

Summary - MATHS 201 – PART 1 (CHAPTERS 11 & 14)

I'll soon add chapters 15 and 16

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Note: the following summary is not infallible, it can help you to review and target the important points; but to get a good grade you have to solve a certain number of problems from the book !!

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## MATH 201

### Chapter 11: Infinite sequences and series

#### 3) Geometric series

$$\lim_{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} = \frac{a}{1-r} \quad |r| < 1$$

$\lim_{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1}$  diverges if  $|r| \geq 1$

#### 2) The $n$ -th-Term test for divergence

$\sum a_m$  diverges if  $\lim_{\infty} a_m$  fails to exist or is different from zero

If  $\lim_{\infty} a_m = 0$  we don't know whether the series converges or diverges

#### 3) Nondecreasing series / The integral test

→ A series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_m$  of nonnegative terms converges if and only if its partial sums are bounded from above

→ Let  $\{a_m\}$  be a sequence of positive terms. Suppose that  $a_m = f(x)$ , where  $f$  is a continuous, positive, decreasing function of  $x$  for all  $x \geq N$ . Then the series  $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_m$  and the integral  $\int_N^{\infty} f(x) dx$  both converge or both diverge

$$\int_p^{m+1} f(x) dx \leq a_p + a_{p+1} + \dots + a_m \leq a_p + \int_p^m f(x) dx$$

#### 4) The $p$ -series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$$

It converges if  $p > 1$ , It diverges if  $p \leq 1$

#### 4) The comparison test

Let  $\sum a_m$  be a series with no negative terms

→  $\sum a_m$  converges if there is a convergent series  $\sum c_m$  with  $a_m \leq c_m$  for all  $m \geq N$ , for some integer  $N$

$\rightarrow \sum a_m$  diverges if there is a divergent series of nonnegative terms  $\sum d_m$  with  $a_m \geq d_m$  for all  $m > N$ , for some integer  $N$ .

3) The Limit Comparison Test:

Suppose that  $a_m > 0$  and  $b_m > 0$  for all  $m > N$  (Nonnegative).

$\rightarrow$  If  $\lim_{\infty} \frac{a_m}{b_m} = c > 0$ , then  $\sum a_m$  and  $\sum b_m$  both converge or both diverge.

$\rightarrow$  If  $\lim_{\infty} \frac{a_m}{b_m} = 0$ , and  $\sum b_m$  converges, then  $\sum a_m$  converges.

$\rightarrow$  If  $\lim_{\infty} \frac{a_m}{b_m} = \infty$ , and  $\sum b_m$  diverges, then  $\sum a_m$  diverges.

4) The Ratio Test:

Let  $\sum a_m$  be a series with positive terms and suppose that

$$\lim_{\infty} \frac{a_{m+1}}{a_m} = \ell$$

Then:

(a) the series converges if  $\ell < 1$

(b) the series diverges if  $\ell > 1$  or  $\ell \rightarrow \infty$

(c) the test is inconclusive if  $\ell = 1$

5) The Root Test:

Let  $\sum a_m$  be a series with  $a_m > 0$  for  $m > N$  and suppose that

$$\lim_{\infty} \sqrt[m]{a_m} = \ell$$

Then,

(a) the series converges if  $\ell < 1$

(b) the series diverges if  $\ell > 1$  or  $\ell \rightarrow \infty$

(c) the test is inconclusive if  $\ell = 1$

6) The Alternating Series Test (Leibniz's Theorem)

The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} u_n = u_1 - u_2 + u_3 - u_4 + \dots$  converges

if all three of the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The  $u_n$ 's are all positive

2.  $u_m \geq u_{m+1}$  for all  $m \geq N$ , for some integer  $N$  (decreasing)

3.  $u_m \rightarrow 0$

#### 4) The Alternating series estimation theorem

If the alternating series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} u_n$  satisfies the three conditions (view before) and is converging, then for  $n \geq N$ ,  $S_n = u_1 - u_2 + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} u_n$  approximates the sum  $L$  of the series with an error whose absolute value is less than  $u_{N+1}$ , the numerical value for the first unused term. Furthermore, the remainder,  $L - S_n$ , has the same sign as the first unused term.

#### 5) The Absolute convergence test

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges

(A series that converges but does not converge absolutely converges conditionally).

#### 6) The rearrangement theorem for absolutely convergent series

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely, and  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m, \dots$  is any arrangement of the sequence  $\{a_m\}$ , then  $\sum b_m$  converges absolutely and,

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m$$

#### 7) The convergence theorem for power series

\* a power series about  $x=a$  is a series of the form:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n = c_0 + c_1 (x-a) + c_2 (x-a)^2 + \dots + c_n (x-a)^n$$

$c_n$  and  $a$  are constants,  $a$  is called the center

(use ratio test)

\* If the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots$  converges for  $x=c \neq 0$ , then it converges absolutely for all  $|x| < |c|$ . If the series diverges for  $x=d$ , then it diverges for all  $x$  with  $|x| > |d|$ .

#### 8) The radius of convergence of a power series

The convergence of the series  $\sum c_n (x-a)^n$  is described by one of the following three possibilities

- There is a positive number  $R$  such that the series diverges for  $x$  with  $|x-a| > R$  but converges absolutely for  $x$  with  $|x-a| < R$ . The series may or may not converge at either of the endpoints  $x = a - R$  and  $x = a + R$ .
- The series converges absolutely for every  $x$  ( $R = \infty$ )
- The series converges at  $x = a$  and diverges elsewhere.  
 $\rightarrow R$  is called the radius of convergence of the power series and the interval of radius  $R$  centered at  $x = a$  is called the interval of convergence.

14] The term by term differentiation theorem:

If  $\sum c_m (x-a)^m$  converges for  $a-R < x < a+R$  for some  $R > 0$ , it defines a function  $f$ :

$$f(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_m (x-a)^m, \quad a-R < x < a+R = I$$

$$f'(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m c_m (x-a)^{m-1}$$

$$f''(x) = \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m(m-1) c_m (x-a)^{m-2}$$

Each of these derived series converges for  $x \in I$

15] The term by term Integration theorem:

Suppose that  $f(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_m (x-a)^m$

converges for  $a-R < x < a+R$  ( $R > 0$ ). Then,

$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{c_m (x-a)^{m+1}}{m+1}$  converges for  $a-R < x < a+R$

and  $\int f(x) dx = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_m \frac{(x-a)^{m+1}}{m+1} + C$

for  $a-R < x < a+R$

16] Definition - Taylor Series, MacLaurin Series

Let  $f$  be a function with derivatives of all orders throughout some interval containing  $a$  as an interior point. Then the Taylor series generated

by  $f$  at  $x=a$  is:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!} (x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n + \dots$$

The Maclaurin series generated by  $f$  is:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \dots$$

17. The Taylor series generated by  $f$  at  $x=0$

Let  $f$  be a function with derivatives of order  $k$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$  in some interval containing  $a$  as an interior point. Then for any integer  $m$  from 0 through  $N$ , the Taylor polynomial of order  $m$  generated by  $f$  at  $x=a$  is the polynomial

$$P_m(x) = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!} (x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k + \dots + \frac{f^{(m)}(a)}{m!} (x-a)^m$$

$$P_m(x) = \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k$$

18. Taylor's theorem (generalization of the mean value theorem).

If  $f$  and its first  $n$  derivatives  $f', f'', \dots, f^{(n)}$  are continuous on the closed interval between  $a$  and  $b$ , and  $f^{(n+1)}$  is differentiable on the open interval between  $a$  and  $b$ , then there exists a number  $c$  between  $a$  and  $b$  such that:

$$f(b) = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!} (b-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (b-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(m)}(a)}{m!} (b-a)^m + \frac{f^{(m+1)}(c)}{(m+1)!} (b-a)^{m+1}$$

by  $f$  at  $x=a$  is:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n + \dots$$

The Maclaurin series generated by  $f$  is:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \dots$$

17 The Taylor series generated by  $f$  at  $x=0$

Definition - Taylor polynomial of order  $n$   
 Let  $f$  be a function with derivatives of order  $k$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$  in some interval containing  $a$  as an interior point. Then for any integer  $m$  from 0 through  $N$ , the Taylor polynomial of order  $m$  generated by  $f$  at  $x=a$  is the polynomial

$$P_m(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k + \dots + \frac{f^{(m)}(a)}{m!} (x-a)^m$$

$$P_m(x) = \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k$$

18 Taylor's theorem (generalization of the mean value theorem)

If  $f$  and its first  $m$  derivatives  $f', f'', \dots, f^{(m)}$  are continuous on the closed interval between  $a$  and  $b$ , and  $f^{(m)}$  is differentiable on the open interval between  $a$  and  $b$ , then there exists a number  $c$  between  $a$  and  $b$  such that:

$$f(b) = f(a) + f'(a)(b-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (b-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(m)}(a)}{m!} (b-a)^m + \frac{f^{(m+1)}(c)}{(m+1)!} (b-a)^{m+1}$$

### 18 Taylor's formula

If  $f$  has derivatives of all orders in an open interval  $I$  containing  $a$ , then for each positive integer  $m$  and for each  $x$  in  $I$ ,

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(m)}(a)}{m!}(x-a)^m + R_m(x)$$

Where  $R_m(x) = \frac{f^{(m+1)}(c)}{(m+1)!}(x-a)^{m+1}$  for some  $c$  between  $a$  and  $x$

(for each  $x \in I$ ,  $f(x) = P_m(x) + R_m(x)$ )

$R_m(x)$  is the remainder of order  $m$

If  $R_m(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in I$ , we say that the Taylor series generated by  $f$  at  $x=a$  converges to  $f$  on  $I$ .

We write:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!}(x-a)^k$$

Often we can estimate  $R_m$  without knowing the value of  $c$ .

### 19 The remainder estimation theorem

If there is a positive constant  $M$  such that  $|f^{(m+1)}(t)| \leq M$  for all  $t$  between  $x$  and  $a$ , inclusive, then the remainder term  $R_m(x)$  in Taylor's theorem satisfies the inequality

$$|R_m(x)| \leq M \frac{|x-a|^{m+1}}{(m+1)!}$$

If this condition holds for every  $m$  and the other conditions of Taylor's Theorem are satisfied by  $f$ , then the series converges to  $f(x)$ .

$$\left( \text{for } m \rightarrow \infty \quad M \times \frac{|x-a|^{m+1}}{(m+1)!} \rightarrow 0 \right)$$

$$R_m(x) \rightarrow 0$$

Functions to learn

$$e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^k}{k!} \text{ for all } x$$

$$\sin x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} \text{ for all } x$$

$$\cos x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k}}{(2k)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} \text{ for all } x$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k \text{ for } x \in ]-1, 1[$$

### 21 The binomial series

for  $-1 < x < 1$

$$(1+x)^m = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \binom{m}{k} x^k$$

where we define  $\binom{m}{1} = m$ ,  $\binom{m}{2} = \frac{m(m-1)}{2!}$

and  $\binom{m}{k} = \frac{m(m-1)(m-2)\dots(m-k+1)}{k!}$  for  $k \geq 3$

$$f(x) = (1+x)^m$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{T.S.} &= 1 + mx + \frac{m(m-1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{m(m-1)(m-2)}{3!} x^3 \\ &\quad + \frac{m(m-1)(m-2)\dots(m-k+1)}{k!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{T.S.} = f(x) \text{ for } -1 < x < 1$$

If  $m = -1$

$$\binom{-1}{1} = -1, \quad \binom{-1}{2} = \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!} = 1,$$

$$\text{and } \binom{-1}{k} = \frac{(-1)(-2)(-3)\dots(-1-k+1)}{k!}$$

$$(1+x)^{-1} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k x^k = (-1)^k \frac{k!}{k!} = (-1)^k$$

$$(1+x)^{-1} = 1 - x + x^2 - \dots + (-1)^k x^k + \dots$$

### 09 Fourier Series

Suppose that we want to approximate a function  $f(x)$  in  $[0, 2\pi]$  by a sum of sines and cosines

$$f_m(x) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^m (a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos kx dx \quad k=1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin kx dx \quad k=1, 2, \dots, m$$

If  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $f_m(x) = f(x)$  and the resulting sum is called Fourier series for  $f(x)$

Formulas:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos px dx = 0 \text{ for all } p$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin px dx = 0 \text{ for all } p$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos px \cos qx dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \neq q \\ \pi & \text{if } p = q \end{cases}$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin px \sin qx dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \neq q \\ \pi & \text{if } p = q \end{cases}$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin px \cos qx dx = 0 \text{ for all } p \text{ and } q$$

$$\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$$

$$\cos 2x = 2\cos^2 x - 1$$

$$\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$$

$$\sin 2x = 2\sin x \cos x$$

$$\sin A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B))$$

$$\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B))$$

$$\sin A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} (\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B))$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} 2\cos^2 x &= \cos 2x + 1 \\ \cos^2 x &= \frac{\cos 2x + 1}{2} \end{aligned}}$$

A function  $f(x)$  is piecewise continuous on an interval  $I$  if  $f(x)$  has a finite number of discontinuities on  $I$ .

### 23) Convergence of Fourier series

Let  $f(x)$  be a function such that  $f$  and  $f'$  are piecewise continuous on the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ . Then  $f$  is equal to its Fourier series at all points where  $f$  is continuous. At a point  $c$  where  $f$  has a discontinuity, the Fourier series converges to:

$$\frac{f(c^+) + f(c^-)}{2} \quad \text{where } f(c^+) \text{ and } f(c^-) \text{ are the right- and left-hand limits of } f \text{ at } c$$

## Chapter 10.5 : Polar Coordinates

While a point in the plane has just one pair of Cartesian coordinates, it has infinitely many pairs of polar coordinates.

$P(r, \theta)$   $\rightarrow$  polar coordinates

- Equation:

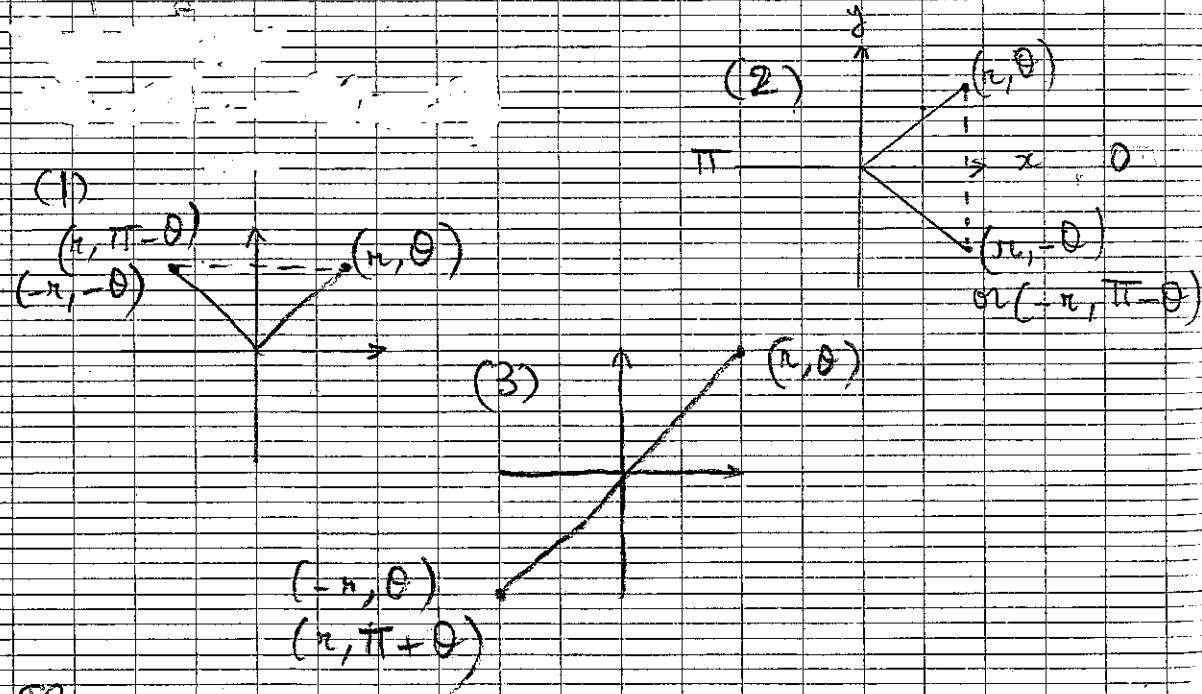
$r = a$  ( $\Rightarrow$  circle radius  $a$ ) centered at  $O$

$\theta = \theta_0$  ( $\Rightarrow$  line through  $O$  making an angle  $\theta_0$  w/ the initial ray)

- Equations relating polar and cartesian coordinates

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

Graphing in polar coordinates



- Slope:

The slope of a polar curve  $r = f(\theta)$  is given by

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \text{ not by } r' = \frac{df}{d\theta}$$

$$x = r \cos \theta = f(\theta) \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta = f(\theta) \sin \theta$$

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{f'(\theta) \sin \theta + f(\theta) \cos \theta}{f'(\theta) \cos \theta - f(\theta) \sin \theta}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{d\theta/dx}$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\theta} = \frac{(f(\theta) \sin \theta)}{(f(\theta) \cos \theta)}$$

Symmetry tests for polar graphs.

1) Symmetry about the  $x$ -axis:

If  $(r, \theta)$  lies on the graph, the point  $(r, -\theta)$  or  $(-r, \pi - \theta)$  lies on the graph

2) Symmetry about the  $y$ -axis  $(r, \pi - \theta), (-r, -\theta)$

3) Symmetry about the origin  $(-r, 0), (r, \theta + \pi)$

## Chapter 13: Vector-Valued Functions and Motion in Space

### Vector Functions

$P(x, y, z)$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{OP} = f(t)\vec{i} + g(t)\vec{j} + h(t)\vec{k}$$

At time  $t$ , it's the position vector (it's a curve in space that we call particle path)

Def:  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{r}(t) = \left\langle \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} x(t), \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} y(t), \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} z(t) \right\rangle = L$$

Continuity:  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$  is continuous at a point  $t = t_0$  if  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}(t_0)$

Each component must be continuous.

$$\text{Differentiability: } \vec{r}'(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{r}(t + \Delta t) - \vec{r}(t)}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt}\vec{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\vec{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\vec{k}$$

A vector function  $\vec{r}$  is differentiable if it's differentiable at every point of its domain

The curve traced by  $\vec{r}$  is smooth if  $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$  is continuous and never 0

### Velocity

$$1) \text{ velocity } \vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{r}'(t)$$

2) speed is the magnitude of the velocity  $= |\vec{v}|$

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2 + z'(t)^2} = \text{speed}$$

$$3) \text{ acceleration} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = \vec{r}''(t) = v'(t)$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = 0 \Leftarrow$$

$\vec{r}$  is a differentiable vector function of  $t$  of constant length

$$\int f(u) u' dt = \int f(u) du$$

Example: when we track a particle moving on a sphere centered at the origin, the position vector has a constant length equal to the radius of the sphere. Then  $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$  (velocity) is tangent to the sphere and  $\frac{d}{dt}$  perpendicular to  $\vec{r}$  (dot product)

Differentiation rules for vector functions: (same rules as seen before)  $\oplus$

Dot product rule

$$\frac{d}{dt} [u(t) \cdot v(t)] = u'(t) \cdot v(t) + u(t) \cdot v'(t)$$

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Remember to preserve the order of the factors

$$\frac{d}{dt} [u(t) \times v(t)] = u'(t) \times v(t) + u(t) \times v'(t)$$

Chain rule

$$\frac{d}{dt} [u(f(t))] = f'(t) u'(f(t))$$

Definite Integral

If the component of  $\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j} + z(t)\hat{k}$  are integrable over  $[a; b]$  then so is  $\vec{r}$ :

$$\int_a^b \vec{r}(t) dt = \left( \int_a^b x(t) dt \right) \hat{i} + \left( \int_a^b y(t) dt \right) \hat{j} + \left( \int_a^b z(t) dt \right) \hat{k}$$

Length of a smooth curve

The length of a smooth curve  $\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j} + z(t)\hat{k}$  for  $a \leq t \leq b$ , that is traced exactly once as  $t$  increases from  $t=a$  to  $t=b$  is:

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

$$L = \int_a^b \|v\| dt$$

## Chapter 14: Partial derivatives

14.1)  $\rightarrow$  function of  $m$  independent variables

Suppose  $D$  is a set of  $m$ -tuples of real numbers  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$ . A real-valued function  $f$  on  $D$  is a rule that assigns a unique single real number

$w = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$  to each element in  $D$ . The set

$D$  is the function's domain. The set of  $w$ -values taken on by  $f$  is the function's range. The symbol  $w$  is the dependent variable of  $f$ , and  $f$  is said to be a function of the  $m$  independent variables  $x_1$  to  $x_m$ . We also call  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  the function's input variables and call  $w$  the function's output variable.

### Functions of two variables

Interior and boundary points, open, closed

- A point  $(x_0, y_0)$  in a region  $R$  in the  $xy$ -plane is an interior point of  $R$  if it is the center of a disk of positive radius that lies entirely in  $R$ .
- A point  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a boundary point of  $R$  if every disk centered at  $(x_0, y_0)$  contains points that lie outside of  $R$ .
- The interior points of a region, as a set, make up the interior of the region. The region's boundary points make up its boundary. A region is open if it consists entirely of interior points. A region is closed if it contains all its boundary points.
- A region in the plane is bounded if it lies inside a disk of fixed radius. A region is unbounded if it is not bounded.

Domain / Codomain

domain :  $x < y$  (example)

range :  $[-1; 2]$

## Level Curve, Graph, Surface

The set of points in the plane where a function  $f(x, y)$  has a constant value  $f(x, y) = C$  is called a level curve of  $f$ . The set of all points  $(x, y, f(x, y))$  in space, for  $(x, y)$  in the domain of  $f$ , is called the graph of  $f$ . The graph of  $f$  is also called the surface  $z = f(x, y)$ .

## 14.2] Limits and continuity in higher dimension

**Definition:** limit of a function of two variables

We say that a function  $f(x, y)$  approaches the limit  $L$  as  $(x, y)$  approaches  $(x_0, y_0)$ , and write

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} f(x, y) = L$$

if for every number  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a corresponding number  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $(x, y)$  in the domain of  $f$

$$|f(x, y) - L| < \epsilon \text{ whenever } 0 < \sqrt{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2} < \delta$$

**Theorem 1:** Properties of limits of functions of two variables

$L, M$  and  $m$  are real numbers

(as in the plane)

**Definition:** Continuous function of two variables

A function  $f(x, y)$  is continuous at the point  $(x_0, y_0)$

if:

1)  $f$  is defined at  $(x_0, y_0)$

2)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} f(x, y)$  exists

3)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} f(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0)$

We have to find that  
the limit doesn't  
exist (more easy)

A function is continuous if it is continuous at every point of its domain.

Two Path Test for nonexistence of a limit

If a function  $f(x, y)$  has different limits along two different paths as  $(x, y)$  approaches  $(x_0, y_0)$ , then  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} f(x, y)$  does not exist.

Continuity of compositions

If  $f$  is continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $g$  is a single-variable function continuous at  $f(x_0, y_0)$ , then the composite function  $h = g \circ f$  defined by  $h(x, y) = g(f(x, y))$  is continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

### 14.3 Partial Derivatives

Def:

Partial derivative with respect to  $x$ :

The partial derivative of  $f(x, y)$  with respect to  $x$  at the point  $(x_0, y_0)$  is:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{(x_0, y_0)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

provided the limit exists.

Def:

Partial derivative with respect to  $y$ :

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Big|_{(x_0, y_0)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0, y_0 + h) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h} = f_y$$

means: intersection of the plane  $x = x_0$  (constant) with the surface  $z = f(x, y)$  which gives us a plane with a curve  $z = f(x_0, y)$ . The partial derivative with respect to  $y$  is the derivative of this function (the slope of this curve).

Notations:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) = f_x(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = f_x$

→ A function can be discontinuous and its partial derivative may exist!

### The mixed derivative theorem

If  $f(x, y)$  and its partial derivatives  $f_x, f_y, f_{xy}$ , and  $f_{yx}$  are defined throughout an open region containing a point  $(a, b)$  and are all continuous at  $(a, b)$ , then:  $f_{xy}(a, b) = f_{yx}(a, b)$

The increment theorem for functions of two variables  
Suppose that the first partial derivatives of  $f(x, y)$  are defined throughout an open region  $R$  containing the point  $(x_0, y_0)$  and that  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  are continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$ . Then the change

$$\Delta z = f(x_0 + \Delta x, y_0 + \Delta y) - f(x_0, y_0)$$

in the value of  $f$  that results from moving  $(x_0, y_0)$  to another point  $(x_0 + \Delta x, y_0 + \Delta y)$  in  $R$  satisfies an equation of the form

$$\Delta z = f_x(x_0, y_0) \Delta x + f_y(x_0, y_0) \Delta y + \epsilon_1 \Delta x + \epsilon_2 \Delta y$$

in which each of  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$  as both  $\Delta x, \Delta y \rightarrow 0$   
(this theorem holds also for several variables)

### Differentiable function (definition)

A function  $z = f(x, y)$  is differentiable at  $(x_0, y_0)$  if  $f_x(x_0, y_0)$  and  $f_y(x_0, y_0)$  exist and  $\Delta z$  satisfies an equation of the form

$$\Delta z = f_x(x_0, y_0) \Delta x + f_y(x_0, y_0) \Delta y + \epsilon_1 \Delta x + \epsilon_2 \Delta y$$

in which each of  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$  as both  $\Delta x, \Delta y \rightarrow 0$

We call  $f$  differentiable if it is differentiable at every point in its domain

Continuity of partial derivatives implies differentiability

If  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  of a function  $f(x, y)$  are continuous throughout an open region  $R$ , then  $f$  is differentiable at every point of  $R$ .

Differentiability implies continuity.

If a function  $f(x, y)$  is differentiable at  $(x_0, y_0)$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

#### 14.4 The Chain Rule

Chain Rule for functions of two independent variables:

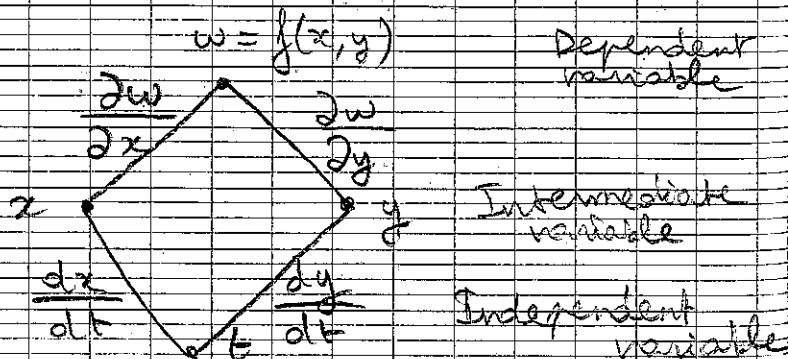
If  $w = f(x, y)$  has continuous partial derivatives  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  and if  $x = x(t)$ ,  $y = y(t)$  are differential functions of  $t$ , then the composite  $w = f(x(t), y(t))$  is a differentiable function of  $t$  and:

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = f_x(x(t), y(t)) \cdot x'(t) + f_y(x(t), y(t)) \cdot y'(t)$$

or,  $\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$

$$\left. \frac{dw}{dt} \right|_{t_0} = \left. \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right|_{P_0} \times \left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_{t_0} + \left. \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right|_{P_0} \left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t_0}$$

Remember: Chain Rule



Chain rule for functions of more independent variables

If  $w = f(x, y, z)$  is differentiable and  $x, y, z$  are differentiable functions of  $t$ , then  $w$  is a differentiable function of  $t$  and:

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

Intermediate  
variable

Chain rule for two independent variables and three intermediate variables

Suppose that  $w = f(x, y, z)$ ,  $x = g(r, s)$ ,  $y = h(r, s)$  and  $z = k(r, s)$ , if all four functions are differentiable, then  $w$  has partial derivatives with respect to  $r$  and  $s$ , given by the formulas

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

And,  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s}$

Dependent variable

Intermediate variable

$x$        $y$        $z$

Independent variable

$g$        $h$        $k$

$$w = f(g(r, s), h(r, s), k(r, s))$$

Intermediate  
variable

→ If  $w = f(x, y)$ ,  $x = g(r, s)$  and  $y = h(r, s)$ , then,

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}$$

And,  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$

Intermediate  
variable

If  $w = f(x)$  and  $x = g(r, s)$ , then,

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial r} = \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r}$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s}$$

Implicit differentiation revisited

We suppose that 1) The function  $F(x, y) = w$  is differentiable

2) The equation  $F(x, y) = 0$  defines  $y$  implicitly as a differentiable function of  $x$ , say  $y = h(x)$

$$0 = \frac{dw}{dx} = F_x \frac{dx}{dx} + F_y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$= F_x \times 1 + F_y \times \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\text{If } F_y = \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y}$$

Shortcut to finding derivatives of implicitly defined functions which we state here as a theorem.

general case

function of many variables : Chain rule

(think of the dot product of two vectors)

$$\left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}, \dots, \frac{\partial w}{\partial v} \right) \text{ and } \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial p}, \frac{\partial y}{\partial p}, \dots, \frac{\partial v}{\partial p} \right)$$

derivatives of  $w$  with respect to the intermediate variables

derivatives of the intermediate variables with respect to the selected independent variable

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial p} + \dots + \frac{\partial w}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial p}$$

e.g.,

#### 14.5) Directional Derivative and Gradient Vectors

Definition: Directional Derivative

The derivative of  $f$  at  $P_0(x_0, y_0)$  in the direction of the unit vector  $\vec{u} = u_1 \vec{i} + u_2 \vec{j}$  is the number

$$(D_u f)_{P_0} = \frac{df}{ds} \Big|_{u, P_0} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + su_1, y_0 + su_2) - f(x_0, y_0)}{s}$$

provided the limit exists.

"The derivative of  $f$  at  $P_0$  in the direction of  $\vec{u}$ )

The directional derivative is only a generalization of the partial derivative

$$D_u f \text{ with } u = \langle 1, 0 \rangle \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \quad | \quad u = \langle 0, 1 \rangle \quad D_u f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

It represents the (instantaneous) rate of change of  $f$  at  $P_0$  in the direction of  $\vec{u}$ .

Definition: Gradient Vector

The gradient vector (gradient) of  $f(x, y)$  at a point  $P_0(x_0, y_0)$  is the vector

$$\overrightarrow{\nabla f} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \vec{j} \quad \text{obtained by evaluating the partial derivatives of } f \text{ at } P_0.$$

Then: The Directional Derivative is a dot product

If  $f(x, y)$  is differentiable in an open region containing  $P_0(x_0, y_0)$ , then

$$D_u f|_{P_0} = (\nabla f)|_{P_0} \cdot \vec{u} \quad \text{dot product of the gradient } \nabla f \text{ at } P_0 \text{ and } \vec{u}$$

Properties of the directional derivative  $D_u f = \nabla f \cdot \vec{u}$

$$D_u f = |\nabla f| \cos \theta$$

- 1) The function  $f$  increases most rapidly when  $\cos \theta = 1$  or when  $\vec{u}$  is the direction of  $\nabla f$ . That is, at each  $P$  in its domain,  $f$  increases most rapidly in the direction of the gradient vector  $\nabla f$  at  $P$ . The derivative in this direction is:

$$D_u f = |\nabla f| \cos(0) = |\nabla f|$$

- 2) Similarly,  $f$  decreases most rapidly in the direction of  $-\nabla f$ . The derivative in this direction is:

$$D_u f = |\nabla f| \cos(\pi) = -|\nabla f|$$

- 3) Any direction  $\vec{u}$  orthogonal to a gradient  $\nabla f \neq 0$  is a direction of zero change in  $f$  because  $\theta$  then equals  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  and

$$D_u f = |\nabla f| \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = |\nabla f| \cdot 0 = 0$$

These properties hold in three dimensions as well as two

Gradients and tangents to level curves

At every point  $(x_0, y_0)$  in the domain of a differentiable function  $f(x, y)$ , the gradient of  $f$  is normal to the level curve through  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

Proof: If  $\vec{r} = x(t) \hat{i} + y(t) \hat{j}$  (differentiable function)  
and  $f(x(t), y(t)) = c$

Then, we differentiate this equation:

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(f(x(t), y(t))) = \frac{dc}{dt}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt} \hat{j} \right) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \nabla f \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = 0 \quad \text{velocity}$$

Therefore,  $\nabla f$  is normal to  $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$  which is the tangent vector to the curve, the  $\nabla f$  is normal to the curve.

This allow us to find equations for tangent lines to level curves (lines normal to gradients)

$$\vec{N} = A \hat{i} + B \hat{j} \Rightarrow A(x - x_0) + B(y - y_0) = 0$$

Then, If  $\vec{N} = \nabla f(x_0, y_0) = f_x(x_0, y_0) \hat{i} + f_y(x_0, y_0) \hat{j}$

The equation is the tangent line given by:

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

### Algebra Rules for Gradients

- Constant multiple rule.  $\nabla(kf) = k \nabla f$

- Sum rule.  $\nabla(f + g) = \nabla f + \nabla g$

- Difference rule.  $\nabla(f - g) = \nabla f - \nabla g$

- Product Rule.  $\nabla(fg) = f \nabla g + g \nabla f$

- Quotient Rule.  $\nabla \left( \frac{f}{g} \right) = \frac{g \nabla f - f \nabla g}{g^2}$

function of three variables

$f(x, y, z)$  differentiable

$$\vec{u} = u_1 \hat{i} + u_2 \hat{j} + u_3 \hat{k}$$

$$\nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

and

$$\frac{df}{ds} = D_u f = \nabla f \cdot \vec{u} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} u_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} u_2 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} u_3$$

$$D_u f = |\nabla f| |\vec{u}| = |\nabla f| (u_1 \cos 0) = |\nabla f| \cos 0$$

#### 14.6 Tangent Planes and Differentials

Definition: Tangent Plane, Normal Line

The tangent plane at the point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  on the level surface  $f(x, y, z) = c$  of a differentiable function  $f$  is the plane through  $P_0$  normal to  $\nabla f|_{P_0}$ .

The normal line of the surface at  $P_0$  is the line through  $P_0$  parallel to  $\nabla f|_{P_0}$ .

Equations: Tangent plane to  $f(x, y, z) = c$  at  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$

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

Normal line to  $f(x, y, z) = c$  at  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$

$$\begin{cases} x = x_0 + f_x(P_0)t \\ y = y_0 + f_y(P_0)t \\ z = z_0 + f_z(P_0)t \end{cases}$$

Line 1/  $\nabla f$

Plane tangent to a surface  $z = f(x, y)$  at  $(x_0, y_0, f(x_0, y_0))$

The plane tangent to the surface  $z = f(x, y)$  of a differentiable function  $f$  at the point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$

$P_0 = (x_0, y_0, f(x_0, y_0))$  is:

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

Estimating the change in  $f$  in a direction  $\vec{u}$

To estimate the change in the value of a differentiable function  $f$  when we move a small distance  $ds$  from a point  $P_0$  in a particular direction  $\vec{u}$ , we use the formula

$$df = \underbrace{(\nabla f)_{P_0} \cdot \vec{u})}_{\text{Directional derivative}} \cdot ds$$

in  
distance increment

How to compute or find the derivative

Definition: Linearization, Standard Linear Approximation

The linearization of a function  $f(x, y)$  at a point  $(x_0, y_0)$  where  $f$  is differentiable is the function

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

The approximation  $f(x, y) \approx L(x, y)$  is the standard linear approximation of  $f$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

The linearization of a function of 2 variables is a tangent-plane approximation.

The error in the standard linear approximation

If  $f$  has continuous first and second partial derivatives throughout an open set containing a rectangle centered at  $(x_0, y_0)$  and if  $M$  is any upper bound for the values of  $|f_{xx}|$ ,  $|f_{yy}|$ , and  $|f_{xy}|$  on  $R$ , then the error  $E(x, y)$  incurred in replacing  $f(x, y)$  on  $R$  by its linearization

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

satisfies the inequality

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

### Definition: Total differential (estimations)

If we move from  $(x_0, y_0)$  to a point  $(x_0 + dx, y_0 + dy)$  nearby, the resulting change  $df = f_x(x_0, y_0) dx + f_y(x_0, y_0) dy$  in the linearization of  $f$  is called the total differential of  $f$ .

Functions of more than two variables (analogous results hold)

- 1) The linearization of  $f(x, y, z)$  at a point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is:

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

- 2) Suppose that  $R$  is a closed rectangular solid centered at  $P_0$  and lying in an open region on which the second partial derivatives of  $f$  are continuous.

Suppose also that  $|f_{xx}|, |f_{yy}|, |f_{zz}|, |f_{xy}|, |f_{xz}|$  and  $|f_{yz}|$  are all less than or equal to  $M$  throughout  $R$ . Then the error  $E(x, y, z)$   $= f(x, y, z) - L(x, y, z)$  in the approximation of  $f$  by  $L$  is bounded throughout  $R$  by the inequality

$$|E| < \frac{1}{2} M((x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^2)$$

- 3) If the second partial derivatives of  $f$  are continuous and if  $x, y$  and  $z$  change from  $x_0, y_0$  and  $z_0$  by small amounts  $dx, dy$  and  $dz$ , the total differential

$df = f_x(P_0) dx + f_y(P_0) dy + f_z(P_0) dz$  gives a good approximation of the resulting change in  $f$ .

## 14.7) Extreme values and saddle points

Def: Local maximum, local minimum

Let  $f(x,y)$  be defined on a region  $R$  containing the point  $(a,b)$ . Then

1)  $f(a,b)$  is a local maximum value of  $f$  if  $f(a,b) \geq f(x,y)$  for all domain points  $(x,y)$  in an open disk centered at  $(a,b)$ .

2)  $f(a,b)$  is a local minimum value of  $f$  if  $f(a,b) \leq f(x,y)$  for all domain points  $(x,y)$  in an open centered disk. At such points, the tangent planes, when they exist, are horizontal.

Local extrema are also called relative extrema.

Then: First Derivative Test for local extreme values

If  $f(x,y)$  has a local maximum or minimum value at an interior point  $(a,b)$  of its domain and if the first partial derivatives exist there, then  $f_x(a,b) = 0$  and  $f_y(a,b) = 0$ .

Equation of tangent plane:  $z = f(a,b)$  (horizontal)

Def: Critical point

An interior point of the domain of a function  $f(x,y)$  where both  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  are zero or where one or both of  $f_x$ ,  $f_y$  do not exist is a critical point of  $f$ .

Def: Saddle point

A differentiable function  $f(x,y)$  has a saddle point at a critical point  $(a,b)$  if in every open disk centered at  $(a,b)$  there are domain points  $(x,y)$  where  $f(x,y) > f(a,b)$  and domain points  $(x,y)$  where  $f(x,y) < f(a,b)$ . The corresponding point  $(a,b, f(a,b))$  on the surface  $z = f(x,y)$  is called a saddle point of the surface.

Then: Second derivative test for local extreme values

Suppose that  $f(x,y)$  and its first and second partial derivatives are continuous throughout a disk centered at  $(a,b)$  and that  $f_x(a,b) = f_y(a,b) = 0$ . Then,

discriminant  $D$ :

$$f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 > 0 \text{ at } (a,b)$$

a)  $f_{xx} < 0 \rightarrow$  local maximum (concave)

b)  $f_{xx} > 0 \rightarrow$  local minimum (convex)

2)  $f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 < 0 \text{ at } (a,b) \rightarrow$  saddle point

3)  $f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 0 \text{ at } (a,b) \rightarrow$  the test is inconclusive

Absolute maxima and minima on closed bounded regions

We organize the search for the absolute extrema of a continuous function  $f(x,y)$  on a closed and bounded region  $R$  into three steps:

1) List of the interior points of  $R$  where  $f$  may have local maxima and minima and evaluate  $f$  at these points.

These are the critical points of  $f$ .

2) List the boundary points of  $R$  where  $f$  has local maxima and minima and evaluate  $f$  at these points.

3) Find absolute minima and maxima.

(not easy at all; we have to analyze every point)

#### 14.8 | Lagrange Multipliers

Then: The Orthogonal Gradient Theorem

Suppose that  $f(x,y,z)$  is differentiable in a region whose interior contains a smooth curve

$$C: \alpha(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j} + z(t)\hat{k}$$

If  $P_0$  is a point on  $C$  where  $f$  has a local maximum or minimum relative to its values on  $C$ , then  $\nabla f$  is orthogonal to  $C$  at  $P_0$ .

At the points on a smooth curve  $\vec{r}(t) = g(t)\vec{i} + h(t)\vec{j}$  where  $\vec{v}g$  is a differentiable function  $f(x, y)$  takes on its local maxima and minima relative to its values on the curve,  $\vec{\nabla}f \cdot \vec{v}$ , where  $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$

The method of Lagrange multipliers

Suppose that  $f(x, y, z)$  and  $g(x, y, z)$  are differentiable and  $\vec{\nabla}g \neq \vec{0}$  when  $g(x, y, z) = 0$ . To find the local maximum and minimum values of  $f$  subjected to the constraint  $g(x, y, z) = 0$  (if there exist), find the values of  $x, y, z$  and  $\lambda$  that simultaneously satisfy the equation

$$\vec{\nabla}f = \lambda \vec{\nabla}g \quad \text{and} \quad g(x, y, z) = 0$$

For functions of two independent variables, the condition is similar, but without the variable  $z$ .

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