

(Cont'd) (b) (of eg 1) :

( In a sense  $(1.1, 1.9) \approx (1, 2)$  )

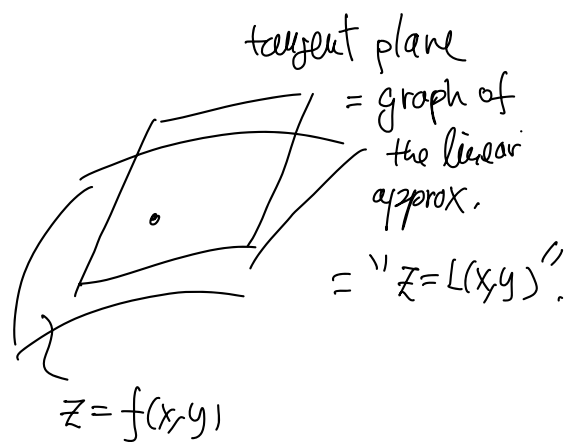
$$\begin{aligned} f(1.1, 1.9) &\approx L(1.1, 1.9) \\ &= 2 + 4(1.1-1) + (1.9-2) \\ &= 2 + 4 \times 0.1 + (-0.1) \\ &= 2.3 \end{aligned}$$

(c) The equation of the  
tangent plane of  $z = f(x, y)$   
at the point  $(x, y) = (1, 2)$   
is

$$\begin{aligned} z &= L(x, y) \\ &= 2 + 4(x-1) + (y-2) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $z = 4x + y - 4$

$$(4x + y - z = 4)$$



eg 2 Is  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{|xy|}$  differentiable at  $(0, 0)$ ?

Soln :  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{h} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0) = \dots = 0 \quad (\text{Similarly! Ex!})$$

Linearization  $L(x,y) = f(0,0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0,0)(x-0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0,0)(y-0)$   
 $= 0 + 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y$   
 $\equiv 0$  (is the zero function)

Error term  $E(x,y) = f(x,y) - L(x,y)$   
 $= f(x,y) = \sqrt{|xy|}$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|E(x,y)|}{\|(x,y) - (0,0)\|} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sqrt{|xy|}}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{r^2 |\cos\theta \sin\theta|}}{r} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{|\cos\theta \sin\theta|}$$

↑ different directions  
(different  $\theta$ )  
gives different  
limits

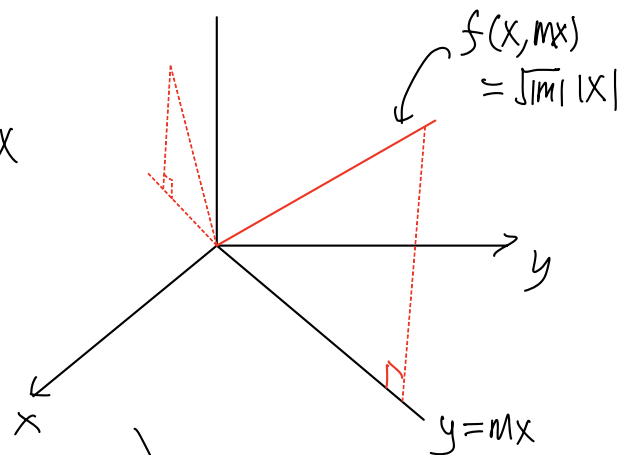
∴ limit DNE!

∴  $f = \sqrt{|xy|}$  is not differentiable at  $(0,0)$ .

Remark: In this example,  
along the straight line  $y=mx$

$$f(x,y) = \sqrt{|xmx|} = \sqrt{|m|} |x|$$

(only "approximated" by  
 $L(x,y)$  in the  $m=0$  situation.)



(Note: "Differentiability"  $\Rightarrow$  we can approximate all (infinitely many) directions  
by information along  $x$  &  $y$  direction.  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$   
is general)

Thm If  $f(\vec{x})$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$ , then  
 $f(\vec{x})$  is continuous at  $\vec{a}$ .

Pf:  $f(\vec{x}) = L(\vec{x}) + \varepsilon(\vec{x})$  is differentiable  $\Leftrightarrow \lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} \frac{|\varepsilon(\vec{x})|}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|} = 0$

$$= f(\vec{a}) + \sum_{\vec{x}=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a})(x_i - a_i) + \varepsilon(\vec{x})$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(\vec{x}) - f(\vec{a})| \leq \left| \sum_{\vec{x}=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a})(x_i - a_i) \right| + |\varepsilon(\vec{x})| \quad (\text{Triangle Ineq.})$$

$$(\text{Cauchy-Schwarz}) \leq \left( \sqrt{\left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a}) \right)^2} + \frac{|\varepsilon(\vec{x})|}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|} \right) \cdot \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|$$

$\rightarrow 0$  by Squeeze Thm & Differentiability ~~✗~~

Thm If  $f, g: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , open)

are differentiable at  $\vec{a} \in \Omega$ ,

then (1)  $f(\vec{x}) \pm g(\vec{x})$ ,  $c f(\vec{x})$ ,  $f(\vec{x})g(\vec{x})$  are  
differentiable at  $\vec{a}$ .

(2)  $\frac{f(\vec{x})}{g(\vec{x})}$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$  if  $g(\vec{a}) \neq 0$

(3) (Special case of Chain Rule)

For 1-variable function  $h(x)$  differentiable

at  $f(\vec{a})$ ,  $h \circ f$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$ .

## A sufficient condition for differentiability:

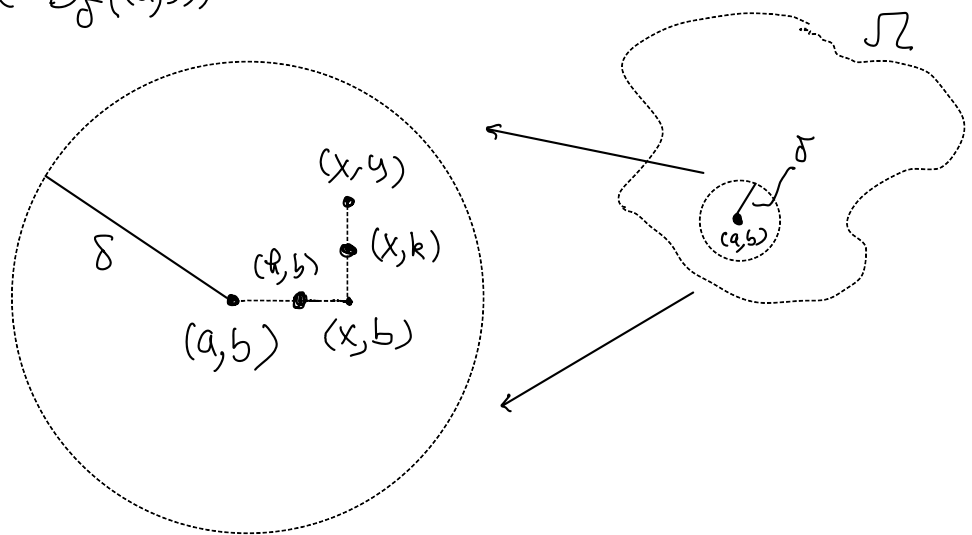
Thm Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be open,  $f \in C^1$  on  $\Omega$ , then  $f$  is differentiable on  $\Omega$

(The assumption requires all  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$  exist on  $\Omega$ , not just at a single pt.  $\vec{a}$ )

Pf: (We prove it for 2-variables, similar proof for general case)

Suppose  $(a,b) \in \Omega$  & let  $B_\delta((a,b)) \subseteq \Omega$ .

For any  $(x,y) \in B_\delta((a,b))$



$$f(x,y) - f(a,b) = \underbrace{f(x,y) - f(x,b)} + \underbrace{f(x,b) - f(a,b)}$$

$$\text{(by Mean Value Thm)} = f_y(x,k)(y-b) + f_x(h,b)(x-a)$$

where  $k$  between  $y$  &  $b$  and  $h$  between  $x$  &  $a$

$$\frac{|\varepsilon(x,y)|}{\|(x,y) - (a,b)\|} = \frac{|f(x,y) - f(a,b) - f_x(a,b)(x-a) - f_y(a,b)(y-b)|}{\|(x,y) - (a,b)\|}$$

$$= \frac{|f_y(x, k)(y-b) + f_x(h, b)(x-a) - f_x(a, b)(x-a) - f_y(a, b)(y-b)|}{\|(x, y) - (a, b)\|}$$

$$= \frac{|[f_x(h, b) - f_x(a, b)](x-a) + [f_y(x, k) - f_y(a, b)](y-b)|}{\|(x, y) - (a, b)\|}$$

$$\leq \frac{\sqrt{(f_x(h, b) - f_x(a, b))^2 + (f_y(x, k) - f_y(a, b))^2} \sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2}}{\|(x, y) - (a, b)\|}$$

$$= \sqrt{(f_x(h, b) - f_x(a, b))^2 + (f_y(x, k) - f_y(a, b))^2} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (a, b)$

Since  $f_x$  &  $f_y$  are continuous

$$\begin{aligned} x \rightarrow a &\Rightarrow h \rightarrow a \\ y \rightarrow b &\Rightarrow k \rightarrow b \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f$  is differentiable at  $(a, b) \in \Omega$ .

Since  $(a, b)$  is arbitrary,  $f$  is differentiable on  $\Omega$ . ~~##~~

egs: (1) constant functions  $f(\vec{x}) = c$  are differentiable

(2) coordinate functions  $f(\vec{x}) = x_i$  are differentiable

(3) (1) & (2)  $\Rightarrow$

$f(\vec{x}) = a + b_1 x_1 + \dots + b_n x_n$  is differentiable

(Question: What is the linearization  $L(\vec{x})$  at  $(0, \dots, 0)$ ?)

(4) Polynomials & rational functions are differentiable (in their domain of definition).

(5) If  $f(\vec{x})$  is differentiable, then

$e^{f(\vec{x})}$ ,  $\sin(f(\vec{x}))$ ,  $\cos(f(\vec{x}))$  are differentiable.

And  $\ln(f(\vec{x}))$  when  $f(\vec{x}) > 0$   
 $\sqrt{f(\vec{x})}$  when  $f(\vec{x}) > 0$   
 $|f(\vec{x})|$  when  $f(\vec{x}) \neq 0$   
 $\ln|f(\vec{x})|$  when  $f(\vec{x}) \neq 0$  } are differentiable

in particular (eg:)  $\frac{e^{\sqrt{4+\sin(x^2+xy)}}}{\ln(1+\cos|x^2y|)}$  is differentiable in the domain of definition

eg:  $f(x,y,z) = xe^{x+y} - \ln(x+z)$  ( $= xe^{x+y} - \log(x+z)$ )

Domain of  $f = \{(x,y,z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x+z > 0\}$  is open

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = e^{x+y} + xe^{x+y} - \frac{1}{x+z}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = xe^{x+y}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{x+z}$$

$$x+z > 0$$

all terms are continuous in the domain of  $f$ .

$\Rightarrow f$  is  $C^1$  (on its domain)

$\Rightarrow f$  is differentiable (on its domain).

## Gradient and Directional Derivative

Def: Let  $\begin{cases} \bullet f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, & (\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n, \text{open}) \\ \bullet \vec{a} \in \Omega \end{cases}$

Then the gradient vector of  $f$  at  $\vec{a}$  is defined to be

$$\vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a}) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(\vec{a}), \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(\vec{a}) \right)$$

Remark: Using  $\vec{\nabla} f$ , linearization of  $f$  at  $\vec{a}$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} L(\vec{x}) &= f(\vec{a}) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{a})(x_i - a_i) \\ &= f(\vec{a}) + \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \end{aligned}$$

eg:  $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2xy$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x + 2y, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2x$$

$$\therefore \vec{\nabla} f(x, y) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = (2x + 2y, 2x)$$

(eg.  $\vec{\nabla} f(1, 2) = (6, 2)$ )

Def: Let

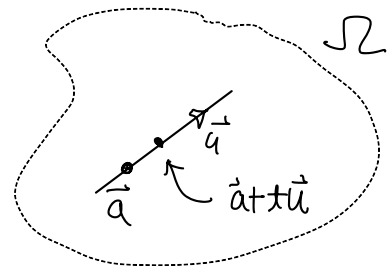
- $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , ( $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , open)
- $\vec{a} \in \Omega$
- $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a unit vector, i.e.  $\|\vec{u}\|=1$ .

Then the directional derivative of  $f$  in the direction of  $\vec{u}$  at  $\vec{a}$  is defined to be

$$D_{\vec{u}} f(\vec{a}) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\vec{a} + t\vec{u}) - f(\vec{a})}{t}$$

(= rate of change of  $f$  in the direction of  $\vec{u}$  at the point  $\vec{a}$ )

Remark: If  $\vec{u} = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0) = \vec{e}_j$ ,  
 $\swarrow$   $j$ th component  
 $j=1, \dots, n$



$$D_{\vec{e}_j} f(\vec{a}) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(\vec{a})$$

Thm Suppose  $f$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$ .

Let  $\vec{u}$  be a unit vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$D_{\vec{u}} f(\vec{a}) = \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{u}$$

eg: Let  $f(x, y) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$ .

Find the rate of change of  $f$  at  $(1, \sqrt{2})$  in the direction of  $\vec{v} = (1, -1)$  (not necessary unit).



Remark:  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , not necessary unit, then

the direction of  $\vec{v}$  is  $\frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|}$  (a unit vector).

Solu: Let  $\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2}} (1, -1) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{y} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{y} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{y}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{y} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{x}{y} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2}} \left( -\frac{x}{y^2} \right)$$

Note  $f, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  are continuous near  $(1, \sqrt{2})$

$\Rightarrow f$  is  $C^1$  near  $(1, \sqrt{2})$

$\Rightarrow f$  is differentiable at  $(1, \sqrt{2})$

$$\Rightarrow D_{\vec{u}} f(1, \sqrt{2}) = \vec{\nabla} f(1, \sqrt{2}) \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1, \sqrt{2}), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(1, \sqrt{2}) \right) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$= \left( 1, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \quad (\text{Check!})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \quad \#$$

$$\text{Pf: (Differentiable} \Rightarrow D_{\vec{u}} f(\vec{a}) = \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{u} )$$

Let  $L(\vec{x})$  be linearization of  $f(\vec{x})$  at  $\vec{a}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \& f(\vec{x}) &= L(\vec{x}) + \varepsilon(\vec{x}) \\ &= f(\vec{a}) + \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{a}) + \varepsilon(\vec{x}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with } \frac{|\varepsilon(\vec{x})|}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}.$$

Put  $\vec{x} = \vec{a} + t\vec{u}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(\vec{a} + t\vec{u}) - f(\vec{a}) &= \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a}) \cdot (t\vec{u}) + \varepsilon(\vec{a} + t\vec{u}) \\ &= t (\vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{u}) + \varepsilon(\vec{a} + t\vec{u}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{f(\vec{a} + t\vec{u}) - f(\vec{a})}{t} = \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{u} + \frac{\varepsilon(\vec{a} + t\vec{u})}{t}$$

$$\left| \frac{\varepsilon(\vec{a} + t\vec{u})}{t} \right| = \frac{|\varepsilon(\vec{a} + t\vec{u})|}{\|\vec{a} + t\vec{u} - \vec{a}\|} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \vec{a} + t\vec{u} \rightarrow \vec{a} \text{ (i.e. } t \rightarrow 0)$$

$$\therefore D_{\vec{u}} f(\vec{a}) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\vec{a} + t\vec{u}) - f(\vec{a})}{t} = \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{u} \quad \times$$

## Geometric Meanings of Gradient $\vec{\nabla}f$

At a point  $\vec{a}$ ,  $f$  increases (decreases) most rapidly in the direction of  $\vec{\nabla}f(\vec{a})$  ( $-\vec{\nabla}f(\vec{a})$ ) at a rate of  $\|\vec{\nabla}f(\vec{a})\|$

Idea: If  $f$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$ , then

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(\vec{a}) = \vec{\nabla}f(\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{u} \quad (\text{for } \|\vec{u}\| = 1)$$

Cauchy-Schwarz  $\Rightarrow$

$$|\vec{\nabla}f(\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{u}| \leq \|\vec{\nabla}f(\vec{a})\| \|\vec{u}\| = \|\vec{\nabla}f(\vec{a})\|$$

i.e.  $-\|\vec{\nabla}f(\vec{a})\| \leq \vec{\nabla}f(\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{u} \leq \|\vec{\nabla}f(\vec{a})\|$

"=" holds  $\Leftrightarrow \vec{u} = -\frac{\vec{\nabla}f(\vec{a})}{\|\vec{\nabla}f(\vec{a})\|}$

"=" holds  $\Leftrightarrow \vec{u} = \frac{\vec{\nabla}f(\vec{a})}{\|\vec{\nabla}f(\vec{a})\|}$

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