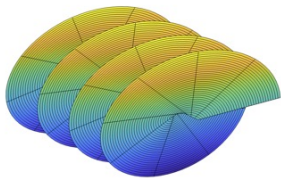


# MATH 223: Multivariable Calculus



Class 8: February 26, 2025



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# Announcements

Exam 1: Next Monday, 7 PM -  
No Time Limit

No Books, Computers, Smart Phones,  
etc.

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OK**

Tangent Plane To Graph of  $f : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^1$  at point  $(\mathbf{a}, f(\mathbf{a}))$

$$n = 2 : T(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{a}) + (f_x(\mathbf{a}), f_y(\mathbf{a})) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})$$

In general,

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{a}) + \nabla f(\mathbf{a}) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})$$

where  $\nabla f(\mathbf{a}) = (f_1(\mathbf{a}), f_2(\mathbf{a}), \dots, f_n(\mathbf{a}))$

Tangent Hyperplane

$n = 1$  Ordinary Tangent Line

$n = 2$  Tangent Plane

Example:  $f(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2 y}{z}$

Note:  $f: \mathcal{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^1$  so GRAPH lives in  $\mathcal{R}^4$ .

Find Equation of Tangent Hyperplane at  $\mathbf{a} = (-3, 4, 2)$

$$f_x(x, y, z) = \frac{2xy}{z}$$

$$f_y(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2}{z} \text{ so } \nabla f(x, y, z) = \left( \frac{2xy}{z}, \frac{x^2}{z}, -\frac{x^y}{z^2} \right)$$

$$f_z(x, y, z) = -\frac{x^y}{z^2}$$

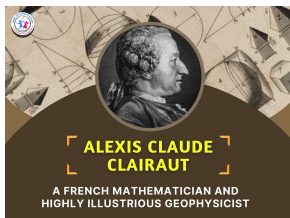
$$\text{at } \mathbf{a} = (-3, 4, 2) : f(\mathbf{a}) = \frac{(-3)^2 \times 4}{2} = 18$$

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{a}) = \left( \frac{(2)(-3)(4)}{2}, \frac{(-3)^2}{2}, \frac{-(-3)^2(4)}{2} \right) = \left( -12, \frac{9}{2}, -9 \right)$$

Equation of Tangent Hyperplane is

$$w = 18 + \left( -12, \frac{9}{2}, -9 \right) \cdot (x + 3, y - 4, z - 2)$$

Clairaut's Theorem on Equality of Mixed Partial  
If  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are continuous at  $\mathbf{a}$ , then  $f_{xy}(\mathbf{a}) = f_{yx}(\mathbf{a})$



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Proof: End of Section 3.3 in text.

**Mean Value Theorem:** Suppose  $f$  is a real-valued function of a real variable. If  $f$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$ , then there is at least one number  $c$  in the open interval such that  $(b - a)f'(c) = f(b) - f(a)$ .

## Clairaut's Theorem on Equality of Mixed Partial

If  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  are continuous at  $\mathbf{a}$ , then  $f_{xy}(\mathbf{a}) = f_{yx}(\mathbf{a})$

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2xy \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

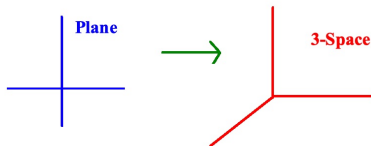
It Turns Out That

$$f_{xy}(0, 0) = -2$$

$$f_{yx}(0, 0) = +2$$

Mixed Partial Are Not Equal

## Parametrized Surfaces



Function from  $\mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^3$

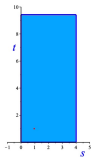
Domain: Patch in Plane  
Image: Surface in Space  
Graph: Lives in  $\mathcal{R}^5$

Need for Parametrizations: Graph of  $f : \mathcal{R}^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^1$  is a curve but not every curve is the graph of such a function

Similarly, graph of  $f : \mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^1$  is a surface but not every surface is the graph of such a function.



Example:  $\sigma(s, t) = (s \cos t, s \sin t, t), 0 \leq s \leq 4, 0 \leq t \leq 3\pi$

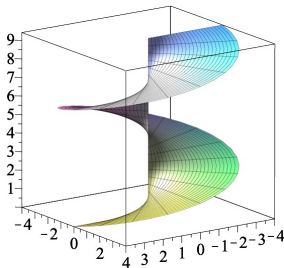


Point:  $(1, \pi/4)$  so  $\sigma(1, \pi/4) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

$\sigma_s(s, t) = (\cos t, \sin t, 0)$  and  $\sigma_t(s, t) = (-s \sin t, s \cos t, 1)$

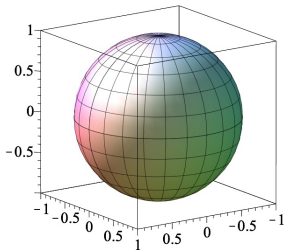
At  $(1, \frac{\pi}{4})$ , representation of the tangent plane is

$$\sigma\left(1, \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \sigma_s\left(1, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)s + \sigma_t\left(1, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)t$$



## Parametrize Unit Sphere

$$\sigma(s, t) = (\cos t \cos s, \sin t \cos s, \sin s), 0 \leq s \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

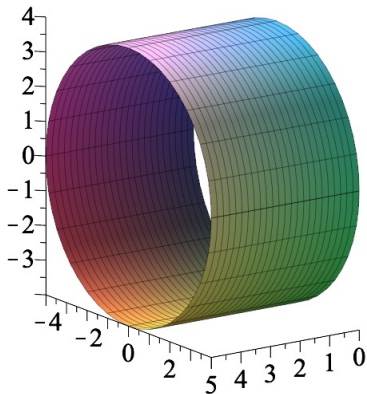


$$x = \cos t \cos s, y = \sin t \cos s, z = \sin s$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 &= \cos^2 t \cos^2 s + \sin^2 t \cos^2 s + \sin^2 s \\ &= \cos^2 s (\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t) + \sin^2 s \\ &= \cos^2 s + \sin^2 s = 1 \end{aligned}$$

## Parametrize Cylinder

$$x = s, y = 4 \cos t, z = 4 \sin t, 0 \leq s \leq 3, 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$



**A Note on Notation:** We have been writing two and three dimensional vector **horizontally**  $(x, y, z)$  rather than vertically  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$  to conserve space on paper or blackboard, but the vertical form is technically more proper and will make some of the subsequent theorems easier to understand.

See Case 2  $f : \mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^3$  in *Unified Treatment of Tangent Lines and Tangent Lines*.