

## Examples.

1. When does the line tangent to  $f(x) = (x + 3, x^2 - 2x + 1, x^3 - 2x^2 - x - 6)$  pass through the origin?

2. If both  $f_x, f_y$  exists at the origin, does that mean there is a tangent plane at the origin?

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3. If both  $f_x, f_y$  exists at the origin, does that mean it is continuous at the origin?

Reconsider the example

$$f(x, y) = \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}.$$

Write it in polar coordinates

$$g(r, \theta) = \frac{r \cos \theta r \sin \theta}{r^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta).$$

4. For the functions below, can their tangent plane be horizontal?

(a)  $f(x, y) = 4x^2 + y^2.$

(b)  $f(x, y) = xy + y^3.$

(c)  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}.$

5. In single variable calculus, how do you know if  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x$  has a local maximum, minimum or a stationary point?

How do you define a local maximum for single variable functions?

Can you think of a function  $f(x, y)$  where  $f_x = f_y = 0$  and  $f_{xx}, f_{yy} < 0$  at the origin, but there exists  $f(x, y) > f(0, 0)$  arbitrarily close to the origin?