

1. For a function $f(x, y)$, if f_x and f_y both exist at $(1, 2)$, then for any unit vector $\vec{u} = (a, b)$,

$$D_{\vec{u}}f(1, 2) = f_x(1, 2)a + f_y(1, 2)b.$$

May not be differentiable around $(1, 2)$ → **false.**

if f_x, f_y both exist in a region around $(1, 2)$ then becomes true

2. Consider $f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$.

$$D_{\vec{v}}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}\right) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} \quad \text{when} \quad \vec{v} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} &= \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle & g(x_1, x_2, x_3) &= f(x_1, x_2, x_3) & D_{\vec{v}}(g) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} g \\ \vec{u} &= \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle & D_{\vec{u}}(g) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} g & \vec{w} &= \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle & D_{\vec{w}}(g) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} g \\ g &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} & D_{\vec{v}}(g) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} & \text{True.} \end{aligned}$$

if asking $D_{\vec{v}}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}\right) \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2}$

need $f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ diff'ble in (x_1, x_2) for fixed x_3

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \frac{1}{x_3}$$

for any fixed $x_3 \neq 0$

$$f(x_1, x_2, c) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \frac{1}{c}$$

is differentiable

$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6)$ fix x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6 see if $f(x_1, x_2, c, d, e, f)$ diff'ble

3. If $f(x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_n(t)) = f(\vec{r}(t))$ is a function of n variables, and each variable x_i is a function of t . Then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \Big|_{t=t_0} = \vec{\nabla} f(t_0) \cdot \vec{r}'(t_0).$$

$\vec{r}(t)$: a curve

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \frac{dx_1}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \frac{dx_2}{dt} + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \frac{dx_n}{dt}$$

$$f(x, y, z) \quad \vec{\nabla} f = \langle f_x, f_y, f_z \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}(t) &= \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle \\ \vec{r}'(t) &= \langle x_1'(t), x_2'(t), \dots, x_n'(t) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} f = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right\rangle \quad \text{True}$$

4. What is the gradient vector of

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 y^4 + \cos(z + y^2) - 7xz?$$

$$\vec{\nabla} f = \langle f_x, f_y, f_z \rangle$$

$$= \langle 2xy^4 - 7z, 4x^2y^3 + 2y(-\sin(z + y^2)), -\sin(z + y^2) - 7x \rangle$$

5. Find the directional derivative of

$$g(r, \theta) = r^2 - r \cos(4\theta)$$

in the Cartesian direction of $(-1, 0)$ at $r = 3, \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

$$g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$g(r, \theta) = f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$r \frac{\partial g}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} r \cos \theta + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} r \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} (-r \sin \theta) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot r \cos \theta$$

$$y r \frac{\partial g}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot x y + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot y^2 \quad r \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \left(y r \frac{\partial g}{\partial r} + x \frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta} \right) \cdot \frac{r}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$x \frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} (-y) x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot x^2$$

$$= \frac{y r}{r} \frac{\partial g}{\partial r} + \frac{x}{r} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta} \quad r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$= r \sin \theta \frac{\partial g}{\partial r} + \cos \theta \frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta}$$

$$r \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = r \cos \theta g_r - \sin \theta g_\theta$$

$$3 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -\sin \theta g_\theta = -g_\theta$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{3} g_\theta$$

2nd way of thinking about it:

