

2/28/Calc3

$z = f(x, y)$ function

Last time

$(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

Gradient $\nabla f(a, b) = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a, b), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a, b) \right\rangle$

\bar{u} = unit vector 

$$\textcircled{A} \quad D_{\bar{u}} f(a, b) = \nabla f(a, b) \cdot \bar{u}$$

Directional
deriv. of f
in direction \bar{u}

$$|\nabla f(a, b)| \cos \theta$$



\textcircled{B} ① $\nabla f(a, b)$ is direction of
maximal increase

$\theta = 0$

$$(D_{\bar{u}} f(a, b) = |\nabla f(a, b)|)$$

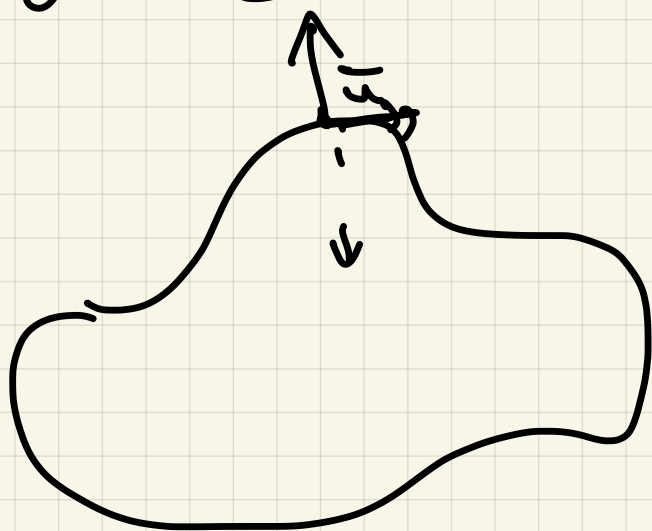
② $-\nabla f(a, b)$ is direction of
maximal decrease

$$\theta = \pi$$

$$(D_n f(a,b) = -|\nabla f(a,b)|)$$

(c) $\nabla f(a,b)$ is \perp to level sets $f(x,y) = c = \text{constant}$
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 $f(a,b)$

$$\theta = \pi/2 \quad D_n f(a,b) = 0$$



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

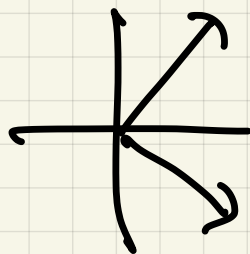
Ex 1 $f(x,y) = x^2 - 9y^2$

(a) $\nabla f(4,-1)$

(b) $D_n f(4,-1)$ in directions

$$u_1 = \langle 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$u_2 = \langle 4, -1 \rangle$$



(c) Direction of max
incr/decr and value

at $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(4, -1)$

(d) Sketch level set $f(x, y) = 7$

and $\nabla f(4, -1)$

Find tangent line to level

curve at $(4, -1)$

$$(a) \nabla f(x, y) = \langle 2x, -18y \rangle$$

$$\nabla f(4, -1) = \langle 8, 18 \rangle$$

$$(b) \mathbf{u} = \langle 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}f(4, -1) = \langle 8, 18 \rangle \cdot \frac{\langle 1, 1 \rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{26}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \langle 1, -1 \rangle$$

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}f(4, -1) = \langle 8, 18 \rangle \cdot \frac{\langle 1, -1 \rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{10}{\sqrt{2}}$$

(c) direction max incr

$$\nabla f(4, -1) = \frac{\langle 8, 18 \rangle}{|\langle 8, 18 \rangle|} =$$

$$\frac{\langle 8, 18 \rangle}{2|\langle 4, 9 \rangle|} = \frac{\langle 8, 18 \rangle}{2\sqrt{97}}$$

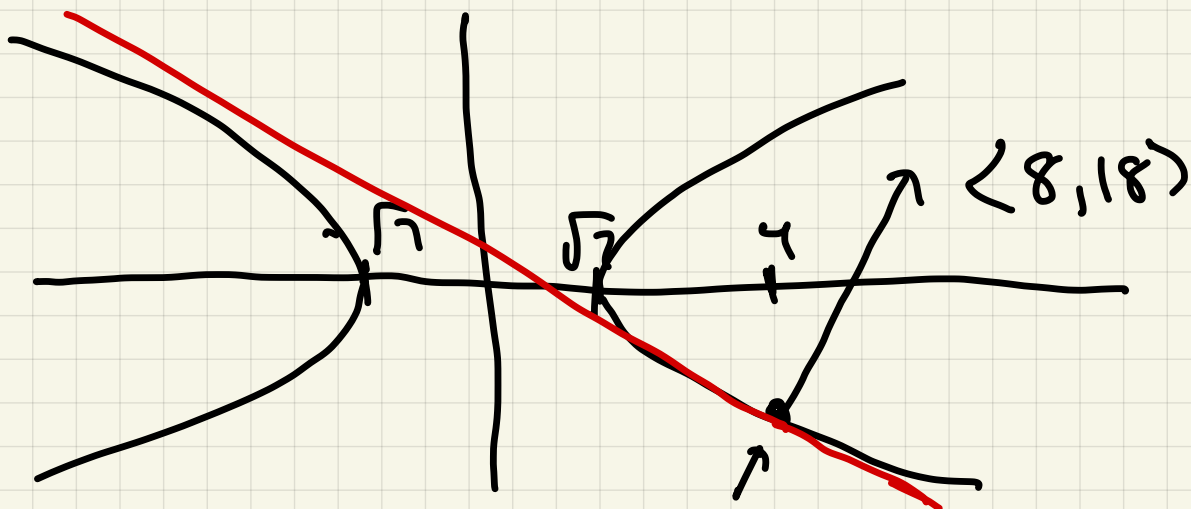
and actual max rate of

$$\text{incr is } 2\sqrt{97}$$

$$\text{dir max decr. is } -\frac{\langle 8, 18 \rangle}{2\sqrt{97}}$$

$$\text{min decr is } -2\sqrt{97}$$

(d) $x^2 - 9y^2 = 7$ (4, -1)



hyperbols:

$(4, -1)$

~~$(-1, 4)$~~

$$\langle (x, y) - (4, -1) \rangle \perp \langle 8, 18 \rangle$$

$$\langle x-4, y+1 \rangle \cdot \langle 8, 18 \rangle = 0$$

$$8(x-4) + 18(y+1) = 0$$

In general: If (a, b) is on

level curve $f(x, y) = c$,

then the tangent line to
curve at (a, b) has

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

Fact: (A) (B) (C) all

OK in 3D

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

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

$$D_u f(a,b,c) = \nabla f(a,b,c) \cdot \bar{u}$$

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 $|\nabla f(a,b,c)| \cos \theta$

Ex 2 $w = f(x,y,z) = \underline{\underline{xe^{yz} - 2}}$

at $\underline{\underline{(2, 0, -4)}}$

$$\nabla f(x,y,z) = \left(e^{yz}, xze^{yz}, yxe^{yz} \right)$$

$$\nabla f(2, 0, -4) = \langle 1, -8, 0 \rangle$$

Directional derivative of f
in direction $u = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ is

$$\frac{\langle 1, -8, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{-15}{\sqrt{14}}$$

c) direction of max incr
is $\frac{\langle 1, -8, 0 \rangle}{\sqrt{65}}$

Ex 3 Find normal vectors to

surface $\rightarrow z = \frac{25 - x^2 - y^2}{2}$

at $(0, 0, 25)$, $(0, 3, 16)$

$\langle 0, -5, 0 \rangle$

constant

$$q(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z = 25$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z - 25 = 0$$

$$\nabla q = \langle 2x, 2y, 1 \rangle$$

$$\nabla q(0, 0, 25) = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$\nabla q(0, 3, 16) = \langle 0, 6, 1 \rangle$$

$$\nabla g(0, -5, 0) = \underline{\underline{\langle 0, -10, 1 \rangle}}$$

