

Assume all functions are differentiable.

Here $f(x, y)$ means it maps from $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and $f(x, y, z)$ means it maps from $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

1. (a) $D_u f(x, y)$ is maximized when \vec{u} points opposite to $\vec{\nabla}f(x, y)$.

(b) For $f(x, y)$, there is always a direction \vec{u} where $D_u f(x, y)$ is zero.

(a) $D_u f = \vec{\nabla}f \cdot \vec{u}$ abs value maximized $\vec{\nabla}f \parallel \vec{u}$

$$|D_u f| = |\vec{\nabla}f| \cdot |\vec{u}| \cdot |\cos \theta| \rightarrow \cos \theta = \pm 1$$

\vec{u} opposite : $D_u f = -|\vec{\nabla}f| \cdot |\vec{u}|$ "large but negative"

false

(b) $\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ orthogonal $\vec{u} \perp \vec{\nabla}f \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla}f \cdot \vec{u} = 0$

True

2. For $f(x, y, z)$, if $\vec{\nabla}f(x, y, z) \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ for all $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, then f_x, f_y, f_z are all zero there.

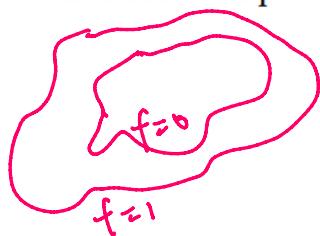
$f_x = \vec{\nabla}f(x, y, z) \cdot \vec{v}$, when $\vec{v} = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$: no direction

$$(f_x, f_y, f_z) \cdot \vec{i} \quad \vec{v} = \vec{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$$

True

$$f_y = \vec{\nabla}f(x, y, z) \cdot \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle \quad f_z = \vec{\nabla}f(x, y, z) \cdot \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

3. In a contour map for $f(x, y)$, $\vec{\nabla}f(x, y)$ is parallel to the level curves.



False

1(a) $\vec{\nabla}f(x, y) \parallel \vec{u}$ points same dir
D_u f maximized

$\vec{\nabla}f(x, y)$ = direction f change fastest

1(b) $\vec{\nabla}f$ perpendicular to D_u f = 0 direction
 \Leftrightarrow perpendicular to level curves

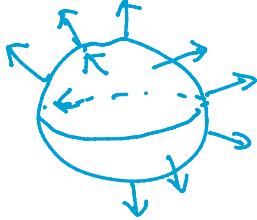
Extra:

$f(x, y, z)$ define surface $f(x, y, z) = k$
 $\vec{\nabla}f(x, y, z)$ on surface : $\vec{\nabla}f$ { perpendicular to surface
normal}

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\rightarrow f(x, y, z) = k$$

$$\vec{\nabla}f = \langle f_x, f_y, f_z \rangle = \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle$$

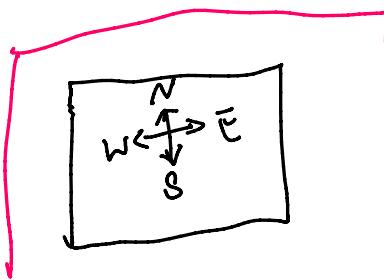


"outward" length of $\vec{\nabla}f$ constant
 $\vec{\nabla}f$ changes "continuously" in terms of x, y, z
 i.e. x, y, z change a little $\Leftrightarrow \vec{\nabla}f$ change a little

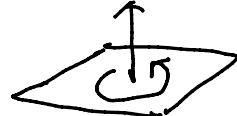


$g(x, y, z) = -x^2 - y^2 - z^2$
 $g(x, y, z) = -k$ all surface normal given by $\vec{\nabla}f$ point inward

"Orientability": Able to choose a continuous surface normal consistently



"choose clockwise/counter-clockwise directions consistently"



if you comb a sphere there must be cowlick

40. (a) If $\mathbf{u} = \langle a, b \rangle$ is a unit vector and f has continuous second partial derivatives, show that

$$f_{xy} = f_{yx}$$

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}^2 f = f_{xx} a^2 + 2f_{xy} ab + f_{yy} b^2$$

- (b) Find the second directional derivative of $f(x, y) = xe^{2y}$ in the direction of $\mathbf{v} = \langle 4, 6 \rangle$.

$$(a) D_{\vec{u}}(D_{\vec{u}} f) = \vec{\nabla} D_{\vec{u}} f \cdot \vec{u} = \langle (af_x + bf_y)_x, (af_x + bf_y)_y \rangle \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$D_{\vec{u}} f = \vec{\nabla} f \cdot \vec{u} = \langle f_x, f_y \rangle \cdot \langle a, b \rangle = af_x + bf_y$$

$$D_{\vec{u}}(D_{\vec{u}} f) = \langle af_{xx} + bf_{yx}, af_{xy}, bf_{yy} \rangle \cdot \langle a, b \rangle$$

$$= a^2 f_{xx} + ab f_{yx} + ab f_{xy} + b^2 f_{yy}$$