can be thought of as a function of two variables

$$f(x,y) = 8 \Rightarrow \underbrace{f(x,y) - 8 = 0}_{F(x,y) = 0}$$



Let  $w = F(x,y) = 0$      $x = x$      $y = f(x)$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dx} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}} = \frac{-F_x}{F_y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \square F_x &= 2xy + 5y^3 - 1 \\ \square F_y &= x^2 + 15xy^2 \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2xy + 5y^3}{x^2 + 15xy^2}$$

# C3 Q102 LESSON 3

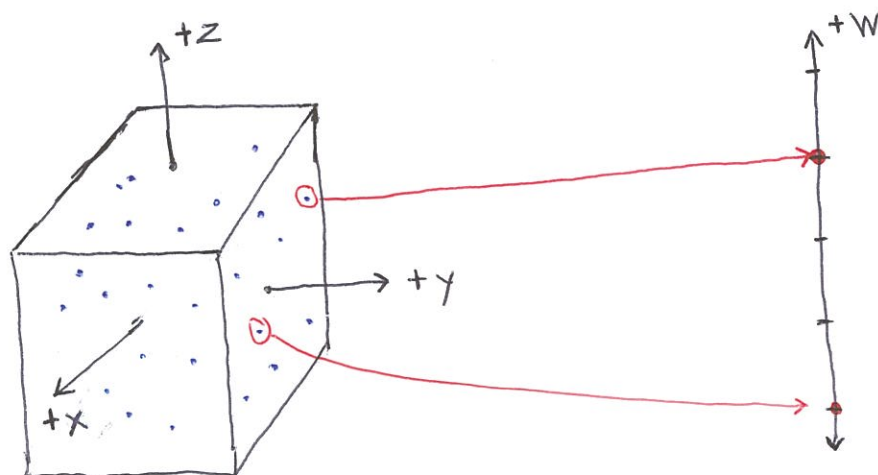
## FUNCTIONS IN $\mathbb{R}^4$ (GENERAL OVERVIEW)

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

$$f: \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^1$$

$(x, y, z) \rightarrow (w)$

- Functions in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  cannot be visualized; no graph
- However, they can be contextualized by scenarios where every point in 3D space is assigned a value



★ Each input, a point in the box, outputs a value onto the  $w$  scale

### Possible Interpretations

$$w = \text{temperature at point } (x, y, z)$$

$$w = \text{density at point } (x, y, z)$$

## LEVEL SURFACE (GENERAL NOTES)

### Functions in $\mathbb{R}^3$ vs. $\mathbb{R}^4$

▫  $\mathbb{R}^3$ : Function that maps from  $\mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^1$   
- graph in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  ex.  $z = f(x, y)$   
- level curve in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

▫  $\mathbb{R}^4$ : Function that maps from  $\mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^1$   
- "graph" in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  ex.  $w = f(x, y, z)$   
- level surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

★ Level surface of  $w = f(x, y, z)$  is the equation:

$$\square f(x, y, z) = k \text{ for some constant } k$$

↳ "what the function looks like when the output is  $k$ "

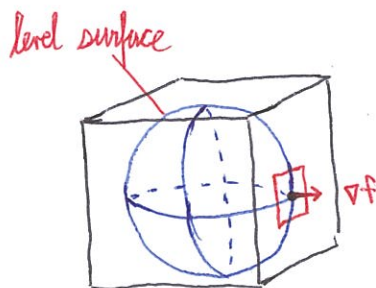
### Gradients in $\mathbb{R}^3$ vs. $\mathbb{R}^4$

$$\square \mathbb{R}^3: f: \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^1$$

$$\nabla f = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\rangle$$

$$\square \mathbb{R}^4: f: \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^1$$

$$\star \nabla f = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right\rangle$$



$\nabla f$  points in the direction of greatest increase

$|\nabla f|$  is the max rate of increase

## GRADIENT AND DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVE

**EXAMPLE:**  $w = x^2 - y^2 + z^2$  :  $w = f(x, y, z)$

(1) Describe the Shape of the Graph of  $w = x^2 - y^2 + z^2$

*no shape ( $\mathbb{R}^4$ )*

(2) Define the Domain of  $w = x^2 - y^2 + z^2$

*no restrictions ;  $D = \{(x, y, z) \mid (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3\}$*

Let  $w$  = the temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) at point  $(x, y, z)$ .

(3) Define the level surfaces at  $w = 0, 4, -4$ .

$\square w=0$      $0 = x^2 - y^2 + z^2$

*cone opening in  $y$*



$\square w=4$      $4 = x^2 - y^2 + z^2$

*hyperboloid of one sheet opening in  $y$*



$\square w=-4$      $4 = -x^2 + y^2 - z^2$

*hyperboloid of two sheets opening in  $y$*



$$w = f(x, y, z) = x^2 - y^2 + z^2$$

(4) Compute the Gradient  $\nabla f(x, y, z)$

$$\nabla f = \langle 2x, -2y, 2z \rangle$$

(5) Define the level surface that passes through the point  $(-1, 1, -2)$ .

$$f(-1, 1, -2) = (-1)^2 - (1)^2 + (-2)^2 = 4$$

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

*hyperboloid of one sheet*



(6) In what Direction from point  $(-1, 1, -2)$  will  $w$  increase most rapidly? What is the maximum rate of increase leaving point  $(-1, 1, -2)$ ?

$$\nabla f(-1, 1, -2) = \langle -2, -2, 4 \rangle$$

*= direction of greatest increase in temperature*

$$|\nabla f(-1, 1, -2)| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-2)^2 + 4^2} = 2\sqrt{6} \text{ } ^\circ\text{F/m}$$

(7) Find the Directional Derivative when moving from point  $P(-1, 1, -2)$  to point  $Q(4, 2, -3)$ .

$$\vec{PQ} = \langle 5, 1, -1 \rangle = \vec{v}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Comp}_{\vec{v}} \nabla f &= \frac{\nabla f \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{\langle -2, -2, -4 \rangle \cdot \langle 5, 1, -1 \rangle}{\sqrt{5^2 + 1^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{-10 - 2 + 4}{\sqrt{27}} \\ &= \frac{-8}{3\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

## TANGENT PLANE

*elliptical cone*

**EXAMPLE:** Find an equation of the plane tangent to the surface  $x^2 + 3y^2 - z^2 = 0$  at the point  $(1, 1, 2)$  on the surface.

- Treat the equation as one level curve of a greater function,  $w$   
↳ this induces a four-dimensional function

$$w = x^2 + 3y^2 - z^2$$

↳ now we can set  $w=0$ , such that the cone becomes one of many level surfaces

$$x^2 + 3y^2 - z^2 = 0$$

- finding the gradient of this equation allows us to find the direction of a vector orthogonal to the surface, which is needed to define the plane

$$\nabla w = \langle 2x, 6y, -2z \rangle$$

$$\nabla w|_{(1,1,2)} = \langle 2, 6, -4 \rangle \rightarrow \text{normal vector to the surface at } (1,1,2)$$

$$2(x-1) + 6(y-1) - 4(z-2) = 0$$

$$x + 3y - 2z = 0$$

# **C3 Q102 LESSON 4**



## PART I: SECOND PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

### A. Notation and Clairaut's Theorem

Clairaut's Theorem: Let  $f$  be a function of two variables  $x$  and  $y$ . If  $f, f_x, f_y, f_{xy}, f_{yx}$  are continuous on an open interval region  $R$ , then  $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$  throughout  $R$ .

### 2nd Partial Derivatives

$$\square \frac{\partial(f_x)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial x} = (f_x)_x = f_{xx}$$

$$\square \frac{\partial(f_x)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = (f_x)_y = f_{xy}$$

$$\square \frac{\partial(f_y)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = (f_y)_x = f_{yx}$$

→ always equal

## B. MEANING OF SECOND PARTIALS

Let  $z = f(x, y)$

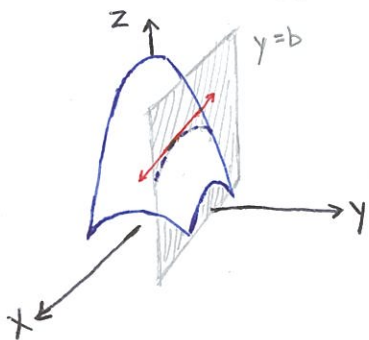
$f_{xx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_x(x, y=b)$  → as  $x$  increases, how does  $f_x$  change?  
*changing*

$f_{yy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_y(x=a, y)$  → as  $y$  increases, how does  $f_y$  change?

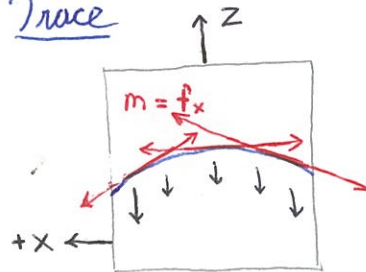
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$f_{xx}$  Visual

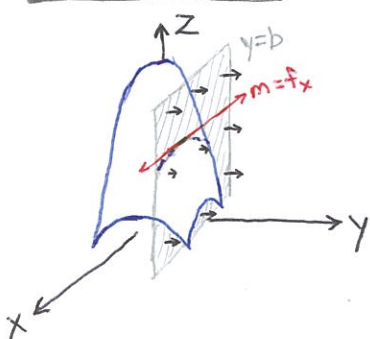


Trace



- the slope of each tangent line is represented by  $f_x$  at a given value of  $x$
- in this case,  $f_x$  becomes more negative as we move in the  $+x$  direction
- ∴  $f_{xx} < 0$ ; note that this checks out with the concavity of the trace

$f_{xy}$  Visual



- $f_{xy}$  is how  $f_x$  changes as  $b$  increases (as the tangent plane shifts forward)

EX:  $f(x, y) = x^3y^2 - 2x^2y + 3x$  Find all second partial derivatives.

$$\underline{f_x} = 3x^2y^2 - 4xy + 3 \quad \underline{f_y} = 2x^3y - 2x^2$$

$$f_{xx} = \frac{\partial(f_x)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [3x^2y^2 - 4xy + 3] = 6xy^2 - 4y$$

$$f_{yy} = 2x^3$$

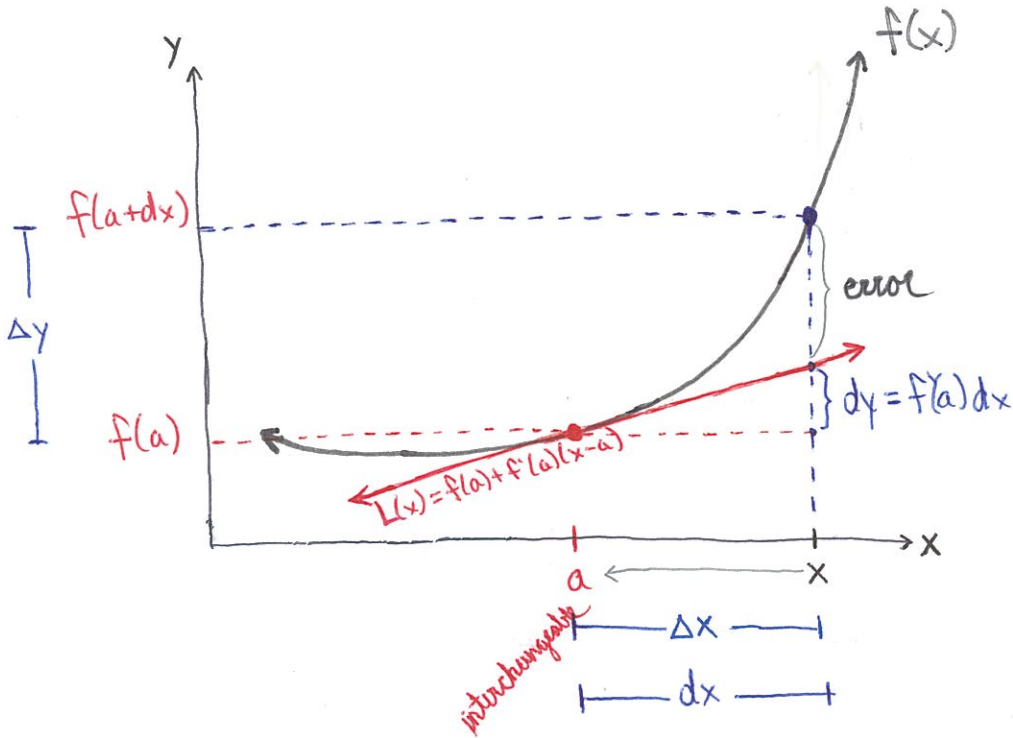
$$f_{xy} = 6x^2 - 4x$$

$$f_{yx} = 6x^2 - 4x$$

} equal by Clairaut's Thm

## PART II: TANGENT PLANE LINEARIZATION

### Review: Tangent Line Linearization



$$\Delta y \approx dy = f'(a)dx$$

$$= f'(x)dx$$

*generalized*

~~$\Delta y = f'(x)dx$  wrong~~

$$\Delta y = f'(x)dx + \text{error}$$

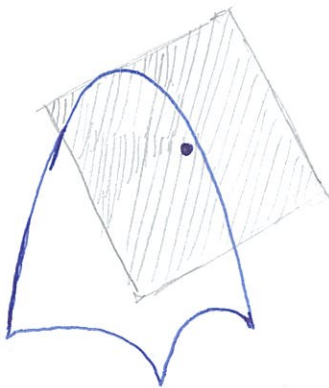
as  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \dots$

~~$\Delta y = f'(x)dx + \text{error}$~~

$$\boxed{dy = f'(x)dx}$$

### Tangent Plane Linearization

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



$$\Delta f = f_x \Delta x + \text{error}_1 + f_y \Delta y + \text{error}_2$$

as  $\Delta x, \Delta y \rightarrow 0 \dots$

$$\Delta x \rightarrow dx \quad \Delta y \rightarrow dy \quad \text{error} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\boxed{df = f_x dx + f_y dy}$$

↓ similar to Chain Rule

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = f_x \frac{dx}{dx} + f_y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dx} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$