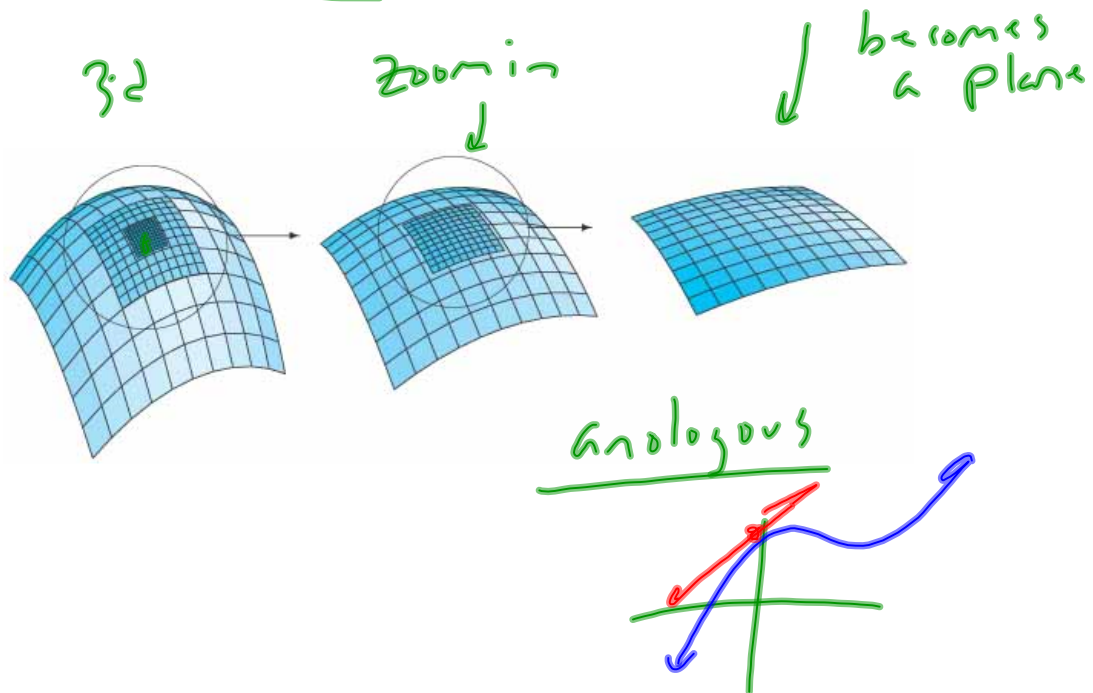
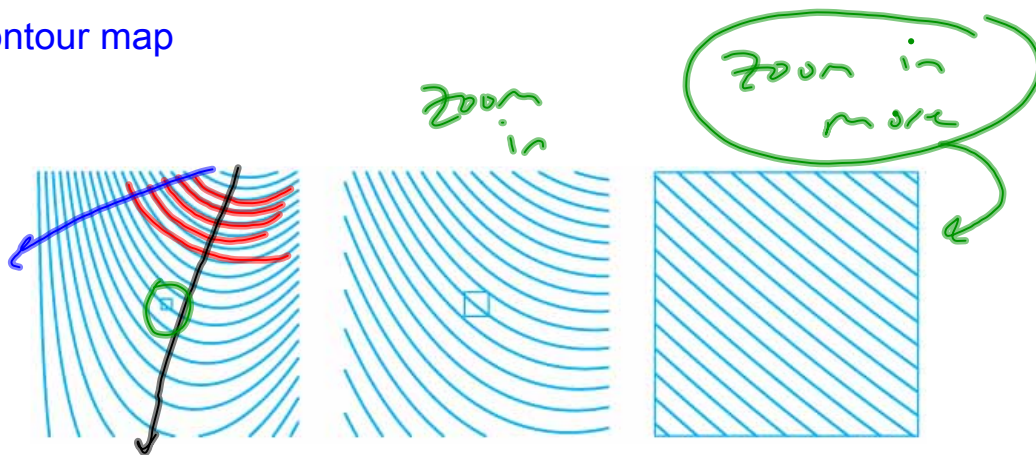



14.3 LOCAL LINEARITY AND THE DIFFERENTIAL



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contour map



 **Figure 14.21** Zooming in on a contour diagram until the lines look parallel and equally spaced

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Zooming in on a table...

		y		
		0	1	2
x	1	1	2	9
	2	4	5	12
	3	9	10	17

		y		
		0.9	1.0	1.1
x	1.9	4.34	4.61	4.94
	2.0	4.73	5.00	5.33
	2.1	5.14	5.41	5.74

		y		
		0.99	1.00	1.01
x	1.99	4.93	4.96	4.99
	2.00	4.97	5.00	5.03
	2.01	5.01	5.04	5.07

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Zooming in Algebraically: Differentiability

Seeing a plane when we zoom in at a point tells us (provided the plane is not vertical) that $f(x, y)$ is closely approximated near that point by linear function, $L(x, y)$:

$$f(x, y) \approx L(x, y).$$

Linear

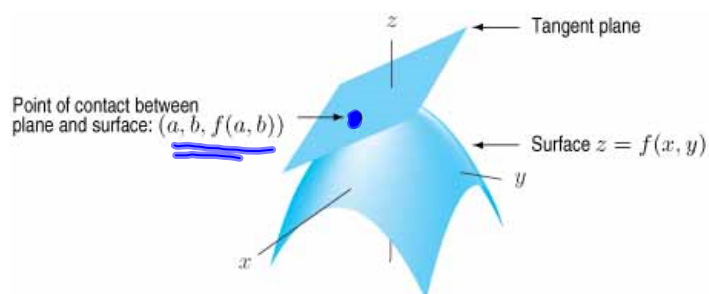


Figure 14.22 The tangent plane to the surface $z = f(x, y)$ at the point (a, b)

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Quick Review:

Find a tangent line to $y = x^3 + x$ at $x = 1$.

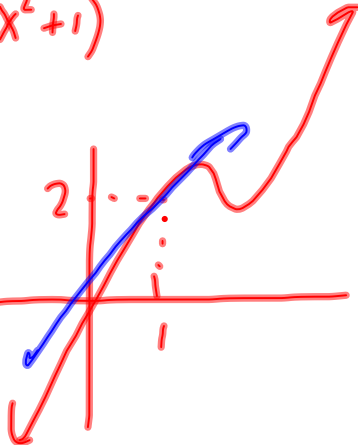
$$x = 1$$

$$y = 1^3 + 1 = 2$$

$$y = x(x^2 + 1)$$

$$y = m(x - x_1) + y_1$$

$$y = 4(x - 1) + 2$$



$$m = y'(1)$$

$$y' = 3x^2 + 1$$

$$y'(1) = 3 + 1 = 4$$

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How do we find the equation of the tangent plane at a point (a, b) ?

$$f(x, y)$$

$$(1) \text{ Find } f(a, b)$$

$$L(x, y) = f_x(x - a) + f_y(y - b) + f(a, b)$$

$$(2) \text{ Find } f_x$$

$$(3) \text{ Find } f_y$$

Tangent Plane to the Surface $z = f(x, y)$ at the Point (a, b)

Assuming f is differentiable at (a, b) , the equation of the tangent plane is

$$z = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b).$$



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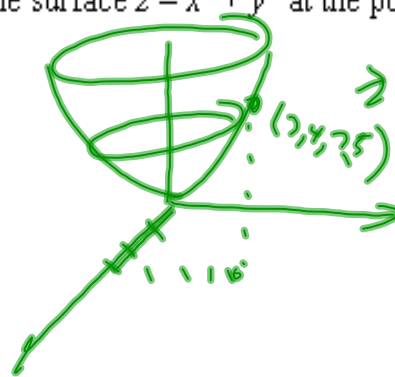
Find the equation for the tangent plane to the surface $z = x^2 + y^2$ at the point $(3, 4)$. ✓✓

$$f_x = 2x$$

$$f_x(3, 4) = 2 \cdot 3 = \textcircled{6}$$

$$f_y = 2y$$

$$f_y(3, 4) = 2 \cdot 4 = \textcircled{8}$$



$$z = 3^2 + 4^2 = 25$$

$$L(x, y) = 6(x - 3) + 8(y - 4) + 25$$

$$z = 25 + 6(x - 3) + 8(y - 4) = -25 + 6x + 8y$$

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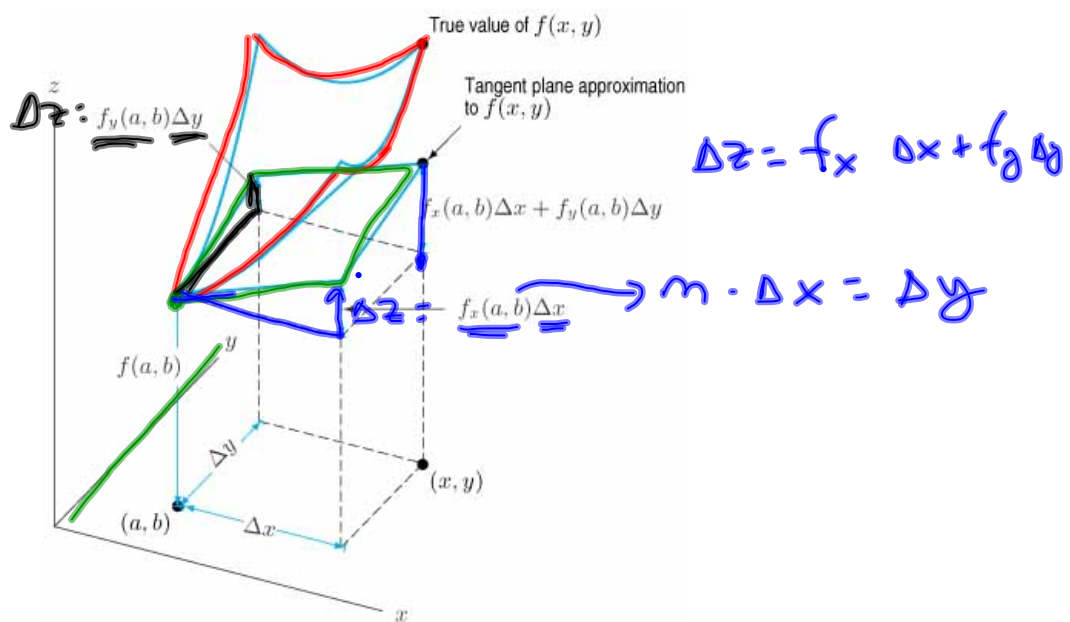
Tangent Plane Approximation to $f(x, y)$ for (x, y) Near the Point (a, b)

Provided f is differentiable at (a, b) , we can approximate $f(x, y)$:

$$f(x, y) \approx f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b).$$

We are thinking of a and b as fixed, so the expression on the right side is linear in x and y . The right side of this approximation is called the local linearization of f near $x = a, y = b$.

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Find the local linearization of $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ at the point $(3, 4)$. Estimate $f(2.9, 4.2)$ and $f(2, 2)$ using the linearization and compare your answers to the true values.

$$L(x, y) = 25 + 6(x-3) + 8(y-4)$$

$$L(2.9, 4.2) = 25 + 6(-1) + 8(0.2)$$

$$= 25 - 6 + 1.2$$

$$= 20.2$$

$$f(2.9, 4.2) = 26.05$$

$$L(2, 2) = 25 + 6(-1) + 8(-2)$$

$$= 25 - 6 - 16$$

$$= 3$$

$$f(2, 2) = 2^2 + 2^2 = 8$$

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Designing safe boilers depends on knowing how steam behaves under changes in temperature and pressure. Steam tables, such as Table 14.5, are published giving values of the function $V=f(T, P)$ where V is the volume (in ft^3) of one pound of steam at a temperature T (in $^\circ\text{F}$) and pressure P (in lb/in^2).

- (a) Give a linear function approximating $V=f(T, P)$ for T near 500°F and P near $24 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$.
 (b) Estimate the volume of a pound of steam at a temperature of 505°F and a pressure of $24.3 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$.

Table 14.5 Volume (in Cubic Feet) of One Pound of Steam at Various Temperatures and Pressures

	Pressure P (lb/in^2)				
	20	22	24	26	
Temperature T ($^\circ\text{F}$)	480	27.85	25.31	23.19	21.39
	500	28.46	25.86	23.69	21.86
	520	29.06	26.41	24.20	22.33
	540	29.66	26.95	24.70	22.79

Handwritten calculations and notes:

- Linear approximation formula: $V(T, P) = 23.69 + 0.0255(T - 500) - 0.915(P - 24)$
- Partial derivative calculations:
 - $V_P = \frac{21.86 - 23.69}{2} = -0.915$
 - $V_T = \frac{24.20 - 23.69}{20} = 0.0255$
- Final calculation for part (b):

$$V(505, 24.3) = 23.69 + 0.0255(5) - 0.915(0.3) = 23.54$$

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Solution

- (a) We want the local linearization around the point $T = 500$, $P = 24$, which is

$$f(T, P) \approx f(500, 24) + f_T(500, 24)(T - 500) + f_P(500, 24)(P - 24).$$

We read the value $f(500, 24) = 23.69$ from the table.

Next we approximate $f_T(500, 24)$ by a difference quotient. From the $P = 24$ column, we compute the average rate of change between $T = 500$ and $T = 520$:

$$f_T(500, 24) \approx \frac{f(520, 24) - f(500, 24)}{520 - 500} = \frac{24.20 - 23.69}{20} = 0.0255.$$

Note that $f_T(500, 24)$ is positive, because steam expands when heated.

Next we approximate $f_P(500, 24)$ by looking at the $T = 500$ row and computing the average rate of change between $P = 24$ and $P = 26$:

$$f_P(500, 24) \approx \frac{f(500, 26) - f(500, 24)}{26 - 24} = \frac{21.86 - 23.69}{2} = -0.915.$$

Note that $f_P(500, 24)$ is negative, because increasing the pressure on steam decreases its volume. Using these approximations for the partial derivatives, we obtain the local linearization:

$$V = f(T, P) \approx 23.69 + 0.0255(T - 500) - 0.915(P - 24) \text{ ft}^3 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{for } T \text{ near } 500^\circ\text{F} \\ \text{and } P \text{ near } 24 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2. \end{array}$$

- (b) We are interested in the volume at $T = 505^\circ\text{F}$ and $P = 24.3 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$. Since these values are close to $T = 500^\circ\text{F}$ and $P = 24 \text{ lb}/\text{in}^2$, we use the linear relation obtained in part (a).

$$V \approx 23.69 + 0.0255(505 - 500) - 0.915(24.3 - 24) = 23.54 \text{ ft}^3.$$

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Local linear approximation for functions of three or more variables follow the same pattern as for functions of two variables. The local linearization of $f(x, y, z)$ at (a, b, c) is given by

$$f(x, y, z) \approx f(a, b, c) + f_x(a, b, c)(x - a) + f_y(a, b, c)(y - b) + f_z(a, b, c)(z - c).$$

Example:

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

$$\textcircled{a} \quad f(\underline{1}, \underline{2}, \underline{3}) = 1^2 + 1 \cdot 2 + 3 = 1 + 2 + 3 = \underline{6}$$

$$f_x = 2x + y = 2(1) + 2 = \underline{4}$$

$$f_y = x = (1) = \underline{1}$$

$$f_z = 1 = \underline{1}$$

$$L(x, y, z) = 6 + 4(x - 1) + 1(y - 2) + 1(z - 3)$$

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Original

The Differential

$$f(x, y) \approx f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b)$$

$$\underline{\Delta f} = \underline{f(x, y) - f(a, b)} \quad \text{change in } f$$

$$\Delta f \approx f_x(a, b)\Delta x + f_y(a, b)\Delta y$$

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$$\Delta f \approx f_x(a, b)\Delta x + f_y(a, b)\Delta y.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta x &\rightarrow 0 & \Delta y &\rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta f &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

The Differential of a Function $z = f(x, y)$

The **differential**, df (or dz), at a point (a, b) is the linear function of dx and dy given by the formula

$$df = f_x(a, b)dx + f_y(a, b)dy.$$

The differential at a general point is often written $df = f_x dx + f_y dy$.

$$dz = df = \underbrace{f_x(a, b)}_{\Delta z \text{ from } x} dx + \underbrace{f_y(a, b)}_{\Delta z \text{ from } y} dy$$

change in z, f

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Compute the differentials of the following functions.

(a) $f(x, y) = x^2 e^{5y}$

(b) $z = x \sin(xy)$

(c) $f(x, y) = x \cos(2x)$

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= 2x e^{5y} \\ f_y &= x^2 \cdot e^{5y} \cdot 5 \end{aligned}$$

(a)

$$df = 2x e^{5y} dx + 5x^2 e^{5y} dy$$

$$f_x = 1 \cdot \sin(xy) + x \cdot \cos(xy) \cdot y$$

$$= \sin(xy) + xy \cos(xy)$$

$$f_y = x \cdot \cos(xy) \cdot x$$

$$= x^2 \cos(xy)$$

$$df = [\sin(xy) + xy \cos(xy)] dx + x^2 \cos(xy) dy$$

(a) Since $f_x(x, y) = 2xe^{5y}$ and $f_y(x, y) = 5x^2e^{5y}$, we have

$$df = 2xe^{5y} dx + 5x^2e^{5y} dy.$$

(b) Since $\partial z/\partial x = \sin(xy) + xy \cos(xy)$ and $\partial z/\partial y = x^2 \cos(xy)$, we have

$$dz = (\sin(xy) + xy \cos(xy)) dx + x^2 \cos(xy) dy.$$

(c) Since $f_x(x, y) = \cos(2x) - 2x \sin(2x)$ and $f_y(x, y) = 0$, we have

$$df = (\cos(2x) - 2x \sin(2x)) dx + 0 dy = (\cos(2x) - 2x \sin(2x)) dx.$$

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The differential for $z = z(T, P)$ is

$$dz = f_T(T, P) dT + f_P(T, P) dP = \frac{-0.5363P}{(T + 273.15)^2} dT + \frac{0.5363}{T + 273.15} dP$$

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The density ρ (in g/cm^3) of carbon dioxide gas CO_2 depends upon its temperature T (in $^\circ\text{C}$) and pressure P (in atmospheres). The ideal gas model for CO_2 gives what is called the state equation

$$\rho = \frac{0.5363P}{T + 273.15}$$

Compute the differential $d\rho$. Explain the signs of the coefficients of dT and dP .

$$f_P = (0.5363)(T + 273.15)^{-1} = \frac{0.5363}{T + 273.15}$$

$$f_T = (0.5363P) \cdot (-1) \cdot (T + 273.15)^{-2} \cdot (1) = -\frac{0.5363P}{(T + 273.15)^2}$$

$$d\rho = \frac{0.5363}{T + 273.15} dP - \frac{0.5363P}{(T + 273.15)^2} dT$$

$d\rho > 0$, as $P \uparrow, \rho \uparrow$
 $dT < 0$, as $T \uparrow, \rho \downarrow$

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